

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS SYNOPSIS**

*Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017, Brooklyn Center, MN*

### **WELCOME**

- Meeting called to order by President Tom Graupmann.
- Reflection given by Board Member Kris DeClerk-Thompson.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**

- Discussion Item 10A moved to Action Item 9C. Motion made and approved.
- Minutes from Dec. 1, 2016 Board Meeting were approved.

### **LOBBYIST REPORT**

- A sales tax exemption for the Minnesota State High School League has been heard in the House and the Senate. League Lobbyist Roger Aronson praised the bill's strong authors and the testimony of Board Vice President Troy Urdahl at a committee hearing during the bill's movement through the legislative process.

### **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

- League Counsel Kevin Beck reported there is one active pending case and a temporary restraining order has been denied.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Program Specialist Amy Doherty introduced the Robotics game for this season: "Steamworks" with a video presentation. More than 200 Minnesota teams are competing this season. The state tournament is Saturday, May 20.
- A wall area in the lower level of the League Office near the Hall of Fame has been repaired
- Executive Director Dave Stead attended the NFHS Winter Meetings and shared an update.
- No Midwest state association is interested in the NFHS's national initiative of a national championship.
- Associate Director Jody Redman gave an update on the implementation of "Why We Play" with the Dallas Cowboys and the Los Angeles Chargers. Discussions continue with other National Football League franchises.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- The committee continued discussion on Board of Directors goals.
- A Co-Op Ad Hoc Committee will reconvene on a to-be-determined date.
- A plan to enter into a part-time employee agreement with Associate Director Kevin Merkle was approved. He will move to part-time employment, effective Aug. 14, 2017.
- The Executive Committee report was approved by voice vote.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 9A: Approved in advance the AD's Advisory Committee's Recommendations for the appeals by schools with at least 50 percent free-and-reduced lunch.
- 9B: Approved a television broadcast partnership extension with 45TV (KSTC) through 2030-31.
- 9C: Approved the next steps and timeline for section classification for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. A special board meeting will be held during the boys basketball state tournament to review and approve placement recommendations from the AD's Advisory Committee. A process for appeals from schools who do not have 50 percent free-and-reduced lunch was established. Specifics will be shared with schools in the near future.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Executive Director Dave Stead reviewed the proposed amendments considered by the Representative Assembly on Jan. 26, 2017.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Approved the committee's report with the exception of Item No. 13, Transfer Eligibility Appeal Provision.
- Approved the first reading of proposed language regarding Transfer Eligibility Appeal Provision. It will be an Action Item at the board's next meeting on April 6, 2017.

### **AUDIT/FINANCE**

- The November 2016 financial statement was presented and accepted.
- The December 2016 financial statement was presented and accepted.
- The year-end audit was presented and approved by the board of directors.

## **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Artist Terrence Fogarty is in his 20<sup>th</sup> season of creating a cover for the boys hockey state tournament program. He will be featured, along with the 20 covers he has created, on the League's website.
- Nominations are open for the MSHSL's Outstanding Media Service Award. The recipient will be recognized the boys basketball state tournament.
- The Hall of Fame selection process will begin following the winter state tournaments. The 2017 Hall of Fame class will be inducted during a ceremony in October.
- Approved a sponsorship with McDonald's for the "Spotlight on Scholarship" award. Board voted to approve.
- Approved a sponsorship with Baron Championship Rings. Board voted to approve.

## **TECHNOLOGY/COACHES AND OFFICIALS EDUCATION**

- Instant replay in the football state tournament is being explored.
- Options continue to be explored on electronic assigning and payment system for officials.
- League staff will be present and be involved at the state AD's conference in late March.
- An additional 2,500 copies of Joe Ehrmann's book "InSideOut Coaching" have been ordered. About 7,500 have been distributed.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Letters of intent regarding 2017-2018 Officers of the Board (Vice President) and Treasurer) are due to Executive Director Dave Stead by April 1, 2017.
- The next board meeting is Thursday, April 6, 2017.