

The Region 7A Committee
Minnesota State High School League

Subsection 25

TBD Bd. of Ed.
Nathan Libbon Supt.

Subsection 26

Jay Belcastro Supt.
Tim Rohweder Prin..

Subsection 27

Jim James A.D.
John Vukmanich Prin.

Subsection 28

Travis Vake A.D.
Jesse White Bd. of Ed.

At Large

Jeff Gronner, Sue Northey, Kristen Cooper, Jason Thurm.

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Region 7A Minutes
January 31, 2024
Valentini's - Chisholm MN
Not Official until approved on April 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Gronner at 10:30 AM. The roll was taken and a quorum was certified. Jesse White was absent. Nathan Libbon was represented by Dave Foster, Jay Belcastro was represented by Scott Ross, and Tony DeLeon represented Subsection 25.

1. Motion John Vukmanich, second Dave Foster to adopt the agenda. **Motion Carried**
2. Open Forum: None
3. Motion Tim Rohweder, second Travis Vake to approve the minutes of December 13, 2023. **Motion Carried**
4. The financial report which covered the December bank reconciliation and a review of the region secretary expenses since the last meeting were shared. Motion Kristen Cooper, second Vukmanich to approve the financial report. **Motion Carried**
5. Executive Secretary Report: Shared an update for the FY23 Audit; the state audit has not started therefore payback to schools is on hold. Reviewed highlights from the Region Secretary meeting including the MSHSL seeding proposal for football that would seed the state in two geographic divisions then cross over at USbank, the league is considering adding 9th grade governance to our current 10-12 grade system that would be initiated at the earliest in 2025-2026. Shared that schools cannot hold any school sponsored events after 6pm on Caucus nights because there is no set end time for a Caucus. The Committee discussed the basketball tournament dates and locations, in particular 7AA boys dates, the committee supports the dates as scheduled. Shared the date for the winter AD meeting for administrators participating in 7A tournaments which will be held at the Buffalo House on 2/14/24.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Shared Fall tournament survey feedback. Girls Swim locations were discussed, participating AD's will be polled and locations will be secured for next year. Football & Volleyball sites were discussed and potential locations are being considered. Cross Country will return to Eagle Ridge in Coleraine next fall.
 - b. The Region Calendar has been updated and posted on the MSHSL 7A public page, visual arts will take place on May 10, 2024 at North Woods, tentatively scheduled to start at 9:30 am. Cloquet will host the Boys Tennis tournament if weather permits, Virginia Indoor will host if weather prohibits outdoor play.
 - c. A Region 7A payback to schools proposal will be considered at our April committee meeting.
7. New Business:
 - a. AAA Results - Each subsection selected a girls and boys winner and then the four candidates from each gender were reviewed and an overall section winner was determined.

- We are pleased to announce the following winners of the Triple “A” Award Subsection Competition:
 1. Subsection 25 Winners: Quinn FierkeLepp (South Ridge) & Emaleigh Olesiak (Cromwell)
 2. Subsection 26 Winners: Zakary McPhee (Proctor) & Carlie Blevins (Proctor)
 3. Subsection 27 Winners: Mitchelll Erickson (I-Falls) & Faith Zganjar (Cherry)
 4. Subsection 28 Winners: Benjamin Thompson (Chisholm) & Klara Finke (Greenway)

- The overall male and female Region 7A winners will be announced on February 28th during the 7A Boys Hockey Championship at Amsoil Arena and will be on ice between 1st & 2nd periods for presentation of the AAA awards.

- b. Souvenir Hockey and Basketball Programs are being produced by the Ely Echo. Schools are reminded to update their team photos, school information, rosters and results on rSchool.
- c. Fed Mileage Rate as of January 1, 2024 is 67 cents per mile.
- d. Coop Approved: 2024-2025 Northeast Range & North Woods for Speech
Motion Vukmanich, second Jim James to approve all Coops. **Motion Carried**

8. Other: None

9. The next meeting is set for April 3, 2024 at Valentini’s 10:30 AM in Chisholm, Minnesota.

10. Adjourn: Motion Scott Ross, second Cooper to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried**
The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Gronner at 11:12 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Stoskopf, Exc. Secretary

Date

Jeff Gronner, Chairman