

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
March 1, 2019**

President Zittergruen called this administrative session of the Board of Directors to order at 8:30 a.m. Directors present: Zittergruen, Francis, Ebeling, Dufoe, Boehmer and Fadness. Absent: Seivert and Kroemer. Attending from the state office: Berger and Brown.

Motion by Francis, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved by all Directors present to accept consent items: 1) February 14, 2019 Board of Director' minutes and 2) February 13, 2019 Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) minutes.

Berger reviewed document received from the Department of Education verifying that Promise Academy located in New Providence, Iowa had been granted Independent Accreditation status. Promise Academy subsequently requested membership within the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union. **Motion by Fadness, second by Dufoe and unanimously approved by all Directors present granting Promise Academy membership within the IGHSAU effective immediately.**

For a number of years ASPi provided website development, hosting and other related services for the IGHSAU and IHSAA in connection with QuikStats. ASPi has now developed a platform known as "Varsity Bound" that consists of several applications, including websites and mobile applications, which perform many of the same functions as QuikStats. ASPi would like to use continue to use that data for "Varsity Bound." Property rights have now come into play because the new "Varsity Bound" app will use data collected from QuikStats. Up to this point, the IGHSAU and IHSAA have been operating on a verbal agreement that coaches will enter data and QuikStats will gather and organize the statistics. IGHSAU and IHSAA legal counsel prepared a contract that protects the association's content. A small monthly fee will continue to be paid to ASPi for services. Each association (IGHSAU, IHSAA and ASPi) will share in revenues earned. ASPi will charge for the "Varsity Bound" app, which will be accessible from mobile devices and easy to navigate whereas QuikStats is difficult to use on mobile devices. Within discussion, Ebeling voiced concern about updating the platform and when it will happen because it isn't addressed in the proposed contract. Berger will investigate Ebeling's concern and report back to Directors.

Executive Director Berger brought Directors up to date on Senate File 287 (Scholarship Rule.) The executive directors of the four high school activity associations (IGHSAU, IHSAA, IHSSA and IHSMA) were asked to develop language that would eliminate students having to serve multiple periods of ineligibility when they are involved in more than one activity occurring at different times of the year. The language proposed by the four organizations to allow schools to have local control for its students involved in speech and music was presented to the Republican Caucus and was rejected. The executive directors were asked to put forth some options for addressing scholarship. When discussing various options, it was noted that Directors did not support a rule that was

punitive. Declaring a student ineligible for the first 30-days of a grading period was discussed. Question was raised about a student that goes out for a sport/activity during those first 30 days of the grading period just to serve the ineligibility and quits the team. It could be stipulated in the policy that when a student joins a sport/activity to serve a 30-day ineligibility period, the student must complete the entire season. It can't be a situation where a student goes out for a sport/activity to serve an ineligibility period just so he/she is eligible to participate in the sport/activity he/she is actually involve in. Additional discussion ensued.

Senate File 326 is scheduled for discussion by a subcommittee. The bill that is proposed states that school districts will be prohibited from expending any monies to pay dues or membership fees to the IGHSAU or IHSAA on or after January 1, 2022. The bill authorizes a school district to expend monies to pay dues or membership fees to a single organization that is a successor organization to both the IGHSAU and IHSAA on or after January 1, 2022. The bill contains similar requirements for the expenditure of any monies originating from the state by an accredited or unaccredited nonpublic school. The bill is supporting one activity organization for the state rather than the current four. Directors agreed that the bill doesn't address the problem because the problem is administrative and the bill addresses organizational. Berger will attend the subcommittee next week. It was suggested that superintendents send a legislative update to their district's administrative staff asking them to contact their legislators indicating they are not in favor of the bill. It was noted that IASB is against the bill. Another suggestion was to find someone in northwest Iowa to talk to the senator sponsoring the bill and explain the advantages of four activity organizations. ISEA and SAI need be on the record as supporting four organizations. Additional discussion ensued. Berger will keep Directors up to date on developments.

There being no further business, motion by Francis, second by Dufoe to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Directors at 9:45 a.m.

Karon Brown
Associate Director