



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SDHSAA OFFICE BUILDING**

June 18, 2025

8:30 AM CT

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on June 18, 2025 at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

Marty Weismantel	Dr. Jeff Danielsen	Randy Hartmann	Ryan Rollinger	Chuck Wilson
Trent Osborne	Chris Long	Jeff Kusters	Adam Shaw	

Staff members present included Dr. Dan Swartos, Kristina Sage, Randy Soma, Brooks Bowman, and Ryan Mikkelsen.

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Weismantel at 8:30 A.M., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1-Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ryan Rollinger, second by Adam Shaw, to approve the agenda as amended, striking item 15, which will be completed at the next Board Meeting.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #2- Public Forum

Marty Weismantel reviewed the SDHSAA Public Forum protocol. Shane Wuebben, Fine Arts Coordinator of the Sioux Falls School District, spoke on Speech rule proposal #3 regarding One-Act Play.

Item #3- Approval of the minutes from meeting held April 17-18, 2024.

Motion by Ryan Rollinger, second by Randy Hartmann, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #4- Approval of Finance Reports

SDHSAA Finance Director Ryan Mikkelsen reported on the income statements and balance sheets for April and May of 2025 and the cash flow report. Brad Reinke presented the report from Reinke Gray.

Motion by Jeff Danielsen, second by Trent Osborne, to approve the Finance Reports as presented.

Motion Carried 9-0.

Item #5- Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Vouchers for April and May of 2025.
- B. Approval of NFHS Rulebook publications with published exceptions.
- C. Out of state travel requests for 25-26

- D. Appoint Dr. Swartos as Treasurer for FY25 and set a surety bond for \$2,000,000.
- E. Approve Trent Osborne (Ipswich), Adam Shaw (Madison/Lennox), Harry Weller (Kadoka), Tom Krueger (Sioux Falls), Byron Pudwill (Bon Homme), Marty Weismantel (Columbia/Groton Area), Dave Brush Breaker (St. Francis), Kim Weed (Sioux Falls), and Tim Casper (Lake Preston) for the 25-26 Distinguished Service Awards.
- F. Request from Sioux Falls Lutheran to sponsor girls basketball in 25-26.
- G. Request from Freeman Academy, Freeman, Marion, Parker, and Viborg-Hurley to form a soccer cooperative beginning in 2025-26.
- H. Request from New Underwood to sponsor wrestling in 25-26.
- I. Penalty to Freeman High School for violating out of season rules.

Motion by Chuck Wilson, second by Chris Long, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion carried 9-0.

Item #6- Reports

The board heard reports on the following:

- All-State Jazz Band/Show Choir, State Tennis, State Softball, State Track and Field, and State Golf from SDHSAA staff.
- SDHSAA Finance Committee update from Dr. Swartos
- SDIAAA/SDHSCA Report
- SDHSAA Board Goals Report from Dr. Swartos

Item #7- First reading of the FY26 SDHSAA Budget

Dr. Swartos reviewed the FY26 SDHSAA Financial Budget with the Board as a first reading.

Item #8- 2nd Reading of Changes to SDHSAA Athletics Handbook

Motion by Jeff Kusters, second by Adam Shaw, to approve all presented items as a second reading for implementation, **with the exception of golf proposal #1 (tee sheets) and wrestling proposal #8 (girls duals in 26-27)**. A committee will be formed to examine boys and girls duals as a whole in the interim).

Motion carried 9-0. Approved changes can be found in Appendix A of the minutes.

Note- this means golf proposal #1 (tee sheets) and wrestling proposal #8 (girls duals in 26-27) do not pass and are not implemented.

Item #9- 2nd Reading of Changes to SDHSAA Fine Arts Handbook

Motion by Randy Hartmann, second by Jeff Kusters, to approve all presented items as a second reading for implementation.

Following discussion, an amended motion was presented by Randy Hartmann, second by Ryan Rollinger, to approve all presented items as a second reading for implementation, **with an amended version of Speech Proposal #3 (One-Act Play regionals), adding an implementation date of the 26-27 school year to Speech Proposal #3 (One-Act Play Regionals)**.

Motion carried 7-2, with Danielsen and Weismantel dissenting. Approved changes can be found in Appendix B of the minutes.

Item #10- Conduct a second reading on sites for the 28-29 school year and changes to previous years.

Motion by Jeff Kusters, second by Chris Long, to approve the following sites:

- 2026 State Dual Wrestling- Pierre TF Riggs
- 2026 ESports- Aberdeen Central
- 2026 Softball-
 - Class A/B- Aberdeen
 - Class AA- Augustana University (Sioux Falls)
- Spring 2026 Golf
 - Class B- Brookings
 - Class A- Two Rivers, North Sioux City, SD (Dakota Valley)
- 2026-2028 Visual Arts- Aberdeen at the ARC
- 2027 ESports- Dakota Valley
- 2027 Cross Country- Huron
- 2027 and 2028 All State Jazz Band and Show Choir- Mitchell
- Spring 2028 Golf
 - Class B- Mitchell
 - Class AA Girls- Brandon Valley
- 2028-29 School Year:
 - Boys A Golf- Madison
 - Boys AA Golf- Brookings (Brookings CC)
 - Girls Tennis- Rapid City
 - Soccer- Mitchell
 - Journalism- Brookings (SDSU)
 - Cheer and Dance- Rapid City (Monument)
 - Cross Country- Rapid City
 - Chorus and Orchestra- Sioux Falls (TBD)
 - Football- Vermillion (USD)
 - Combined Volleyball- Sioux Falls
 - Oral Interp- O’Gorman
 - One-Act Play- Brandon Valley
 - Gymnastics- Watertown
 - Dual Wrestling- TBD
 - ESports- TBD
 - Combined Wrestling- Sioux Falls
 - Debate/IE- Harrisburg
 - Girls B BB- TBD (Huron or USD)
 - Girls A BB- Rapid City (Monument)
 - Girls AA BB- Sioux Falls (Pentagon)
 - Boys B BB- Aberdeen (Northern)

- Boys A BB- Sioux Falls (DSPC)
- Boys AA BB- Rapid City (Monument)
- All-State Band- Aberdeen (NSU)
- SDSCA Student Council- Rapid City
- Visual Arts- Aberdeen (ARC)
- All-State Jazz Band/Show Choir- Mitchell
- Boys Tennis- Sioux Falls
- Track and Field- Sioux Falls
- Softball- TBD
- Boys/Girls B Golf- Aberdeen
- Girls A Golf- Sioux Falls
- Girls AA Golf- Mitchell

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #11 - Review/Approve SDHSAA Board Election and Constitutional Amendments

Election Results were as follows:

- Small School Board of Education
 - Billy Clanton, Harding County- 134 (100%)
- East River At-Large Representative (Principal)
 - Ryan Rollinger, Harrisburg- 58 (44%)
 - Brittney Eide, Corsica-Stickney- 40 (30%)
 - Tim Leibel, Hitchcock-Tulare- 20 (15%)
 - Shelby Edwards, Groton Area- 8 (6%)
 - Cory Strasser, Rapid City- 7 (5%)
- Division I Representative (Athletic Director)
 - Jordan Bauer, RC Central- 78 (60%)
 - Steve Moore, SF Roosevelt- 52 (40%)
- Division III Representative (Principal)
 - Chad Allison, Lennox- 79 (59%)
 - Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin- 54 (41%)
- Amendment #1
 - Yes- 132 (100%), No- 0 (6%)
- Amendment #2
 - Yes- 128 (98.5%), No- 2 (1.5%)
- Amendment #3
 - Yes- 131 (100%), No- 0 (0%)
- Amendment #4
 - Yes- 129 (99.2%), No- 1 (0.8%)

- Amendment #5
 - Yes- 115 (94%), No- 7 (6%)

Motion by Trent Osborn, second by Adam Shaw, to recognize the election Billy Clanton as Small School Board of Education Rep, Jordan Bauer as Division I Rep, Chad Allison as Division III Rep, ratify Constitutional Amendments 1-5, and set a runoff election between Ryan Rollinger and Brittney Eide for the East River At-Large representative.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #12- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025-26

Motion by Adam Shaw, second by Randy Hartmann, to cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. Jeff Danielsen as SDHSAA Board President for 2025-26 and that nominations shall cease.

Motion carried 8-0, with Danielsen abstaining.

Motion by Adam Shaw, second by Trent Osborn to cast a unanimous ballot for Randy Hartmann as SDHSAA Board Vice-President for 2025-26 and that nominations shall cease.

Motion carried 8-0, with Hartmann abstaining.

Item #13- Baseball Sanctioning Discussion

Dr. Swartos presented the Board with survey information from the schools regarding the sanctioning of baseball. Given the survey results and economic uncertainty with funding and enrollment, the Board came to a consensus that now is not the right time but to continue the discussion into the future.

Item # 14- Resolution

Motion by Jeff Kusters, second by Randy Hartmann, to approve resolutions honoring Marty Weismantel, Trent Osborne, and Adam Shaw for their service to the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #15- Resolutions

Item 15 was struck before approval of the agenda and will be added to the July 2025 Board Meeting.

Item #19- Board Sharing

Jeff Kusters noted his appreciation for the state track process and thanks to all involved with the event.

Chris Long appreciated the experience he had in his first year on the Board. He appreciates the different perspectives it allows him to receive. He is looking forward to his second year.

Adam Shaw noted his appreciation for his time on the Board and his appreciation of the staff.

Randy Hartmann thanked the outgoing board members for their time and the staff for their work.

Chuck Wilson thanked everyone who works in activities and athletics for doing what they do for kids. He wished the outgoing Board members all the best.

Ryan Rollinger thanked the office staff and noted his appreciation for what he has learned in year two, particularly the realities of the geographic challenges of our state. He thanked the outgoing members for their time on the Board. He enjoyed seeing many different events this year and noted his appreciation for all of the talented kids in South Dakota.

Jeff Danielsen thanked the staff and congratulated outgoing Board members for their service. He thanked all who attended state events for taking the time to do so.

Trent Osborne noted his appreciation for the flow of how everything happens, noted record attendance at many events and indicated that it showed an appreciation for our product.

Marty Weismantel thanked the staff and board for their work and his appreciation for the spring state events. He appreciated his time on the Board and encouraged everyone to keep doing what's best for kids.

Item #17- Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2.1

Motion by Jeff Danielsen second by Trent Osborne, to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2.1.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Weismantel declared the Board in Executive Session at 11:00 AM and out at 11:18 AM.

Item #18- Staff Contracts

Motion by Ryan Rollinger, second by Chris Long, to approve staff contracts for 2025-26 as negotiated (1.5% increase). Staff contracts for 2025-26 are as follows: Executive Director Dan Swartos- \$201,287.37, Assistant Executive Director Randy Soma- \$118,528.89, Assistant Executive Director Brooks Bowman- \$118,529.89, Assistant Executive Director Kristina Sage- \$111,650, Technology Director Aaron Magnuson- \$100,763.01, Finance Director Ryan Mikkelsen- \$73,374.18, Administrative Assistant Marsha Karst- \$25.48/hour, Administrative Assistant Nicki Axtell- \$24.56/hour, 3rd Administrative Assistant- TBD.

Motion carried 9-0.

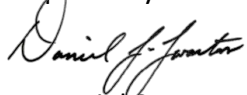
Item #22- Adjourn

Motion by Adam Shaw, second by Trent Osborn, to adjourn.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Weismantel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director

APPENDIX A

Basketball: No proposals

Competitive Cheer:

- Competitive Cheer Proposal #1- Decrease judge's point spread from 10 points to 5 points.
- Competitive Cheer Proposal #2- Changes to the performance rubric.

Competitive Dance:

- Competitive Dance Proposal #1- Decrease in judge's point spread from 10 points to 5 points.
- Competitive Dance Proposal #2- Restructure grand champion and tie breaking rules.
- Competitive Dance Proposal #3- Changes to the Competitive Dance Rubric.

Football:

- Football Proposal #2- Increase officials pay from \$125 to \$150 per game.
- Football Proposal #3- Make riding time (\$0.18/mile) mandatory in football.

Golf:

- Golf Proposal #2- State tournament team qualifying Class A- if there are 8 or more teams competing in a region, that region qualifies four teams for state.

Gymnastics:

- Gymnastics Proposal #1- All member schools that sponsor gymnastics will use INSIGHT for scoring at events and/or score submission after events.

Soccer: No proposals

Softball:

- Softball Proposal #1- JV 5 Run Rule (per inning), if agreed to prior to the game.

Tennis:

- Tennis Proposal #1- Put lowest flights on first at state tournament.
- Tennis Proposal #2- Allow athletes to wear backwards hats during competition.

Track and Field/Cross Country:

- T/F/XC Proposal #2- Change first allowable contest in Cross Country to Thursday Week 8
- T/F/XC Proposal #3 – Change start date for Cross country to Monday Week 6
- T/F/XC Proposal #5- Allow changing of 200m start at State Track Meet

Volleyball: No proposals

Wrestling:

- Wrestling Proposal #1- Remove region seeding requirement wording (8 matches)
- Wrestling Proposal #2- Fill byes in state tournament brackets with 5th and 6th place from regions.
- Wrestling Proposal #3- State dual handbook wording.

- Wrestling Proposal #4- Dual cutoff date change for counting towards Dual seed points to Thursday of Week 31.
- Wrestling Proposal #5- Change state dual seeding consideration for top 8 from top 10 to top 16.
- Wrestling Proposal #6- Change in dual team qualification (need 10 duals)
- Wrestling Proposal #7- Change in state tournament mat schedules
- Wrestling Proposal #10- Change girls NFHS Weight Classes from 12 to 14
- Wrestling Proposal #11- Eliminate girls from wrestling in boys dual events

Sports Medicine Advisory:

- SMAC Proposal #1- Allow First Aid, Safety, and Health course requirement for coaching education to be completed via in-person training through the Red Cross, American Heart Association, National Safety Council, American Safety and Health Institute, or a hospital/health care system, with the NFHS Course still allowed for use to meet the requirement.
- SMAC Proposal #2- All schools shall develop and submit to the SDHSAA annually, emergency action plans, to include plans regarding the preparation, equipment, and use of cold water immersion/whole body cooling in the event of exertional heat stroke, as well as plans for the use of Wet Bulb Globe Thermometers in decision-making regarding outdoor practices and contests.

Sports Officials Advisory Committee:

- Sports Officials Proposal #1- Revise wrestling state tournament point qualification system.
- Sports Officials Proposal #3- Require SoDak 16 officials to hold a “certified” classification for 2 years (eligible on the 2nd year).
- Sports Officials Proposal #4- Change the wording n suspension for officiating for one year for failing to meet the same requirements for three consecutive years to: suspended from officiating for one year in the sport in which the official fails to meet the requirement for three consecutive years.
- Sports Officials Proposal #5- Closely guarded exception in basketball.
- Sports Officials Proposal #6- Allow the use of the NCAA men’s basketball shirt for basketball officiating beginning with the 2025-26 season, mandatory use in the 27-28 season. Existing shirt can still be worn for the 25-26 and 26-27 school years.

APPENDIX B

Music:

- Music Proposal #1- All-State Chorus Spot Check Selection Policy
- Music Proposal #2- Assign Mitchell High School as the annual host for All-State Jazz Band and Show Choir.

Speech:

- Speech Proposal #1- Allow all classes to choose their own play genre each year.
- Speech Proposal #2- Add SDSU in Brookings to the one-act play state festival site rotation.
- Speech Proposal #3- Create 4 Class AA regions and require all classes to compete at the region level in order to advance to the state festival, with three schools from each region advancing **to begin in the 2026-27 school year.**
- Speech Proposal #4- Adopt “My Fair Lady” as the 2025-26 Theatrical Design Contest theme
- Speech Proposal #6- Clarification on working in the Oral Interp Handbook (DQ) for exceeding the 10:30 performance limitation, recognizing perfect scores as “Superior with Distinction”.

Debate:

- Debate Proposal #1- Change in school classification (top 14 AA, all others A).
- Debate Proposal #2- Add generative AI language to State Debate Handbook
- Debate Proposal #3- Changed IE point range from 0-30 to 20-30.
- Debate Proposal #4- Use a composite score via tabroom.com
- Debate Proposal #5- Amend Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 3.C.5 to strike all language and replace with “The pullup will be randomly drawn by tabroom.com.”
- Debate Proposal #6- Adopt official proposals for IE’s (see proposal form)
- Debate Proposal #7- Adopt official proposals for Debate (see proposal form)

Journalism:

- Journalism Proposal #1- Remove requirement of 3 consecutive publications and change to any three issues.

ESports:

- ESports Proposal #1- Limit team titles to one scoring team per title per school, identified prior to the competition. In individual titles, schools can enter 4 and score 3.
- ESports Proposal #2- Approve language change regarding team awards (1 point for 4th place in a title, add 3rd and 4th place recipients as tiebreakers c and d.