

# NORTHWEST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD

## Minutes of May 20, 2009

### University of Findlay, 4:00 p.m.

**Note: The following minutes from the May 20, 2009 NWDAB meeting have not been officially approved. The minutes will be officially approved by the NWDAB at the August meeting.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Meister with the following members present: Mr. Axe, Mrs. Burden, Mr. Calver, Mr. Katafias, Mr. Keller, Mr. Meister, Mr. Richards and Mr. Snyder. Also in attendance were Mr. Hanna, Treasurer and Mr. Palmer, Secretary, NW-OIAAA Representative John Brueggemeier, and DOC Secretary Jim Oberlander.

Mr. Hernandez arrived shortly after the meeting started.

- Correspondence
  - Mr. Snyder shared concerns regarding basketball tournament operations and requested clarification of procedures for baseball/softball tournament cancellations—this was to be further discussed at work session. Mr. Meister shared concerns of softball tournament cancellation PRIOR to the day of the contest. Mr. Palmer shared a Thank You card from Mr. Richard Krauss for the development of the Krauss Scholar-Athlete Award to be given to the highest point total of NWDAB Scholar Athletes.
- The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by *Richards/Snyder (8-0)*
- The minutes of the April meeting were approved 8-0 on a motion by *Burden/Keller (8-0)*.
- The financial report, as presented by Mr. Hanna, reflecting a checking account balance of \$140,844.73 and a DOC balance of \$20,177 along with payment of current expenses were approved unanimously on a motion by *Katafias/Axe (8-0)*. The board's balance is now up approximately \$34,000 compared to 2008. The final budget was also approved. The purchase of gifts for District Scholar-Athletes was approved at approximately \$100 each on a motion by *Snyder/Calver (9-0)*
- Informational Items
  - State Board of Directors Report – Mr. Richards shared information relating to the approval of soccer, tennis and volleyball representations, while cross country and golf were put on hold. The Grand Lakes Officials' Association was approved by the Board of Directors. Also shared were requests from the basketball coaches' association for individual instruction period, Friday start of practice and the addition of two more games. Evaluation tools for DAB secretary and treasurer were also discussed.
  - District Review Committee Report – Mr. Axe shared the need to evaluate operations of sectional/district tournaments statewide, a recommendation that the DRC Chair come directly from the Board of Directors and the DRC agenda should be developed by the BOD President and Commissioner.
  - DOC Report – Mr. Oberlander shared dates for 2009-2010 DOC Meetings as follows: Fall—11/9/09; Winter—2/9/10; Spring—4/12/10. All meetings at 6:00 p.m. in UF Endly Room.
  - Winter Sport Coaches' Association Representatives:
    - Gymnastics—T. Dunn, Findlay HS. *Overall pleased with results of this format held in conjunction with Frog Town Invitational.*
    - Basketball—J. Rucki, Findlay HS and D Shoemaker, Northview. *Concerns with tournament official assignment process. Tournament site concerns. Concern with*

*district tournament at site of City League championships, suggest move to BG for Division I. Concern with common draw dates & conflicts for schools.*

- Swim/Dive—A. Sorg, Oak Harbor and J. Wobser, Findlay. *Concerns with Division II District issues for space/seating, etc. Possible solution of decreasing number of advancing relays. Parallel of state format suggested for Sectional/district formats.*
  - Wrestling—No Representative Present. *Concern with site and DI going to NE for District without NW officials—would like similar representation*
  - Bowling—No Representative Present
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- Mr. Katafias made a motion to end the contract with Royal Publishing for the 2009-10 school year. Motion died for lack of a second.
  - On a motion by *Hernandez/Keller (8-1)* it was approved to enter into a contract with Royal Publishing for the 2009-10 school year for no less than \$8000.
  - The meeting adjourned at 6:50 *Calver/Katafias*

- Old Business
  - Secretary Palmer requested sport coordinators to provide him with forms they wish to have posted on the [www.nwdab.org](http://www.nwdab.org) Forms page.
- New Business
  - Mr. Katafias requested a discussion of a possible format change to the volleyball and softball district tournaments. The discussion included many pros and cons to the various formats. Action was tabled at this time.
  - Secretary Palmer shared with board information related to the Board of Director decisions on upcoming classification changes.
    - **Fall Sports — May 7 Board of Directors Meeting**
    - **Winter Sports — June 11 Board of Directors Meeting**
    - **Spring Sports — August 6 Board of Directors Meeting**
  - Common draw dates, as approved by the Board of Directors will be as follows:
    - **Fall**
      - Golf -- Sept. 20 Girls Tennis --Sept. 27 Soccer, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Cross Country --Oct. 11
    - **Winter**
      - Swimming & Diving --Jan. 24 Wrestling, Gymnastics, Bowling -- Jan. 31 Girls Basketball -- Feb. 7 Ice Hockey -- Feb. 10 Boys Basketball -- Feb. 14
    - **Spring**
      - Softball, Baseball, Boys Tennis -- May 2 Track & Field -- May 9
- Discussion of schedule for new classification of schools:
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- Discussion of 2009-10 Common Draw Dates
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The board directed Secretary Palmer to pursue dates for Managers' Meetings two to three weeks prior to each season's announced draw dates.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. on a motion by *Burden/Calver* (9-0)

***Upcoming Dates of Importance:***

**April 30, 2009 10 a.m.**

NW District Administrators' Meeting The Centre at Bluffton

**May 3, 2009 2 p.m.**

Softball/Baseball Seed Meetings

**May 18, 2009, 3 p.m.**

NWDAB Meeting Coaches' Association Representatives