



**BOULDER VALLEY**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



# **Game On!**

## **Athletics/Activities and School Boards as Teammates**

**CASB Annual Convention**  
**December 8, 2023**  
**The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs**

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# Who We are:

- **Mike Krueger, Commissioner, Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA)**
- **Harry Waterman, BVSD, Director Athletics, Activities, & Events**
- **Stacey Zis, Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) School Board Member, CHSAA Board Member (CASB Board Representative)**

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# During this session you will:

- **Hear how one school district's relationship with the school board has created an environment for improvement and internal review and learn how other districts can do the same.**
- **Hear from the Commissioner of CHSAA about the importance of school boards in high school athletics/activities.**
- **Have an opportunity to ask questions of a District Level Athletic Director, the Commissioner of CHSAA, and a school board member who has been involved with athletics.**

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# Boulder Valley School District (BVSD)

- 30,000 students, 37 elementary, 19 middle, 16 high school
- BVSD covers 500 square miles
- BVSD offers High School and Middle School Sports Programs
- 32 Male and Female Sports offerings (High School)
- 13 Male and Female Sports offerings (Middle School)
- Approximately 1,100 Students Participate in High School Sports Programs

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# Athletic Review Committee (ARC)

- Board Created the Committee in 2017
  - Initial purpose was to create a survey for families of athletes
- Membership has evolved over time
- District Level Athletic Director was hired in July 2021
- ARC is Advisory to the Board and the BVSD Athletic Director

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# Athletic Review Committee

## Mission

The purpose of the Athletic Review Committee is to serve as an advisory committee to assist in identifying, reviewing, prioritizing, and providing recommendations to the District Athletic Director regarding the direction of BVSD high school athletic programming. We aim to deliver diverse, inclusive, and equitable opportunities for all student athletes.

“All Together for All Students”.

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# Athletic Review Committee

## Accomplishments

- Restructured the Committee
  - 30 to 15 members - AD and Principal from each High School, Board Member, Community Member(s)
- Mission
- Handbooks (students and parents input) Student/Parent, Coach, and AD
- District wide sportsmanship statement/banners (students involved)

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# Athletic Review Committee

## Other Purposes:

- Advisory to other district departments for ideas/guidance
  - Graduation Requirements
  - Branding



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# Athletic Review Committee

## Accomplishments - continued

- Proportionality data
- Board Policy
  - Communication platform
  - SafeSport
  - Fees

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# How does a Board impact Athletics and Activities

- Budget
- Policy
- Communication
- Eliminate barriers and unfamiliarity

Getting to  
Know the  
CHSAA



# Who Are We?

- The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) is the governing body for all high school activities throughout the state of Colorado.
- We were founded in 1921, and as of the 2023–24 school year we have a membership of 367 full-time high schools, plus more than 50 middle and junior high schools, for a total of more than 400 schools.
- The Association holds championships for 29 different sports for both boys and girls, plus competitions in esports, music, sportsmanship, student council, and spirit.





# Our Mission



# To Fulfill this Mission We:

- Act as an integral component of the educational process.
- Provide equitable opportunities for participants that encourages all qualified students to take part in the activity/athletic experience.
- Promote and support the social and emotional well-being of student participants through activities.
- Continue to assess the inherent risks of sports participation and provide safe competitive environments per the NFHS, the Colorado High School Activities Association playing rules and bylaws per recommendations of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
- Administrate, interpret, and seek compliance with the CHSAA by-laws as needed to promote fair play within Colorado activities and athletics.
- Provide an environment that enhances personal development through sporting behavior, character education, teamwork, leadership, and citizenship while increasing values that partner the educational standards of the State of Colorado.
- Recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Colorado athletes, teams, coaches, and administrators through our academic and activity awards programs.







# CHSAA Staff

Commissioner – Michael Krueger

Associate Commissioner – Bethany Brookens

Assistant Commissioners – 6

Director of Finance

Director of Communications

Assistant Director of Communications

Executive Assistants/Sport Coordinators - 7

# Who We Serve

- Membership Schools and their School Communities (365 high schools)
- Student Participants (over 200,000)
- School Leaders
  - Athletic/Activity Directors
  - School Administrators
  - Superintendents
  - School Board Members
- Coaches
- Other Stakeholders





# Structure of the Organization

- Board of Directors
- Legislative Council
- Committee Structure
- Constitution and Bylaws



# Legislative Council – What is it?

- The “Legislative Authority” of the association
- Given the authority to establish Bylaws and rules
- Can make amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws
- Represents the entirety of the “membership”
- Works symbiotically with the Board of Directors as the “voice” of the membership

# Legislative Council – Who is it?

- School representatives eligible to serve on the Legislative Council are limited to superintendents, district athletic directors, principals, athletic directors, activities directors or other designated administrative personnel, including members of Boards of Education and members of private school governing boards.
- Representatives are elected by the league
- Number of representatives is based on the number of schools in your league
- Representatives from; CASE/CASSA, CASB, CADA
- President – Chosen from the membership of the BOD

# Board of Directors

- The BOD consists of the CHSAA Commissioner (as a non-voting member), the State Commissioner of Education or his/her/their appointee, the President of the Colorado Association of School Boards or his/her/their appointee, a current elected member of the Colorado State Legislature appointed by the CHSAA Board of Directors, two (one principal, one superintendent) representatives of the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE), the President, a member from each of 10 districts, and 3 At-Large members. At-Large members must be a woman and one representative chosen from historically marginalized communities (Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latinx, or Native American/American Indian/Indigenous American).





# Questions





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