

## **NMAA Board of Directors' Meeting**

**July 26, 2018**

**9:30 a.m.**

### **NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor**

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:50 a.m. Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, conducted roll call and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A - Vice President)  
Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)  
Mr. David Lackey (Small Area C)  
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)  
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)  
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)  
Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large Area C)  
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)  
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)  
Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (NM School Board Association)

Not present:

Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I), *\*representing Ms. Raquel Reedy*  
Dr. Gregory Ewing (Large School District II)  
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (NMAA Commission)

Ten members were present representing a quorum.

#### **Approval of the Agenda:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2018 Board Meeting as presented. Ms. Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Viramontes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

#### **General Discussion/Information Items:**

Roy High School Presentation: Mr. Ralph Almanzar, Superintendent of Roy Schools, presented a discussion item pertaining to co-ops within rural schools. He stated that Roy is currently in a co-op with Mosquero, but both have suffered a drastic decrease in enrollment numbers so even with both schools, they may not be able to field a full team in certain sports. Mr. Almanzar asked the Board to consider various options to help small schools in this situation, with one suggestion being the opportunity for Roy and Mosquero to add a third school to the co-op, thus forming a tri-op.

Grady High School Presentation: Ms. Elnabeth Grau, Superintendent of Grady Schools, presented a discussion item regarding tri-ops within Class 1A schools. She stated that Grady, San Jon, and House are all struggling with enrollment numbers and thus cannot field full athletic teams on their own, or even as traditional co-ops in certain sports. She asked the Board to consider allowing tri-ops, but also consider the combined enrollment of the three schools in question so that the tri-op could still participate in Class 1A. Athletic Director Alicia Rush and

student-athlete Chism Rush also spoke on behalf of Grady HS. In addition, Ms. Bonnie Lightfoot, Superintendent of House Schools, spoke in support of this tri-op while also asking the Board to consider House's Learning Center when looking at enrollment numbers since it is stated in school district policy that students in that program cannot participate in athletics.

**Action Items:**

Bylaw 7.6.26: School Co-Op Participation - Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, asked the Board to consider adjustments to Bylaw 7.6.26 (School Co-op Participation). The update would allow for Class A and 2A schools to form tri-ops in addition to co-ops.

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal as presented. No motion was made.

Mr. Parks asked for a new motion to approve adjustments to bylaw 7.6.26 that would allow Class A & 2A schools to form tri-ops, but with a note that student numbers from the House HS Learning Center would not count towards the total enrollment of a potential tri-op between House, Grady, and San Jon. This exception would be for the 2018-2020 block and would serve as a pilot for the NMAA to study over the next two years. During the two-year pilot, there would be a moratorium in place so that this exception could not be used by other member schools. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the proposal with notes as stated. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

Yes/For	No/Against	Board Member Name
✓		Mr. Anthony Casados (Small, Area A)
✓		Mr. Jamie Widner (Small, Area B)
✓		Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small, Area D)
✓		Mr. T.J. Parks (Large, Area B)
✓		Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
✓		Mr. Travis Dempsey (Large, Area C)
✓		Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
✓		Dr. Crit Caton (At Large Member)
✓		Mr. David Lackey (Small, Area C)
✓		Ms. Jennifer Viramontes (NM School Board Association)

Mr. Parks stated that Executive Session was not needed.

**Consider Adjournment:**

Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Mr. Widner made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (10-0).

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2018.**