

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION  
July 26, 2019**

In the absence of former President Gary Zittergruen, Treasurer Roger Francis called this administrative session of the Board of Directors to order at 11:30 a.m. Directors present: Francis, Ebeling, Dufoe, Fadness, and Kroemer. Absent: Boehmer and Seivert. Attending from the state office: Berger, Brown, Ihnen, Brinkmeyer and Ross.

**Motion by Kroemer, Ebeling second and unanimously approved by all Directors present to accept consent items: 1) June 12, 2019 Board of Directors minutes and 2) June financials.**

Due to Gary Zittergruen retiring from school administration at the end of June, the Board of Directors are without a president and would remain so until November 1, 2019 when the reorganization of the Board is to occur. However, the IGHSAU Constitution states: "The Board of Directors may, at its option, and because of unusual circumstances surrounding recent vacancies occurring on the Board, elect its officers by vote of the Board of Directors." **Motion by Kroemer, Fadness second and unanimously approved by all Directors present electing Roger Francis as President of the Board of Directors and Greg Ebeling as Treasurer.**

The August 2, 2019 Joint Committee agenda was reviewed. A follow-up discussion from the Ad Hoc Committee meeting at the NFHS conference will be conducted. It is the hope of the management that a timeline for the proposed changes can be finalized in order for recommendations to be presented to Directors in September.

A joint classification committee will be created with representation from the IGHSAU and IHSAA to address classification concerns as reflected in the resolution written by the Superintendent at Cardinal of Eldon Community Schools. The resolution calls for a committee to be created to seriously evaluate the competitive needs of students and schools in order to experience success and the inequities inherent in a system based solely on enrollment size without consideration of family and community capacity for support. The resolution has been signed by a few member schools. Consensus was at least two Board members, one of them an athletic director, be included.

The Joint Committee will review admission procedures for the state cross country meet. The bus shuttle service from various Fort Dodge locations to the cross country course will be utilized again this year. One option that will be discussed is charging per person rather than per car. Each person would be charged when boarding the bus. Logistics on how to handle school bus/van parking within the park will need to be addressed.

Fadness was of the opinion that the four organizations (IGHSAU, IHSSA, IHSAA, IHSMA) attend one of the social times during the IASB convention to talk to attendees about the advantages of having four separate organizations. One possibility could be hosting a social at the Iowa Hall of Pride.

Directors were informed that the Department of Education upheld the Board's decision of ineligibility for 90-consecutive school days for student Shelby Hatcher. The student transferred from Lewis Central High School to St. Albert High School on January 3, 2019. Shelby could not meet the 90-day ineligibility period because of the number of school days cancelled due to inclement weather. The school district opted to add hours of instruction to the 2018-19 calendar as opposed to additional school days. The revised St. Albert calendar reflected that school was cancelled a total of five days during the second semester. St. Albert had 90-school days scheduled before any classes were cancelled due to weather or other circumstances.

Executive Director Berger shared with Directors documentation from the Muscatine athletic director addressing accusations of illegal coaching contact within the softball program. The situation was an agenda line item and was thoroughly discussed by Directors. Within discussion it was noted that Muscatine High School is currently on probation. Concern was expressed because the athletic director talked to only two people and did not independently confirm with others a possible violation. Executive Director Berger will correspond with the Muscatine athletic director indicating the state office will allow him to monitor and address the situation as he requested.

Directors were informed of a transfer situation involving two students that transferred into the Southeast Warren School District without a like change in parental residence. Southeast Warren allowed the students to compete as members of the varsity softball team. Following investigation by the state office, management declared the two students ineligible to compete in varsity athletics at Southeast Warren High School for a period of 90 consecutive school days commencing on the first day of attendance for the 2018-19 school year, which was February 23, 2019. The students must complete the remaining 90-day period of ineligibility during the fall, 2019 semester with credit given for the days attended. The girls must serve a 20 and 21-game suspension, respectively. In addition, Southeast Warren must forfeit 13 varsity wins in the 2019 season in which the two students participated. Further, Southeast Warren was placed on probation for the 2019-2020 school. If additional violations occur in any girls' programs during this probationary period, the IGHSAU reserves the right to suspend the program from future IGHSAU competitions. Discussion ensued.

Based on suggestions by the Ad Hoc Committee, management would like to move forward with changes in soccer tournament dates. Class 1A regional soccer dates: Wednesday, May 27, Monday, June 1 and Thursday, June 4. Classes 2A and 3A regional soccer dates: Friday, May 29, Tuesday, June 2 and Thursday, June 4. 2020 state tournament dates Tuesday, June 9, Wednesday, June 10 and Friday, June 12. The new regional dates eliminate the regional finals in the same week as the state tournament. Doubleheaders will be scheduled during regional play. The state tournament schedule

allows for a day off in the middle of the tournament to give teams advancing to the championship games a break to help with quality of play and assist with player well-being. Directors supported the change and suggested the information be shared with member schools as soon as possible.

The idea of eliminating information packets for each Director at administrative sessions was discussed. Management raised the question that due to the information being sent electronically, is there a need to supply packets with the same information at meetings. Within discussion it was determined that it would be helpful if a few packets were available for Directors the day of the meeting.

The 2019-2020 Board of Director meeting dates were reviewed by Directors.

**There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. through motion by Kroemer, second by Fadness and unanimously approved by all Directors present.**

Karon Brown  
Associate Director