

Minnesota State High School League

Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019

Brooklyn Center, MN

Welcome

- Board President Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz called the meeting to order.
- Board member Todd Waterbury gave the reflection.
- MSHSL Music Consultant Carl Lipke presented former board member and Edina music educator Bill Webb with the NFHS Fine Arts Minnesota Music Educator of the Year Award. Bill will now be considered for national recognition.
- An agenda addition, Discussion Item 10C (Soccer Coaches Letter), was approved. Amended agenda was approved.
- Approved minutes from the Dec. 6, 2018 meeting

Lobbyist Report

- Lobbyist Roger Aronson shared a history of the MSHSL sales tax exemption. In 2017, the State Legislature re-authorized this exemption with a 10-year sunset clause. The MSHSL is seeking to eliminate the sunset date on this legislation. The exemption has produced \$7.5 million for member schools since 2006.

Legal Counsel Report

- Legal Counsel Kevin Beck provided updates on three pending cases.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Erich Martens shared his appreciation for school administrators for their efforts, flexibility, and leadership during recent weather challenges.
- Shared that the consolation series of the girls' hockey state tournament will be played at TRIA Rink at Treasure Island Center in downtown St. Paul.
- In January, attended the winter meetings of state association executive directors in New York.
- The League participated in the MSBA Conference in Minneapolis in January. In addition to sharing MSHSL informational items in a booth on the convention floor, League staff also presented to a large group of Board Members.
- Along with other League Staff members, attended the Martin Luther King, Jr, breakfast event at the Minneapolis Armory.

- Attended the second Principals Advisory Committee meeting of the school year, a gathering that provided valuable feedback on many initiatives being addressed by the League.
- League Staff and Board Members have been invited by leadership of the MNIAAA to participate in listening sessions at their State Conference in March.

Executive Committee Report

- Reviewed the board's policy on out-of-state travel and competition. The current policy limits travel to 600 miles roundtrip and the requirement that member schools participate against teams that are members of their respective state associations.
- The committee reviewed the process that will be used in determining the appropriate class for each team in League activities. The Appeals Committee will use a rubric based on the categories that have been submitted to member schools. The Executive Committee will be the oversight body for the appeals decisions.
- An Executive Committee meeting has been called for Friday, March 15 at Williams Arena during the girls' basketball state tournament. The purpose of the gathering is to review classification appeals.
- A special board meeting has been called for Friday, March 22 at Target Center during the boys' basketball state tournament to review final section placements.
- Approved NFHS cross country and track & field uniform modifications on undergarments.
- The Executive Committee report was approved.

Action Items

- Approved increases in membership and activity fees, beginning with the 2019-20 school year through the 2023-24 school year. The amounts of the approved dues: 2019-20 (\$110 membership, \$110 per activity); 2020-21 (\$120 for each); 2021-22 (\$130 for each); 2022-23 (\$140 for each); 2023-24 (\$150 for each).
- Approved a golf tournament advancement policy.
- Approved a Music Advisory Committee recommendation to clarify the definition of an accompaniment.

Discussion Items

- Executive Director Erich Martens shared that the proposed amendments for boys' volleyball, girls wrestling and the summer waiver will not be advanced to the Representative Assembly because they did not reach the approval required by nine sections.
- Walt Weaver, Jenny Kilkelly and Krista Fleming shared a presentation to urge the Board to promote the sanction boys' volleyball.

- Board member Russ Reetz made a motion to have the Board consider promoting boys' volleyball forward to the Representative Assembly for its consideration. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- A workshop session has been called for Wednesday, April 3 to continue work and discussion on the Activity Advisory Committee proposals. These proposals are due on February 15th and will be distributed to Board Members and Region Committees at that time.
- The Board discussed a letter sent by a group of soccer coaches to consider the reclassification of the two classes of soccer for the upcoming season. No action was taken regarding the request from this group of coaches. The Board suggested that this group of coaches work with the leadership of the Soccer Coaches Association.

Committee Reports

Eligibility Committee

- The Eligibility Committee minutes were approved as submitted.

Audit/Finance Committee

- The financial statements for November and December were approved.
- Recommended the approval of a membership and activity dues increase to the full board.

Marketing and Communications Committee

- League Staff will continue to examine the production costs and the need for a state tournament program in its current format, as well as the sales and distribution of the program. Following that review, League Staff will convene with the committee to formulate a recommendation to the full board. Staff provided updates on other League publications.
- League Staff provided sponsorship updates.
- The committee passed a motion to create a Media Advisory Committee.

Education and Leadership Committee

- The committee provided updates on Coaches Education, Audit of MN Head Coaches Course, School Board Training requirement, Parent Training Tools, the MN AD Cohort and officiating initiatives.

Informational Items

- Letters of intent for officers of the Board of Directors are due to the Executive Director by April 1, 2019.
- Preliminary information shared on the NFHS Summer Meeting in Indianapolis from June 28-July 2