

Minnesota State High School League

Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis

Monday, June 4, 2018, Brooklyn Center, MN

Welcome

- The meeting was called to order by Board President Dave Swanberg
- Board member Rob Carpentier provided the opening reflection.
- Board President Dave Swanberg introduced new board members Dustin Bosshart, St. Clair, MASSP; Tom Jerome, Badger/Greenbush-Middle River, Regions 7-8A; Russ Reetz, Prior Lake, Regions 3-4AA. Bill Adams, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton, Regions 1-2A was absent. A Governor Appointee will be determined at a later date.
- Agenda Item 9D (2018-19 budget) was moved to 11B during the Audit/Finance Committee Report.
- The amended agenda was approved.
- The minutes from the March 29, 2018 board meeting were approved.
- Pat Barrett, representing the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association, spoke in favor of implementing a shot clock.
- Tom Critchley, executive secretary of the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association, spoke in favor of implementing a shot clock and restricted arc.
- Ron Larson, the head men's basketball coach at Anoka-Ramsey Community College and former Activities Director and boys basketball coach at St. Francis High School, spoke in favor of implementing a shot clock and restricted arc.

Lobbyist Report

- League Lobbyist Roger Aronson reviewed the end of the Legislative session.
- Aronson reported that language representing processes implemented as a result of the Legislative Audit of the League will be re-introduced in two years.

Legal Counsel Report

- Legal Counsel Kevin Beck reported there is one pending lawsuit. It has been served, but not filed.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Erich Martens welcomed incoming board members.
- He thanked member schools, administrators and officials for their efforts during a spring season of challenging weather.
- Shared information from the completion of Spring Area Meetings and the Representative Assembly Meeting.

- Shared that preparations are underway for the anniversary seasons of boys hockey (75 years) and girls hockey (25 years).

Executive Committee Report

- Approved an annual agreement between Cloquet and Fond du Lac Ojibwe.
- Approved an annual agreement for La Crescent to participate with the WIAA Forensics Association.
- Approved the continuation of an internship program.
- Approved a renewed experiment to the NFHS for instant replay in the football state tournament and the “bunch” formation on kickoffs.
- Approved the addition of West Lutheran to an existing football co-op with Heritage Christian Academy/Maranatha Christian Academy/Providence Academy.
- Approved the co-op dissolution between Hendricks and Russell-Tyler-Ruthton.
- Approved the co-op dissolution between St. Croix Prep and Swanson Home School.

Action Items

- Approved the election of officers for the 2018-19 school year: Bonnie Spohn-Schmaltz, president; Craig Anderson, vice president; Eric Christenson, treasurer.
- Approved the complimentary ticket list for 2018-2019.
- Approved the 2018-2019 Speech Season book and topic
- Approved a Winter Advisory Recommendation to implement a restricted arc in basketball at the varsity, junior varsity and B-squad levels, beginning with the 2018-2019 season.
- A motion to approve a Winter Advisory Recommendation of implementing a basketball shot clock was denied.
- Approved a Winter Advisory Recommendation to allow a two-year trial for wrestling teams to have the option of going from 14 weight classes to 12 during regular-season dual competitions. The 106- and 195-pound weight classes will be eliminated in those cases.
- Tabled a Winter Advisory Recommendations for wrestling (tournament format).
- Approved tennis recommendations.
- Approved 16 District Football placement recommendations.
- Approved the creation of a Principal Advisory Committee in partnership with the MASSP.

Discussion Items

- Executive Director Erich Martens provided an update and timeline on the continued discussion on Classification and Tournament Format.

Committee Reports

Eligibility Committee

- The Eligibility Committee minutes were approved as presented.

Audit/Finance

- The March and April financial statements were approved.
- The committee reviewed and proposed a ticket increase of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students for state tournament events. The board approved the motion.
- The board approved the 2018-2019 preliminary budget.
- The board approved five-year agreements with Bunker Hills (Coon Rapids), Ridges at Sand Creek (Jordan) and Pebble Creek (Becker) to serve as host sites for the boys and girls golf tournaments.
- The board approved the Officials Mechanics contract with Referee Enterprises.
- The board approved up to \$20,000 for Region 4A, if needed, for operating costs.

Marketing and Communications Committee

- Staff provided an update on the concept of a MSHSL Network for radio and digital audio-only coverage of League events.
- Staff provided an update on the spring tournament pilot program that is experimenting the use of “Game Cards” as a complimentary program to participants of state tournament events.
- Approved a three-year renewal with vendor Preferred Design. The board approved the motion.
- Staff provided an update on sponsorship agreements.

Education and Leadership

- Staff provided informational updates on the InSideOut Cohort, a new educational developmental AD process, and a review of the concussion module.
- Staff updated the committee about online scoring for golf.
- Staff is reviewing a module for officials with a focus on incident reports and ejections.

Informational Items

- New board member orientation is July 10, at the League Office.
- League Office Summer Hours, Monday, June 11-Thursday, Aug. 30, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. The office is closed on Friday during that time.
- Next meeting: Board Workshop, Aug. 5-7, 2018.