

# KPSAA Executive Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 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, Tyler Krekling, Zach Kudla

Present via zoom: Tim Daugharty, Tracy Smith, Shonia Warner

Absent: Jenna Fabian

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: Mr. Byron Weeks from Connections, Ms. Tiffany Holt & Ms. Courtney Abel, IDEA homeschool parents

### **III. Approval of April 4, 2024 General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Megan

Second: Tyler

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous

### **IV. Approval of April 4, 2024 Executive Membership Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Zach

Second: Megan

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous

## **V. Approval of September 26, 2024 Executive Meeting Agenda with Flexibility**

Motion: Tyler

Second: Megan

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous

## **VI. Public Comment** (Guests addressing the board are allowed 10 min)

The board heard testimony primarily from Ms. Holt regarding the updated participation fee for Non-KPBSD participants. See Discussion Item A.

## **VII. Executive Secretary Report/Communications**

A. CIA/KPBSD Co-op Agreement for Football, Swim/Dive, Wrestling, Nordic Skiing, Ice Hockey, Baseball, Softball. Expires the end of 2027 school year

B. Various approvals for summer sports camps

C. Approval for Ninilchik School to start high school wrestling club

D. Powerlifting – new HS Club, now sanctioned by ASAA; ESports – new MS Club. Mr. Dosko noted the biggest hinderance to ESports at either the middle or high school level is the struggle with technology infrastructure.

E. ASAA/Region III updates – Region III fall meeting was held on September 9 on the Peninsula. ASAA donated \$10,000 to each region in the state. The Region III board will decide on how best to spend that money. At the ASAA level, there will be some transfer rule changes. DII football is looking at returning back to an 8 week season. 4A basketball may be seeing some possible state qualification changes. Another possible change in mandatory practices is moving from 10 to 5, which is being driven by comp leagues.

## **VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Non-KPBSD Participation Fees** – Vaughn

Mr. Dosko asked for this item to be added to the agenda based on school conversations, community need and the most recent school board meeting. He recognized this as a hot topic around the state. He explained to the new KPSAA board members and guests the process of changing handbook language, which includes multiple discussions and conversations held before this body votes to put forward language that ultimately is approved by the school board. Ms. Holt spoke to the board and shared her concern about athletic fees doubling, but with no waiver or cap allowed. She asked the board about the cost analysis that determined the higher fee amount and the reasoning why no cap or waiver was allowed. She stated that most homeschool parents she spoke with understand there is an increased cost for Non-KPBSD students. Mr. Settlemyer explained that other school districts around the state have been doing this for years. Mr. Dosko shared looking at cost analysis to definitively arrive at a figure is difficult as it's hard to break down the cost of consumables, redoing a gym floor,

salt/sand, extra custodial costs, utilities, etc. to account for all the associated costs. Mr. Beck also explained the complexity of analyzing the cost of principals covering athletic events, ADs scheduling events, communications, the members serving on this board; for example, all take a portion of the district BSA. There was additional discussions about the fee waiver process, Connections not providing what homeschool parents are looking for, and the fact that their \$2,700 allotment is decreased if they take a class at a local school to avoid the higher fee amount. Mr. Dosko asked if there have been any conversations between homeschool parents and IDEA administrators. Ms. Holt said yes, there are current conversations going on. Mr. Settlemyer asked what do they see as fair for a non-KPBSD participant? Ms. Holt responded she would like to see the board reassess the fee structure and perhaps look at a yearly fee applied per student. In addition, she agreed this is a complicated issue and appreciated the board for allowing them to speak.

### **B. Eligibility Language & Calculation – Vaughn**

Mr. Dosko shared last year's discussion and presentation with Mr. Byron Weeks in regard to the E2 and E4 grade checks, possibly giving a false sense academically to those short grading windows. Vaughn and Jesse worked with David Henson in IT to get the calculation to include grades from Q1. There will need to be a little bit of education in relating what the E checks represent and look like on the report card. The only way a student would be ineligible at the E2 grade check is if they did poorly in Q1. The confusion comes if a teacher is weighing grades vs total points. Mr. Weeks still contends the district grade calculations, no matter how we break up the timeframe, should be a reflection of the semester grade. Mr. Hooper, Nikiski AD, joined the conversation with his concerns. He feels we are changing the rules without notifying stakeholders. The discussion centered around the difference in how teachers calculate their grades (weighing tests different than assignments). Ultimately the calculation is still based on total points, the only thing that has changed is the start date of E2. Mr. Graham asked the board to put this information on a document and make it visible to the stakeholders showing adequate representation for semester 1. Mr. Dosko agreed that Mr. Settlemyer, Mr. Beck and Tracy Smith can be sure to communicate the change in calculation and timeframe to high schools with a visual graphic to show examples of cumulative progress resulting in a better benefit to students. Mr. Settlemyer thanked Mr. Hooper for his input.

### **C. Student Council Meeting Guidelines (Enclosure) - Vaughn**

1. The guidelines were crafted (2011) to help host schools organize their annual meeting. Since it was recently discovered that a Student Government handbook of guidelines and sample forms was found on the KPSAA website (now archived), Mr. Graham felt the KPSAA board should include this topic in their discussions. The board reviewed the guidelines from 2011 and determined the student government body should take ownership of reviewing and amending their own guidelines. It was noted there is some

discrepancies, and any new language needs to be in compliance with the KPSAA Handbook policy, in addition to ASAA policy.

#### **D. First Aid/CPR Training - Reimbursement – Vaughn**

1. Volunteer or low stipend club coaches training requirements. Why does HR require out of pocket training expenses?

Mr. Dosko shared this in an ongoing communication piece and has been brought up repeatedly. HR has changed their stance on volunteers - they do not need first aid/CPR. The only required trainings needed are the free cardiac arrest and concussion trainings. It should be noted the expectation with volunteers is that they will not be alone with students or athletes, there should always be a coach in near proximity. The board also discussed the low stipend coaches will still need the first aid/CPR training. Megan Smith, in agreement with Mr. Settlemyer, thought it should be fair for 710 funds to reimburse coaches for their training costs. Mr. Dosko said he and Liz have had conversations about this issue and those will continue. The board is in agreement that there should be a reimbursable way to pay back coaches for their required training costs.

#### **E. Powerlifting**

1. Need language for approved activity.

ASAA has sanctioned Powerlifting as an official activity. Powerlifting is operating at club status at Nikiski High. Mr. Settlemyer will reach out to ASAA and ask for language. This activity will be added to Appendix D for staffing and Vaughn will communicate that with HR at the annual meeting. Mr. Hooper shared the high school season will begin with practice on January 8 with the final competition on March 29. No state competition the first year, with four competitions. Discussions will be ongoing to determine minimum participation numbers for a coaching stipend.

#### **F. Bylaws (Enclosure)**

1. Last Revision in 2014

Mr. Settlemyer brought the boards attention to the possibility of various changes to the KPSAA Bylaws. In particular, he pointed out the voting process and how the KPSAA board is elected, specifically Article V. The board discussed whether each building administrator should be allowed one vote, or each school allowed one vote, also allowing regional principals to submit a vote for each school. Should an administrator only be allowed to vote for their representative member (only elementary schools would vote for the elementary rep)? Most board members do not seem to be in favor of this option because not all principals vote. Another option is representation, should athletic directors be allowed a vote? What about regional representation? The board after reviewing potential changes, members will send possible updates to Mary and she will compile submissions into one document for review at the November meeting.

**IX. ACTION ITEMS – For Board Adoption**

**A. None**

**X. Board Comments**

Mr. Daugharty appreciates the KPSAA board, specifically for taking some of the pressure off the school board. He feels the home school issue should be discussed at district leadership and for sure at the legislative level. He would like to see a discussion item to figure out a better way to communicate between KPSAA and school leaders. Mr. Settlemyer said he and Vaughn have had recent conversations about putting together a handbook of changes at the beginning of each year to send out to schools.

**XI. Next Meeting**

November 19, 2024

**XII. Adjournment**

Mr. Settlemyer adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Un-Adopted