



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

November 5, 2025

10:30 AM CT

Pierre, South Dakota

The Board of Directors held a regular meeting on November 5, 2025 at the SDHSAA Office Building in Pierre, South Dakota with members present as follows:

Dr. Jeff Danielsen	Billy Clanton	Ryan Rollinger
Chris Long	Jeff Kusters	Jordan Bauer

Board members Randy Hartmann, Chuck Wilson, and Chad Allison were excused for outside obligations.

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 10:31 A.M., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Item #1-Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kusters second by Bauer, to approve the agenda as amended, adding items 5F- Dissolve Ipswich/Bowdle wrestling cooperative, 5G- Add Ipswich/Leola wrestling cooperative, 5H- Approve E-Sports offerings for 25-26 (adding Marvel Rivals to the lineup), 7.5- RC Stevens request to change dates of early tryout period for basketball, and 11.5- Executive Session per 1-25-2.5.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item #2- Public Forum

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

Item #3- Approval of the minutes from the Strategic Planning Meeting held July 30, 2025 and Regular Meeting held July 31, 2025.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Item #4- Approval of Finance Reports

SDHSAA Finance Director Ryan Mikkelsen reported on the income statements and balance sheets for July, August, and September of 2025, the cash flow report, and Reinke Grey report.

Motion by Rollinger, second by Kusters, to approve the Finance Reports as presented.

Motion Carried 6-0.

President Danielsen declared the Board at recess at 11:12 AM and out at 11:18AM due to technology issues.

Item #5- Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- A. Vouchers for July, August, and September of 2025.
- B. Flandreau High School wrestling out of season rules violation
- C. Groton/Doland cooperative in boys and girls wrestling
- D. Todd County/White River cooperative in boys and girls wrestling
- E. Deuel/Hamlin cooperative in gymnastics
- F. Dissolve Ipswich/Bowdle wrestling cooperative
- G. Ipswich/Leola wrestling cooperative
- H. E-Sports offerings for 25-26- same as 24-25, add Marvel Rivals

Motion by Long, second by Clanton, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item #6- Reports

The board heard reports on the following:

- State tournament recaps
 - Golf, Soccer, Cross Country from Randy Soma
 - Tennis and Cheer and Dance from Kristina Sage
 - Journalism and All-State Chorus and Orchestra from Brooks Bowman
- An update on parking at state football
- Cross Country/Track and Field and Soccer advisories from Randy Soma
- Softball and Tennis Advisories from Kristina Sage
- Native American Advisory Committee from Dan Swartos
- Success Factor Subcommittee from Dan Swartos
- Wrestling Duals Subcommittee from Dan Swartos
- NFHS Section IV/V meeting from Dan Swartos
- Board Goals Report from Dan Swartos
- SDHSAA Foundation Report
- SDIAAA Report

Item #7- Policy Readings regarding spectators entering the playing area prior to awards.

The Board discussed some policy possibilities regarding this topic and held a first reading on the following policy:

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.

Item #7.5- Rapid City Stevens request to change dates of basketball tryouts

Motion by Long, second by Clanton, to approve the switch from the previously approved dates of November 21, 22, and 24 to the new requested dates of November 19,20, 21.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item #8- SDHSAA Classified Staff Policy Amendment

Motion by Bauer, second by Rollinger, to approve the classified policy change as requested, changing the vacation leave after 7 years from 18 days/144 hours to 20 days/160 hours.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item #9- Student Council Convention change

Motion by Kusters, second by Long, to approve a change of the State Student Council convention to a 7-12 event for 7-12 student council programs and to eliminate the separate middle school event.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item #10 – Updated State Track and Field Meet Schedule

Motion by Rollinger, second by Clanton, to approve the 2026 State Track and Field Meet schedule changes. Schedule can be found attached to the November 5 agenda Item 10 or on the Track and Field section of the SDHSAA handbook.

Motion carried 6-0.

Item #11- Board Sharing

- Jordan Bauer expressed thanks for the fall season, which has been busy but successful.
- Jeff Kusters appreciated the All-State Chorus and Orchestra concert, noted how quickly the fall has passed, and made some inquiries/suggestions regarding the awards order at Cross Country.
- Chris Long shared his appreciation for All-State Chorus and Orchestra and thanked the administrative staff here at the office for their work.
- Billy Clanton thanked everyone for their work and noted the great feedback he received from patrons and members of his school regarding the All-State Chorus and Orchestra concert. He is looking forward to State Football and Volleyball.
- Ryan Rollinger thanked everyone for their work and thanked the administrative staff for their flexibility with him and his schedule.
- Jeff Danielsen thanked the staff for their work and thanked the Board for attending state events, he noted appreciation for communities who host state events.

President Danielsen declared the board in recess for lunch at 1:02 PM and out at 1:22 PM.

Item #11.5- Executive Session

Motion by Clanton, second by Rollinger to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.5.

Motion carried 6-0.

Danielsen declared the Board in executive session at 1:22 PM and out at 1:56PM.

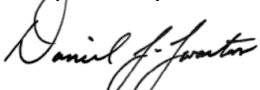
Item #22- Adjourn

Motion by Bauer, second by Kusters, to adjourn.

Motion carried 6-0.

President Danielsen declared the meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Daniel Swartos

SDHSAA Executive Director