

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL**

The Board of Control met June 2, 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 liaison; Mark Norvell, Fillmore Central; Mike Purdy, NSIAAA; Laura Holmes; Lisa McNeel; Steve Johnsen, Nebraska Coaches Association; Ryle Jane Hambleton, Lincoln Journal Star; Activities Director Don Duitsman, Lincoln Lutheran Schools; Principal Matt Heibel, Lincoln Lutheran Schools; Peg Naylor, Omaha Public Schools; Vice Chairman Janya Mekelburg, College View Academy; and Mike Buck, College View Academy.

Chairman Kent Halley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. It was moved by Terry Kenealy, seconded by Max Kroger, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried, 6-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included approval of the amended Agenda; approval of the minutes of the April 2 and 3, 2009, Regular Board of Control meeting; approval of the minutes of the April 3, 2009, Representative Assembly; approval of the April 2009 Financial Statements; approval of cooperative sponsorship renewals for Loomis and Bertrand High Schools in wrestling; Bertrand and Loomis High Schools in boys and girls cross country; Ogallala and Paxton High Schools in wrestling, girls tennis, and boys golf; Chadron and Crawford High Schools in softball; Boone Central and Cedar Rapids high Schools in boys and girls cross country; Sandy Creek and Lawrence-Nelson High Schools in wrestling; Callaway and Arnold High Schools in boys golf; and Concordia and Roncalli Catholic High Schools in wrestling; and approval of new cooperative sponsorships for Wisner-Pilger and Bancroft-Rosalie High Schools in softball; Elgin and Pope John High Schools in wrestling, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track, and boys golf; Sandy Creek, Clay Center, and Lawrence-Nelson High Schools in boys and girls cross country; Pleasanton and Litchfield High Schools in wrestling; and Boone Central and Spalding High Schools in softball.
2. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Jay Bellar, to extend the awards agreement with Awards Unlimited for the 2009-10 school year. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
3. It was moved by Dallas Watkins; seconded by Terry Kenealy, to ratify the referendum vote by the schools on the proposals passed at the 2009 Representative Assembly. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
4. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Jay Bellar, to award a lodging services agreement to the Chase Suites for 2009-10 NSAA lodging needs in Lincoln. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
5. The Board discussed NSAA photography services submitted for consideration and granted the NSAA staff the authority to proceed with a recommendation.
6. The Board discussed reconsideration of the Approved Ruling to place all Class A schools in softball, volleyball, basketball, and soccer districts by serpentine and designation of district hosts, and no change was authorized at the current time.
7. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to modify Approved Ruling 3.2.8.6 to read, *"The organized practice rule shall be in effect during the school year until Memorial Day, except in the case of organized teams (e.g., Legion baseball, etc.). If a high school coach or other adult associated with the school program is also the coach and athletes of that non-school team, practice and competition involving the coach and athletes of that non-school team may begin at the conclusion of the state tournament of that activity or during Week 46 of the standardized calendar, whichever date is later."* **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
8. The Board discussed the organized practice rule issues relevant to swimming and diving.
9. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Max Kroger, to enter Executive Session at 10:45 a.m., to discuss legal concerns in regard to Sunday competition for private schools. **Motion Carried, 6-0.** It

was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Jay Bellar, to exit Executive Session at 11:29 a.m. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**

10. Lincoln Lutheran appeared before the Board to seek a waiver of Middle Level Bylaw 9.6.1 that states, "No school that is a member of the NSAA shall be permitted to engage in any interschool contest on Sunday." It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Terry Kenealy, to allow the waiver of Bylaw 9.6.1 with the understanding each situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis with local governing board authority. **Motion Carried, 4 For (I, IV, V, VI), 2 Against (II, III).**
11. The Board discussed further clarification of Middle Level Bylaws.
12. College View Academy appeared before the Board to request a variance to permit a waiver of Bylaw 3.3.9 for Sunday participation with respect to its involvement in the MAUC volleyball and basketball tournaments. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Max Kroger to allow the variance of Bylaw 3.3.9 for the 2009-10 school year. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
13. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Jay Bellar, to renew Catastrophic, Liability, and Tournament Play Insurance with Dissinger-Reed for the 2009-10 school year. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
14. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Dallas Watkins to designate East-West basketball engagements as one of the allowable tournaments permitted in the basketball contest limitations of 18 games plus two tournaments. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
15. It was moved by Bob Reznick, seconded by Max Kroger, to permit Omaha Roncalli Catholic to opt up to Class B in all activities except football for 2009-10. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
16. The Board discussed district music contest site and hosting issues.
17. It was moved by Terry Kenealy, seconded by Jay Bellar, to approve the following Eligibility Approved Ruling:

2.6.1 *The eligibility of a student is based on the domicile of the legal parent. A student, if eligible in all other respects, shall be eligible in the district where the legal parent has his or her bona fide domicile.*

Motion Carried, 6-0.
18. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to approve the following Eligibility Approved Ruling:

2.6.2.2 *If divorced or legally separated parents share joint custody of a child, the parent with whom the child lives immediately following the divorce or legal separation shall be defined as the legal parent for eligibility purposes. If the parents live in two different school districts and the child transfers to live with the other parent, the student shall be ineligible for ninety school days in the new school. In such situations, each transfer back and forth to different schools shall constitute a new ninety-school-day ineligibility period.*

Motion Carried, 6-0.
19. It was moved by Max Kroger, seconded by Jay Bellar, to approve the sportsmanship ejection sit-out requirement for wrestling to match NFHS rules which do not permit a wrestler to return to any competition during that tournament and the next contest at any level. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
20. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Max Kroger, to approve the following sportsmanship ejection sanctions:
 1. *Any participant ejected a second time during a season from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next two contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess.*
 2. *Any participant ejected a third time during a season from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible for the next three contests at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim, in addition to other penalties the NSAA or school may assess*
 3. *When schools have students or coaches with multiple ejections, the school shall submit to the NSAA a written management plan on how they plan to remediate the problem.*
 4. *If the ejection takes place in the final game of the season, the suspension will carry over to the following season.*
 5. *Coaches who are ejected will also be required to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship online course within 10 days of the ejection. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in a suspension from coaching for the remainder of the season. In those situations in which the ejection of the coach occurs near the end of the season or during the NSAA end-of-season play,*

the coach will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship online course before being able to coach the following season or year.

6. *Coaches who are ejected a second time in a season will be required to sit out the next two contests at that level, plus all other contests at other levels during the interim.*
7. *Any coach ejected a second time will also be required to successfully complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching online course within 10 days of the ejection. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in a suspension from coaching for the remainder of the season. In those situations in which the ejection of the coach occurs near the end of the season or during the NSAA end-of-season play, the coach will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching online course before being able to coach the following season or year.*
21. It was moved by Terry Kenealy, seconded by Jay Bellar, to approve the corporate sponsorship of the Sportsmanship Program by Farmers Group. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
22. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to approve the criteria for the Farmers School Sportsmanship Program. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
22. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Max Kroger, to approve the contract language change in the Executive Director's contract. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
23. Dr. Tenopir reported on infractions and the resulting sanctions against schools and individuals. Those infractions included the following: Omaha Burke High School, violation of football organized practice rule, school's internal sanctions accepted; Millard West High School, violation of baseball organized practice rule, school's internal sanctions accepted; Omaha Westside High School, student track violation of outside participation rule, school's sanction of student suspension for one contest accepted; and Lincoln East High School, violation of golf outside participation rule, one contest suspension for the student.
24. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Terry Kenealy, to deny Gordon-Rushville High School's request to exceed the per day match limit when participating in an out-of-state volleyball tournament. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
25. The Board recognized and complimented Kent Halley for his contributions to the NSAA during his year of service as the Chairman of the Board of Control.
26. The Board expressed appreciation to Dr. Tenopir and the NSAA staff for their efforts during this past year.

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

Debra Velder
Associate Director