



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

July 31, 2025

8:30 AM CT

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on July 31, 2025 at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

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

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 8:30 A.M., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1-Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hartmann second by Wilson, to approve the agenda as amended, adding language to appoint Foundation Distribution committee members to item 15, striking item 19, adding 19.1- clarifying that the Debate reclassification will not occur until 26-27 and 19.2- resolution recognizing Dr. Mackenzie McKeithan-Jensen for her service to the SDHSAA.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #2- Certify results of East River At-Large Runoff Election

Motion by Bauer, second by Allison, to certify the East River At-Large election results of Ryan Rollinger, Harrisburg- 73, Brittney Eide, Corsica-Stickney- 67 and seat Ryan Rollinger for a term of July 31, 2025 through June 30, 2030.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #3- Public Forum

Jeff Danielsen reviewed the SDHSAA Public Forum protocol. There was no public input.

Item #4- Approval of the minutes from meeting held June 18, 2025.

Motion by Kusters, second by Long, to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #5- Approval of Finance Reports

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

Motion by Clanton, second by Wilson, to approve the Finance Reports as presented.

Motion Carried 8-0.

Item #6- Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Vouchers for June of 2025.
- B. Approval of Advisory committee/council appointments for 2025-26.
- C. Out of state travel requests for 25-26
- D. Request from Groton Area to add softball beginning with the 25-26 school year (Class B)
- E. Request from Mitchell Christian to add volleyball beginning with the 25-26 school year (Reg 5B)

Motion by Kusters, second by Hartmann, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #7- Reports

The board heard reports on the following:

- State tournament directors meeting from staff.
- New AD's meeting from staff.
- NFHS Summer meeting recap from those who went.
- SDHSAA Finance Committee update from Dr. Swartos
- GOAC report from Dr. Swartos
- SDHSAA Foundation Report
- SDIAAA/SDHSCA Report

Item #8- Consider changes to official's fees for 2025-26

Motion by Bauer, second by Wilson, to approve the following changes to officials fees for 25-26

- Mileage- \$0.67/mile driving, \$0.18/mile riding for all officials at post season events.
- SoDak 16 Basketball and Volleyball pay from \$95 to \$100.
- Sub-State Football from \$131.25 to \$150.
- SoDak 16 Softball from \$85 to \$90

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #9- Approve prices for state tournament programs

Motion by Kusters, second by Allison, to keep price language at "up to \$5".

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #10- Approve ticket prices for state and sub-state events for 2025-26

Motion by Allison, second by Hartmann, to keep prices the same as 2024-25.

Motion carried 8-0.

Note- future discussion will look at what to do with credit card fees.

Item #11- Conduct a second reading on FY26 Budget

Motion by Wilson, second by Clanton, to approve the FY26 Budget.

Motion carried 8-0. FY 26 budget can be found on Item 11 of the July 31, 2025 Agenda.

Item #12 – First reading on policy changes regarding spectators entering the playing area prior to awards.

A first reading was held regarding possible changes to the policy. More research will be conducted prior to the November meeting for a 2nd reading.

President Danielsen declared the Board in recess at 9:56 AM and out at 10:00 AM.

Item #13- Receive FY24 Financial Audit

Swartos and Mikkelsen presented the FY 24 Financial Audit, completed by the SD Department of Legislative Audit. It is a clean audit with an unmodified opinion and no findings.

Motion by Wilson, second Allison, to acknowledge receipt of FY 24 financial audit.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #14- Appoint members to the 25-26 Site Selection Committee.

President Danielsen appointed Jeff Danielsen (Watertown), Randy Hartmann (Pierre), Chuck Wilson (Todd County), Jordan Bauer (Rapid City), Casey Meile (Sioux Falls), Dawn Seiler (Aberdeen), Jeff Dvorak (Brookings), and Scott DeBoer (Huron) to the 25-26 site selection committee.

Item # 15- Appoint members to the 25-26 Finance and SDHSAA Foundation Distribution Committees

President Danielsen appointed Jeff Danielsen (Watertown), Chris Long (Lyman), Chuck Wilson (Todd County), Dr. Summer Schultz (Brookings), Adam Shaw (Lennox), Pete Wilson (Sturgis Brown), Steve Moore (Sioux Falls Roosevelt), and Becky Hubsch (Groton Area) to the 25-26 Finance Committee and appointed Randy Hartmann, Chris Long, and Chad Allison as SDHSAA Board Representatives to the SDHSAA Foundation Joint Board Grant Distribution Committee.

Item #16- Hiring

Motion by Bauer, second Clanton, to approve the hiring of Maggie Price as administrative assistant at an annual salary of \$48,000.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #17- Approve 25-26 Board and Staff Handbook

Motion by Kusters, second Allison, to approve the 2025-26 Board and Staff Handbook as presented.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #18- Clarify April 2026 Annual and Regular Board Meeting Dates of April 22-23

Motion by Bauer, second by Hartmann, to clarify that the April 2026 meeting will be on April 22 for the Annual Meeting and April 22-23 for the Regular Meeting. (The dates said April 22-26 when approved).

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #19- NFHS Network Contract (Struck from the agenda, will revisit in November)

Item #19.1- Clarify Debate Reclassification

Motion by Allison, second Wilson, to clarify that the Debate classification change will not occur until the 2026-27 school year.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #19.2- Resolution

Motion by Long, second Hartmann, to approve the resolution thanking Dr. Mackenzie McKeithan-Jensen for her work as administrative assistant to the SDHSAA and to wish her well on her future endeavors.

Motion carried 8-0.

Item #20- Review Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Meeting

The SDHSAA Board Goals for 25-26 are:

1. Develop sportsmanship initiatives concerning fan, coach, and participant behavior in SDHSAA sanctioned sports and activities.
2. Develop initiatives concerning coaches recruitment.
3. Convene a committee to study the concept of a success factor in classification.
4. Develop initiatives highlighting the value of state high school associations.
5. Develop initiatives concerning AD retention.

Item #21- Board Sharing

- Jeff Kusters noted that he is ready for a new school year and that he enjoyed his first year on the Board.
- Chad Allison noted that he is excited to start his term on the Board.
- Chris Long welcomed the new members to the Board and enjoyed his first year on it.
- Jordan Bauer noted his appreciation for the opportunity to serve.
- Chuck Wilson welcomed the new members and is excited for the school year.
- Billy Clanton thanked the staff and board for the welcome and is excited to start.
- Randy Hartmann welcomed everybody to the board and encouraged Board members to attend state events that they might not otherwise attend.
- Jeff Danielsen welcomed everybody and shared the encouragement to be involved and get to state events.

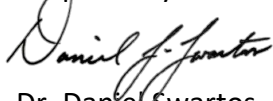
Item #22- Adjourn

Motion by Kusters, second by Long, to adjourn.

Motion carried 8-0.

President Danielsen declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Daniel Swartos

SDHSAA Executive Director