NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION

Meeting Minutes March 15, 2023

The Classification Committee met on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Kearney High School. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Dr. Troy Unzicker, NSAA District 6 Board of Director, who chaired the meeting.

Committee members present were Dr. JJ Toczek, Lincoln Public Schools; Dr. Dana Wiseman, Sutton; Nick Wemhoff, Fort Calhoun; Chad Zimmerman, Millard Public Schools; Luke Ford, Elkhorn North; Jeff Squier, South Sioux City; Tracy Douglas, Hastings; Justin Anderson, Central City; and Craig Newcomb, Bertrand. Absent were Jon Davis, Alma; Jason Alexander, Beatrice; and Dr. Jon Cerny, Bancroft-Rosalie. Ex-officio members included NSAA Staff, Jay Bellar, Jennifer Schwartz, and Nate Neuhaus. Also in attendance were Wakefield Superintendent Matt Farup and Wakefield Athletic Director Matt Brenn.

Committee members reviewed the classification proposals voted on by the membership in January.

The committee discussed the Iowa High School Athletic Association new football classification process which factors in free/reduced lunch count numbers.

The committee heard a presentation from Wakefield and discussed the Colorado High School Activities Association appeals process concerning classification.

The committee reviewed the enrollment numbers to be used for 2023-24 classifications. Specifically, adjusting the number of schools in Class B to account for newly opened schools.

The committee discussed surveying the membership this spring to seek guidance on the direction of the committee.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

Jennifer Schwartz, Associate Director