

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

The Board of Control met April 2 and 3, 2009, at the Association Office, Lincoln, Nebraska, with members present as follows.

District I	-- Terry Kenealy, York
District II	-- Dr. Bob Reznicek, Omaha Westside
District III	-- Jay Bellar, Battle Creek
District IV	-- Max Kroger, Ord
District V	-- Dr. Dallas Watkins, Dundy County-Stratton
District VI	-- Kent Halley, Mitchell

Also in attendance were Rick Moses, Nebraska Department of Education; Superintendent Mark Norvell, Fillmore Central High School; Dr. Peg Naylor, Omaha Public Schools; Ryly Jane Hamilton, Lincoln Journal-Star; Steve Johnsen, Nebraska Coaches Association; Stu Pospisil, Omaha World Herald; Renee Seifert, Hall County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Debra Sweley, Heartland Events Center; Joe Kutlas, Grand Island Senior High School; Howard Schumann, Grand Island Central Catholic High School; Kaleena Fong, Hastings Convention and Visitors Bureau; Brian Gallagher, Grand Island; Orv Qualsett, Grand Island; Bob Danenhauer, Omaha Public Schools; Odee Ingersoll, Kearney Visitors Bureau; Brad Kernick, Kearney Visitors Bureau; Rita Staab, FirstTier Event Center, Kearney; Larry Witt, Gibbon Public Schools; Roger Jasnoch, Kearney Visitors Bureau; Kristi Unick, Kearney Visitors Bureau; Lisa Burke, North Platte Convention and Visitors Bureau; Muriel Clark, North Platte Convention and Visitors Bureau; Karen Hand, Lincoln Public Schools; John Neal, Lincoln Public Schools; Brian Clark, Nebraska Tennis Center; Tracie Simpson, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau; Jeff Maul, Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau; Tom Lorenz, Pershing Center; Matt Korte, Concordia High School and Steve Zehnder, Concordia High School.

Chairman Kent Halley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 2.

1. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Jay Bellar, seconded by Max Kroger. **Motion Carried, 6-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included approval of the Agenda as amended; approval of the Minutes of the March 11, 2009, regular Board of Control meeting; approval of the March 2009 Financial Statement; approval of new cooperative sponsorships for Stapleton and McPherson County High Schools in football, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track and boys golf; and cooperative sponsorship renewals for Burwell and Sargent High Schools in wrestling; and Columbus and Columbus Central Catholic High Schools in boys tennis, softball, boys and girls swimming, wrestling, baseball and girls tennis.
2. It was moved by Terry Kenealy, seconded by Max Kroger, to amend the approved rulings in regard to boys and girls tennis district competition, to be addressed later on the agenda, to a two-day tournament format as the format may have some bearing on State Championship bids to be presented. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
3. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to accept and distribute the following Sports Medicine Advisory Committee's Recommendations on Heat Acclimatization:  

***Acclimatization Recommendations for Football***

*The NSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has studied the issues regarding acclimatization of football players in early season practices when heat and humidity can create health and safety issues for participants. In an attempt to minimize the risk of serious injury or death, the following early season practice recommendations are provided for Nebraska schools.*

  1. *Schools should make a conscious effort to understand that heat and humidity can cause injury, illness, and even death in athletes who have not been properly acclimated to the*

*conditions. Efforts should be made to practice in the cooler parts of the day when heat and humidity issues can be minimized. Regular and frequent water and rest breaks should be scheduled.*

2. *No early season football practice should exceed three hours in length. When a three-hour practice is scheduled, included within those three hours should be time for low-exertion instruction and water and rest breaks.*
3. *If two practices are scheduled for the same day, there should be a minimum of three hours of rest and recovery time scheduled between practices.*
4. *A school should schedule no more than three, two-a-day practices per week, preferably with no consecutive days of two-a-days. On days when two-a-day practices are scheduled, total practice time should be limited to a maximum of five hours per day.*
5. *A school should not schedule more than six consecutive days of football practice.*

**Motion Carried, 6-0.**

4. It was moved by Terry Kenealy, seconded by Jay Bellar, to permit the distribution of Head Injury Protocol information to member schools as recommended by the NSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
5. The Board discussed continuation of the third-place games in girls and boys basketball and third-place matches in volleyball.
6. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Jay Bellar, to approve the Fan and Spectator Support items as presented for subdistrict, district and state championships.

**Motion Carried, 6-0.**

7. It was moved by Terry Kenealy, seconded by Bob Reznicek, to approve the recommended increase in officials' and judges fees' for subdistrict, district and state championships effective with the 2009-10 school year. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
8. The Board heard a presentation from Grand Island to host the Volleyball State Championships.
9. The Board heard a presentation from Omaha to host the Class A and B Boys and Girls Tennis State Championships.
10. The Board heard a presentation from Kearney to host the Volleyball and Speech State Championships.
11. The Board heard a presentation from North Platte to host the Speech State Championships.
12. The Board heard a presentation from Lincoln to host Championships in Basketball, Volleyball and Class A and B Boys and Girls Tennis.
13. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Jay Bellar, to enter executive session at 12:26 p.m. for the purpose of discussing legislative strategies and staff compensation **Motion Carried, 6-0.** It was moved by Terry Kenealy, seconded by Max Kroger to exit executive session at 1:36 p.m. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
14. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to award the Volleyball State Championships to Grand Island for the 2010 and 2011 seasons. **Motion Carried, 4 For (I, IV, V, VI), 2 Against (II, III).**
15. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to award the Girls and Boys State Basketball Championships to Lincoln for the 2011, 2012 and 2013 seasons. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
16. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Max Kroger, to award the Speech State Championships to Kearney for the 2011, 2012 and 2013 seasons. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
17. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Terry Kenealy, to award the Class A and B Boys and Girls Tennis State Championships to Omaha for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 seasons. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
18. Concordia High School appeared before the Board to request a change in enrollment figures from what was originally reported to the Nebraska Department of Education the last Friday in September. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Jay Bellar, to deny the request. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**

19. The Board discussed responsibilities in regard to the 2009 Representative Assembly.
20. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Max Kroger, to approve North Platte High School's request for 2009-10 to opt up to Class A in all activities. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
21. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Max Kroger, to approve staff salaries and benefits for 2009-10 as presented. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
22. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Terry Kenealy, to approve a corporate resolution to sell the 8230 Beechwood Drive property in Lincoln. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
23. It was moved by Terry Kenealy, seconded by Jay Bellar, to enter executive session at 3:11 p.m. for the purpose of discussing staff compensation. **Motion Carried, 6-0.** It was moved by Terry Kenealy, seconded by Jay Bellar to exit executive session at 3:37 p.m. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
24. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Terry Kenealy, to consider all Approved Rulings as presented. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**

A. Basketball

Class B schools will be divided into three regions, which will be subdivided into six districts. The district sites will be determined before the start of the season. The Western Region will be comprised of one district of four to six teams. The Central Region will be comprised of two districts of five to seven teams. The Eastern Region will be comprised of three districts of five to seven teams. Schools assigned to the Central and Eastern Regions would determine their district assignments within two weeks prior to the first district contest using a serpentine method based upon the NSAA wild card point system. The schools in the Western Region will be seeded by the NSAA wild card point system within two weeks prior to the first district contest. The NSAA has the authority to make districts as even as possible.

- a. The winning boys' teams and the winning girls' teams in each district will qualify for the State Championship.
- b. Two additional boys' teams and two additional girls' teams will also qualify for the State Championship on the basis of the wild card selection procedure. **Motion Failed, 1 For (II), 5 Against (I, III, IV, V, VI).**

B. Basketball

Determination of Home Teams

1. In all championships, the highest seeded team of the paired bracket shall be considered the home team and shall wear white jerseys. **Motion Failed, 1 For (II), 5 Against (I, III, IV, V, VI).**

C. Basketball

2. No more than fourteen boys/girls may be suited up for any games.
3. If a coach fails to certify the fourteen players, the fourteen names entered in the official scorebook prior to the first game that the team plays shall be the certified roster. **Motion Failed, 2 For (I, II), 4 Against (III, IV, V, VI).**

D. Football – Class A

The teams within the district will play a round-robin schedule with the first and second place teams in each district qualifying for the football playoffs. Using the point system and point system tiebreaker, the next 6 teams with the highest regular season point average that did not finish as a 1st or 2nd place team in their district, will qualify for the playoffs, making a total of sixteen teams. **Motion Failed, 3 For (II, IV, V), 3 Against (I, III, VI).**

E. Golf

Girls' golf schools are divided into four classes for district and state competition. Based on the total enrollment figures used for the classification of schools in all NSAA activities, Class A consists of the 32 largest schools playing girls' golf during the classification period.

The next 32 schools will be placed in Class B. The remaining schools registered for girls' golf are placed in Class C and Class D. **Motion Failed, 6-0.**

F. Golf & Cross Country

In addition to District Championship and runner-Up plaques being awarded the third place team should be awarded a state qualifying plaque. **Motion Failed, 2 For (III, VI), 4 Against (I, II, IV, V).**

G. Music

4. Outstanding Performance Award: This award recognizes the top performers at district music contest in the solo and small ensemble (up to 24 members) categories which are adjudicated by a single judge. Each adjudicator may designate one performance as an Outstanding Performance. They may also nominate up to two additional performances as "Honorable Mention. Judges are not required to select an Outstanding Performance unless they have given a perfect score on the contest ballot. A form will be provided to each judge to assist in selecting and reporting this award. This award can be given to any instrument or voice category, class size or grade level of performer. Award recipients are presented a special NSAA certificate as Outstanding Performers or Honorable Mention Performers. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**

H. Soccer

Home Team and Uniforms

The home team shall be the highest seeded team of each paired bracket and shall wear white or light jerseys and stockings, the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and stockings. **Motion Carried, 5 For (I, II, IV, V, VI), 1 Against (III).**

I. Softball

Class B will be divided into two regions – West and East. The twelve most western schools in the state will make up the West Region. They will be assigned into two districts using a serpentine method based upon the NSAA wild card point system. The rest of the Class B schools will be in the east region. They will be assigned into four districts using a serpentine method based upon the NSAA wild card point system. Class C district assignments are based on geographic location starting west and moving east with consideration also given to north and south to reduce travel. **Motion Failed, 1 For (II), 5 Against (I, III, IV, V, VI).**

J. Softball

Three-day state softball tournament for each class. **Motion Carried, 4 For (II, III, IV, V), 2 Against (I, VI).**

K. Softball/Volleyball/Basketball/Soccer

District Seeding - Class A ONLY - Softball/Volleyball/Basketball/Soccer

District Seeding: District competition shall be seeded based on wild card points. All Class A schools in (softball, volleyball, basketball, soccer) are to be placed in seven districts. All districts would be determined by the serpentine method (not modified), based upon the NSAA wild card point system, within one week prior to the first district competition. There would be NO western district, as all schools would be assigned according to NSAA Wild Card Points. **Motion Carried, 4 For (I, II, III, IV), 2 Against (V, VI).**

L. Boys Tennis - District competition

Class B Tennis will hold district tournaments to qualify players for the State Meet. Class B schools will be divided into 4 geographical districts using an 8-person bracket. The tournament will be seeded by a meeting of participating coaches. The top 3 finishers in each district will qualify for the State Meet. District Meets will be held on Friday of Week 14 with the State Meet held on Thursday and Friday of Week 15. A maximum of twelve entries would qualify in each division. **Motion Carried, 4 For (I, IV, V, VI), 2 Against (II, III).**

M. Girls Tennis - District Competition

Class B Tennis will hold district tournaments to qualify players for the State Meet. Class B schools will be divided into 4 geographical districts using an 8-person bracket. The tournament will be seeded by a meeting of participating coaches. The top 4 finishers in each district will qualify for the state meet. District meets will be held on Friday of Week 45 with the State Meet held on Thursday and Friday of Week 46. A maximum of sixteen entries would qualify in each division. **Motion Carried, 4 For (I, IV, V, VI), 2 Against (II, III).**

N. Track & Field

6. Additional Qualifiers

D. In addition to the regular qualifiers in boys' field events, all qualify who equal or exceed the following in Boys' 2009 Sanctioned Track and Field meets.

E. In addition to the regular qualifiers in girls' field events, all qualify who equal or exceed the following in Girls' 2009 Sanctioned Track and Field meets.

**Motion Failed, 1 For (VI), 5 Against (I, II, III, IV, V).**

O. Track and Field

Each member of the Championship Team that competed at the State Meet will receive a First Place Gold Medal for participating in the Track and Field Championships.

**Motion Failed, 2 For (II, IV), 4 Against (I, III, IV, V).**

P. Volleyball

Determination of Home Teams

In all tournaments, the highest seeded team of the paired bracket shall be considered the home team. **Motion Failed, 1 For (II), 5 Against (I, III, IV, V, VI).**

Q. Volleyball

Class B will be divided into three regions, which will be subdivided into six districts. The district sites will be determined before the start of the season. The Western Region will be comprised of one district of four to six teams. The Central Region will be comprised of two districts of five to seven teams. The Eastern Region will be comprised of three districts of five to seven teams. Schools assigned to the Central and Eastern Regions would determine their district assignments within two weeks prior to the first district contest using a serpentine method based upon the NSAA wild card point system. The schools in the Western Region will be seeded by the NSAA wild card point system within two weeks prior to the first district contest.

a. The winning team in each district will qualify for the state tournament.

b. Two additional teams will also qualify on the basis of the wild card selection procedure.

**Motion Failed, 1 For (II), 5 Against (I, III, IV, V, VI).**

R. Up to 12 cheerleaders, 12 drill team members and 50 band members per school would be admitted free of charge to district and state competitions. **Motion Failed, 1 For (1), 5 Against (II, III, IV, V, VI).**

S. Request for study committee for spring sport starting dates, dates of first contest, dates of state championships. **Motion Failed, 1 For (IV), 5 Against (I, II, III, V, VI).**

24. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Jay Bellar, to approve the 2009-10 Association calendar as amended. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**

25. The Board discussed infractions for which sanctions have been levied. The following schools had non-attendance of boys soccer coaches at NSAA soccer rules meeting, first offense: Dan Carpenter, Lincoln Southwest High School; and Kevin Moon, Omaha Northwest High School. The following schools had non-attendance of a track coaches at NSAA track rules meeting, first offense: Bob White, boys and girls, Lincoln High School; Tom Allen, boys, Norris High School; Todd Runnels, boys and girls, Santee High School; and Vicki Vannier, boys and girls, Wheeler Central High School. Lexington High School, three boys soccer players violated the outside participation rule, a one-game suspension was issued for the students.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. on Friday, April 3.

The next meeting of the Board of Control will be held in Lincoln on June 2, 2009.

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Debra Velder, Associate Director