

KPSAA Executive Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

10am-2pm

Warehouse Conference Room

I. Call to Order: President Settlemyer called the meeting to order at 10:03am

II. Roll Call: All present – Tim Daugherty and Zach Kudla via zoom

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 Daugherty	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: None

III. Approval of November 19, 2024 Executive Membership Meeting Minutes

Motion: Megan Smith

Second: Jenna Fabian

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous

IV. Approval of February 25, 2025 Executive Meeting Agenda with Flexibility

Motion: Dan Beck

Second: Megan Smith

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous

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

VI. Executive Secretary Report/Communications

- A. ASAA/Region III updates
- B. Eligibility waiver approval
- C. Skyview request for assistant Nordic Ski stipend
- D. Approval for Cheerleading camp at KCHS Feb. 26 & 28
- E. Approval for Chapman to start Small School Volleyball tournament at 2:00pm

Mr. Dosko reported attending the Region III / ASAA meeting January 28th. ASAA is recommending not going to a 5A volleyball classification and status quo for soccer and softball. Baseball is looking at two divisions, moving enrollment for D2 at 650, down from 800. ASAA is looking at adding additional educational requirements for coaches to meet Level I NFHS Certification standards, these would be free certifications. HR will notify coaches. ASAA changed the football schedule policy for out of state travel. If a bye is caused, it should affect the same district and same division. ASAA is looking at increasing penalties for teams that back out of agreements. New scoring for Unified Track has been approved. The issue of wrestling duels has been moved to the wrestling committee for input.

Mr. Dosko also reported that he is not seeing eligibility waivers from schools before the decision from ASAA. The KPSAA board also is not getting communications from schools.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Non-KPBSD Participation Fees – Vaughn

- 1. Ongoing – Language change to update to a family cap
- 2. Action Item A

The board continued discussion on non-KPBSD participation fees. Mr. Dosko reported multiple school board meetings and work sessions on the issue. The main bone of contention was no cap for non-KPBSD families. Yesterday Vaughn received a signed Memorandum of Agreement between IDEA and KPBSD. How does this MOA play into this issue? Who wrote the language? Many unanswered questions and why wasn't KPSAA included in discussions. The board will take up the issue during Discussion Item G. The board also noted we are the only district that institutes a family cap for high school. No cap currently at the middle school level.

B. Bylaws (Enclosure)

- 1. Ongoing
- 2. Action Item B (*approval to send out to schools for input, final approval in April*)

The board reviewed the various bylaw amendments and will take this up as an Action Item. Mr. Dosko will send out the updates to school administrators for 30-day comment period.

C. Appendix D - High School (Enclosure)

- 1. 5th Assistant for Track & Field at 90+

2. 4th Assistant for Cross Country Running and Nordic Skiing at 75+
3. Action Item C

The board discussed if the staffing guidelines should be filled out for all activities to the 5th assistant.

D. Appendix D – Vaughn (first discussion) (Enclosure)

1. MS & HS add ESports, and Unified Track to HS

The board reviewed the Middle School Appendix D and discussed the need to add a 5th assistant coach at 90+ for Track & Field and ESports at 4 participants. The board reviewed the High School Appendix D to add Unified Track at 1 participant and ESports at 4 participants. Mrs. Werner shared having the Districtwide Diving guideline with a minimum of 8 killed the program. She would like the board to lower the number to 4. She noted that lack of available qualified coaches is also an issue. The board agreed to proposing lowering the minimum participation number to 4.

E. Middle School Participation Fee Increase – Vaughn/Tyler (first discussion)

1. Intramural, competitive & family cap

Mr. Krekling reported he reached out to middle school administrators asking about raising participation fees from \$60 to \$80 for the competitive season. During discussion it was noted the \$60 fee at middle school has not been increased since being set at that level. Large schools were in favor, but not as favorable response from small schools that reported back. The board is not in favor of a cap. The board would also like to move other activities from \$25 to \$40. The board is also in favor of increasing suggested gate fees as follows:

Adults - \$5

Senior Citizens - \$3

Students - \$2

Preschool Free if accompanied by adult

Families - \$15

Parents of home team - \$2 per game per parent

The board agreed that effective communication is important.

F. Middle School Handbook – Tyler

1. Cross country running borough tournament language (pg 16)
2. Team Composition, Classification language clarification (pg 11 & pg 29-31, 35-37)

Mr. Krekling shared this discussion was brought to his attention by his principal. The question was why in the MS handbook it says in language for Cross Country Running borough tournament, athletes must participate in at least 50% of scheduled contests. So why not the other sports? To clear up the language the board is suggesting changing L.5. to read “Borough

Tournament” and delete Cross Country Running and add “with school administrator approval”.

Reference: page 11, item 3. a.

Mr. Dosko shared he is working with a school that is using 7th and 8th graders on a B Team and 6th graders on A Team. He informed the school they are out of compliance with the KPSAA handbook. The school is interpreting the Classification under each sport that speaks to allowing 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Vaughn pointed out to the board the 6th grader should not be displacing 7th or 8th graders. The board discussed the intent and impact of playing 6th graders. The middle school philosophy is dedicated to participation and teamwork as opposed to competition and skill level. The intent of playing 6th graders is not to gain an advantage. The board agreed and would like to just remove Classification under each sport activity.

G. MOA Between KPBSD & IDEA

The board reviewed the recently signed MOA between KPBSD and the Galena School District (IDEA). First of note is insurance is not addressed – is Myers-Stevens covering IDEA students? Or does IDEA have their own and would cover while participating in KPBSD activities. KPSAA does not know. Much discussion taken up with this document. The board feels there are a lot of vague language and generalities. What is the process for schools to receive funds? How does the document play into the KPSAA handbooks? The KPSAA board disagrees with the stated amount of \$12,500. What does this mean for other homeschools or private school programs? What does this mean in terms of dances and other after school programs or activities? A lot of questions and unknowns. The board fears this is putting a lot of language in place that will generate a lot of changes. Brings up questions if processes are being followed. Mr. Dosko and Mr. Settlemyer will have a conversation with Mr. Holland to get further clarification.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS – For Board Adoption

A. Non-KPBSD Participation Fees – *Participation Guidelines, Section D., Item 2*

1. The maximum participation fee assessed a KPBSD enrolled family will not exceed \$700 per year at the high school level only. The family cap ~~would not apply to Non-KPBSD participants~~ **for Non-KPBSD students will not exceed \$1,400 at the high school level only.**
2. Tabled for further information due to Discussion Item G

B. Bylaw Revisions (Enclosure) [Agree to send out to schools for input]

1. *Article III-Membership, Item 4 (delete)*
2. *Article V-Voting, Item 1 (amend), Item 3 C & D (delete)*
3. *Article VI-Sanctioned Activities, Item 1 (amend), Item 2 (delete), Item 3 (delete)*
4. *Article VIII-KPSAA Board, Item 2. C. (amend)*

5. *Article IX-Election of KPSAA Board, Item 1 (amend), Item 3 (amend)*

6. *Article X-Term of Membership (amend)*

Motion: Dan Beck

Second: Tracy Smith

Motion carried, unanimous for Mr. Dosko to send out for school administrator comments.

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Motion: Dan Beck

Second: Jenna Fabian

Motion carried, unanimous

IX. Board Comments

Mr. Daugherty shared he meets monthly with coaches at Homer High. An issue came up and was asked to be brought to KPSAA, if appropriate. There are a couple of popular club sports and when they take their “select” teams, the participating athletes are told not to participate in their high school sport, meaning the athlete should be dedicated to the club. High school athletics has lost a number of kids to these clubs. Mr. Daugherty is asking if any of this is privy to KPSAA that may address this. In particular there is a situation where an athlete qualified for State Nordic Skiing, but is also on comp volleyball. The volleyball club told her she would not be allowed to play on the club if she went to the State ski meet and did not participate in the jamboree in Anchorage. Mr. Beck stated that he as an administrator would reach out to the club coach. Tracy Smith shared she has in the past told clubs they cannot dictate what the SoHi student does. The board is not aware of any leverage that KPSAA can use.

Mr. Kudla asked Mr. Dosko if there was any movement on district employees officiating students in our district tournaments without taking leave. Mr. Dosko believes this is moving in a favorable direction.

Megan Smith shared with the board the hope of working with IT again to try and get the participation forms in electronic format and online for parents during the registration process. It would simplify the process and be much easier on schools.

Mr. Settlemyer thanked the board for the work we do.

X. Next Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025

XI. Adjournment

President Settlemyer adjourned the meeting at 1:10p.m.