

KPSAA General Board Meeting

MINUTES

September 12, 2019

10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

WAREHOUSE CONF RM

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 9:58 AM

ROLL CALL:

Bill Withrow: *Elementary School Representative (2021) - Present*
Dan Beck: *Middle School Representative (2021) - Present*
Dan Carstens: *Representative at Large (2020) - Present*
Kari Dendurent: *Executive Secretary – Present*
Jeremy Hamilton: *Parent Representative (2020) – Present*
Jesse Settlemyer: *High School Representative (2021) - Present*
Mike Illg: *Board of Education Representative – Present*
Steve Klaich: *K-12 Schools Representative (2020) – Present*
Kyle McFall: *Activities Representative (2020) – Present*
Trevan Walker: *Secondary Administrator (2020) – Absent*

Procedural – Quorum established

Seating of New Board Members – Congratulations and welcome to Bill Withrow, Elementary School Representative and Jesse Settlemyer, High School Representative

Approval of April 11, 2019 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Jeremy, seconded by Kyle
(Carried – Unanimous)

Approval of September 12, 2019 Agenda with Flexibility as Amended

- Motion to approve the agenda by Mike, seconded by Steve
(Carried – Unanimous)

Executive Secretary Report/Communications

- a. Report of the various clinics and camps held over the summer
- b. School board approval and adoption of language changes and handbooks as presented at the June school board meeting
- c. HR and KPSAA (Kari and Mary) met as a group in June to review each school's academic and athletic stipends. Inequities were found among the schools with the goal to clean up the language and make sure the stipends were equitable and consistent with the KPSAA handbook.
- d. Approved for Ninilchik School to add MS Cross Country Club activity for their middle school runner
- e. Approval for Seward High to start volleyball tourney at 12:00 pm on Sept. 6-7
- f. Approval for Seward High to start cross country meet at 2:00 pm on Sept. 13
- g. Approval for Kenai Middle to add 6th graders to Co-Ed soccer B team

- h. Granted a waiver request for Nikiski Middle/High for 6th graders to participate on A team as a safety issue when injuries or ineligibility mount and will play as needed off the bench.

Discussion Items

- Kari revisited the KPBSD Track Meet Manager positions for middle and high school. These positions are hard to fill and HR determined it must be filled by a certified staff member and cannot be opened to outside the district. The board discussed how intensive the work load is for one person and the stipend offered is not adequate. With the number of meets, schools and athletes participating HR may want to consider offering a larger stipend amount. Kari will readdress the issue. Suggestions were to get the numbers of participants from Athletic.net, plus the entries of events, an estimate of the number of hours of preparation, including the meet itself, set up and take down.
- Kari reported to the board communication she received from Liz Hayes, Director of Accounting that involved the co-curricular travel formula. The travel Rubric was originally created by KPSAA many years ago. There has been enough concern coming from administrators and athletic directors to bring the issue back to KPSAA. Steve shared he was on the committee that established the original Rubric; Dave Spence was head of the committee at the time. The Rubric was created using multipliers for each school based on distance traveled, number of sports, etc. This was based on varsity sports only. It was noted that middle schools do not travel off the peninsula, so were not included in the Rubric. Kari will work to present updated Rubric information to bring to the board at the next meeting. Given the potential for changes, Dan C. advocates for co-curricular activities to remain eligible for reimbursement if participating at a State competition.
- After further review and feedback, the board discussed and concluded there is no need for further action regarding the RevTrak online ticketing platform.
- The board discussed the individual medal awards given for middle school track. After receiving notification, it was discovered there were a large amount of medals not awarded in the relay events due to not enough middle school participation to fill all six places. The Handbook language determines the number of medals and awards given for middle and high school borough tournaments. The board discussed the issue and a language change will be presented giving individual medal awards 1st through 3rd places (same as high school) at the next meeting in November.
- Dan B. brought up how many participants from IDEA do schools accommodate in their programs? There is a provision allowing schools to charge higher participation fees. The board discussed the issue and JP offered perspective from D/O is to create good will and being hospitable in the hopes the IDEA families are encouraged to re-enroll. Furthermore, JP doesn't believe the current superintendent would be supportive of schools charging more. The board would

like to review the data including the number of out of district participants and what is the extra cost associated with the additional numbers.

- Kari discussed the Pixellot automated camera system. This production system would put cameras in schools and parents would pay a subscription to watch events. Looking at the price involved, it doesn't seem cost effective. No further discussion planned.
- ASAA Update:
 - Discussed reclassification proposals, not a lot of support for the 5A model. ASAA will be looking at competitive factors, athletic availability, changes to existing conferences.
 - Unified Sports considering expansion into swimming (currently track & field).
 - State DDF bid awarded to Thunder Mountain for 2020, Anchorage for 2021, 2022.
 - Football playoff policy – adopted that schools will utilize the ASAA gate prices for entry; region passes will not be honored. Ticket sales, after allowable expenses are subtracted, will be split with ASAA.
 - Hockey policy changes:
 - Duel participation changes passed
 - Mercy rule (10 or more goals with no time constraint) passed
 - Length of periods discussed (15 or 17 minute) and will be added to the October agenda
 - Wrestling language changes discussed. Exact language addressing clarifications sent out to wrestling coaches. Board adopted part in May, and the remainder will be in October. Medical forfeit is not an option in high school results. If a match has started, and ends due to injury, it is a Default.
 - Spring 2020 ASAA meeting will be in Haines.
 - 3A and 4A Basketball Conference and State Tournaments moved one week later, with no extension of regular season (March 21 and March 28, respectively).
 - Moved the first practice date of spring sports to March 9, 2020 – after basketball regular season concludes.
 - Working on bylaw revision for penalty to teams that play excessive games, possibly probation for up to one calendar year (currently penalty is until end of the school year).
 - Discussed adjustments to At-large seeding procedures for 3A and 4A basketball.
 - Discussed proposal from Region IV (Anchorage) for the end date of cross country running (State meet) to be either first or second week in October.
 - First Aid requirements – course equivalency being looked at, not all are created equal. Recommendation will be presented on which courses contain adequate rigor.
 - State volleyball roster limit was raised from 12 to 14 for 3A and 4A.
 - Changed the basketball mercy rule so that the running clock begins as soon as the point differential reaches 40 points (no longer 4th quarter only).
 - Heard a presentation from the Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches (AABC) on State Tournament proposals, including a 4-day tournament for 3A

- and 4A on a single court. Selection of officials, reclassification ideas and Hospitality room hosted by AABC was also presented.
- Discussed the request to change baseball into two divisions (DI and DII) with options for berths and conferences. KPSAA board offered support, stating the desire for more competitive opportunities.
 - Next ASAA board meeting scheduled for October 7-8, 2019.

Action Items

- None

- Motion to Adjourn at 11:42 AM by Mike, seconded by Dan C.
(Carried – Unanimous)

- Next meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2019