

NMAA Report Meeting 2-1-17

- Budget for fall sports was down except for Volleyball.
- 2 items on the agenda for Officials was table due to budget concerns for all districts.
- Bills to watch for NMAA
 - o SB 38 Concussion Bill (for all student athletics to watch and sign for concussion film that coaches watch.)
 - o HB 200 Hazing (teams @ schools)
 - o SB 213 CYFD Foster Care Students (this bill is already followed under NMAA rules. Just concern about making a law)
 - o HB 270 Home School Students allowed participating in Activities. (Concern about the home school curriculum and how they do not have the same focus on all classes and can focus only on the activities they are competing in.)
- **Executive Director's Report:**
 - o Concerns about how to address students that attend Dual Credit classes or college classes and how the grades are reported for eligibility for the sport they are participating in.
 - o Talk about teams that drop games last minute. Should there be a penalty for the school. Other states don't allow post season play if they drop game or tournaments last minute.
 - o Appeals –Coaches are telling that parents should appeal to the NMAA even when the school says they have no case. Schools are fined if they begin it to board but parents are not. A suggestion that district must appear at parent appeals to state the side along with the parents. Hopefully this will stop coaches suggesting parents appeal. There is a fine to district when an appeal is lost.
 - o Talk of Conferences and Districts. There is a committee made of AD and Superintendents. Main concerns are cost and time away from classes. It looks like we will be going back 5 districts and a conference format. Vote is next week (2-15) at the Board of Director

Meeting. Lots of things still need to be worked out like, seeding, who's in what conference and how will district/state play out.

- Action items

- Education Rising asked to become an NMAA Activity. -passed
- Student Transfer –students are not allowed to transfer after participating in another school's tryout. -passed
- 8th grade – An 8th grade student wishing to participate at the high school level who are not already enrolled in a school- they will be participating at the home attendance zone school. This will hopefully cut down on recruiting students. –passed

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