

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

The Board of Control met December 11, 2008, at the Quality Inn Meeting Room, Kearney, Nebraska, with members present as follows.

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

District I Board of Control member Terry Kenealy was absent. Rick Moses, Nebraska Department of Education liaison; Dr. Peg Naylor, Omaha Public Schools; Steve Eubanks, Omaha Northwest High School Athletic Director; Isaiah Reddick, student; Richard Reddick, cousin; Darin Williams, Omaha Central High School Athletic Director; Eric Behrens, Omaha North Boys Basketball Coach; Mrs. Marilyn McGary, parent; Gary Klahn, Elba Public Schools Superintendent; and John Dvoracek, Elba Board of Education President were also in attendance.

Chairman Kent Halley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. It was moved by Max Kroger seconded by Bob Reznicek, to approve the Consent Agenda. Items on the Consent Agenda included approval of the following: Minutes of the November 19, 2008, regular meeting; the meeting agenda as amended; the November 2008 Financial Report; approval of cooperative sponsorship renewals for Wahoo, Raymond Central, and Prague High Schools for Baseball; Eustis-Farnam and Medicine Valley High Schools for Boys and Girls Cross Country; Lutheran High Northeast and Norfolk Catholic High Schools for softball; a new cooperative sponsorship for Omaha Burke and Concordia High Schools in Boys Golf; and excusing Terry Kenealy's absence. **Motion Carried, 5-0.**
2. The Board discussed possible Distinguished and Outstanding Service Award candidates, with the reminder that nominations are due December 19. The Board will select honorees at the January Board meeting.
3. The Board discussed procedures to select the student and adult representatives for the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference.
4. Omaha Northwest High School appealed the Executive Director's denied eight-semester ruling for Isaiah Reddick. Following a presentation of the evidence, those representing the student provided clarifying information and answers to Board members' questions. The hearing concluded with notification that the Board would take action on the appeal later in the meeting after discussing the matter further in executive session.
5. Omaha Central High School appealed the Executive Director's denied domicile hardship ruling for Sean McGary. Omaha Central High School requested a closed hearing. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Max Kroger, to enter a closed session at 10:15 a.m. **Motion Carried, 5-0.** The hearing concluded with notification that the Board would take action on the appeal later in the meeting after discussing the matter further in executive session. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Jay Bellar, to exit the closed session at 10:40 a.m. **Motion Carried, 5-0.**
6. Elba Public Schools Superintendent and Elba Public Schools Board of Education President appeared before the Board to address the matter of allowing an ineligible student to

- participate in a varsity basketball game after the school had exhausted all avenues for appealing the student's eligibility through the NSAA appeal process.
7. The Board discussed the unofficial enrollment figures for 2009-10 classification.
 8. The Board discussed Board Report topics for the January District Meetings.
 9. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Max Kroger, to set the dates for the 2011 December Moratorium as December 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. **Motion Carried, 5-0.**
 10. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Max Kroger, to extend the State Wrestling host agreement with the Qwest Center for 2010 and 2011. **Motion Carried, 5-0.**
 11. The Board heard a report on infractions and sanctions as imposed by the Executive Director. A number of head coaches have missed their first rules meeting and will be subject to even more stringent sanctions if a second rules meeting is missed. Boys Basketball: Cortney Couch, David City High School; Dennis Johnson, Franklin High School; Eric Kessler, Humphrey St. Francis High School; Thompson Herman, Maywood High School; and Joe Ogba, St. Peter Claver High School. Girls Basketball: Eric Williams, Lincoln North Star High School; Nicky White, McCool Junction High School; Kristy Mraz, St. Peter Claver High School; Jay Canning, Santee High School; Stephanie Wlaschin, Spalding High School; and Randy Pelster, Wheeler Central High School. Wrestling: Allen Blake, Heartland Lutheran High School; and Tanner Thiem, West Point Central Catholic High School.
 12. Executive Director Jim Tenopir reported that proposals would be accepted at the January Board meeting for hosting State Baseball, Play Production, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Boys Golf, and Girls Golf.
 13. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to enter executive session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss the job performance of the Executive Director and to discuss the evidence from the hearings. **Motion Carried, 5-0.** It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to exit executive session at 12:22 P.M. **Motion Carried, 5-0.**
 14. In open session, the Board further discussed the eight-semester hardship waiver for Omaha Northwest's Isaiah Reddick. Motioned by Max Kroger, seconded by Bob Reznicek, to authorize the Executive Director to approve a ninth and tenth semester of eligibility pending receipt of specific information. **Motion Carried, 5-0.**
 15. In open session, the Board further discussed the domicile hardship waiver for Omaha Central's Sean McGary. On a motion by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Jay Bellar, the Board determined that a bona fide domicile change had occurred in accordance with Bylaw 2.6.1.1. **Motion Carried, 5-0.**
 16. In open session, the Board further discussed Elba High School's use of an ineligible player in a varsity boys basketball game. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Dallas Waktins, to recommend that the Elba Board of Education issue an official reprimand to Superintendent/Activities Director Gary Klahn and that Elba High School be placed on probation for one calendar year, effective December 11, 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Control will be held in Lincoln on January 16, 2009.

Debra Velder, Associate Director