SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING BEING HELD ELECTRONICALLY

August 26, 2026 **10:30 AM Central Time** **Pierre, South Dakota**

All Board members will attend via Zoom.
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86940667560?pwd=wrIfwzhuCCmCerVahCZy8hm2rbbq7j.1

Call the meeting to order

ITEM #1 – Approve the agenda

ITEM #2 – Public Forum

ITEM #3 – Consider request for cooperative sponsorship of activities between Belle Fourche and Newell High Schools in the sport of football beginning with the 26-27 school year.

Rationale- Newell does not have a 9-man schedule for 2026 or 2027. Their intent was to try to play some 6-man contests against other schools and hoped to play 3 contests against two other schools. They do not have enough athletes out for football and are requesting an emergency football cooperative with Belle Fourche so that the small number of athletes they have interested in football can play. This would not create a loss of contests for any other 9-man or 11-man teams and it would not impact Belle Fourche's classification.

Staff recommendation- Because this does not impact any other school's 9- or 11-man schedule, staff recommends approval, with the Belle Fourche/Newell cooperative remaining in Belle Fourche's existing classification of Class 11A.

ITEM # – Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Swartos, Ed.D.
SDHSAA Executive Director

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF ACTIVITIES

Please submit in duplicate to: SDHSAA, P. O. Box 1217, Pierre, SD 57501

This application form must be completed by each school involved in the Cooperative Agreement before the SDHSAA Board of Directors will consider the application. A separate application must be submitted for each activity. The Board of Directors are able to exercise their discretion in approving all applications.

1. Name of applying school: Belle Fourche
2. Address of applicant: 2305 13th Ave., Belle Fourche, SD 57717
3. Other school(s) involved in this application: Newell High School
4. Official Name of this Cooperative: Belle Fourche
5. Head Coach of the combined program employed by Belle Fourche school.
6. Other joint program personnel, if any, shall be employed as follows:

POSITION	EMPLOYER
a. Belle Coaching Staff	Belle Fourche School District
b.	

7 Activity covered by this application: Football

8. Please describe conditions which have prompted your request to co-sponsor this activity:

Newell School was unable to field a team for the 2026 football season

9. Please list the number of students in your school who have participated in this activity during each year indicated below. If the school did not sponsor the activity during any of the years listed please respond "did not sponsor".

	12	11	10	9	8	7
Last school year	15	11	7	7	0	0
Current school year	9	5	6	12	0	0
Anticipated school year						
Anticipated two years hence						

10. Total school enrollment (MALE)

	12	11	10	9	8	7
Last school year	49	52	46	38		
Current school year	44	38	31	51		
Anticipated school year						
Anticipated two years hence						

11. Total school enrollment (FEMALE)

	12	11	10	9	8	7
Last school year	30	47	50	51		
Current school year	44	41	47	45		
Anticipated school year						
Anticipated two years hence						

12. This application is for school year: 2026 - 2027 and _____ - _____
(All new football coops must be for a minimum of four (4) years.)

13. Where will practices or rehearsals be held? Belle Fourche High School

14. Where will competition for the activity be held? Belle Fourche High School

15. Please complete the RESOLUTION APPROVING form and attach.

16. Please complete the upper portion of the COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT OFFICIAL APPROVAL STATEMENT form and attach.

17. Please attach financial information that may assist the SDHSAA in reaching their decision on this application. Include the following:
    a. Specify method of allocating costs:
        (1) Expenses for transportation for practices, away games, and spectator buses.
        (2) Expenses for facilities, lights, heating, showers, etc.
        (3) Expenses for banquets and awards.
        (4) Expenses for scouting, coaches meetings, and workshops.
        (5) Expenses for payment of referees and other personnel necessary to stage the event.
        (6) Expenses for purchasing supplies and equipment.
        (7) Expenses for salary and fringe benefits.

    b. Specify method of allocating gate receipts.

18. Would your school be able to continue offering the activity for which application is being made if a Cooperative Sponsorship were not approved? YES x NO ____

Signed _____ Date 8-20-26
Superintendent of Schools

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF ACTIVITIES RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a proposed Agreement has been negotiated and drafted regarding the cooperative sponsorship of a joint high school Football _____ program.
(activity)

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed draft is attached and incorporated by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Belle Fourche High School as follows:

1. That the attached Cooperative Sponsorship application be and hereby is approved.

2. That the School Board President and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute the attached Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement and to make the required application to the SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION.

3. That this resolution shall be effective only upon the adoption of a similar resolution by the Governing Board or School Board of each cooperating school.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member _____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Signed _____ Date 8/25/20
Superintendent of Schools

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
OFFICIAL APPROVAL STATEMENT

The Board of Education has reviewed the CONDITIONS, PHILOSOPHY, and GUIDELINES relative to cooperative sponsorship of an activity. The signatures below indicate that the cooperative sponsorship for which application is made meets the CONDITIONS, PHILOSOPHY, and GUIDELINES as described.

NAME OF SCHOOL: Belle Fourche High School

SIGNATURES:

School Board President: Meg M Reese

School District Superintendent: _____

ACTION OF THE SDHSAA

The above request for your cooperative sponsorship is hereby GRANTED REFUSED for the activity _____ of beginning with the _____ - _____ school year.

BY _____ _____
Authorized Signature Date

Please complete the APPLICATION INFORMATION form and the RESOLUTION APPROVING form and submit with the APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF AN ACTIVITY.

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1. Name of applying school: Newell
2. Address of applicant: 501 Dartmouth, Newell, SD., 57760
3. Other school(s) involved in this application: Belle Fourche High School
4. Official Name of this Cooperative: Belle Fourche
5. Head Coach of the combined program employed by Belle Fourche school.
6. Other joint program personnel, if any, shall be employed as follows:

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a. Belle Fourche Coaching Staff	Belle Fourche School District
b.	

7 Activity covered by this application: Football

8. Please describe conditions which have prompted your request to co-sponsor this activity:

Low student-athlete participation numbers & unable to secure a 6-man schedule.

9. Please list the number of students in your school who have participated in this activity during each year indicated below. If the school did not sponsor the activity during any of the years listed please respond "did not sponsor".

	12	11	10	9	8	7
Last school year	0	1	2	2	2	0
Current school year	1	0	2	2	0	0
Anticipated school year	0	2	2	2	0	0
Anticipated two years hence	2	2	3	8	0	0

10. Total school enrollment (MALE)

	12	11	10	9	8	7
Last school year	3	3	7	6	10	7
Current school year	2	3	6	3	7	3
Anticipated school year	3	6	3	7	3	11
Anticipated two years hence	6	3	7	3	11	12

11. Total school enrollment (FEMALE)

	12	11	10	9	8	7
Last school year	5	14	8	11	7	7
Current school year	12	6	10	6	6	8
Anticipated school year	6	10	6	6	8	7
Anticipated two years hence	10	6	6	8	7	8

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Signed _____ Date 8-25-06
Superintendent of Schools

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF ACTIVITIES RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM

Member Dean Johnson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, a proposed Agreement has been negotiated and drafted regarding the cooperative sponsorship of a joint high school Football program.
(activity)

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed draft is attached and incorporated by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Newell School District 09-2 as follows:

1. That the attached Cooperative Sponsorship application be and hereby is approved.

2. That the School Board President and Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute the attached Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement and to make the required application to the SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION.

3. That this resolution shall be effective only upon the adoption of a similar resolution by the Governing Board or School Board of each cooperating school.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Kristin Bonefield. and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: 6-0

Dean Johnson
Tyrel Bonnet
Kristin Bonefield
Dawn Gardner
Katie Donahue
Kurt Hocking

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Signed _____ Date 8-25-2026
Superintendent of Schools

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NAME OF SCHOOL: Newell High School

SIGNATURES:

School Board President: _____

School District Superintendent: _____

ACTION OF THE SDHSAA

The above request for your cooperative sponsorship is hereby GRANTED REFUSED for the activity _____ of beginning with the _____ - _____ school year.

BY _____ _____
Authorized Signature Date

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