

## **MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SYNOPSIS**

*Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430-1735*

#### **WELCOME**

- Board President Tom Graupmann welcomed new board member, Dr. Joel Boyd, a Governor Appointee.

#### **REFLECTION**

- Shared by Board Member Emmett Keenan

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Approved by voice vote

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Oct. 16, 2016 were approved by a voice vote

#### **INDIVIDUALS OR DELEGATIONS**

- Pat Barrett, representing the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association and speaking on behalf of the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association, shared there is outstate support for consolation play in the boys and girls basketball state tournaments.
- Troy Stein, Edina High School Activities Director, encouraged the board to continue its emphasis on ensuring football safety.

#### **LOBBYIST REPORT**

- Roger Aronson shared the Legislature will convene in early January. He shared that Sen. Carla J. Nelson, Rochester (Finance) and Sen. Eric Pratt, Prior Lake (Education Policy) will be the new chairs of those committees.

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

- Legal Counsel Patrick Kelly reported one pending case has been dismissed, and another lawsuit has been dismissed.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Executive Director Dave Stead attended an awards program in Region 1A and praised the event.

- The Let's Connect Conference of Midwest state associations is January 5-6 in Chicago. The conference emphasizes education, marketing, communications and technology.
- Shared a special thank you to League Lobbyist Roger Aronson for his work in including the MSHSL in the stadium legislation to build U.S. Bank Stadium.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Approved Southwest Christian Academy to co-op with Holy Family Catholic for junior varsity and ninth-grade football only.
- Approved one additional baseball game for Madelia and an additional lacrosse game for Rocori.
- Approved a request by Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf to have three to four students play in a girls' basketball tournament in Arkansas.
- Approved Mankato Loyola to play Class Nine-Man football in 2017 for the regular season only.
- Approved that Lake City may play a lower-level football game on Wednesday of the third week of the season in 2017.
- Approved the St. Paul Hockey co-ops, Highland/Central and Johnson/Como Park/Open World to play in Class A.
- Approved an opt-up request for Minnesota Online School in boys swimming to Class AA.
- Addressed a request for varsity eligibility for foreign students attending school on an F1 visa because they do not meet the requirements set by member schools as identified in Bylaw 111.
- Executive Committee report was approved by voice vote.

## ACTION ITEMS

- **Constitutional Amendment:** The Amendment to provide a guaranteed position on the MSHSL Board of Directors for school superintendents failed after the quorum in a mail ballot was not reached.
- **Basketball Consolation Games:** The board voted to approve consolation play for the girls and boys basketball state tournaments beginning in the 2016-17 season on a two-year trial basis.
- **Heads Up Football:** The board voted to approve support for USA Football's Heads Up Football Program that is designed to promote a better, safer game.
- **Baseball Pitch Count Policy:** The board voted to approve a policy that implements a pitch-count in baseball, effective with the 2017 season.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Cooperative Sponsorships:** The board discussed potential changes for policy on Cooperative Sponsorships of an activity by two or more member schools as it relates to Bylaw 403. The Executive Committee recommends calling a special session of the Representative Assembly on Jan. 26, 2017 to discuss a change in how enrollments will be determined for placement into competitive sections. The board voted to approve the special session of the Representative Assembly.
- **Representative Assembly Amendments:** Amendments offered by member schools for consideration have been sent to the regions for further discussion. If supported, the amendments will be forwarded to the Representative Assembly for consideration in May.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Eligibility Committee:** The Eligibility Committee minutes were approved as submitted.
- **Audit/Finance Committee:** The September 2016 and October 2016 financial reports were approved as presented.
- **Marketing and Communications Committee:** A review of the marketing and promotion of events held at U.S. Bank Stadium was shared. An update on corporate sponsorships was also provided.
- **Technology/Coaches and Officials Education Committee:** Information was shared on the League's online media credential system, an automated process for swimming entries, and officials' mentoring. Included in the report was a recommendation to approve language in the instant replay protocol for basketball and hockey. After the report was approved, a motion was made, and approved, to implement the instant replay for the state tournaments, beginning in 2017.

## INFORMATION ITEM

- The next Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017 at the League Office in Brooklyn Center.