



**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=wrlfwzhuCCmCerVahCZy8hm2rbbq7j.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,

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