

NORTHWEST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD

Minutes of February 28, 2011 University of Findlay, 4:30 p.m.

Note: The following minutes from the February NWDAB meeting have not been officially approved. The minutes will be officially approved by the NWDAB at the March meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by President Meister with the following members present: Mr. Axe, Mrs. Burden, Mr. Calver, Mr. Katafias, Mr. Kreinbrink, Mr. Meister and Mr. Richards. Mr. Hernandez arrived at 5:00 and Mr. Keller was excused to attend the District Boys' Bowling Championship. Also in attendance were Mr. Hanna, Treasurer and Mr. Palmer, Secretary.

1. Correspondence was shared as follows: Secretary Palmer shared correspondence from a Division IV basketball coach displeased with the Wednesday/Friday Sectional format as well as thanks expressed by Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass regarding his Naismith recognition through the NWDAB; multiple board members were contacted regarding bracketing confusion in boys basketball; Mr. Axe shared information regarding a possible baseball site in Napoleon.
2. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by *Keller/Richards (7-0)*.
3. Coaches' Association Representative Presentations
 - Volleyball—none present
 - Cross Country—Knickel, Carey and Brashear, Ottawa Hills—expressed appreciation for the consideration and work put into cross country team assignments.
 - Girls' Tennis—Seiler, Sandusky and LaFountain, Oak Harbor—discussed potential changes to district site & seeding procedures.
 - Soccer—Czubik, Kalida—shared some concerns with sites currently in use and offered potential new sites.
 - Golf—Heitkamp, Van Buren and Grant, Findlay—shared data collected from NW golf coaches through their surveys. Discussed concerns about representation at state level as well.
4. The minutes from the January meeting were approved on a motion by *Burden/Richards (7-0)*.
5. Mr. Hanna provided a financial report showing a current balance of \$163,494.63. Current expenses of \$14,910.5, not including a potential charge for gymnastics equipment, were approved on a motion by *Calver/Katafias (7-0)*.
6. Informational Items
 - State Board of Directors Report – none
 - District Review Committee Report – Mr. Richards shared some information from this group as well as some recommendations from the Finance Committee related to expenses.

Mr. Richards departed at 6:45 for school business
7. Old Business
 - The board unanimously approved (*Axe/Hernandez 7-0*) the list of award winners for the Robert “Mac” Morrison Lifetime Achievement Awards as well as the Print and Broadcast Media Service Awards as follows:
 - Morrison Awards—Bernie Seiler, Sandusky HS and Katie Horstman
 - Print Media—Jaime Baker, The Findlay Courier
 - Broadcast Media—Andy Lynch, WTLW

- Dual use of Spring Tournament sites in baseball were discussed with the consensus being to leave as requested with the coordinators advising the site(s) to be sure to accommodate bad weather as much as possible.

8. New Business

- The board reviewed Winter Tournament Operations and plans for Spring Tournaments with the following recommendations:
 - revisit a Calamity Policy in a possible summer work session.
 - Mr. Axe will address the “play in the order of brackets” issue as it relates to baseball at the Managers’ Meeting.
 - discussion of baseball/softball brackets led to a decision that the top of each bracket would be designated as the home team up to the District Final, where a coin toss would determine the home team.
 - Mr. Axe shared details relating to changes in the District Gymnastics venue.
- It was determined to hold the March Board meeting in Columbus at the State Boys’ Basketball Championships on March 26 at 8:00 at the Double Tree Inn. The April 25 meeting will return to the University of Findlay, with an invitation extended to the NW-OIAAA Executive Committee.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 on a motion by *Burden/Katafias*.

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

Week of March 1, 2011
Boys’ Basketball Sectional
Girls’ Basketball District

March 3-5, 2011
State Wrestling

March 4-5, 2011
State Bowling
State Gymnastics

Week of March 8, 2011
Boys’ Basketball District
Girls’ Basketball Regional

Week of March 15, 2011
Boys’ Basketball Regional

March 17-19, 2011
Girls’ Basketball State

March 24-26, 2011
Boys’ Basketball State
NWDAB Meeting, Double Tree Inn, Worthington