

# **NMAA Board Summary**

## **February 28, 2024**

The New Mexico Activities Association's Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 28, in the NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor.

Gallup-McKinley County Schools Superintendent Mike Hyatt presented an appeal on behalf of the school district.

Executive Director Sally Marquez gave her Director's Report which included a welcome to new Board Members, a brief update for the NMAA's Winter Championships, and information regarding Basketball District Tournaments.

Business Manager Shari Kessler-Schwamer presented the NMAA Financial Report which included revenue and expense information for Fall Championships and ticket sales numbers for Fall Championships and State Wrestling and Swimming & Diving.

Assistant Director Tammy Richards presented the NMAA Activities Report which included information pertaining to the many state events that have taken place in recent weeks, potential balancing of the activities calendar, increase in participation numbers, and upcoming state conferences/competition.

Commissioner of Officials Zac Stevenson presented the New Mexico Officials Association Report which included information regarding Winter Championship officials, the recent NMOA Board Meeting, the 2024 Summer Conference, officer elections, the ongoing bylaw/constitution review, and registration fees for the future.

Mr. Joseph Esquibel, Santa Rosa High School Athletic Director, presented a discussion item pertaining to displacement of students, following a coach, and residing out of district.

Mr. Robert Arreola, Lovington High School Athletic Director, presented a discussion item regarding 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Open Enrollment.

Mr. Greg Villareal, Boys Volleyball Coach, presented a discussion item pertaining to the sanctioning of Boys' Volleyball as an NMAA activity/sport.

Ms. Marquez presented three discussion items regarding individual sport transfer eligibility, transfers after tryouts/practice, and ejections for the use of profanity.

The Board of Directors took action on the following items.

- Voted in favor of a proposal to adjust the District Tiebreaker procedures in the sport of Soccer.
- Voted in favor to update bylaws pertaining to postseason card accumulation in the sport of Soccer.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to increase the number of state playoff qualifiers in 8-Man and 2A Football.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to allow for the use of helmets/pads and limited full contact during the offseason/summer in the sport of Football.
- Voted in favor of a proposal to sanction Esports as an NMAA activity at the Middle School level.

The next NMAA Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2024.