

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL**

The Board of Control met October 9, 2009, at the Association Office, Lincoln, Nebraska, with members present as follows.

District I -- Mark Norvell, Fillmore Central
District II -- Dr. Bob Reznicek, Omaha Westside
District III -- Jay Bellar, Battle Creek
District IV -- Max Kroger, Ord
District V -- Dr. Dallas Watkins, Dundy County-Stratton
District VI -- Kent Halley, Mitchell

Rick Moses, Nebraska Department of Education liaison; Steve Johnsen, Nebraska Coaches Association; Kurt Micek, Micek and Crouch, P.C.; Dr. Peg Naylor, Omaha Public Schools; Father Troy Schweiger, Superintendent, Hastings St. Cecilia High School and parents Dan and Beth Small were also in attendance.

Chairman Max Kroger called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Mark Norvell, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Motion Carried, 6-0. Items included in the Consent Agenda were approval of the following: the agenda for the meeting as presented; minutes of the September 18, 2009 meeting; the October 2, 2009 special meeting; the October 6, 2009 Middle Level Advisory Committee, the September 2009 financial report; a new cooperative sponsorship for Omaha Roncalli Catholic, Omaha Brownell-Talbot, and Concordia High Schools for baseball and boys soccer; a new cooperative sponsorship for Verdigre and Niobrara High Schools for football, volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track and boys golf; a cooperative sponsorship renewal for Rock County and Keya Paha high Schools for football, volleyball, wrestling, boys and girls basketball boys and girls track and boys golf; and a cooperative sponsorship renewal for Louisville and Weeping Water High Schools for softball.
2. It was moved by Mark Novell, seconded by Kent Halley, to approve the audit report, the financial statement, and the presentation of IRS Form 990 by Micek & Crouch, P.C. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**
3. The Board discussed upcoming NSAA District Meetings, elections and legislative proposals.
4. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Jay Bellar, to approve the following Approved Ruling in regard to Baseball contests:
Permissible Contest. Teams playing baseball shall be allowed to schedule the following events:
Single Game – two schools playing one game on one day.
Double Header – two schools playing two games on one day.
Triangular – three schools playing two pre-determined contests in one day.
Double-Dual – four schools playing two pre-determined contests or two of the other schools in one day.
Tournament – 4 or more teams where winners continue to advance or compete until a champion is determined (straight bracket or pool play with championship criteria).
Daily Contest Limit. No member school shall play more than two baseball games in one day.
Rescheduled Events. Rescheduling regular season or postponed varsity competition in all sports after subdistrict, district or state competition begins is prohibited.
Baseball Tournaments – All games in four-team baseball tournaments must be played within two consecutive days. Eight-team bracketed tournament must be played within three consecutive days. Pool-play tournaments shall be played over two consecutive days. Pool-play shall take place the first day with place vs. place competition from each pool taking place (i.e., 1st place pool A vs. first place in pool B; second place in pool A vs. second place in pool B, etc.) on the second day. The only exception to the consecutive day period shall be when weather forces postponement of one or more contests in that tournament.
Motion Carried, 6-0.

5. The Board discussed issues brought forth by the Middle School Advisory Committee. It was moved by Mark Norvell, seconded by Max Kroger, to approve the following Approved Rulings in regard to Middle Level Activities:
 - 9.6.1 *A middle level school that has been participating in Sunday competition in the past and whose governing board permits Sunday competition may petition the NSAA for approval for that school to engage in Sunday competition.*
 - 9.2.4 *The term of office shall be three years and shall commence on August 1 succeeding the date of election. An alternate member of the Advisory committee for Middle Level Activities shall be chosen in each district to succeed to membership on the Advisory Committee for Middle Level Activities in case of a vacancy in the district represented. The alternate member shall serve as the member of the Advisory committee for Middle Level Activities of the district represented in all interschool controversies in which the member from that district has a special or personal interest. (Approved Ruling 9.2.4 to become effective with the January 2011 elections.)*
Motion Carried, 6-0.
6. The Board discussed H1N1 Flu issues and the potential impact on State Championships.
7. Hastings St. Cecilia High School appealed the Executive Director's denied domicile hardship ruling for Zachary Small. Following a presentation of the evidence, those representing the student provided clarifying information and answers to Board members' questions.
8. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Kent Halley, to approve the following Approved Ruling in regard to the enforcement of Copyright Laws in Music:
For all District Music Contest performances, judges presented with or observing photocopied sheet music without required permissive documentation shall deem the music illegally copied and shall not allow the performance to begin, continue, or be critiqued and rated.
Motion Carried, 6-0.
9. The Board heard a report on infractions by member schools that resulted in sanctions. Omaha Mercy High School was in violation of the outside participation rule by two softball players, a one-game suspension was issued to each player; and Alliance High School was in violation of the outside participation rule by a girl's cross country runner, a one-meet suspension was issued.
10. It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Max Kroger, to enter executive session at 10:51 a.m. to further discuss evidence from the hardship hearing. **Motion Carried, 6-0.** It was moved by Bob Reznicek, seconded by Kent Halley, to exit executive session at 11:02 a.m.
11. In open session, the Board further addressed the domicile hardship waiver for Hastings St. Cecilia's Zachary Small. On a motion by Mark Norvell, seconded by Jay Bellar, the Board adopted findings of fact and determination to uphold the Executive Director's ineligibility ruling. **Motion Carried, 6-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Control is November 12, 2009.

Debra Velder, Associate Director