



## **Minnesota State High School League**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Synopsis**

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

**MSHSL Office, Brooklyn Center, MN**

#### **Welcome**

- Board President Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.
- Board member Mike Domin shared the reflection.
- The minutes of the Feb. 12, 2019 board meeting were approved.
- Public comments were heard on boys volleyball, Dance Team and soccer.

#### **Lobbyist's Report**

- League Lobbyist Roger Aronson shared that the K-12 Bill was completed earlier in the day. Language included in the bill confirms that extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right.
- The repeal of the sales tax sunset on League tickets is projected to be included in the House and Senate tax bills.
- The Legislative Session ends May 20.

#### **Legal Counsel Report**

- Legal Counsel Kevin Beck shared there are three pending cases.

#### **Executive Director report**

- Executive Director Erich Martens reported on the planning of the first MBCA Showcase providing exposure of Minnesota boys basketball players to Division I coaches.
- Introduced new staff member Pam Inniger, Administrative Assistant for Officials
- Announced that Region Secretaries will meet Monday, April 8 at the League Office.
- Yielded the floor to tournament directors to share reflections on their winter tournaments.
- Discussed the Listening Sessions offered by board members at the MnIAAA conference.

#### **Executive Committee Report**

- The committee viewed and participated in the Competitive Section Placement and Appeals process.
- Approved League staffing adjustments and duties.

- Authorized executive staff to work with legal counsel in addressing the recent injunction granted in the girls Dance Team lawsuit.
- The board approved the Executive Committee report.

## Action Items

### 9A

- A motion to advance boys volleyball as an amendment to the Representative Assembly failed in a 12-7 voice roll-call vote.

### 9B

- A motion to accept the Competitive Section Placement assignments for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years was approved and are now posted on the League website.

### 9C and 9D

- Future meeting dates and future tournament dates were approved.

## Discussion Items

### 10A --- Activity Advisory Proposals

- **Basketball** --- Class AAAA section tournament format; shot clock.
- **Cross County** --- Three-class proposal.
- **Dance Team** --- Class AAA state tournament format.
- **Boys Hockey** --- Add two weeks and two games to the season. This request is seeking a change in the bylaws, which needs to be presented through the Representative Assembly process.
- **Nordic Skiing** --- Add a Sprint Relay event to the state meet.
- **Boys and girls soccer** --- Three-class proposal.
- **Boys and girls tennis** --- Three-class proposal.
- **Volleyball** --- Four-class proposal.
- **Wrestling** --- Full consolation bracket; participants in regular-season individual tournaments; scrimmage and practice partners.

***These will be Action Items on the agenda for the June 3, 2019 meeting.***

## Committee Reports

### Eligibility Committee

- The minutes of the Eligibility Committee were approved as submitted.

### **Audit/Finance Committee**

- The financial statements for January and February were approved.
- Assistant Director Rich Matter reviewed with the board the 2017-2018 Annual Financial Report and Management and Compliance Report.

### **Marketing and Communications Committee**

- The committee is in unanimous support of continuing to provide a complimentary program for state tournament participants.
- Recommends in principle a plan for future publications. This will be presented for formal approval at the June 3, 2019 board meeting.
- League Staff presented an update on sponsorships.
- League Staff shared that Waseca High School's Theater Department was the Section 5 recipient of the NFHS Heart of the Arts Award.

### **Education and Leadership Committee**

- Coaches Education --- Seventeen training sessions were conducted in four geographic regions in Minnesota.
- Course information for 2019-2020 will be available in May.
- School Board training --- AD's get out and work with local school boards
- Recommended an addition to the Continuing Education Policy, effective for the Fall of 2019: All Athletic Administrators will be required to complete a MN Head Coaches Course prior to the Fall of 2022. AD's will have three years to complete the requirement. This will be an Action Item at the June 3, 2019 board meeting.

### **Informational Items**

- Spring Area Meetings begin April 15 in Mankato
- The Representative Assembly meeting is Monday, May 13.
- Election of Officers for the 2019-20 school year will take place at the June 3, 2019 meeting.
- Next meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019