



**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2024 RUNOFF BALLOT
West River At-Large Representative
TERM: JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2029**

West River At-Large Representative- To be filled by a Superintendent.

This position is currently held by Kelly Messmer of Harding County High School. The West River At-Large Representative may be a Superintendent from any SDHSAA member school whose high school is physically located west of the Missouri River. This position must be filled by a Superintendent. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a **five-year term** on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election in the West River At-Large Representative slot.

You may vote for one candidate.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **JULY 25, 2024**.

Chris Long, Lyman School District

Mark Naugle, Custer School District

Brookings School District
Name of Member School

7/15/24
Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.

Chris Long, Lyman- Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself as a candidate for the SDHSAA's Board of Directors and it's West River At-Large Superintendent position. I've been an educator in four South Dakota communities and am currently the superintendent in the Lyman School District. I feel that my education, extra-curricular and sports officiating experiences in South Dakota provide insights that would enable me to be an effective member of the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

The SDHSAA is an organization I have been fortunate to work with often. Since 1997, I've had tenures as a head and assistant football coach and as a head golf coach. I served a term on the SDHSAA Golf Advisory Board and, in cooperation with the SDHSAA, was the Class B State Golf meet director in 2017. I've been a certified high school basketball official since 2002. These experiences, along with many others, led to my interest in the Board of Directors and this open position.

I appreciate your district's consideration and would truly appreciate the opportunity to represent the schools of South Dakota on the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

Mark Naugle, Custer- With 33 years dedicated to public education, including over two decades as a school administrator and fifteen years as a Superintendent, I would bring a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to serving the students and schools of South Dakota as a member of the SDHSAA Board. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or within the community, I see every opportunity as a chance to make a positive impact and leave a lasting legacy of service and dedication. Joining the SDHSAA would not only be a continuation of this journey but also a new chapter filled with opportunities to serve the schools and students of our state. My journey in education has seen me wear many hats as a teacher, coach, principal, activities director, sports official, and finally, superintendent. After graduating from Custer High School and Black Hills State, I started my teaching/coaching career in Groton, with stops in Elk Point and Sturgis. Along the way, I completed my master's degree in education administration from South Dakota State and my education specialists and doctoral coursework from USD. I have served as a superintendent in South Dakota for fifteen years in Custer and Hill City and as a secondary principal/activities director in Philip and Hill City. In 2006, I was selected as the South Dakota Middle School Principal of the Year, and just this month, I was named the 2023 Outstanding Superintendent for South Dakota by the South Dakota School Superintendent's Association (SDSSA).

These experiences have helped me understand the importance of extracurricular activities in shaping students' lives. As a high school student, I personally witnessed school activities keep a classmate in school and become the first in his large family to graduate from high school. Without the support of teachers, coaches, and the activities he was involved in, he admitted he would not have graduated.

As a certified basketball official in South Dakota for 25 years, I've had the privilege of officiating multiple state tournaments. I was honored as the NFHS Boys' Basketball Official of the Year in 2010-2011 and inducted into the Black Hills Sports Officials Hall of Fame in 2023. I served as the SDHSAA Sports Advisory Council secretary for 17 years, and the SDHSAA Budget and Calendar Committee. Serving as the National President of the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association for two years was a great learning experience, and I am currently a member of their executive board. Serving as the president of the South Dakota School Superintendent's Association (SDSSA) for two years was an honor, and I currently serve as a representative to the national superintendent's group, AASA, on their governing board.