

KPSAA Executive Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

10am-2pm

Warehouse Conference Room

I. Call to Order

President Settlemyer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Jesse Settlemyer, Dan Beck, Megan Smith, Vaughn Dosko, Tim Daugharty, Jenna Fabian, Tyler Krekling, Zach Kudla, Tracy Smith, Shonia Werner

Name	Title	Role/Location
Jesse Settlemyer	High School Representative (2025)	President / KCHS
Dan Beck	Secondary Administrator (2026)	Vice-President / KCHS
Megan Smith	Parent Representative (2026)	Secretary / Kenai Middle
Vaughn Dosko	Executive Secretary	Principal Kenai Middle
Tim Daugharty	Board of Education Representative	Member
Jenna Fabian	Elementary Representative (2025)	Member / NNS Elem
Tyler Krekling	Middle School Representative (2025)	Member / Homer Middle
Zach Kudla	K-12 Representative (2026)	Member / Voznesenka
Tracy Smith	Activities Representative (2026)	Member / SOHI
Shonia Werner	Representative at Large (2026)	Member / Skyview Middle
Mary Blossom	Admin. Secretary (non-voting)	Administrative

- Guest Attendees: Ellie Cizek, Justin Ruffridge, Tiffany Holt, Courtney Abel

III. Approval of September 26, 2024 Executive Membership Meeting Minutes

Motion: Tyler

Second: Megan

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous

IV. Approval of November 19, 2024 Executive Meeting Agenda with Flexibility

Motion: Megan

Second: Jenna

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous

V. Public Comment (Guests addressing the board are allowed 10 min)

Mr. Ruffridge spoke about the topic of the district working with out of district students and recognizing that it has become a big issue statewide. The memorandum being worked on would cover the fee structure and insurance, but will not be in effect this school year. Eligibility will also be addressed in the new memorandum. Mr. Ruffridge asks that the KPSAA board build in language to reference the memorandum versus a complicated fee structure.

VI. Executive Secretary/Communications

- A. Approval for 5th Range 9 assistant coach for Track at Soldotna High School due to continual high numbers (in excess of 100 last three years) – also a Discussion Item
- B. Middle School cheer program interest – not allowed in the MS handbook. Vaughn suggested the interested school offer cheer as a club.
- C. Crisis Plans – Vaughn is wanting to talk with Kevin Lyon and Savala from Risk Management to get their input, and if our Emergency Action Plan books are specific enough. His understanding from the speakers at the NIAAA meeting was they should be more specific, per sport and venue.
- D. ASAA/Region III updates

Mr. Dosko reported a productive meeting at last month's school board work session working through the fee structure topic. More discussion work to be done with KPSAA, especially concerning language to institute a cap for non-KPBSD families.

Mr. Dosko reported he attended the NIAAA, National Athletic Directors conference in Anchorage last month, new to the state of Alaska. Lots of meetings that focused on current world/national issues, lawsuits and specifically crisis plans. Across the country, many instances where schools are getting caught in a predicament of not knowing what to do when a particular crisis happens. Turf fields, wrestling mats, cheer mats all should be tested for impact.

Mr. Dosko and Mr. Settlemyer reported on the Region III meeting held yesterday. Powerlifting is currently a little stagnant as the information ASAA was requiring was not received.

Powerlifting is currently shelved as a club.

ASAA transfer rules will be updated again, specifically tightening double transfer rules.

ASAA is planning to add at least one more coaches training for next year. A free class already on the website, looking at keeping students free from abuse.

ASAA also looking at adding at least three more trainings to bring Alaska up to a level III state.

ASAA is looking at utilizing the Sullivan Arena again to host Division I and II state hockey on the same weekend.

ASAA is planning to institute a 35 second shot clock for 4A basketball, likely 3A basketball as well due to cross play, for the 2025-26 school year.

Reclassification – Jesse is on the statewide reclassification committee. He reported a Division II proposal to drop enrollment numbers down to 625, which would have a lot of impact on Region III. Discussions for 5A volleyball are being held, primarily due to a push from the southeast region. Region III is generally opposed as this would result in a significant softening of Division II sports.

ASAA is looking at ways to eliminate a bye caused by a division team that went out of state to play a game.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Non-KPBSD Participation Fees - Vaughn

Mr. Dosko shared with the board that the district is working on a MOA, currently in rough draft format, with IDEA between the two superintendents regarding the athletic fee structure. A lot of discussion has taken place regarding this topic. KPSAA is asked to look at how the board can mitigate the “surprise” factor. The board agrees this could have been rolled out in a cleaner manner. Vaughn said a good idea would be to have the discussion today along with the guests in attendance regarding a fee cap for a non-KPBSD family. Mr. Settlemyer asked the board to propose a cap of \$1,400 for non-KPBSD families to model the current structure. The board discussed what other districts charge. Juneau has an additional \$300 fee per non-district student, Fairbanks has all their fees at a significantly higher rate than KPBSD, Mat-Su has an individual cap of \$650 per participant. KPBSD is the only large district with a family cap; in addition, our fees are lowest in the state. The two superintendents are negotiating a fee structure and insurance coverage, since currently non-KPBSD participant travel is not covered under district insurance.

B. Powerlifting

Tabled, will remain at the club level until ASAA institutes the program with official language.

C. Bylaws (Enclosure)

The board held a discussion pertaining to specific by-law changes to clean up confusing language.

1. Article III, Item 4 (delete)
2. Article V, Item 1 (amend), Item 3 C & D (delete), the board decided not to add Item 4 since that is addressed by the updated language in Item 1.
3. Article VI Item 1 (amend), Item 2 (delete), Item 3 (delete)
4. Article VIII Item 2 C (amend)
5. Article IX Item 1 (amend), Item 3 (amend)
6. Article X (amend)

Mary will have all the changes prepared for approval prior to February’s meeting.

D. Eligibility Check Follow-up

Mr. Dosko discussed with the board this ongoing topic, especially given the incorrect calculation discovery last year. Mr. Dosko shared the change due to the new E2 calculation to include Q1 grades and understanding the November 11 grade check communication went out with descriptions and examples. Lot of “what if” questions have been generated and answered. Mr. Dosko shared he has not heard of any scenario that was not favorable to kids. The board discussed how the cumulative process was one of the biggest questions as grading criteria is often different between teachers. The new calculation is accomplishing the intent, that Q1 grades matter and should be reflected in the E2 grade check. Mr. Beck shared he is not sure the e-checks are clean in all scenarios and spoke of a situation where the student was failing at E2, but passing S1. Is there a way for E2 to remain open for the entire week? Mr. Settlemyer will check with IT. The school board is in favor of the eligibility checks and showing progress. It is always good to sit back and see if there are any unintended consequences.

E. District Employees & Officiating – Vaughn

Mr. Dosko shared the topic of district employees having to use leave while officiating to the board for discussion and input. He spoke about stipend coaches having the ability to use extra-curricular leave to fill their absences. Event or game officials that are district employees are currently required to take personal leave to officiate district students in their events. The board discussed the issue and believes the union should bring this to negotiations. We certainly have a shortage of officials. The board also recognizes nothing replaces the actual teacher for their students. In the realm of region play, there should be some allowances without using leave. Tracy Smith spoke about the pilot program at SOHI. Eric Pomerleau (P.E. teacher) is working with Melissa Linton and Annaleah Karron to develop an officiating class. The curriculum is nearly complete with six different sports packages, including course work and actually doing the team sport leading to certification. Planning to start the new class next semester once the advertising kicks in. The KPSAA board is in support of employees doing extra-curricular work, including officials being paid by an association, to have their sub covered and not have to take leave. The board feels we should be looking within our district first and is a true benefit to schools. Vaughn will take this to HR.

F. Appendix D (Enclosure)

The board discussed the addition of a 5th assistant for Track & Field and agreed to propose an additional assistant at 90+, plus a 4th assistant for Cross Country Running and Nordic Skiing at 75+ participants.

G. Return to Play Form (Enclosure)

The board discussed the form to update the provider to be a physician, physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner. This was brought to the board from the Director of Student

Support Services and the Assistant Superintendent. The board recognizes the importance of chiropractors and physical therapists, etc., but ultimately decided for consistency, this form should mirror the district employee return to work form.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – For Board Adoption

A. None

IX. Board Comments

Mrs. Fabian thanked Mr. Dosko for sharing KPSAA information at the beginning of the year administrator meeting. Her elementary school has seen tremendous growth in activities; the teamwork and sportsmanship that can't be replicated in other areas. The information has resulted in a wealth of opportunities for students across the peninsula.

The board also recognized transportation is another issue that needs attention. We don't have enough qualified drivers to fulfill trip requests and winter will be much worse with several middle and high school sports going on simultaneously.

Mr. Daugharty thanked the board for bringing forth the issue regarding sports fees. It's a much hotter topic than the school board anticipated and he commended this board for its work and continued attention to the issue statewide.

X. Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

XI. Adjournment

President Settlemyer adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.