

NORTHWEST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD

Minutes of January 26, 2009

University of Findlay, 4:00 p.m.

Note: The following minutes from the January 26, 2009 NWDAB meeting have not been officially approved. The minutes will be officially approved by the NWDAB at the February meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Meister with the following members present: Mrs. Burden, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Katafias, Mr. Keller, Mr. Meister, Mr. Richards and Mr. Snyder. Mr. Axe arrived shortly after roll call, Mr. Calver was excused. Also in attendance were Mr. Hanna, Treasurer and Mr. Palmer, Secretary and DOC Secretary Jim Oberlander. Finally, Dr. Dan Ross, OHSAA Commissioner was welcomed by the board.

1. Correspondence

- Mr. Snyder shared concerns regarding the coaches' training program and related costs, Mr. Richards shared correspondence regarding the DAB's access to information regarding assignment of officials to tournament contests when they may not have met the minimum game requirements, President Meister shared communication of concerns regarding sites and assignments in basketball.

2. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by *Snyder/Keller (8-0)*

3. The minutes of the December meeting were approved 8-0 on a motion by *Richards/Burden/*.

4. Dr. Ross covered several items from his agenda in a presentation to the board. Items discussed included upcoming district board and board of director elections, a review of Board of Director committees and their work to date, a lengthy discussion of the proposed end of season/summer non-interscholastic language under consideration by the board of directors and the coaches' education program and potential cost savings to schools who have a trained trainer. Dr. Ross also shared potential referendum items for spring voting, approximately May 1-15 and that reclassifications based upon October 2008 should be completed soon.

5. The financial report, as presented by Mr. Hanna, reflecting a checking account balance of \$107,923.54 and a DOC balance of \$23,598.48 along with payment of current expenses, along with the purchase of tournament tickets (\$2000) were approved unanimously on a motion by *Burden/Axe (8-0)*. The board's balance is now down approximately \$3900 compared to 2007.

Based on a motion by *Snyder/Hernandez (8-0)* it was decided that Treasurer Hanna will begin a set-aside account for future expenses by depositing \$1500 each sport season.

Mr. Katafias departed for school business at 6:30.

6. Informational Items

- Board of Directors—Mr. Richards deferred to Dr. Ross' previous presentation.
- District Review Committee—Mr. Axe requested the board move to executive session in order to discuss personnel.
- DOC—Mr. Oberlander had nothing to report at this time.
- Discussion of Winter Managers' Meeting—Mr. Meister led a final review of plans for the upcoming Winter Tournament Managers' Meeting. Mr. Axe shared his interest in the consideration of a "certified tournament manager" status. This discussion led to some interesting thoughts shared by all, including the potential of again providing meals at the managers' meetings. No decisions were made at this time.

- Royal Publishing Program Pricing—the board set the winter tournament program price at \$1.
- Secretary Palmer led a review of Winter Seed/Draw coverage for boys' & girls' basketball as well as wrestling. The District Trophy Presentation Schedule was also confirmed.
- Adjustments were made to the 2008-09 NWDAB Calendar and posted to the website.

7. Old Business

- Mr. Snyder reviewed timelines and other information relating to the Robert “Mac” Morrison Lifetime Achievement Award and the Media Awards presented annually by the NWDAB.
- It was determined to hold a Winter Work Session on February 7 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Café Marie’s in Findlay. The work session agenda was set to include DOC restructuring, standardization of tournament worker costs and a policy on changes to tournament game times.
- On a motion by *Richards/Keller (7-0)* the move of the 2009 Gymnastics District tournament to Toledo’s SeaGate Center was approved.

8. New Business

- President Meister confirmed preliminary approval of Spring Sites as presented, with the sites to be contacted for final approval.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Upcoming Important Dates and Meetings:

February 1

Girls’ Basketball Seed Meetings

February 8

Boys’ Basketball Seed Meetings

February 19

Wrestling Sectional Seeding Meetings

February 23

NWDAB Meeting

Fall Coaches’ Association Representatives