

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

The Board of Directors met September 16, 2011, at the Association Office, Lincoln, Nebraska, with members present as follows.

District I	--	Mark Norvell, Fillmore Central
District I	--	Wendy Henrichs, Lincoln East
District II	--	Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town
District II	--	Dr. Jerry Bartee, Omaha Public Schools
District III	--	Jay Bellar, Battle Creek
District IV	--	Dr. Brian Maher, Kearney
District V	--	Dr. Dallas Watkins, Dundy County-Stratton
District VI	--	Kent Halley, Mitchell

Also in attendance were Rick Moses, Nebraska Department of Education liaison; Activities Director Larry Schreiber, Nebraska Christian High School; parent Mike Royle; Activities Director Danny Malone, Fillmore Central High School; Bob Danenhauer, Omaha Public Schools; Athletic Director Chris Loofe, Omaha Bryan High School; great-grandmother Malva Taylor; grandmother Carla White, student Marquise Tatum-Youngblood.

Chairman Mark Norvell called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Brian Maher was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

1. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Kent Halley, to approve the agenda as presented and amended. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
2. It was moved by Jerry Bartee, seconded by Wendy Henrichs, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried, 7-0.** Consent Agenda items included approval of the Minutes of the August 23, 2011, Regular Board of Directors Meeting; approval of the August 25, 2011, Telephonic Board of Directors Meeting; approval of the August 2011 financial statements; and approval of a new cooperative sponsorship for Litchfield and Ansley High Schools for football; Chambers and Wheeler Central High Schools for football; and approval of a cooperative sponsorship renewal for Chambers and Wheeler Central High Schools for volleyball, girls cross country; boys basketball; girls basketball; boys track, girls track and boys golf; and Ansley and Arcadia High Schools for wrestling.
3. It was moved by Jerry Bartee, seconded by Jay Bellar, to approve the following language in conjunction with Approved Ruling 2.7.8.3, "Unless there is a bona fide change of domicile by the legal parent, a student may transfer only one time to a different schools under the March 15 transfer deadline. *A student's name may only be entered on one school's March 15th transfer list.*" **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
4. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Jerry Bartee, to approve the following language in conjunction with Approved Ruling 7.7.2, "Original sheet music which is obtained on-line as a downloaded and printed purchase *or is in the public domain* is authorized for NSAA contest and festival performance. This music must include information printed on the sheet music, receipt *or accompanying document which confirms* the identification of the seller, the number of copies purchased *or the public domain status*. Unauthorized photocopying of sheet music obtained on-line is a violation of United States Federal copyright law. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
5. It was moved by Kent Halley, seconded by Jay Bellar, to permit the Concordia boys basketball team to travel on December 27, 2011, the last date of the Moratorium, to participate in the Branken Christian Holiday Tournament in San Antonio, Texas; and the Concordia girls basketball team to travel on December 27, 2011, the last date of the Moratorium, to participate in the Rock Holiday Classic in Orlando, Florida pending completion of the NFHS sanction process and the NSAA 600-mile waiver. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**

6. It was moved by Kent Halley, seconded by Bob Reznicek, to approve the winter activities manuals. **Motion Carried, 7-0.**
7. Dr. Brian Maher joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m.
8. Nebraska Christian High School appealed the Executive Director's denied domicile hardship ruling for James Royle. Following a presentation of the evidence, those representing the student provided clarifying information and answers to Board members' questions. The determination was made that the student was eligible and that an appeal was not needed.
9. Fillmore Central High School appealed the Executive Director's denied transfer hardship ruling for Monika Root. Following a presentation of the evidence, those representing the student provided clarifying information and answers to Board members' questions.
10. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Kent Halley, to enter closed session at the request of the hearing party for a closed hearing at 1:40 p.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
11. Omaha Bryan High School appealed the Executive Director's denied eight-semester ruling for Marquise Tatum-Youngblood. Following a presentation of the evidence, those representing the student provided clarifying information and answers to Board members' questions.
12. The Board exited the closed hearing at 2:30 p.m.
13. The Board heard a report on infractions by member schools that resulted in sanctions. Columbus Lakeview High School, violation of an NSAA Athletic Bylaw, the Executive Directors sanction was accepted; Gretna High Schools violation of an NSAA Athletic Bylaw, the Executive Directors' sanction was accepted; Lincoln Southwest High Schools violation of an NSAA Athletic Bylaw, the Executive Director's sanction was accepted; Superior High Schools volleyball coach fine and failure to attend/view the rules interpretation meeting; and Fairbury High Schools violation of NSAA Athletic Bylaw, the Executive Director's sanction was accepted.
14. In open session, the Board further addressed the domicile hardship ruling for Monika Root. On a motion by Jay Bellar, seconded by Jerry Bartee, the Board upheld the Executive Director's ineligibility ruling. **Motion Carried, 7 For** (Henrichs, Reznicek, Bartee, Bellar, Maher, Watkins, Halley), **1 Abstention** (Norvell).
15. In open session, the Board further addressed the eight-semester hardship ruling for Marquise Tatum-Youngblood. It was moved by Brian Maher, seconded by Bob Reznicek, to overturn the Executive Director's ruling and grant Marquise Tatem-Youngblood eligibility for the 2011-12 school year. **Motion Failed, 3 For** (Norvell, Reznicek, Maher) **4 Against** (Henrichs, Bellar, Watkins, Halley) **1 Abstention** (Bartee).
16. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Wendy Henrichs, to overturn the Executive Director's ruling and grant Marquise Tatum-Youngblood one additional semester of eligibility for the 2011-12 school year. **Motion Carried, 6 For** (Henrichs, Reznicek, Bellar, Maher, Watkins, Halley) **1 Against** (Norvell) **1 Abstention** (Bartee)
17. The Board expressed concern and discussed the intent and future direction of the December Moratorium.
18. It was moved by Kent Halley, seconded by Jay Bellar to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues at 2:55 p.m. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
19. The Board exited closed session at 3:15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Lincoln on Friday, October 7, 2011.

Debra Velder, Associate Director