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**MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes  
MPSSAA  
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1. Dr. Jeffrey Sullivan, MPSSAA President, called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. Mr. Andrew Warner welcomed everyone and reported that 53 of 63 voting members were present, qualifying for a quorum to conduct business for the association. Dr. Sullivan requested a motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2024. Mr. Michael Sye made a motion for approval and the motion was seconded by Mr. Eric Michael. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Dr. Sullivan introduced Ms. Carol Satterwhite to come up and say a few words. She is crucial for putting together the MSADA Conference every year.
3. Mr. Warner presented an update of the 2024 Fall Financial Report. The report was presented during the December BOC meeting, but he was still waiting on a few things to come through and be paid out.
4. Mr. Warner presented the 2025 Winter Financial Report.
  - Be mindful that in the fall, the Finance committee authorized to increase the pay of state workers. It would cost an estimated additional \$85K throughout the course of the year.
  - Indoor track spread the meets over 3 days, so we had to add an additional day of rental.
  - Wrestling has continued to grow financially. It is mainly due to the increase in participation of girls wrestling.

Dr. Sullivan requested a motion to accept the Winter Financial Report. Mr. Michael Duffy motioned with Mr. Bryan Ashby as a second. The vote was unanimous to accept the reports.

5. Mr. Warner welcomed a brand new MPSSAA Corporate Partner, Digital Scoreboards, to give a presentation.
6. Dr. Sullivan called each of the spring sport committee directors to report on the upcoming state championships.

- Baseball – Jason Woodward
- Softball – Marianne Shultz for Lynn Pitonzo
- Lacrosse – Michael Duffy
- Tennis – Jeannie Prevosto for Jean Vanderpool
- Track and Field – Clayton Culp

7. Dr. Sullivan asked Mr. Warner to give Legislative updates.

- Senate Bill 923 Passed and is signed into law – There was concern from constituents that school systems were paying boys lacrosse officials more than girls lacrosse officials. There were contracts procured with the officials' association and the rates for boys officials were higher than those for girls officials. The MPSSAA must decide which boys and girls' sports are "similar", and those officials must be paid the same rate.

8. Mr. Warner gave MPSSAA updates.

- Medical Advisory Committee updates – Be aware that there is an MPSSAA NFHS Learn course on coaches' mental health training. Coaches are taught to recognize stress signals in student-athletes, not be a psychologist, and direct student-athletes to where help can be received.
  - The Mental Health and Safety page on the MPSSAA website is updated.
- The office is looking to create a new website as the current one is antiquated.
- The seeding of the spring tournaments is coming up. Please make sure all schedules and results are up to date on the MPSSAA website. This is the official tracker and will be used for the seeding meeting. Please take the time to take care of your schools before the seeding meeting.
  - The MPSSAA Office will only accept forfeits from the supervisors of athletics.

9. Dr. Sullivan reported on the Executive Council meeting.

- Initiatives - Communication Financial Structure, Student Leadership
- Passed a 75/25 revenue share - \$500 for basketball, \$750 for football (flat rate), consistent across the board
- Approved ticket increases for state quarterfinals from \$6 to \$8, state semifinals football from \$8 to \$10, and outdoor track and swimming and diving regionals from \$6 to \$8. Revenue is needed after increasing state worker pay.
- Region Plaques – Region champions will receive a certificate, and certificates will still go to players and coaches. A plaque will be awarded to state semifinalists.

- Discussion on how semifinal sites should be chosen. The Executive Council was charged with going back to their districts to collect data on the options on how semifinal sites should be chosen. The council would also like to hear from the sport committees.
10. COMAR Review – Information and recommendations will be coming out on the review. Everyone needs to communicate with their districts and bring back feedback. By June 1<sup>st</sup>, the COMAR Review Task Force will have the recommendations to the MPSSAA office. Board members need to take the summer and have feedback by the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.
11. Dr. Sullivan called each of the fall sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for the 2025 fall championship bulletins.
- Golf – Eric Michael
  - Cross Country – Michael Sye
  - Field Hockey – Gina Grubb
  - Soccer – Marianne Shultz
  - Volleyball – Sybil Kessinger
  - Football – Mike Chavez for Ryan Hines

Dr. Sullivan requested a motion to approve the fall tournament bulletins. Ms. Lynette Mitzel motioned, and it was seconded by Ms. Kathy Green. The vote to approve the fall bulletins was unanimous.

12. Dr. Sullivan called each of the winter sport committee directors to provide information and proposals for the 2025-26 winter championship bulletins.
- Basketball – VaShawne Gross
  - Indoor Track and Field – Clayton Culp
  - Swimming and Diving – Kevin Kendro
  - Wrestling – Brian Layman

Basketball Sportsmanship Awards were presented for North Point girls and New Town boys.

Dr. Sullivan requested a motion to approve the winter sport bulletins. Mr. Michael Duffy motioned, and it was seconded by Mr. Kevin Kendro. The vote to approve the winter bulletins was unanimous.

13. Sportsmanship Data Report – Mr. Warner reported the collected data to date. From the sportsmanship action plan, we have sent out the sportsmanship surveys to officials, coaches, and athletic administrators. We have set up an ejection report form for officials to complete and it goes to athletic directors and administrators. We are able to collect data when the

surveys and ejection reports are completed.

14. Dr. Sullivan announced that Mr. Greg Bozman and Mr. John Davis are retiring. He also wanted to acknowledge that Mr. Kevin Hook is moving into a new position.
15. Dr. Sullivan thanked the membership for their support and the work that the MPSSAA office staff puts in. He asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Anne Rossiter made a motion and Mr. Stosh Schtierman seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.