

NORTHWEST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD

Minutes of February 23, 2009

University of Findlay, 4:00 p.m.

Note: The following minutes from the February 23, 2009 NWDAB meeting have been officially approved. The minutes were officially amended and approved by the NWDAB at the March 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. Hernandez, Mr. Katafias, Mr. Keller, Mr. Meister and Mr. Snyder. Mr. Richards was excused. Also in attendance were Mr. Hanna, Treasurer and Mr. Palmer, Secretary, Mr. Brueggemeier, NW-OIAAA Representative and DOC Secretary Jim Oberlander.

1. Correspondence

- ⑩ Mr. Katafias and Mr. Keller shared correspondence received regarding soccer officiating; Mr. Palmer shared a Division I wrestling format suggestion and an invitation from the NWOIAAA to attend their Fall Conference on 9/16/09 at Camden Falls, Tiffin. Mr. Katafias forwarded correspondence from a baseball umpire to the DOC.

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

3. The minutes of the January meeting were amended to indicate Mr. Brueggemeier's absence from the meeting and then were approved 8-0 on a motion by *Axe/Katafias*.

4. The financial report, as presented by Mr. Hanna, reflecting a checking account balance of \$99,765.63 and a DOC balance of \$22,405.07 and the payment of current expenses were approved unanimously on a motion by *Keller/Calver (8-0)*. Treasurer Hanna also informed the Board of the NW Scholar-Athlete Banquet on Tuesday, June 23 at the University of Findlay.

5. Informational Items

⑩ Fall Coaches' Association Representatives:

- **Volleyball**—Mark Williams, Scott Mattera and Tim Baumberger expressed Division III/IV concerns of NOT cross-bracketing tournaments at the district level. Would prefer super-sectional format. They approved of all sites used and expressed a request that regional qualifier tickets be provided to the district site to eliminate the need for a regional meeting. Later a concern was expressed on a site.
- **Cross Country**—John Knickel, Carey and John Brashear, Ottawa Hills. Noted no major concerns coming from CC coaches other than the split assignments of boys'/girls' teams at regional level. They approve of a suggested "combined classification" method to eliminate this.
- **Soccer**—John Orzco, Mike Wiehrauch, O-G. Expressed some concern with site selection and the use of super-sectional format.
- **Golf**—Eric Heitkamp, Van Buren and Scott Grant, Findlay. Coaches expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Board to further enhance tournament operations. Provided a packet of suggestions for the Board's review and consideration.
- **Girls' Tennis**—Bernie Seiler, Sandusky. Reviewed the plans for next year--Sandusky to host Division I on Thursday and PC to host Division II on Wednesday. Expressed concern about Division I only qualifying two to advance and discussed the Division I Golf format as a possible solution to consider.
- Board of Directors—Mr. Richards was absent.
- District Review Committee—Mr. Axe thanked the Board for their contributions regarding DOC reorganization during the February Work Session. He anticipates further discussion on this topic at the State Basketball All-Districts' Meeting.
- DOC—Mr. Oberlander thanked Board members for their attendance at the DOC Meeting. Letters have been sent to officials on the suspension list, next DOC Meeting is April 15 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Spring Principals' Meeting was revisited and a decision made to host this year's meeting in conjunction with an OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meeting on April 30 at The Centre at Bluffton beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the

Discussion Meeting. Lunch will follow the Discussion Meeting and then the Annual Administrator Meeting will be held. Awards will also be presented to the Media and the Mac Morrison Lifetime Achievement winners at this time.

- The Spring Tournament Managers' Meeting will be held on April 15 at the Findlay High School Cafeteria beginning at 4:45.
- A discussion of a possible NWDAB Policy regarding practices at tournament sites was tabled. A discussion on post-draw changes to contest times resulted in the following:
 - ■ ***Once the time and date of a tournament contest are announced and bracketed, any changes to the time/date of the contest MUST be made in consultation with the NWDAB Sport Coordinator. (Burden/Calver 8-0)***
- 6. Old Business
 - The Spring Tournament Sites were approved as presented, with the coordinators having permission to make necessary changes due to site conflicts. *Snyder/Keller 8-0*
 - Mr. Snyder led a discussion of the Mac Morrison Lifetime Achievement Award. Media Award Winners were approved as Chuck Ridenour, Print Media and Dan Cummins, Broadcast Media. *(Hernandez/Keller 8-0)*
- 7. New Business
 - Selection of OHSAA Board of Directors Representative—Mr. Meister declined nomination and Mr. Keller was unanimously approved 8-0
 - The Board commended Secretary Palmer for his work with the myOHSAA system during the Winter Tournaments.
- 8. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:40 on a motion by *Burden/Hernandez* 8-0

Upcoming Important Dates and Meetings:

State Boys' Basketball Tournament March 26-28

April 15, 4:45 Spring Tournament Managers' Meeting Findlay HS Cafeteria

April 27, 4:00 NWDAB Meeting

April 30, 10:00 a.m. Spring Administrator Meeting/OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meeting