



# MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

## Region 8AA

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### MEMBER SCHOOLS

Alexandria  
Becker  
Bemidji  
Brainerd  
Detroit Lakes  
Fergus Falls  
Little Falls  
Monticello  
Moorhead  
Rocori  
St Cloud Apollo  
St Cloud Tech  
Sartell-St Stephen  
Sauk Rapids-Rice  
Thief River Falls  
Willmar

Region 8AA held the spring meeting at 9:00 AM, Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria.

### PRESENT:

<b>John Ross, Secretary</b>	<b>*Paul Schmitz, Willmar, Principal</b>
<b>*Ben Kvidt, Alexandria, AD</b>	<b>Cody Olson, Sartell MS AD</b>
<b>Jack Freeman, Brainerd, AD</b>	<b>Alex Badger, Apollo, AD</b>
<b>Ryan Blahosky, Willmar, AD</b>	<b>Eric Ruska, Tech, AD</b>
<b>*Jon Ammerman, Moorhead, Boys Sport Rep</b>	<b>Nick Guida, Buffalo AD</b>
<b>*Joel Baumgarten, Rocori, AD</b>	<b>Jared Matson, Big Lake AD</b>
<b>*Rob Nielsen, Detroit Lakes, AD</b>	<b>Keith Cornell, STMA, AD</b>
<b>Dean Haugo, Moorhead, AD</b>	<b>*Tim Bjorge, Little Falls, Principal</b>
<b>Kevin Jordan, Little Falls, AD</b>	<b>Dave Niemi, Becker AD</b>
<b>*Gary Revenig, Monticello, AD</b>	<b>*Annie Krause, Little Falls, Speech Rep</b>
<b>Amie Hentges, Sartell, AD admin asst</b>	

**\*Indicates Committee member or Proxy**

<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>* Seth Freundsuh, Bemidji, Music Rep</b>	<b>*April Thomas, Detroit Lakes, Board Rep</b>
	<b>*Eric Olson, Monticello, Superintendent</b>	<b>*James Turner, SRR, Equity Rep</b>
	<b>* Bob Sansever, Buffalo, Board Rep</b>	<b>Nick Peterson, Sartell AD</b>
	<b>Troy Hendricks, Bemidji AD</b>	<b>*NaDean Schroeder, SRR AD</b>
	<b>*Meghan Orgeman, Alexandria, Girls Sports Rep</b>	

Ben Kvidt, Chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9:10 AM

**Motion by Bjorge, seconded by Schmitz, to accept minutes of 1/19/22 region meeting. Motion Carried.**

John Ross presented an update on MSHSL items from his region secretary meeting including: AA region ticket prices, girls section wrestling, representative assembly process and vote on 5/10/22 and staff changes at the league office.

Ross presented financial update.

**Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Baumgarten to accept the transaction report 1/1/22 thru 4/15/22 with an ending balance of \$203,679. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Schmitz, seconded by Revenig to accept the reconciliation reports for January, February and March 2022. Motion carried.**

Ross presented the draft version of the winter tournament 5 year comparison. Final numbers are not available with some reports delayed from schools. Final report will be presented for approval at July meeting. No financial concerns reported.

Discussion was held on a few winter items for review and possible vote for format change.

8AAA Individual wrestling (Friday night) and Boys 8AA Hockey neutral site finals location will be on summer agenda.

**Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Bjorge to apply a fee of \$10/entry to schools for 2022 8AA Speech. Motion carried.**

Region 8AA work session for ADs will be held via zoom on Wednesday, 5/11/22 at 9 AM. Ross will send out zoom invite.

Kvidt presented region secretary evaluation summary. The summary will be submitted to Erich Martens and the MSHSL.

Discussion was held regarding region secretary salary for 2022-23 year.

**Motion by Bjorge, seconded by Revenig to increase salary by \$1,500 to \$48,500 for 2022-2023. Motion carried.**

Ross identified the upcoming need for replacements on the region committee and asked for all to recruit and send any candidates to him via email for selection/election at July meeting. Needs: equity rep, girls sports rep, Superintendent rep sub division 2, AD sub division 3.

Ross also identified need for replacing delegate assembly rep. Need in central division and possibly opportunity in North and South divisions. Interested parties should email him.

Winter Activity Advisory proposals were reviewed and the following straw polls were recorded along with feedback comments to the MSHSL:

Alpine Ski:	#1 13-2 in favor; #2 15-0-1 in favor; #3 0-15-1 against; #4 15-1 in favor.
Boys Basketball:	#1 16-0 in favor; #2 0-16 against
Dance:	#1 15-1 in favor; #2 0-16 against; #3 0-16 against
Wrestling:	#1 16-0 in favor; #2 5-11 against

5 person conflict committee was identified for the Spring. Kvidt, Olson, Schmitz, Orgeman, and Schroeder

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 20 at a St. Cloud Area location to be announced.

**Motion by Schmitz, seconded by Baumgarten to adjourn at 12:20 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Ross  
Region 8AA Secretary