

KPSAA Executive Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 25, 2025

10am-2pm

Soldotna Public Library Conference Room
235 N. Binkley Street

I. Call to Order

President Settlemeyer called the meeting to order at 10:23 due to connective issues.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mr. Jesse Settlemeyer, Mr. Dan Beck, Mrs. Megan Smith, Mr. Vaughn Dosko, Mr. Tim Daugherty, Ms. Jenna Fabian, Mr. Zach Kudla, Ms. Shonia Werner

Members Absent: Tyler Krekling, Mrs. Tracy Smith

| Name | Title | Role/Location |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jesse Settlemeyer | 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: Nicholas Lange, Hudl Representative – **Discussion Item A**

III. Approval of April 10, 2025 General Meeting Minutes

Motion: Megan

Second: Shonia

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous consent

IV. Approval of April 10, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jenna

Second: Megan

Amendments: None

Motion carried, unanimous consent

V. Approval of September 25, 2025 Executive Membership Meeting Agenda with Flexibility

Motion: Shonia

Second: Megan

Amendments: Shonia Werner moved to add Discussion Item G, putting middle school sports packets online in PowerSchool

Motion carried, unanimous consent

VI. Seat Vacant Middle School Representative

Tyler Krekling, Homer Middle School

Mr. Dosko explained Scott Lefebvre was seated as the middle school rep from this spring's election. He then took another job as an elementary school principal, thereby vacating the middle school representative

Motion: Dan

Second: Jenna

Motion carried, unanimous consent

VII. Executive Secretary Report/Communications

A. Approval of various summer camps

B. Waiver approval to allow Nikiski 6th graders for middle school soccer

C. Waiver approval to allow Seward 6th graders for middle school soccer

D. Approval for Soldotna High to start JV Football game at 2:00 on Sept. 19, 2025

E. IDEA Reimbursement Form available for middle & high schools

E. ASAA / Region III Updates

Mr. Dosko gave his executive secretary report, approving various summer camps and waivers for middle schools to use 6th graders for soccer. He also shared the IDEA Reimbursement form is now available and has been pushed out to middle and high schools. He reported after speaking with the finance director that some schools have already submitted forms and getting their reimbursement. Mr. Dosko also noted the agreement was not established with the intent of including middle schools. He reminded the KPSAA board it is not their job to negotiate with IDEA or amend the agreement, since it will not cover the assigned fees for non-KPBSD participants.

Mr. Dosko also shared recent Region III / ASAA Updates

- The Region III board met in Kenai on September 8

- For next year, Kodiak Girls will be allowed to opt down to 3A for Basketball

- Volleyball roster size has been increased to 14 at the State level

- Shot clocks are in effect this year at the 4A level

- Trackwrestling management software is no longer being used, but is moving to a new

modernized platform

- Houston and Redington Basketball is moving back into the re-named Southcentral conference
- The classification for Baseball was dropped to 650 for Division I, meaning SoHi Baseball is placed in Division I this year, changing conferencing for Division II
- ASAA is still working on TAD violation changes

Coaching

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Hudl – Digital Ticketing

Nicolas Lange, Hudl representative for Alaska, gave the board a presentation on Hudl's streaming and ticketing platform. Hudl is currently used by several district schools at different levels and funded by the program using the platform. Mr. Lange explained several packages are available including pricing and Stripe fees, as well as the option of moving outside of athletics to include CTE. The board was very interested and asked several questions, with the main question centering around the funding.

B. Board of Education Decisions

1. Co-Curricular fees, family caps
2. Co-Curricular stipends

Mr. Dosko also reported on the Board of Education decisions made and evolved over the course of the summer due to the state funding decisions. This resulted in the school board increasing most sports fees to \$100 for middle schools, with no family cap. High school fees are now \$300, with a \$1050 family cap. Non-KPBSD participation is now \$600 with a \$2,100 family cap. Non-KPBSD IDEA participants will pay \$300 to the school and the school will submit the new reimbursement form to the accounting department for the additional \$300. Also, the school board returned the co-curricular stipend funding back to 100% along with 100% of the travel funds being reinstated.

C. Coaching Certification – Protecting Students From Abuse

New training, free on NFHS Learn, now required for stipend contract holders.

D. Eliminating E-Checks

Mr. Settlemeyer shared he was not necessarily wanting to return to this subject, but does want to discuss the issue with the board. He suggested contacting other high schools for their input. The big question is how do we determine eligibility for KPC and home school students? For college, it looks different than someone taking a course through the middle college. The

middle college system seems to be working reasonably well. Mr. Settlemeyer also mentioned Connections and River City Academy as other schools with participants that need to be tracked. In particular the first quarter e-check revealed an issue with PowerSchool in reporting Connections students as ineligible due to a tech issue. Plus, the issue of E2 and E4 grading being calculated differently than the quarter grade. The board discussed where do we want to hold students accountable? It was suggested an interest in offering eligibility to be regained at any point after the 8:00am Monday grade report. Mr. Dosko said he believes too much of the responsibility of proving eligibility for homeschool, college and non-KPBSD athletes is placed on ADs, as opposed to putting the responsibility on the student and parent. Discussion was on the topic of students not doing work until the very end of a quarter if there are no grade checks. The effect could be detrimental to a small school. Discussion also touched on fairness in regards to IDEA providing a simple form signed by a parent stating they are eligible. Mr. Settlemeyer asked the board to think about the issue and he will take the discussion to the athletic directors. The board would like to see IDEA responsible for submitting their students' progress.

E. Proposal to Amend Team Staffing Guidelines for Football

1. Minimum for Coach from 22 to 18, to accommodate 9-man Football

The board discussed the proposal brought to KPSAA by Seward High requesting the minimum for a Head Coach be moved from 22 to 18 to accommodate 9-man Football. Mr. Dosko noted if the board wanted to make changes to Appendix D that there should be a separate line for 9-man Football with separate numbers for additional coaches, as well as different stipend ranges. It was noted that the move by two schools to 9-man Football never came to this board. The board questioned the equitability for a larger school's head coaching stipend be the same as a smaller 18-man team, which plays a much shorter season. Mr. Settlemeyer will create language and bring to the board for discussion at the November meeting.

F. ASAA - The Coaching Effect: An Invitation

1. Studying the effects of interscholastic activities

No knowledge of this topic at this point in time.

G. Adding Online Packets to PowerSchool for Middle School Forms

Ms. Werner shared her desire to add the sports forms online to the PS online packet during registration. Ms. Werner and Mrs. Megan Smith will reach out to IT on how to move forward with this proposal.

IX. ACTION ITEMS – For Board Adoption

A. None

X. Board Comments

Mr. Kudla noted prior discussion on moving small school basketball to better align with the middle school season to offer more competitive opportunities. Mr. Dosko suggested that he and Mr. Krekling could work on proposals for the November meeting.

Ms. Fabian spoke to celebrate 93 elementary kids out running for cross country. She sees the benefit of strengthening our programs and providing more opportunities for younger kids.

Mr. Dosko shared he is still advocating for an increase to stipend positions, noting KPBSD is by far the lowest of the big 5 districts in funding co-curricular stipends. Mr. Daugharty confirmed he is on the negotiating committee and supports increases to stipends. Mr. Settemeyer said he believes the union is in favor of a tiered stipend system based on years of experience, similar to Mat-Su. Mr. Dosko shared that athletic directors, especially at the bigger high schools, often act in similar roles as assistant principals.

Ms. Werner also advocated for athletic director stipends at the middle school level.

Mr. Daugharty shared that while he doesn't feel the priorities are there, he wholeheartedly agrees that stipends should be looked at.

XI. Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

XII. Adjournment

President Settemeyer adjourned the meeting at 1:44 pm