



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

January 21, 2026

9:00 AM CT

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on January 21, 2026 at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

Dr. Jeff Danielsen	Billy Clanton	Ryan Rollinger	Chad Allison	Chuck Wilson
Chris Long	Jeff Kusters	Jordan Bauer	Randy Hartmann	

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

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Danielsen at 9:00 A.M., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1-Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bauer second by Kusters, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried 9-0.

Item #2- Public Forum

President Danielsen reviewed the SDHSAA Public Forum protocol and invited speakers.

- Superintendent Kelly Daughters of Faith spoke to the Board regarding 6-man football
- Kyle Bruinsma, Preston Kristensen, and Jason Helling from the Mt. Vernon/Plankinton sports cooperative spoke regarding classifications.

Item #3- Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held November 5, 2025.

Motion by Clanton, second by Kusters, 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 October, November, and December of 2025, the cash flow report, and Reinke Grey report.

Motion by Hartmann, second by Wilson, to approve the Finance Reports as presented.
Motion Carried 6-0.

Item #5- Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Vouchers for October, November, and December of 2025.
- B. Requests from schools to petition up in various sports and activities for the upcoming cycle.
- C. Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan to add softball in 25-26.
- D. Dissolve the Marion/Freeman/Freeman Academy cooperatives in football, wrestling, and softball beginning in 26-27.
- E. Freeman/Freeman Academy cooperative in football, boys and girls wrestling, and softball beginning in 26-27.
- F. Parker/Marion cooperative in football, boys and girls wrestling, and softball beginning in 26-27.

Motion by Bauer, second by Allison, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #6- Reports

The board heard reports on the following:

- State tournament recaps
 - Football from Randy Soma
 - Volleyball from Kristina Sage
 - Oral Interpretation from Brooks Bowman
- Cheer and Dance, Volleyball, and Sports Officials advisories from Kristina Sage
- Football and Golf advisories from Randy Soma
- Journalism, Visual Arts, and Music Advisories from Brooks Bowman
- Success Factor Subcommittee from Dan Swartos
- Wrestling Duals Subcommittee from Dan Swartos
- NFHS Winter Meeting from Dan Swartos
- Board Goals Report from Dan Swartos
- SDHSAA Foundation Report
- SDIAAA Report

Item #7- Second Reading- Policy Readings regarding spectators entering the playing area prior to awards in the SDHSAA Arena Rules and all other references within the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook.

Motion by Bauer, second by Clanton to hold a second reading and adopt the following language, effective immediately:

SDHSAA Arena Rules item 14, page 26 in general section of handbook and all other references within the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook.

14. All fans will be expected to remain off the playing floor until after the awarding of medals and trophies. ~~Failure to remain off the playing floor will result in the offending team not being recognized by the public address announcer. Medals and trophy will be awarded to school personnel following the awards ceremony.~~ Any fans who enter the playing area prior to the awarding of medals and trophies will be removed from the facility immediately. Any physical altercations between fans and players will be referred to security/law enforcement. No awards or trophies will be handed out until the floor is cleared. Fans will be allowed on to the playing floor following the presentation of all awards in facilities where this is allowed. Enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of each school's administration at the event. The Board reserves the right to issue penalties to schools who blatantly disregard this policy.

NOTE: This policy is applicable to football, volleyball, ~~and~~ basketball, soccer, dual wrestling, and softball. No fans are allowed on the field at the football championships at any time per facility rules. In basketball, volleyball, soccer, dual wrestling, and softball, fans are only allowed on the playing surface after the championship contest awards and only in facilities that allow it.

Motion carried 9-0.

President Danielsen declared the Board in recess at 10:35 AM and out of recess at 10:43 AM

Item #8- Classification Appeals

The Board took action on the following appeals:

- Motion by Allison, second by Long to **approve** Parkston's request to reduce their enrollment count by 1 student (1 male). *Motion carried 9-0.*
- Motion by Kosters, second by Rollinger to **approve** the reduction of 1 student (1 male) from the Eureka count and 1 student from the Edmund's Central count. *Motion carried 6-3, with Clanton, Long, and Danielsen dissenting.*
- Motion by Kosters, second by Clanton, to **approve** the reduction of 12 students (5 males) from the Sisseton count. *Motion carried 9-0.*
- Motion by Clanton, second by Rollinger, to **approve** Sisseton's request to remove themselves from playoff football, to play a 9-man football schedule in 26-27 and 27-28, and to adjust the 11A enrollment team count to 13 accordingly. *Motion carried 8-1 with Hartmann dissenting.*
- Motion by Bauer, second by Wilson, to **approve** the reduction of 10 students (5 males) from the Flandreau Indian School count. *Motion carried 9-0.*

- Motion by Clanton, second by Allison, to **deny** Hamlin's appeal to be placed in 9AA for football, Class B for golf, and Class B for wrestling. *Motion failed 1-8 with Clanton voting Aye and all other members voting Nay.*
- Motion by Rollinger, second by Wilson, to **approve** Hamlin's appeal to be placed in 9AA for football, class B for golf, and Class B for wrestling. *Motion carried 8-1 with Clanton dissenting.*
- Motion by Hartmann, second by Allison to **approve** DeSmet's request to reduce their count by 4 students (4 males). *Motion carried 8-1 with Clanton dissenting.*
- Motion by Hartmann, second by Rollinger, to **deny** Mt. Vernon/Plankinton's request to play down one classification in all sports. *Motion carried 9-0.*
- Motion by Hartmann, second by Allison to **deny** the request by Douglas to be placed in class 11A for football. *Motion carried 7-2, with Wilson and Danielsen dissenting.*
- Motion by Bauer, second by Clanton, to **deny** the request of Sioux Falls Lutheran to be placed in Class 9B football. *Motion carried 9-0.*

President Danielsen declared the Board at recess for lunch at 12:28 PM and out at 12:55 PM.

Item #9- Classification structure and enrollment counts for the 26-27 and 28-29 school years

Motion by Bauer, second by Kusters, to approve the classification structure as presented, changing 11A from 14 teams to 13 teams to account for Sisseton opting out of the playoffs, and the enrollment counts as presented with all approved appeal numbers applied.

Motion carried 9-0.

Alphabetical ADM listing for 9-11 and 9-11 male only counts can be found in Appendix A of the minutes.

Item #10 – Consider changes to official's registration fees.

Motion by Bauer, second by Clanton, to approve an increase of \$3 to the new officials fee and \$5 to the one-sport through six sport fee structure for 26-27 officials registration fees.

- New official- from \$23 to \$25
- One sport- from \$60 to \$65
- Two sports- from \$80 to \$85
- Three sports- from \$95 to \$100
- Four sports- from \$110 to \$115
- Five sports- from \$120 to \$125
- Six sports- from \$130 to \$135

Motion carried 9-0.

Item #11- Change of Start Times for State Basketball Tournaments

Motion by Kusters, second by Hartmann, to approve changing the session start times at state basketball tournaments from 12:00PM and 6:00PM to 11:00AM and 5:00PM, beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

Motion carried 8-1, with Danielsen dissenting.

Item #12- Board Interpretation of Chapter I, Part IV, Section I, Subsections C and D of the SDHSAA By-Laws

Motion by Bauer, second by Allison, to approve the interpretation of Chapter I, Part IV, Section I, Subsections C and D of the By-Laws, indicating that the semesters/trimesters of middle school participation lead directly into the semesters/trimesters of high school eligibility, with no redshirt or reclassification years recognized between middle school and high school. *Motion carried 9-0.*

Item #13- First Reading of Constitutional Amendment proposal

The Board heard a first reading of a staff proposal for a Constitutional Amendment to Chapter I, Part IV, Section I, subsections C and D of the SDHSAA By-Laws and Chapter II, Part I, Section 1, Subsection J. **Full text of the proposals as a first reading can be found on the Jan 21, 2025 agenda.**

Item #14- Legislative Update

Dr. Swartos gave updates to the Board on HB 1008, HB 1039, and HB 1073.

Item #15- Board Sharing

- Billy Clanton thanked everyone for their work and is looking forward to the Winter state events.
- Chris Long thanked everyone for their work and help on state events.
- Jeff Kusters echoed thanks to all, including to schools.
- Jordan Bauer echoed the sentiments of others.
- Chuck Wilson thanked all who keep schools safe.
- Ryan Rollinger thanked everyone for their work, noted that we always need to keep kids in mind and to stay fresh in our ideas.
- Randy Hartmann echoed thanks to all and noted his appreciation for the work at our fall state events.
- Chad Allison echoed thanks to all and invited folks to come see the new performing arts center in Lennox.
- Jeff Danielsen shared thanks, noted his appreciation as a host community of state events, and noted that although not everyone may agree on decisions, they are made with thought and care.

Item #16- Executive Session

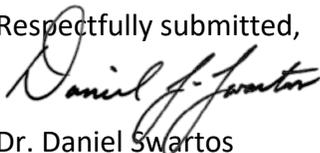
Motion by Rollinger, second by Wilson to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1. *Motion carried 9-0.* Danielsen declared the Board in executive session at 1:45 PM and out at 1:52 PM.

Item #22- Adjourn

Motion by Wilson, second by Long, to adjourn.

Motion carried 9-0. President Danielsen declared the meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Daniel Swartos
SDHSAA Executive Director

APPENDIX A

School Name	9-11 All Student Adjusted
Aberdeen Central High School	848.11
Aberdeen Christian High School	51.00
Aberdeen Roncalli Roncalli High School	100.70
Alcester-Hudson High School	69.62
Andes Central High School	35.00
Arlington High School	53.92
Armour High School	45.80
Avon High School	50.55
Baltic High School	105.08
Belle Fourche High School	263.03
Bennett County High School	81.90
Beresford High School	150.88
Bison High School	27.66
Bon Homme High School	94.04
Brandon Valley High School	1022.07
Bridgewater-Emery High School	63.10
Britton-Hecla High School	96.46
Brookings High School	696.54
Burke High School	59.35
Canistota High School	68.23
Canton High School	194.26
Castlewood High School	83.35
Centerville High School	64.39
Chamberlain High School	162.35
Chester High School	66.43
Cheyenne- Eagle Butte High School	192.50
Clark High School	88.85
Colman-Egan High School	71.40
Colome High School	17.35
Corsica-Stickney High School	56.98
Crazy Horse High School	46.90
Crow Creek High School	87.97
Custer High School	202.30
Dakota Christian High School	16.00
Dakota Valley High School	314.28
De Smet High School	74.00
Dell Rapids High School	208.49
Deubrook Area High School	69.62
Deuel High School	116.36
Doland High School	19.40
Douglas High School	537.90
Dupree High School	51.10
Edgemont High School	17.41
Edmunds Central High School	48.10

Elk Mountain High School	2.00
Elk Point-Jefferson High School	140.45
Elkton-Lake Benton High School	95.77
Estelline High School	59.07
Ethan High School	55.99
Eureka High School	41.69
Faith High School	44.74
Faulkton Area High School	60.91
Flandreau High School	117.71
Flandreau Indian High School	85.20
Florence High School	76.03
Frederick Area High School	35.80
Freeman Academy High School	13.00
Freeman High School	73.28
Garretson High School	94.94
Gayville-Volin High School	58.84
Gettysburg High School	44.98
Great Plains Lutheran High School	116.00
Gregory High School	68.10
Groton Area High School	108.93
Hamlin High School	158.99
Hanson High School	84.30
Harding County High School	53.87
Harrisburg High School	1374.89
Henry High School	33.78
Herreid High School	28.20
Highmore-Harrold High School	49.79
Hill City High School	105.20
Hitchcock-Tulare High School	36.18
Hot Springs High School	161.16
Hoven High School	16.22
Howard High School	68.23
Huron High School	562.52
Ipswich High School	72.84
Irene-Wakonda High School	61.84
Iroquois High School	28.74
James Valley Christian High School	35.00
Jones County High School	32.64
Kadoka Area High School	45.34
Kimball High School	58.05
Lake Preston High School	27.03
Lakota Tech High School	260.40
Langford Area High School	38.49
Lead-Deadwood High School	113.04
Lemmon High School	67.13

Lennox High School	259.76
Leola High School	23.89
Little Wound High School	150.50
Lower Brule High School	56.00
Lyman High School	64.18
Madison High School	250.18
Mahpíya Lúta High School	142.00
Marion High School	39.25
Marty High School	37.10
McCook Central High School	75.45
McCrossan Boys Ranch High School	36.45
McIntosh High School	21.00
McLaughlin High School	70.70
Menno High School	42.50
Milbank High School	223.12
Miller High School	82.82
Mitchell Christian High School	34.00
Mitchell High School	587.20
Mobridge-Pollock High School	113.52
Montrose High School	47.14
Mount Vernon High School	45.33
New Underwood High School	70.07
Newell High School	38.13
Northwestern High School	61.30
O'Gorman High School	468.48
Oelrichs High School	23.80
Oldham-Ramona-Rutland High School	31.01
Parker High School	100.55
Parkston High School	89.36
Philip High School	79.81
Pierre T.F. Riggs High School	598.38
Pine Ridge High School	140.70
Plankinton High School	53.07
Platte - Geddes High School	99.63
Rapid City Central High School	1352.48
Rapid City Christian High School	161.00
Rapid City Stevens High School	1276.06
Redfield High School	103.34
Rosholt High School	46.26
Sanborn Central High School	25.96
Scotland High School	40.62
SDSBVI High School	3.00
Selby Area High School	38.91
Sioux Falls Christian High School	346.85
Sioux Falls Jefferson High School	1206.14

Sioux Falls Lincoln High School	1353.64
Sioux Falls Lutheran High School	73.00
Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School	1243.01
Sioux Falls Washington High School	1189.12
Sioux Valley High School	157.08
Sisseton High School	192.18
Spearfish High School	516.94
St. Francis High School	136.50
St. Mary's High School	55.16
St. Thomas More High School	128.44
Stanley County High School	97.14
Sturgis Brown High School	559.52
Sully Buttes High School	52.14
Summit High School	31.12
Sunshine Bible High School	27.00
Takini High School	23.80
Tea Area High School	537.33
Timber Lake High School	67.79
Tiospa Zina High School	74.20
Tiospaye Topa High School	25.90
Todd County High School	259.70
Tri-Valley High School	220.42
Tripp-Delmont High School	22.22
Vermillion High School	282.13
Viborg-Hurley High School	83.17
Wagner High School	134.40
Wakpala High School	20.30
Wall High School	62.58
Warner High School	69.62
Watertown High School	805.42
Waubay High School	39.81
Waverly-South Shore High School	67.09
Webster Area High School	110.92
Wessington Springs High School	63.44
West Central High School	293.11
White Lake High School	22.41
White River High School	65.10
Willow Lake High School	49.56
Wilmot High School	39.53
Winner High School	146.46
Wolsey-Wessington High School	66.45
Woonsocket High School	46.54
Yankton High School	603.33

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Aberdeen Central High School	441.50
Aberdeen Christian High School	26.00
Aberdeen Roncalli High School	56.00
Alcester-Hudson High School	39.65
Andes Central High School	18.20
Arlington High School	28.58
Armour High School	25.56
Avon High School	27.65
Baltic High School	52.98
Belle Fourche High School	126.56
Bennett County High School	41.30
Beresford High School	73.09
Bison High School	12.00
Bon Homme High School	54.35
Brandon Valley High School	527.64
Bridgewater-Emery High School	27.65
Britton-Hecla High School	48.25
Brookings High School	363.78
Burke High School	30.18
Canistota High School	32.65
Canton High School	98.98
Castlewood High School	42.81
Centerville High School	35.45
Chamberlain High School	66.14
Chester High School	32.59
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte High School	103.60
Clark High School	44.44
Colman-Egan High School	28.47
Colome High School	9.45
Corsica-Stickney High School	33.45
Crazy Horse High School	30.80
Crow Creek High School	46.56
Custer High School	103.51
Dakota Christian High School	8.00
Dakota Valley High School	144.15
De Smet High School	32.82
Dell Rapids High School	103.14
Deubrook Area High School	31.22
Deuel High School	61.45
Doland High School	12.69
Douglas High School	264.92
Dupree High School	24.50
Edgemont High School	9.59
Edmunds Central High School	21.40

Elk Mountain High School	2.00
Elk Point-Jefferson High School	79.21
Elkton-Lake Benton High School	36.45
Estelline High School	32.27
Ethan High School	27.17
Eureka High School	21.60
Faith High School	23.89
Faulkton Area High School	35.96
Flandreau High School	67.88
Flandreau Indian High School	39.10
Florence High School	37.68
Frederick Area High School	20.59
Freeman Academy High School	7.00
Freeman High School	39.78
Garretson High School	51.37
Gayville-Volin High School	28.83
Gettysburg High School	26.24
Great Plains Lutheran High School	55.00
Gregory High School	35.20
Groton Area High School	59.17
Hamlin High School	87.02
Hanson High School	44.60
Harding County High School	26.67
Harrisburg High School	693.03
Henry High School	17.90
Herreid High School	13.12
Highmore-Harrold High School	21.48
Hill City High School	50.55
Hitchcock-Tulare High School	20.22
Hot Springs High School	84.99
Hoven High School	10.81
Howard High School	37.48
Huron High School	305.86
Ipswich High School	34.56
Irene-Wakonda High School	30.62
Iroquois High School	14.42
James Valley Christian High School	14.00
Jones County High School	18.29
Kadoka Area High School	24.00
Kimball High School	30.43
Lake Preston High School	12.49
Lakota Tech High School	142.10
Langford Area High School	16.89
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Miller High School	40.94
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Montrose High School	20.69
Mount Vernon High School	23.80
New Underwood High School	45.20
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Northwestern High School	32.21
O'Gorman High School	241.81
Oelrichs High School	14.70
Oldham-Ramona-Rutland High School	12.30
Parker High School	57.16
Parkston High School	48.34
Philip High School	42.41
Pierre T.F. Riggs High School	312.46
Pine Ridge High School	74.90
Plankinton High School	34.00
Platte - Geddes High School	49.16
Rapid City Central High School	704.49
Rapid City Christian High School	78.00
Rapid City Stevens High School	627.53
Redfield High School	42.69
Rosholt High School	20.12
Sanborn Central High School	10.89
Scotland High School	19.96
Selby Area High School	15.78
Sioux Falls Christian High School	182.34
Sioux Falls Jefferson High School	563.26
Sioux Falls Lincoln High School	679.68

Sioux Falls Lutheran High School	44.00
Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School	633.64
Sioux Falls Washington High School	592.38
Sioux Valley High School	79.76
Sisseton High School	96.68
Spearfish High School	267.81
St. Francis High School	69.30
St. Mary's High School	30.72
St. Thomas More High School	59.64
Stanley County High School	53.75
Sturgis Brown High School	303.94
Sully Buttes High School	35.61
Summit High School	19.29
Sunshine Bible High School	15.00
Takini High School	15.40
Tea Area High School	285.79
Timber Lake High School	37.46
Tiospa Zina High School	43.40
Tiospaye Topa High School	13.30
Todd County High School	136.50
Tri-Valley High School	124.54
Tripp-Delmont High School	9.91
Vermillion High School	155.31
Viborg-Hurley High School	46.85
Wagner High School	66.50
Wakpala High School	10.50
Wall High School	25.90
Warner High School	32.47
Watertown High School	407.24
Waubay High School	24.14
Waverly-South Shore High School	34.12
Webster Area High School	52.14
Wessington Springs High School	37.83
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White Lake High School	12.49
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