April 10, 2019

TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Peter Weber, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Summary of Delegate Assembly Action at the April 8, 2019, Meeting

At the meeting on April 8, 2019, the OSAA Delegate Assembly took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes of the October 15, 2018, Delegate Assembly meeting.
- Recognized Emma Lawless, Canby HS, with the NFHS Heart of the Arts Award for Section 8.
- Recognized Kayla Bolnick, Wilsonville HS, with the NFHS Spirit of Sport Award for Section 8.
- Recognized Chuck Bolton with the NFHS Outstanding Music Educator Award for Section 8.
- Recognized Matt Jarvis, OSAA Public Address and Radio Announcer, with the NFHS State Award for Outstanding Service.
- Recognized Clark Sanders, retiring Football State Rule Interpreter, with the OSAA Distinguished Service Award.
- Received a “State of the Association” report from Executive Director Peter Weber and staff regarding the following subjects.
  - Equity/Civil Rights in School Activities
  - Financial Update
  - Emergency Action Plan Campaign
  - Coaches Symposium
  - Open Enrollment Statute
  - Gender Identity Policy
  - Computation of ADM Task Force
  - Football Ad Hoc Committee
  - Athletic Secretaries Workshop
  - Inclusion Committee
  - Petition to Play Down Task Force
  - Sportsmanship Committee
  - Acknowledgements
- Discussed the following questions in classification caucus groups and received written and oral reports back to the full Delegate Assembly.

**Computation of ADM Task Force**

Do you support moving the timeline for the final classification and districting decision to January rather than October?

**Petition to Play Down Task Force**

Do you support creation of a “dominant activity” policy requiring a very successful program to remain at its current classification in a school that has met the criteria to be moved down in all other activities?

**Football Ad Hoc Committee**

Do you support creation of a policy that would allow football programs that have moved down but remain very unsuccessful the option to play down a 2nd classification? Do you support creation of a policy that would require very successful football programs to play up a classification?
Emerging Activities
Do you support the OSAA exploring the creation of an “emerging activities” policy to gauge potential interest by member schools and their students in activities not currently sanctioned?

- Voted to amend Article 3 – Membership and Dues which adds requirement for membership regarding non-discrimination policies. Member schools will annually self-certify that they are in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations with regard to non-discrimination, effective August 1, 2019. (Attached)

- Voted to amend Music Rule 8.1 – School Music Class Participation Requirement that clarifies a student’s option when a school does not offer a strings class, effective immediately. (Attached)

- Elected Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent, Eugene SD, as the new 5A representative to the Board.

- Elected Jack Henderson, Superintendent, Dufur SD, as the Association President for 2019-20.

- Recognized the following members of the Delegate Assembly who have finished their terms:
  - Steve Prock, Principal, Gilchrist HS, Represented 1A-5 Mountain West League
  - Jim Smith, Principal, Wheeler HS, Represented 1A-6 Big Sky League

- Received a reminder of upcoming meetings:
  - Executive Board – Monday May 7, 2018 / 9am / OSAA Office, Wilsonville
  - Executive Board Summer Workshop – Monday-Wednesday, July 23-25, 2018 / Eagle Crest Resort

A summary of actions is posted on the OSAA website following each Board and Delegate Assembly Meeting. Official minutes of the April 8, 2019, Delegate Assembly meeting are available from the OSAA upon request.
Proposal to Amend Article 3 – Membership and Dues  

(*Action Item*)

**QUESTION:** Should the Delegate Assembly amend Article 3 to require schools to certify annually that its policies and practices are in compliance with federal and state laws with regard to non-discrimination?

**RATIONALE:** The OSAA Executive Board is interested in strengthening Association policy in regards to non-discrimination. This amendment will require member schools to certify that they are following federal and state laws in this area.

**RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY:** OSAA Executive Board

**REQUIRED # OF VOTES TO PASS:** Two-thirds of voting Delegate Assembly members.

**NEXT STEP IF PASSED:** Effective August 1, 2019 unless otherwise stated in the motion.

**POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:**

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Article 3 – Membership and Dues. See Executive Board Policies, “Membership in the OSAA” for additional information.

3.1  **Full Membership.**

High schools within the State of Oregon, public or private, and high schools in bordering states that meet additional requirements set forth by the Executive Board, are eligible for full membership in the Association if they meet all the following qualifications:

3.1.1.  Subscribe to the Articles, Rules, Executive Board Policies, Executive Board Interpretations, Participation Limitations, Sports Seasons, Plan Books and Officials Fees (collectively, the Regulations) of the Association.

3.1.2.  *Annually certify to the OSAA that its policies and practices are in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations with regard to non-discrimination.*

3.1.3.  Pay general membership dues and participation fees annually as established by the Executive Board.

3.1.4.  Offer a comprehensive curriculum, which meets Oregon graduation requirements.

3.1.5.  Serve a minimum of 10 students in grades 9-12 or 10-12. A school with fewer than 10 students may be eligible for Associate Membership.

3.1.6.  Participate in at least one OSAA Activity each season, per gender to be eligible for OSAA state championship events. Single gender schools would be exempt from this rule as long as they participate in at least one activity per season. Schools may appeal this rule to the Executive Director on the basis of:

(a)  Good faith intent to participate in at least one OSAA Activity each season, per gender.

(b)  Tradition of offering at least one OSAA Activity each season, per gender.
(c) Demonstrated inability to co-op activities with neighboring schools.

(d) A submitted and approved plan for growth, addition or reinstatement of programs.

Schools may appeal the Executive Director’s decision to the OSAA Executive Board.

3.1.7. Participate only against schools that are members of the OSAA or schools that are members of the member associations of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) if the activity is sponsored by the OSAA, unless an exception is granted in writing by the Executive Director.

3.1.8. Assure that no financial assistance will be provided on the basis of a student’s potential or participation in OSAA-sanctioned activities. Need-based financial assistance will be based on an evaluation of information provided from an outside agency approved by the Executive Director.

3.1.9. Verify that if tuition is charged, it must be paid by the student’s parent or other family member. If the student’s parent or other family member secures a loan for payment of the student’s tuition, it must remain an obligation of the student’s parent or other family member to repay the principal and interest in full.

Definition of Parent and Family Member. For the purposes of this article, "parent" means the student’s custodial parent, non-custodial parent, foster parent or parent-in-law. For purposes of this article, “family member” means spouse, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, or grandparents.

3.1.10. Allow Association use of the school’s name, mascot and other identifying marks in Association-related activities including, but not limited to, television, promotion, licensing and merchandising programs.

EXCEPTION: Schools for which application of these rules is inappropriate may apply to the Executive Board for an exemption from one or more of the qualifications by providing written justification for the exemption with the “Membership Application – Full.”

3.2 Associate Membership.

A private school, charter school or alternative school may be granted Associate membership if it meets the requirements of Article 3.1, other than Articles 3.1.5., 3.1.6. and 3.1.7. Associate member schools may not enter teams or individuals in OSAA events except as provided in Rule 8.5.1. (d).
Proposal to Amend Music Rule 8.1 - Individual Eligibility - Band/Orchestra

(Action Item)

**QUESTION:** Should the Delegate Assembly allow for a general exception for a student playing a string instrument to enroll in a band class when a strings class is not available?

**RATIONALE:** This change allows students to enroll in a band class when a strings class is not available in a school and will match common practice happening in schools currently. We do currently allow individual exceptions to this rule when strings classes are not available.

**RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY:** Student Activities Advisory Committee / Staff

**REQUIRED # OF VOTES TO PASS:** Majority of voting Delegate Assembly members.

**NEXT STEP IF PASSED:** Effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the motion.

**POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:**

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**Rule 8 – Individual Eligibility**

Individual eligibility rules to be satisfied by a music student in order to represent his or her full member school in competitive Choir, Band and Orchestra music activities are the same as for any other OSAA sport or activity with the following additional rules.

8.1. School Music Class Participation Requirement. An eligible music student shall be enrolled in the class for an appropriate performing ensemble at the full member school to participate in competitive Choir, Band and Orchestra music activities.

**EXAMPLES:**
Vocalists shall be enrolled in a choir class.
Woodwind/Brass/Percussion players shall be enrolled in a band class.
String players shall be enrolled in a string/orchestra class or band class in the case of double bass players performing with a band or if a school does not offer a strings class.
Vocalists performing a vocal part with a band / orchestra shall be enrolled in the band, orchestra or choir class.