

**NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPRING MEETING
Wednesday, May 5, 2015**

The spring meeting of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Bill Miller at 8:20 a.m. at the newly renovated Simon F. Terrell Building in Chapel Hill. Members in attendance included Dwayne Stallings, Maurice Green, Allison Osman, Carla Black, Angie Miller, Bill Rogers, Ron Butler, Tony Baldwin, Joe Poletti, M.D. Guthrie, Teresa Hays, Brad Craddock, Sandy George, Paul Hoggard, Dennis Sawyer, Rodney Shotwell, Reggie Peace, and David Gentry.

Affiliate members included Roger Morton of the Piedmont Officials Association, representing booking agents and officials, Burt Jenkins of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Joe Franks of the North Carolina Coaches Association, and Rex Wells representing the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association. Wendell Hall representing the North Carolina School Boards Association was absent.

NCHSAA staff in attendance included Davis Whitfield, Rick Strunk, Mark Dreibelbis, Karen DeHart, Que Tucker, Whitney Frye, Tra Waters, Brad Alford and Chiquana Dancy.

The first order of business was an appeal for reinstatement as a regional supervisor of officials to the Board of Directors by Tommy Mattocks.

Questions followed from the Board, and then Mr. Mattocks left the room and the Board discussed further. The vote on this was tabled, pending discussion by the Review and Officiating Committee and the recommendation on its agenda from the selection committee for that regional supervisor position.

CONSENT AGENDA NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPRING MEETING (Cases handled since November 1, 2014 and before April 1, 2015)

1. **SOUTH ROWAN:** Approved waiver of residence rule for Franklin Garcia, based on appropriate documentation for McKinney-Vento status.
2. **SOUTH ROWAN:** Approved waiver of residence rule for Christopher Garcia, based on appropriate documentation for McKinney-Vento status.
3. **SMOKY MOUNTAIN:** Approved waiver of residence rule for Aidan Waldrum, based on appropriate documentation for emancipation.
4. **GREENE CENTRAL:** waiver of residence rule for Tyjuan Wooten, based on appropriate documentation for emancipation was pending due to lack of information and thus was not approved.
5. Received request from North Carolina Leadership Charter Academy, whose application for membership was approved for 2015-16 academic year, to defer its joining until 2016-17 academic year.
6. **MIDDLE CREEK:** Approved waiver of scholastic requirements for Jarod Nizen, based on appropriate medical documentation for reduced academic schedule medically necessary due to severe concussion; applies for both first and second semesters of 2014-15.
7. Received letter from Tar Roanoke Athletic Conference accepting Oxford Prep as a full member beginning with the 2015-16 academic year.
8. **CLEVELAND:** Approved waiver of scholastic requirements for Ishmail Rasheem Edwards, based on documentation for move from school on traditional schedule to school on block and couldn't get student's schedule aligned for credit with move late in semester.
9. **NEW HANOVER:** Approved waiver of scholastic requirements for Ashley Louise Woodward, based on appropriate medical documentation for medically necessary withdrawal from classes.
10. **PANTHER CREEK:** Denied waiver of eight-semester rule for Saajan Patel, lacking appropriate medical documentation.
11. **HOGGARD:** Denied waiver of scholastic requirements for Grant Nicholas Grinnell, lacking appropriate medical documentation.
12. **NORTH PITT:** Approved waiver of scholastic requirements for Kenzie Michelle Bryant, based on appropriate documentation involving Department of Social Services.
13. **CENTRAL ACADEMY:** Approved waiver of scholastic requirements for Emilee Duke, based on appropriate medical documentation for concussion and medically necessary reduced schedule.

14. **TRINITY:** Approved waiver of scholastic requirements for Hannah Overby, based on appropriate documentation for transfer from school on traditional format to school on block.

15. **WEST BRUNSWICK:** Denied waiver of scholastic requirements for Ashley Fletcher, lacking appropriate documentation.

16. **NORTH MECKLENBURG:** Denied waiver of scholastic requirements for Bailey Fink, lacking appropriate documentation.

17. **WAKEFIELD:** Approved waiver of scholastic requirements for Shane Horan, based on appropriate medical documentation, including hospitalization.

18. **WAKEFIELD:** Denied waiver of scholastic requirements for Michael Portera, based on appropriate medical documentation.

19. **WALTER WILLIAMS:** Approved waiver of scholastic requirements for Andrew Honeycutt, based on appropriate medical documentation.

Motion to approve consent agenda items (motion by Butler, second by Craddock, approved 18-0).

Motion to approve minutes of winter meeting of Board of Directors as distributed (motion by Greene second by Hays, approved 18-0).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The report for the committee was made by chairperson Jimmy Tillman. This will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting on Thursday.

The recommendation includes: president, Maurice Green; vice-president, Rodney Shotwell; past president: Bill Miller; coach/AD from region 3, 4-A: Scarlett Steinert, Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools; coach/AD in region 4, 2-A Patty Evers, East Bladen; superintendent, region 5, 1-A, Ronnie Mendenhall, Stokes County; superintendent, region 6, 3-A: Sherry Hoyle, Lincoln County; superintendent, region 7, 4-A: Darin Hartness. Davie County.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Davis Whitfield presented to the Board.

He thanked the Board for its support of the building renovations, which he said he was proud of although there are still some things left to complete in the building.

In terms of legislation, Whitfield noted House Bill 484, the bill that would allow home school students to participate at member schools, and now has been referred to the rules committee. Other legislation includes a bill relative to first responders, one related to sudden cardiac death, another for heat stroke prevention and one for concussions.

The case of Luke Hampton, the wrestler from Alleghany who was paralyzed in a wrestling accident, is moving toward settlement. Another case involving a wrestler with an injury is just getting started and a suit is likely.

Other states have been asked to sign on with a case going on in Illinois, which has concussion related claims. Illinois is asking for participation in a common interest/joint defense/information sharing agreement, and Whitfield referred to general counsel Whitney Frye to provide details.

Motion to move forward with North Carolina agreeing to participate in common interest/joint defense/information sharing agreement (motion by Green, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).

Whitfield also brought up national events participation, related to the Myers Park situation in women's basketball, and the possibility of allowing it in certain situations and with certain limits. Discussion ensued about getting feedback at regional meetings from the membership.

At 9:40 am, the Board went into committee sessions.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL: chairperson Maurice Green, vice-chair Bill Miller, Angie Miller, Rodney Shotwell, Tony Baldwin, Allison Osman, staff advisors Davis Whitfield and Karen DeHart;

POLICY: chairperson Carla Black, vice-chair M.D. Guthrie, Paul Hoggard, Rex Wells, Brad Craddock, Burt Jenkins, staff advisors Whitney Frye and Brad Alford;

REVIEW/ OFFICIATING/STUDENT SERVICES: chairperson Ron Butler, vice-chair Sandy George, Dennis Sawyer, Roger Morton, Reggie Peace, Wendell Hall, staff advisor Mark Dreibelbis;

SPORTS: chairperson Dwayne Stallings, vice-chair Joe Poletti, Bill Rogers, David Gentry, Teresa Hays, Joe Franks, staff advisors Que Tucker, Chiquana Dancy and Tra Waters.

The Board later heard lengthy committee reports on agenda items.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Board heard reports from several financial institutions.

Wells Fargo: Greg Owen started the presentation. Dan Taylor and Mort High also were on hand. They believe global growth will pick up, and the U.S. will grow a little faster than last year. The NCHSAA portfolio is well diversified and High explained the philosophy behind the distribution.

Morgan Stanley: Jeff Hudson presented to the Board, along with Jessica Standifer. The funds in this are managed as a "moderate portfolio," which reduces risk with about 60% in stock and 40% in fixed income. Return has been excellent at about 12% over the last seven years or so, which is very much on the high side for these sorts of investments.

They believe that international stocks have improved in value in recent years and is an area of opportunity for investment.

Interest rates are likely to rise some by the end of next year.

One Providence Capital: Dexter Perry presented to the Board, noting that SEI is the actual holder of the funds. This is the first quarterly report from this company to the Board. They are pleased with the performance of the strategy so far and no adjustment in allocations recommended.

BB&T: The presentation by Dara Haney and Johns Ellington noted that the investments had done well and the "active management" appears to be working appropriately. They reviewed the handout as presented.

Wittenburg, Priddy and Blankenship: Michael Wittenburg presented. He noted their fee structure operates a little differently from many other financial instructions. He explained that the performance of the fund had been good and they had been very conservative with the investments with low risk. Wittenburg has also offered some free education seminars for members of the NCHSAA staff.

MOUNTAIN ISLAND CHARTER APPEAL: The school made its appeal to the full Board for placement in a conference. Justin Matthews, executive director of the school, made the presentation, which was founded in 2010 and has well over 1000 students in K-11. He noted that the school has 33 athletic teams.

It is asking for entry into the Southern Piedmont Conference for the 2015-16 school year, although it did not ask for that at the mid-point of the alignment, which would have been at the December Board meeting. He appealed on the merit of the school being in the conference and the voting procedures and by laws of the conference (the conference requires a 2/3 vote to join). Matthews said the school received an email saying they had been accepted by the vote, although later it received notification it did not. He noted there were multiple votes that eventually wound up being under the 2/3 majority, and then this happened after the NCHSAA Board meeting had met.

He noted they were playing everybody in the conference in just about everything already, with the exception of football.

Discussion ensued. Motion to accept the appeal and place Mountain Island Charter in the Southern Piedmont Conference as a member in all sports (motion by Shotwell, second by George, approved 19-0).

REALIGNMENT: Rick presented the realignment process to the Board, outlining the changes (which are not really substantial) to the previous process and procedure. There is more information from the membership on the front end, including a Conference Declaration of Intent, and a modification of the timeline that has the realignment regional meetings after the initial draft has been tweaked some. Another meeting of the realignment committee for appeals has also been added.

Tra went through the models that had been posted on the NCHSAA web site for some time. He talked about the traditional 25% model, the 25% modified that removes the non-football playing schools when the lines are drawn and then they are added back in (would be 120 or so 1-A schools, 95 or 94 in other classifications), and then the 20%/30%/30%/20% model (would have 75 4-A schools, over 100 in others), which would create less travel for 2-A and 3-A, could increase it some in 4-A but they are clustered in metropolitan areas), and could create significant travel concerns for 1-A. Much of this had been discussed in other forums, including regional meetings and the state athletic directors conference, among other places.

There were 321 schools which voted on line by ranking the models. A total of 48.9% had the traditional model as their top choice and ranked 20/30/30/30 last, while those that favored the 20/30/30/20 model ranked the traditional one third.

Motion to voted on models: 6 to go 25%, none for 25% modified, 13 for 20/30/30/20. Motion to approve 20/30/30/20 modified is made by Shotwell, second by Craddock, approved 12-7.

Motion to approve Realignment Process and Procedure to reflect changes the Board made with (motion by Shotwell, second by Poletti, approved 13-4).

Motion to approve Realignment Committee as presented to Board (motion by Stallings, second by Baldwin, approved 17-0).

No Board motion was forthcoming on allowing playing up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to reports and discussion from the various committee work sessions.

The Board discussed the appeal made by Tommy Mattocks earlier. The decision was rendered and he was subsequently informed of the decision (motion by George, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).

After dinner break, then Commissioner Whitfield addressed the Board about the Time Warner Cable television contract and the expectations of what the schools must agree to do, which includes moving game to Thursday night live window and set kickoff at 7:30 pm.

Recommendation would be that the host school would get a full share (based on the formula used already, with a half share for hosting a playoff game and a full share for traveling for a playoff game, with the interest revenue from Endowment and a portion of the budget overage) for hosting the TV game. No web streaming of event can occur during live game production, determine contingencies for weather related cancellations and delays, and establish penalty if host school agrees to broadcast and then cancels.

Recommend that host team of televised game get full share according to that aforementioned formula (motion by Poletti, second by Guthrie, approved 19-0).

Other provisions of the TV agreement for the member schools (site survey, press box access, school information, etc., were all discussed, along with in school promotions and announcements. Game format was also discussed (2:30 between quarters, for instance, halftime length of 18 minutes), interviews with coaches, etc.

Motion to approve Time Warner Cable TV requirements (motion by Guthrie, second by Black, approved 19-0).

Strategic plan was discussed briefly, including the handful of items that are still in process as indicated by Commissioner Whitfield.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

NCHSAA Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, May 6, 2015

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Affiliate members included Burt Jenkins of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Mac Morris of the North Carolina Coaches Association, and Rex Wells of the North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association. Wendell Hall was absent.

NCHSAA staff in attendance included Davis Whitfield, Rick Strunk, Mark Dreibelbis, Karen DeHart, Que Tucker, Whitney Frye, Tra Waters, Brad Alford and Chiquana Dancy.

Media members in attendance included Earl Vaughan of the Fayetteville Observer, Tim Stevens of the Raleigh News and Observer, Joe Sirera of the Greensboro News and Record, Conor O'Neill of the Burlington Times-News and Nick Stevens of HighSchoolOT.com.

SPECIAL REPORTS: STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL: Benjamin Lowell of Eastern Alamance High School presented to the Board, outlining the busy year for the SAAC. He outlined several service projects started by SAAC members at their respective schools, including starting a tutoring service for underprivileged children at an elementary school and various Project Unify initiatives at different schools.

He said it had been an honor to serve in this capacity.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Davis Whitfield thanked the Board for its support of the building renovations and hopes members had found them useful. He reminded them of the open house at the building on Thursday.

He mentioned several things that were discussed earlier, including the new television contract and the discussion that will ensue at regional meetings about national competition and parameters around that which could be included.

Whitfield said he felt very good about the strategic plan and progress that had been made.

He noted that the process and procedure for realignment, and that the Board voted to use the 20/30/30/20 modified model that had been discussed. Ethan Linker will serve as the overall chair for realignment, with Stan Williams and David Jones serving in the East and West as co-chairs, respectively

REVIEW/OFFICIATING/STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE: Ron Butler made the presentation for her committee after thanking his members:

1. Recommend approval of incident and penalty report (motion by Butler, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).

The report included the following schools: unpaid: Bartlett Yancey, Carver, Cherokee, East Chapel Hill, Forest Hills, Hunter Huss, KIPP Pride, Lejeune, North Forsyth, Page, Queens Grant, Robbinsville, Rosewood, Seventy-First, Southeast Halifax, Statesville, Wakefield, Webb.

Paid: Albemarle (3), Alleghany (2), Apex (2), Athens Drive, Bandys, Bishop McGuinness, Broughton, Bunn, Butler, Cape Fear, Cardinal Gibbons, C.B. Aycock, Charlotte Catholic, Clayton, Community School of Davidson, Cox Mill, Crest, Croatan, Cummings, D.H. Conley, Dixon, Dudley, East Carteret (2), East Chapel Hill, East Lincoln, East Montgomery, Eastern Wayne, Enka, Enloe (2), Clyde Erwin, Farmville Central, Fike, Fuquay-Varina, Glenn, Goldsboro, Gray's Creek, Green Hope, Harding, Hendersonville, Hunter Huss, Independence, Jesse Carson, Kings Mountain, Knightdale, Leesville Road, Lejeune, Lincoln Charter, Marvin Ridge, McMichael, Monroe, Mount Tabor, New Bern, Newton-Conover, North Buncombe, North Iredell, North Johnston, North Lincoln (2), North Mecklenburg, North Moore, North Stanly, Northern Durham (2), Northern Nash, Northside (Jacksonville), Olympic, Orange, Page, Panther Creek, Pasquotank (2), Pine Forest, Polk County, Ragsdale, Raleigh Charter, Research Triangle, Richlands, Riverside (4), Roanoke Rapids, Robbinsville, Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount Prep, Rocky River, Smoky Mountain, South Granville, South Lenoir, South Point, Southeast Guilford, Southeast Raleigh, Southern Durham, Southern Wayne, Southwestern Randolph, Statesville, T.W. Andrews (2), T.C. Roberson, Tuscola, Wake Forest, Weddington, West Charlotte, West Mecklenburg (2), Western Guilford (3), Wilkes Central, Woods Charter.

2. Approved ejection report as distributed (motion by Butler, second by Shotwell, approved 19-0).
3. Recommend use of drones be prohibited within the confines of stadiums, fields and arenas during NCHSAA contests. This policy includes the restricted playing area of the venue but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure (motion by Butler, second by Craddock, approved 19-0).
4. Recommend addition in Handbook that schools should have a plan in place to ensure a safe exit for officials in all sports to a secure area (motion by Butler, second by Baldwin, approved 19-0).
5. Tabled establishing an appeals process for persons with felony convictions who want to participate in officiating program
6. Establish protocol for weather delays; staff will develop best practice information to be shared at regional meetings, etc., to define role of game administrators, etc. Discussion noted that game administrators are responsible with weather calls.
7. Recommend Steve McNeill as regional supervisor for Triangle Football Officials Association (motion by Butler, second by Sawyer, approved 19-0).
8. Recommend Roy Turner as regional supervisor for Eastern Basketball Officials Association (motion by Butler, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).

9. Recommend Jack Embry and Tim Sappenfield regional supervisors for the Central Wrestling Officials Association, as it will be split since it is so large (motion by Butler, second by Craddock, approved 19-0).
10. Reviewed eligibility sanctions as found in the Handbook, no action.
11. Approve protocol to utilize available video for game/post game sanctions in accordance with the NCHSAA ejection policy; it will be used to review to sanction players or teams for leaving the bench (motion by Butler, second by Black, approved 19-0).
12. Student services—discussion of programs offered, etc.
13. NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching certification update—since May 1, 2012, 13,623 coaches in the state have received national certification. North Carolina is seventh nationally with 466 Accredited Interscholastic Athletic Coaches and the state is first nationally with 61 Certified Interscholastic Coaches.
14. Committee discussed Bridge To Sports and potential NCHSAA impact.

SPORTS COMMITTEE: Dwayne Stallings presented his report after thanking committee members:

1. Approved request to change wording on previously approved recommendation; recommend allowing 10 days of unlimited number skill development in football to begin 10 days prior to the start of exam period (state mandated final exams) for each school, excluding Memorial Day; due to timing of the recommendation, schools will have the flexibility to keep their prior plans for football skill development session based on approved recommendation during December 2014 meeting (motion by Stallings, second by Butler, approved 17-2).
2. Did not move out of committee to have option to go back to previous skill development rule.
3. Recommend keeping qualifiers to state men's golf starting next year at 84 per classification, 60 team golfers and 24 golfers not on one of top three teams qualifying (motion by Stallings, second by Hays, approved 19-0).
4. Add men's and women's golf to required sports for head coaches to attend NCHSAA rules clinics in accordance with rule 2.2.7(d) (motion by Stallings, second by Hays, approved 19-0).
5. Recommend late entry deadlines be moved to 3 pm on a weekday, corresponding with end of school day (motion by Stallings, second by Shotwell, approved 19-0).
6. Adopt standards for facilities hosting NCHSAA playoffs in all sports, including must be safe and protective of well being of participants and spectators; must have seating for participants and spectators, with one-third of the seating reserved for visiting spectators (sports other than football, which has its own seating requirements); must satisfy Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, have restroom facilities, have a means for teams and game officials to dress, conducive to charging admission, and be able to show upon request that lighting meets the NCHSAA minimum standards (motion by Stallings, second by Hays, approved 18-0).
7. Recommend increasing state championship medal distribution to champions and runners-up in selected sports, after being reviewed by special awards committee (motion by Stallings, second by Gentry, approved 18-0).
8. Corrected swimming qualifying deadline should be January 30, 2016.
9. Regional basketball format—fourth round (regional semifinals) will be at home of the higher seed; if there is indication the school doesn't have adequate seating, NCHSAA would help find site; then the regional finals at a neutral site. Several large high schools have indicated willingness to host games in this regard. Effective for 2015-16 season. (motion by Stallings, second by Hays, approved 19-0).
10. Change in basketball skill development did not move out of committee.
11. Changes in basketball playoff qualification did not move out of committee, including using MaxPreps rankings for seeding.
12. Approved several Handbook adjustments
See handout for items for clarification in 4.5.1, 4.5.4, 4.11.1, 4.13.1, 4.14.2, and definitions of unattached and unaffiliated (motion by Stallings, second by Poletti, approved 18-0 with one abstention).

13. Recommend head cheerleading coaches take American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators Spirit Safety Course by August 1, 2016 (motion by Stallings, second by George, approved 18-0).
14. Recommend approval that each head pole vault coach must take and pass the NFHS Coaching Pole Vault course for 2015-16 school year (motion by Stallings, second by Poletti, approved 18-0).
15. Require all NCHSAA member schools to have a Cardiac Safety Program with three specific components; an appropriate number of AEDs on campus, AED maintenance program, required viewing of short AED/CPR video for all supervising adults, including teachers, coaches and administrators (motion by Stallings, second by Hays, approved 18-0).
16. Football contact limitations: to limit regular season and postseason football practice to maximum of 60 minutes of live action contact per group, per week; contact at game speed where players execute full tackles at a competitive pace, taking players to the ground, effective August 1, 2015 (motion by Stallings, second by George, approved 18-1).
17. Recommend that during preseason football practice, the two hour practice session of any double-practice day cannot include full contact, including "thudding." (motion by Stallings, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).
18. Miscellaneous items—consider seeding for dual team tennis and wrestling with discussion at regional meeting; SMAC will provide updated slides for eligibility power point for sports medicine; schools will be encourage to optimize required Emergency Action Plan, consider neutral site for dual team wrestling championship.
19. Did not move out of committee request to maintain the 365-day requirement for physical examination, but to provide a one-month grace period to help comply with insurance requirements.

POLICY COMMITTEE: Carla Black thanked her committee and presented the report:

1. Review transfer waiver policy when it involves NCSSM, because all of its students are really transfers from other schools; will go back to the school on how to deal best with this since their situation is unique and work on solution.
2. No recommendation on creating universal documentation process for wait listing for charter schools and how that would weigh in to the transfer policy, but authorized staff to investigate this; also discussed how best to process transfer waivers during summer months.
3. Adjust language in each sports section of Handbook regarding playoff entries, deleting "directors may call..." from each section to comport with change made in December Board meeting (motion by Black, second by Green, approved 19-0).
4. Recommend approval of specific Handbook language to address TWC live coverage which is now allowed with NCHSAA Game of the Week and member school obligations in this regard (motion by Black, second by Baldwin, approved 19-0).
5. Recommend modification of rule 1.1.9.c to require declaration be made at beginning of year for residency purposes, addressing those student-athletes with no custody order (changing the provision about the "majority of nights" as it is written now) (motion by Black, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).
6. Tabled recommendation for school applying for NCHSAA membership to have at least two grades to be able to apply.
7. Add social media position statement in sportsmanship section of the Handbook as indicated:

NCHSAA Social Media Policy Statement:

The NCHSAA recognizes, encourages and supports its student-athletes', coaches' and officials' rights to freedom of speech, expression and association, including the use of social media. Social media applies, without limitation, to any web-based and mobile technologies, in use now or developed in the future, that enables individuals or entities to disseminate or receive information, communicate, or otherwise interact. The Association believes that student-athletes, coaches, and officials are role models, and their use of social media should conform to standards consistent with sportsmanlike conduct. Please remember that everything you post is public information, and derogatory, defamatory and otherwise inappropriate social media commentary may result in the imposition of penalties. (motion by Black, second by Sawyer, approved 19-0).

8. Approving adding specific appendices to Handbook, regarding sanctioning, ticket prices for postseason, scheduling and split conference applications (motion by Black, second by George, approved 19-0).
9. Approved correcting dates for submission of preseason certification to September 1, December 1 and March 15 (motion by Black, second by Gentry, approved 19-0).
10. Handbook additions:
 - a. Add 2.6.3 to the Penalties and Fines section (motion by Black, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).
 - b. Add additional violations under 3.2.2.d regarding use of an ineligible player, including “violation of transfer policy” and “does not meet eight-quarter eligibility criteria” (motion by Black, second by Craddock, approved 19-0).
11. Review and approval of Consent for Participation Form as provided, to indicate awareness of responsibility, injury, illness and use of image and likeness (motion by Black, second by George, approved 19-0).
12. Approved 2015-16 Non-Athletic Calendar (motion by Black, second by Craddock, approved 19-0).

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Davis Whitfield presented on behalf of the committee, recognized members of the committee and made this report:

1. Add language to reflect UPMIFA in NCHSAA investment policy (motion from committee, second by Green, approved 19-0).
2. Distribution recommended for funds for NCHSAA scholarship which will be made for first time at 2015 Annual Meeting; \$750 per regional winner, and an additional \$1000 for each of two overall state winners (motion from committee, second by Black, approved 19-0).
3. Disadvantaged schools funding; review and approve allocation of a portion of interest generated by General Association Investment Funds towards assisting member high schools based on predetermined formula. Committee recommends allocating 60% of interest earned from those funds and using version 2 of the models for method of distribution (motion by committee, second by Craddock, approved 19-0).
4. Reviewed Time Warner Cable contract, which is for four years with a sliding rights fee scale and incentives to schools participating in televised games.
5. Fee structures for all money managers were reviewed.
6. Discussed Heads Up Grant with money coming from the Carolina Panthers and how money will be provided to schools for reimbursements for participating in this program.
7. Recommend approval of budget resolution document as presented, to allow NCHSAA to continue to operate appropriately until budget is officially approved (motion from committee, second by Baldwin, approved 19-0).
8. 2014-15 budget review—football revenues down, sponsorship dollars down slightly, other fall sports and cheerleading revenues are higher than budgeted.
9. Discussed sports comparison report in committee; volleyball championship attendance was the highest since 2004-05; cross country finals attendance down by 400 and NCHSAA revenue down; men’s soccer up slightly for revenue and attendance; winter sports incomplete but preliminary report on wrestling indicates up 40% in attendance.
10. Heard investment updates. Committee recommends approval of investing \$453,247.15 with SEI.
11. NCHSAA corporate partners program relative to local school contract conflicts and funding; NCHSAA is reviewing potential impact when member schools voluntarily decline participation in NCHSAA sponsored programs.
12. Entertainment sales tax fee; by General Statute, exemption on sales tax for NCHSAA championship events expired on December 31, 2014; NCHSAA will assume sales tax on admission tickets for championships.
13. Discussion on insurance policies, the key personnel life insurance policies taken on Board and staff members in 1993.
14. Contract with Carolyn Shannonhouse as independent contractor in role as cheerleading invitational consultant (motion from committee, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).

15. Recommend adjustment in line item budget for wages for Interim Commissioner to be able to reorganize duties if necessary; line item will still be lower next year than the current year (motion from committee, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).
16. Recommend moving Michael Niver to Assistant to Business and Championships and hiring part time employees to serve in receptionist role (motion by committee, second by George, approved 19-0).
17. Juli Kidd was hired as director of systems administration—website and video development on April 1.
18. Que Tucker has been appointed interim commissioner effective June 1, 2015.
19. Committee recommends hiring a part time Sports Medicine Director with salary of \$25,000 plus travel to help schools in the areas of health and safety (motion from committee, second by George, approved 19-0).
20. Recommend staff raises as outlined by commissioner (motion from committee, second by Poletti, approved 19-0).

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION: Burt Jenkins reported to the Board from DPI.

He talked about the new policy regarding athletic trainers, but it was first enacted in 1986. This relates to either a licensed athletic trainer or first responder and duties for the first responder. New to the policy is that the first responder must have completed and continue to maintain training in concussion management as offered by an organization such as the NFHS, and have completed and continue to maintain continuing education in injury prevention and management.

First responder must now complete 10 hours of staff development each school year specific to first aid, injury recognition and prevention. This person must not have concurrent coaching responsibilities during the time the person is working as a licensed athletic trainer or first responder.

Now each school district will monitor school athletic trainer/first responder compliance with this policy. LEAs ***shall work toward*** having a licensed athletic trainer or first responder available for all school practices and games of all sports at both the high school and middle school.

The State Board of Education is still working on the penalty phase, which the NCHSAA Board has discussed already, for Gfeller-Waller non compliance.

Next he discussed proposed legislation, starting with HB 162 on Sudden Cardiac Arrest. There would be an information sheet for sudden cardiac arrest that the parents would have to sign, as well as a student having to complete a heart history questionnaire as part of the pre participation physical. It would also include coaches having CPR certification. This, if passed, would start with the 2016-17 academic year.

HB 768 is a Health Stroke Prevention bill but it has been withdrawn at this point.

NORTH CAROLINA COACHES ASSOCIATION: Joe Franks thanked the NCHSAA for the opportunity to serve on the Board and he brought greetings from former Board member Mac Morris as well.

He noted that the Board is all about relationships that work toward what is best for student-athletes, and Joe said in many ways that is the goal of the NCCA as well. He highlighted the relationship among the NCCA, the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association and the NCHSAA, which is extremely rare across the country.

The NCCA has first responder training available at the coaches' clinic. This year there will also be CPR training available.

From The Gym To the Jury is a great service and resource provided by the NCCA to its members, and he said this is something that would be very beneficial for schools to check.

The NCCA Clinic will be July 20-23 in Greensboro.

REGIONAL SUPERVISORS/OFFICIALS: Roger Morton addressed the Board.

He did indicate that this spring had, in fact, been the worst spring he has seen in terms of weather and its effect on contests. It not only didn't give student-athletes a chance to prepare for the season, but also for officials as well.

He noted that there were 425 contests cancelled in his region alone this spring, including baseball, softball, women's soccer and lacrosse. The week of April 13 was the first week schools were able to actually practice and play.

Roger thanked Davis for the job he has done as commissioner, and Roger knew him when he was working at the University of North Carolina.

NORTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION: Rex Wells made the presentation on behalf of his organization and gave greetings from executive director Jerry McGee, who has been in that role since 1992 and is being inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

The 2015 conference was held at the Hilton Riverside in Wilmington from March 29-April 1, with 201 athletic directors there with 118 taking seven different LTCs. He highlighted some of the other activities during the conference. Sheila Boles, Bob Dailey and Bobby Guthrie were inducted into the NCADA Hall of Fame.

In terms of national recognition, Bobby Guthrie was inducted into the NIAAA Hall of Fame, Angie Miller earned the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award and David Ball the NFHS Citation. Tommy Peacock of Rose was the 2015 NCADA Athletic Director of the Year. The NCADA Lifetime Achievement Award went to Scott Barringer of Cabarrus County.

Jeff Morris of Gray Stone Day will be replacing Rex as the NCADA representative on the Board.

The Board then adjourned at 10:28 am, with lunch to follow and then the commissioner met with the media representatives on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Strunk
Associate Commissioner