

# KPSAA General Board Meeting Minutes

## KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 8, 2021

10am-12pm

Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

### I. Call to Order

10:04

### II. Roll Call

Name	Title / Role	Present Y/N
Dan Beck	President / Middle School Representative (2021)	Y
Dan Carstens	Vice President / Secondary Administrator (2022)	Y
Kari Dendurent	KPSAA Executive Secretary	Y
Jeff Ambrosier	Secretary / K-12 Schools Representative (2022)	Y
Mike Illg	Board of Education Representative	Y
Teala Lund	Parent Representative (2023)	N (excused)
Kyle McFall	Activities Representative (2022)	Y
Al Plan	Representative at Large (2022)	Y-10:45
Jesse Settlemyer	High School Representative (2021)	Y
Bill Withrow	Elementary School Representative (2021)	Y
Mary Blossom	Admin. Secretary (non-voting)	Y

A. Guest Attendees: None

### III. Approval of February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jeff Ambrosier

Second: Kyle McFall

Amendments: None

Motion carried, Unanimous

### IV. Approval of April 8, 2021 Agenda

Motion: Jeff Ambrosier

Second: Dan Carstens

Amendments: Add J. to Executive Secretary Report/Communications – FFA, Skills USA and Educators Rising update

Motion carried, Unanimous

### V. Executive Secretary Report/Communications

A. Approval of Seward High School to submit a waiver to ASAA to allow 100% remote learner athlete to co-op with KCHS to play Boys Soccer

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- B. Approval to add STEAM Program (3D Printing Class) at Fireweed Academy for their academic stipend
- C. Approval to add a Range 4 Assistant Track & Field coach at Kenai Middle with 710 funding
- D. Approval to add a Range 9 Assistant Track & Field coach at Soldotna High with 710 funding
- E. Approval to add a Range 9 Assistant Girls Soccer coach at Nikiski Middle/High
- F. Received communication from Ninilchik on their intent to petition ASAA to opt up to 2A for Boys and Girls Basketball. This would fall in line with Volleyball, which already competes at the 2A level. If permission is granted from Region II, the reclassification would last for two years. (Jeff reported the petition was supported unanimously by Region II and will go to the ASAA board for approval.)
- G. Approval of stipends for HS Honor Choir Coordinator (Kyle Schneider) and HS Honor/Mass Band Coordinator (Eric Simonsen) to conduct Spring 2021 District Honor Band and Vocal Solo/Ensembles
- H. Approval of Varsity Cheerleading Camp at KCHS, July 22-25, 2021
- I. Stipend review with HR June 2021; this analysis review will be looking at athletic, club and academic stipends at elementary, middle and high schools for uniformity and consistency.
- J. FFA, SkillsUSA and Educators Rising update. Kari reported that going forward, the CTE stipends for these programs (through Matt Widaman, Work Experience & Work Force Coordinator) will be following negotiated agreements and fall under KPSAA guidelines. The stipend ranges will be equal and offered to all high schools (grades 9-12).

### **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Middle and High School 2021-22 Scheduling (Attachments)
  - 1. MS Tournament Sites and Dates – Middle school administrators met and the scheduling is complete. For small schools Susan B will fall off the rotation until their participation numbers are good enough to field a team.
  - 2. Student Government – Soldotna High will host this year's spring meeting and Kenai Central will be next year's host school. Rotations made accordingly.
  - 3. Eligibility Check Dates – The board reviewed and made sure the eligibility check dates are consistent in timing for each mid-quarter grade check.
  - 4. Music Festivals – In light of Eric Simonsen's presentation at the February KPSAA meeting, the board agreed to switch mass and honor choir dates. Mass choir will now be held October 18-19, 2021 and honor choir will move to February 7-8, 2022.

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Mary explained to the board the funding process for the various music festivals. There are stand-alone (non-transferrable) 710 accounts for each middle school and high school festival. The high school band account is currently in a negative balance. The high school choir festival participation fee is \$20 and the festival band fee is \$25. Through the journal entry process, participating schools transfer fees and gate receipts to the program. Those funds are then used to pay for the guest clinician, his or her airfare, lodging, meal per diem and festival music selections. Mary will research the history of the fee structure, the associated expenditures and report the findings to the board.

5. Borough Tournament Schedules – Kyle reported after speaking with Dylan Hooper, the AD in Nikiski that logistically it is not possible for Nikiski to host the Track & Field borough tournament (next rotation 2023-24). They do not have enough personnel and volunteers on hand to fill the duties. It is possible for a host school to divvy up events with other participating schools. For now, the board will keep in mind this topic for future discussions, but retain Nikiski in the rotation as is.

### B. KPSAA Board Vacancies – Fall 2022

1. Secondary Administrator (Dan Carstens, exp. 2022) – Kari took a moment to recognize Dan Carstens for his contribution to this board, and thanked him for his willingness to rejoin the board. Other members noted his insight, perspective and historical knowledge.
2. Executive Secretary (Kari Dendurent, selection process) – Kari shared she will recommend the superintendent seek out and interview a successful candidate to oversee KPSAA. Dan Beck noted Kari's hard work and thanked her for the job she did managing the KPSAA duties.

C. Interest Survey – Kari/Mary – Mary shared the interest survey process as being conducted every three years for Title IX compliance and equity as it relates to participation in activities by gender. She noted the complexities due to covid and some sports not even participating over the last school year. Kari brought up a suggestion to adjust the surveys for next time to survey elementary for 4-5 grade, middle school for 6-7, and high school 8-11 so the incoming students will provide survey data as available at their next school of enrollment. The board agreed this would provide better data for the purposes of the survey.

D. MS Sports Packet Required Documents – The board discussed a procedural change to update the Middle School Handbook to include *Sudden Cardiac Arrest* and *Concussion Information*. These will be required documents for middle school participants.

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Motion: Dan B.

Second: Jeff

Motion carried, Unanimous

### E. ASAA Updates – Kari

1. Basketball roster limits for state tournaments went up from 12 to 15 players.
2. Football classifications will now be three classifications: Division I (one singular conference), Division II (two conferences) and Division III (two conferences). The change moves Kenai into Division I with Seward, Homer and Nikiski, and Soldotna stays in Division II.
3. State wrestling at-large berths and seeding changes were adopted.
4. Covid testing for state events was tabled.
5. Mask requirements for outdoor seasons was a topic of discussion. They will be required for the foreseeable future or until there is a significant change in covid numbers.

### F. Election Results, two-year term (2021-22 & 2022-23) – Seating at Executive Board Meeting

1. Elementary School Representative – *Bill Withrow*
2. Middle School Representative – *Dan Beck*
3. High School Representative – *Jesse Settlemyer*

## VII. TABLED ITEMS:

These items will roll forward to the September KPSAA meeting for formal language adoption next year. The board wants supporting documentation from schools looking to add this activity. Kyle will receive information from his contact in the valley that helped get their programs going. Feedback from IT is critical in moving this activity forward.

A. *Language Change to Add ESports as an Official New Activity, Including Team/Staffing Guideline – Mike Illg / Executive Secretary*

B. *Proposed HS Music Festival Changes for 2022-23*

1. *Split Mass and Honor Band into two festivals (Honor Band would join Honor Choir in February; Mass Band would remain on the schedule for April)*
2. *Create a Solo and Ensemble Festival for April (Band and Choir); two new coordinator positions, participation fee, rotating sites*

## VIII. Adjournment

Discussion: Dan Beck shared his appreciation for the board member's efforts at this meeting. Specifically noting the plan to move forward with Esports.

Motion: Dan C.

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Second: Kyle

Motion carried, Unanimous

### **IX. Notice of Next Meeting**

September 9, 2021