

KPSAA General Board Meeting Minutes

KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 9, 2021

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Warehouse Conference Room (and via Zoom)

I. Call to Order

10:05

II. Roll Call

Name	Title / Role	Present Y/N
Dan Beck	President / Secondary Administrator (2022)	Y
Kyle McFall	Vice President / Activities Representative (2022)	Y
Jeff Ambrosier	Secretary / K-12 School Representative (2022)	Y
Vaughn Dosko	Executive Secretary / Principal Kenai Middle School	Y
Mike Illg	Board of Education Representative	Y
Al Plan	Representative at Large (2022)	Y via Zoom
Jesse Settlemyer	High School Representative (2023)	Y
Bill Withrow	Elementary School Representative (2023)	Y
Vacant	Middle School Representative (2023)	
Vacant	Parent Representative (2023)	
Mary Blossom	Admin. Secretary (non-voting)	Y

A. Guest Attendees: None

III. Approval of the April 8, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jeff

Second: Jesse

Amendments: None

Motion carried, Unanimous

IV. Approval of the April 8, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jeff

Second: Bill

Amendments: None

Motion carried, Unanimous

V. Approval of the September 9, 2021 Agenda

Motion: Jeff

Second: Kyle

Amendments: Added L. to Executive Secretary Report/Communication. Added

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Discussion Item E. High School Mass Choir Festival

Motion carried, Unanimous

VI. Executive Secretary Report/Communications

- A. Approval of various summer athletic camps
- B. Approval to add Range 9 Unified Track & Field coach at Kenai Central High School
- C. Approval to add two Range 10 Assistant Football coaches at Homer High. Additional approval to split one stipend 50/50 contingent upon school administration providing sample coaching schedule to ensure adherence to the negotiated agreement
- D. Approval to add a Range 10 Assistant Football coach at Nikiski Middle/High School
- E. Approval to add a Range 8 Assistant Cross Country coach at Soldotna High School
- F. Approval to add a Range 6 Dive coach at Soldotna High School
- G. Approval to allow 6th grade (boys & girls) to play on A Team Soccer teams at Nikiski Middle
- H. Approval to add a Computer Club academic stipend for Homer Flex
- I. Approval to add a Range 4 B Team Soccer coach at Skyview Middle School
- J. Approval for Homer High School to start JV Football at 2:30 due to referee shortage and to get varsity games over by dark
- K. Approval for KCHS to reinstate the school's Leadership Club, Range 3 stipend
- L. Approval for a transportation waiver for Nikiski Middle to transport three athletes in a rental or personal vehicle using district protocol if all options have been exhausted (sharing with other teams)

Vaugh spoke about the difficulty with schools being able to get adequate transportation for their activities due to the lack of drivers, both borough activity and Apple Bus drivers. It is a concern if schools are being forced into self-transportation to meet their travel needs.

Vaughn also updated the board with recent conversations with Billy Strickland, ASAA Executive Director, in regards to upcoming state tournaments. Specifically, where our district stands in terms of Covid-19 protocols and masking. Also of note, ASAA was notified by Nikolaevsk that they will not have a basketball team this year due to low numbers. The board discussed the possibility of Niko creating a Co-op with another school as opposed to each student submitting a waiver to play at Ninilchik or Homer. The Co-op was the cleaner option according to Billy, that KPSAA board concurred.

The KPSAA board recognized with appreciation the Board of Education's approval for additional coaching stipends for increasing participation numbers.

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VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Play for Keeps – ASAA Tad Policy Update (attachment)
1. Updates to HS and MS Handbooks (Section V.) The board discussed the handbook sections as it relates to ASAA’s verbiage, i.e. the “Proximity Rule”, which the board wants to maintain. Mary will provide the board with a draft of the updated policy that may be in conflict with KPBSD’s handbook language, (i.e. Second, Third and Fourth Offense) The board will review at the November meeting if any language updates need to be presented to the Board of Education for approval.
- B. First Aid Requirement for Advisor/Club/Intramural Stipends
1. Examples are for StuCo, National Honor Society, Battle of the Books, Caring for the Kenai, Yearbook, Band/Choir, etc.
 2. Often times events are held after school hours or away from the building with no nurse or other admin
 3. The advisor would be responsible for paying the First Aid training fee if he/she was not able to attend a course at their school
- The district (HR) received pushback from schools that were offering clubs and why this is now a requirement. The board discussed potential circumstances that would make this requirement necessary, in particular after school meetings when the nurse or other First Aid certified staff are gone. There is no current language in any handbook that lists this requirement. Jesse noted the First Aid course he is taking online (through NFHS), is quite long, and costs \$45. Some stipends are only worth several hundred dollars; does this seem prohibitive in terms of having to pay for a lengthy training video to receive certification? The board also discussed if the school district would consider following ASAA’s rule of every three-year renewal for CPR and Concussion, and include First Aid. The discussion will be continued, and Vaughn agreed to invite Nate Crabtree, director of HR to the November meeting.
- C. Language Change to add Esports as an Official New Activity, including Team/Staffing Guidelines
- Jesse reported to the board that KCHS has been approved for Club status and an advisor in place. Approximately 30 kids have signed up to participate, but no competitions yet. Computers and equipment are in the works through CTE funding for in building practices. Kyle reported that he has been working with IT and has the computer lab ready at SOHI for ESports, but has been unable to find an advisor. He conducted a school survey that revealed about 20 students interested in participating. Mike shared the school board remains in full support of ESports. Dan

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shared his thoughts on seeing the club status develop some success before advancing language for approval. KCHS has an approved Range 3 competitive club stipend in place, using one of their allocated stipends. Kyle shared he had been working with a MatSu Valley coach and will bring that language to the November meeting.

D. Proposed HS Music Festival Changes for 2022-2023

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) The board discussed the expense of the current Honor/Mass Band stipend (\$2,909.72). If the band festivals are going to be split and join choir, then the Honor stipend should be split between the two coordinators. Mary reviewed for the benefit of the board the current high school stipend payout - Honor/Mass Band is one festival with one stipend; Honor and Mass Choir are two festivals with two stipends going to the same coordinator. The board noted the proposal came from one person with support from other music teachers, but no school administrators have generated any feedback on the issue. The board decided to take no action at this time.

2. Create a Solo and Ensemble Festival for April (Band and Choir); two new coordinator positions, participation fee, rotating sites

Kyle reported that the SOHI music teacher is in favor of the Solo and Ensemble festival noting there is an ASAA State festival, but the district does not have one to prepare for State. Jeff suggested that a school use one of their Club/Intramural stipends to fund this, as the music teacher already receives a stipend. Another suggestion was for the band and/or choir teacher to use one of their performances for solo and ensemble tryouts. Dan asked Kyle to have his band teacher write up a proposal and Dan would gauge interest with the other high school principals. The board is not in favor of adding funding for an additional activity, especially if there are school-based options available. This discussion will be tabled.

E. Mass Choir Festival Postponement

Dan brought forth a discussion at the request of Kari Dendurent, Assistant Superintendent, regarding the upcoming scheduled High School Mass Choir music festival as it relates to the current Covid-19 positivity rates. The board discussed the topic, including the fact that no preparations have occurred to date. Mary confirmed she has not secured an MOA for the guest clinician, ordered music, or had any contact with the coordinator. Vaughn will email the Mass Choir Coordinator (Kyle Schneider) and inform him of the board's recommendation the festival currently scheduled for October 17-18 at Kenai Central High School will be postponed to a later date. Mike will relay this information at the September school board meeting.

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VIII. ASAA Updates –

The April meeting passed a motion - “State Tournament Covid-19 Testing and Mask Requirements” *to adhere to the COVID-19 testing and mask policies for all ASAA State Events in accordance to the local government agency at which the event is held.* The next ASAA Board of Directors meeting will be held October 11-12, 2021.

In earlier discussion, Vaughn

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

A. KPSAA Board Vacancy – Middle School Representative

1. Discussion brought up Tyler Krekling, teacher at Homer Middle School. Jeff will email Tyler and see if he accepts the invitation.

B. KPSAA Board Vacancy – Parent Representative

1. Megan Smith, has kids attending Kenai Middle and Kenai Central. She is a classified employee, and an active parent. No other names have been received.

X. Adjournment

Discussion: None

Motion: Jesse

Second: Bill

Motion carried, Unanimous

XI. Notice of Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2021