

NSAA District III Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 - Noon

Northeast Community College, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk, NE

The NSAA District III meeting was called to order by District Three Chairman Jeff Bellar at 12:04 p.m. Mr. Bellar introduced the district managing committee and reviewed the agenda.

Roll call was held both physically as well as those schools attending virtually via Zoom with 51 member schools present and 4 absent. The voting representative for each school physically present at the meeting was given a clicker with the number assigned to each school.

Public comment was taken during the meeting on behalf of South Sioux City on the competitive balance committee proposal, and how the NDE hard count is not serving the students the way that it should be, and that several states around Nebraska already have something similar in place. Mr. Bellar thanked him for his time.

A motion was made by O'Neill, second by Battle Creek to approve the minutes of the November 2023 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Wisner Pilger, second by Wakefield, to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ballots were put out to for offices up for election. There was a motion from Norfolk Catholic, seconded by Wausa, to cease nominations and elect all candidates on the ballot. Motion carried by voice vote. Winners of the election included Brad Hoelsing- Secretary, alternate, Jeff Messersmith, Bloomfield. Representative Assembly Delegates Bob Hayes, Ponca & Corey Uldrich, Hartington-Newcastle and Rep Assembly Alternates Nate Larson and Ryon Nilson, Creighton.

Dr. Jon Cerny, Board of Director for District III, gave his report, focusing on tickets for Friday and Saturday night's state wrestling meet are at a premium, but to remind everyone that not everyone uses all the tickets allotted to them, so there will be tickets at the window the day of competition. Shot Clock-over 70 C & D schools have chosen to utilized them, and that spring classifications will be out soon and you have one week after classifications come out to decide if you want to opt up. Dr. Cerny gave a brief report on the Sports Medicine advisory committee. He also reminded everyone that speech judges appreciation week is January 8th through the 13th for speech officials. Dr. Cerny reminded everyone to get their nominations in for the Champions for Coaches award, given to those who go above and beyond for their students. He made a brief update on the new speech unified event (Unified Duet). Finally, Dr. Cerny gave a brief update on LB 575, the Sports and Spaces bill. He stated that if LB 575 passes, then the NSAA will have to amend their policies to reflect that statute. He wished everyone good luck on their winter and spring activities. Mr. Bellar thanked him for his time.

Mr. Jeff Johnson, NSAA representative, gave a report on NSAA upcoming events, as well as the Football scheduling will be released on February 7th. Mr. Johnson gave some information on Beyond the Mat, where students with special needs will be able to wrestle. Mr. Bellar thanked him for his time.

Jason Polk-Class Caucus committee, gave his report.

Nate Larson, O'Neill, representative from the Athletic directors' association, gave his report.

Greg Conn representative from the Nebraska Coaches Association, gave their report.

Motion by Rock County, second by Summerland, to consider all proposals submitted by the NSAA.
Motion carried by voice vote.

The results of the voting by proposal were:

Proposal #	Proposal Description	For	Against	Abstain
1	Home School Transfer Bylaws	51	0	0
2	New Bylaw 1.5.3.9 – Law Compliance	27	23	1
3	Classification in Schools Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country – 65 in Class A-B	40	5	6
4	Establish and Implement a Classification/Competitive Balance Committee	42	9	0
5	Organized Practice Rule	14	2	35
6	2 hour organized practice 10 weeks prior to start of season (all classes)	5	45	1
7	2 hour organized practice 10 week prior to start of season (Class A only)	20	6	25
8	Coaches and Sponsors	5	46	0
9	Dual Participation	29	22	0
10	Out of State Transfers	40	8	3
11	Addition of a new NSAA Championship Sport/Activity: Esports	0	49	2
12	Class C1 & C2 Sub-District/District Assignments (Boys and Girls Basketball Class C)	27	16	8
13	District Final Host in Basketball (Class C)	28	18	8
14	District Final Host in Boys Basketball (Class C)	25	19	7
15	District Final Host in Girls Basketball (Class C)	28	16	7
16	High Seed Advantage for District Finals Volleyball and Boys/Girls Basketball (Class C1-D2)	2	48	1
17	Utilization of the 35 second shot clock in Varsity contests for classes C1, C2, D1, D2 in the State of Nebraska	29	19	3
18	Utilization of the 35 second shot clock in Varsity contests CLASS C ONLY (both C1 & C2)	27	18	6
19	Utilization of the 35 second shot clock in Varsity contests CLASS C1 ONLY	23	19	9
20	Utilization of the 35 second shot clock in Varsity contests for classes D1, D2 in the State of Nebraska	25	22	4
21	Use of Student Managers at Basketball Practice (Class D)	30	16	5
22	Use of Student Managers at Basketball Practice (All Classes)	33	18	0
23	Junior High participants at High School Cross Country Practice	48	2	1
24	Class D - Football Bye Weeks	12	33	6

25	8 Man Football Eligibility Number (51) – Classification Structure and Playoffs.	37	9	5
26	8 Man Football Eligibility Number (55) – Classification Structure and Playoffs.	30	16	5
27	Football Classification (All Classes)	5	42	4
28	Class A Golf Districts	12	1	38
29	Weekly Participation in Interscholastic Play Production	6	43	2
30	Play Production Outstanding Acting Awards	44	6	1
31	Class C1 Softball Sub-District Assignments	17	1	33
32	Increasing baseball and softball offseason participation limits	18	5	28
33	Highest Seeded Team Hosting Baseball & Softball	21	1	29
34	Speech Final Round Tiebreaker Determination	45	1	5
35	Junior High Participants in High School Track Practice	50	0	1
36	Class C1 & C2 Sub-District/District Assignments	32	11	8
37	District Final Host in Volleyball (Class C)	40	4	7
38	Use of Student Managers at Volleyball Practice (Class D)	33	12	6
39	Use of Student Managers at Wrestling Practice (Class D)	32	12	7
40	NSAA Girls Wrestling Classification: Adding Class B	41	5	5

New & Other Business: There was no other business

With no other business to attend to there was a Motion by Verdigre, seconded by Bloomfield to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Bellar adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brad Hoelsing
Wausa Public Schools, District III Secretary

District 3 Results

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