

KPSAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2023

10am-2pm

Warehouse Conference Room

I. Call to Order President Settlemyer called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Jesse Settlemyer, Kyle McFall, Megan Smith, Vaughn Dosko, Dan Beck, Tim Daugharty, Shannon Dwyer, Jenna Fabian, Tyler Krekling

Absent: Doug Hayman

Name	Title	Role/Location
Jesse Settlemyer	High School Representative (2025)	President / KCHS
Kyle McFall	Activities Representative (2024)	Vice-President / Kenai Alt
Megan Smith	Parent Representative (2026)	Secretary / Kenai Middle
Vaughn Dosko	Executive Secretary	Principal Kenai Middle
Dan Beck	Secondary Administrator (2024)	Member / KCHS
Tim Daugharty	Board of Education Representative	Member
Shannon Dwyer	Representative at Large (2024)	Member / Skyview
Jenna Fabian	Elementary Representative (2025)	Member / NNS Elem
Doug Hayman	K-12 Representative (2024)	Member / Connections
Tyler Krekling	Middle School Representative (2025)	Member / Homer Middle
Mary Blossom	Admin. Secretary (non-voting)	Administrative

- Guest Attendees

III. Approval of April 13, 2023 General Meeting Minutes

Motion: Megan

Second: Kyle

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous

IV. Approval of April 13, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion: Megan

Second: Kyle

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous

V. Approval of September 28, 2023 General Membership Meeting Agenda with Flexibility

Motion: Dan

Second: Tyler
Amendments: None
Motion carried, unanimous

VI. Executive Secretary Report/Communications

Carryover from 2022-23 SY

- A. Approval for Soldotna High to start rescheduled Baseball game at 2:00 on May 8.
- B. Nikiski High is interested in re-starting their Cross Country Running program. Administration was given direction on the process for regaining the stipend.
- C. Approval for Soldotna High to use parent drivers to Softball game in Homer due to lack of district transportation options.

2023-24 SY

- A. Hired new coordinator for HS Honor Choir, HS Mass Choir, and MS Honor/Mass Choir music festivals
- B. HS Honor Choir festival date changed to Oct. 16-17, 2023; HS Mass Choir festival date is Feb. 5-6, 2024; HS Honor/Mass Band festival is Apr. 1-2, 2024
- C. Approval for Soldotna High to receive Vocal and Orchestra director stipends for fall musical

Vaughn also reported our district hosted the Region III meeting on September 11 and it was well attended. All principals and athletic directors were also invited to attend. ASAA Executive Director, Billy Strickland along with Sandi Wagner spent a couple hours presenting on Big Teams and the latest on the anticipated transgender policy update coming next month. A public member from Nikiski presented interest in adding Powerlifting to our region. It was noted that ASAA is planning to sanction Powerlifting at its October meeting.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ongoing: 9-Man Football

1. Program update

Nikiski and Seward were the two 9-man teams in our district, with two other teams statewide (Eielson and Valdez), with reports that Valdez will not field a team next year leaving only 3 teams. ASAA does not plan on holding a state championship. The board noted again that the move from Nikiski and Seward to 9-man football was done without KPSAA oversight or knowledge. The board questioned the possibility of 9-man offering more playing opportunities to other JV football teams. Is a waiver possible for 9-man participants to play 11-man football? That may not happen. The board would like to get further information on next season's 9-man football league. The board also noted there is no difference in the staffing guidelines for 9-man football. The guidelines only lists football for staffing, which means the coaches for these smaller teams receive the same amount as regular football, playing less games and no chance for extending their season.

B. *Ongoing*: Mid Quarter Grade Check

1. Student Scholastic Eligibility for Participation – IV. Student Eligibility. Section C. Item 1. a. and b.

2. Mid quarter grade check, recognize this system is not equitable against other schools we are competing against. Possible language change removing the 5 day punitive nature – the student/athlete would become eligible when passing all classes.

The board recognizes this ongoing discussion topic holds significance because our district is the only one that holds mid-quarter eligibility checks. The discussion asks does it help our athletes or hinder their ability to participate? Are the e-checks punitive? And is it fair when the traditional brick and mortar students are the only ones affected? IDEA, Connections, Middle College participants only need to submit the signed eligibility report to the host school. The board recognizes other learning environments are not held to the same standards. The board also discussed the progress monitoring aspect of the e-checks and believes it is more beneficial than punitive. The negative of removing the e-checks and fall back to ASAA policy would mean spring sports would take a hit. Jesse contacted AD's and received two responses. While the board noted there is an equity component when putting our in-school students against out-of-school, members would be in favor of softening the e-checks, but not fully eliminate them. Most coaches are vested and want their students passing in the classroom. **Kyle will draft language allowing ineligible students to regain their eligibility no earlier than Thursday after the Monday e-check. Jesse will forward the written language to the AD's and Dan will poll administrators.**

C. Appendix A – KPBSD Athletic/Activity Participation Registration - **Enclosure**

1. Delete *NOTE: If you are a student attending a KPBSD approved correspondence, charter, alternative program or State of Alaska approved correspondence program, you must obtain the signature of the Program Director for each activity you participate in and leave a copy of this form in his/her office.*

The board discussed what capacity does the registration form notify schools an athlete is participating in an activity? Middle schools still use paper packets, but high school participants and parents must complete and sign their paperwork through Big Teams. Given the electronic component for high schools there is no need to keep the alternative program note on the bottom of Appendix A. For middle schools, the board also felt there is no need for this program approval. The note will be removed from Appendix A in the middle school and high school handbooks.

Vaughn also shared with the board that he has received communication from parents saying the new \$700 cap should include middle school participants as well. The board discussed the topic, but members do not feel the current \$60 middle school fee is overly burdensome.

D. Title IX / Gender Equity

This topic is ongoing and the discussion covered in the work session revealed the board will continue to work on crafting language, but intends to follow ASAA's policy which will be adopted in October.

E. ASAA Update

Vaughn reported the next Region III meeting is November 13. ASAA will meet October 9-10 in Anchorage.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – For Board Adoption

A. None

IX. Board Comments

The board discussed and elected to move the November KPSAA board meeting from November 7 to November 14. This will allow information from the Region III meeting to be available for the KPSAA meeting.

X. Next Meeting

~~November 7, 2023~~

November 14, 2023

XI. Adjournment

President Settlemyer adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.