

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors Thursday, March 9, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Activities Association met on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at the Hot Springs Convention Center at 12 PM with President John Ciesla, Greenwood, presiding. Other board members present were:

Suzanne Bailey, Lonoke	Kelvin Gragg, Dumas	Rick McLaughlin, HS Lakeside
Jon Collins, West Memphis	Gregg Grant, Danville	Jerry Newton, Poyen
Scott Embrey, Beebe	Steve Green, Cave City	Bryan Russell, Valley View
John Estes, Palestine-Wheatley	Gary Hines, Emerson-Taylor-Bradley	Benny Weston, Mena
Thomas Gathen, McGehee	Jayne Jones, Ozark Mountain	
Brian Golden, Malvern	Bryan Law, Farmington	
Absent: John L Colbert, Fayetteville; Steve Straessle, Catholic; John Ward, Magnolia		

Present from the AAA staff were Lance Taylor, Nick Lasker, Don Brodell, Joey Walters, Wadie Moore, Amber Balboa, Derek Walter, Steve Roberts, and Annette Savage.

**MINUTES** – The minutes of the January 13, 2017, board meeting were unanimously approved as provided. (Motion: Green/Gragg, 17-0)

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Amber Balboa presented the current financial report and it was unanimously approved as provided. (Motion: Gragg/Golden, 17-0)

**SPORTS MEDICINE** – Joey Walters updated the board on the work of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

**ACTIVITY DISTRICT MEETINGS** – A schedule of dates and locations for the April Activity District meetings was provided.

**SPRING SURVEY** – The board was presented with a list of questions on the spring survey and approved including all nine questions on the 2017 survey. (Motion: Gragg/McLaughlin, 17-0)

**PRISM/ADVANCED** – Prism Education Center petitioned to be recognized as an accrediting entity for the Arkansas Activities Association. Proposal died for lack of a motion.

**STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS** – The board unanimously approved accepting all single bids and authorized the AAA staff to secure sites for those events having no bids. (Motion: McLaughlin/Law, 17-0) The state golf tournaments having multiple bids were accepted as follows: **6A BOYS** – Jonesboro at Jonesboro Country Club. (Motion: Russell/Collins, 14-3) **5A BOYS** – Lakeside at Hot Springs Country Club. (Motion: Gragg/Golden, 17-0) **1A BOYS** Trinity Christian at New Haven Golf Course. (Motion: Hines/Golden, 17-0)

**PUBLIC/NON-PUBLIC COMMITTEE UPDATE** – John Ciesla and Lance Taylor reported that the Public/Non-Public School Committee met March 7, 2017, for a very productive meeting.

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP REPORT** – Steve Roberts reviewed the status of all corporate sponsorship agreements.

**SUPERINTENDENT MEETINGS** – Executive Director Lance Taylor reported that meetings with superintendents to discuss classification concerns have been scheduled for March 27-28, 2017.

**BASEBALL** – The board unanimously approved adjusted 1A Baseball conferences. (Motion: Newton/Collins, 17-0)

**NEW MEMBER SCHOOL** – The board unanimously approved The Future School of Fort Smith as a new AAA member school. (Motion: Hines/Russell, 17-0)

**SUMMER WORKSHOP INFORMATION** – Board members were provided forms for information regarding Summer Workshop to be held June 6-8, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (Motion: Gragg/McLaughlin, 17-0)

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President/Chair

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Secretary

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Date