



SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 2025 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT

Division III Representative

TERM: JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2028

Division III Representative- To be filled by a **Secondary Principal/Assistant Principal**

- **Division III Representative (Principal)-** To be filled by a **Secondary Principal or Assistant Principal**. This position is currently held by Adam Shaw of Madison High School, and is a **partial term** as he is moving to a different position that does not qualify for this spot. The representative position in Division III continues through the term as a Secondary Principal/Assistant Principal. The Division III Principal may be a Secondary Principal/Assistant Principal from any school with a 23-24 ADM from O'Gorman (474.36) to Wagner (103.60). Todd County is not eligible as they already have someone on the Board. This position must be filled by a Secondary Principal or Assistant Principal. **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 **three-year term** on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and is unable to run for re-election.

You may vote for one candidate.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **May 31, 2025**.

☒ **Chad Allison, Lennox High School**

☐ **Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin High School**

Brookings School District

Name of Member School

5/12/25

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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

Chad Allison, Lennox High School-

With over 25 years of experience in education and athletics, I bring a wealth of knowledge and leadership to the table for the High School Activities Association Board of Directors. I had the privilege of coaching both track and cross country for 10 years at Tri-Valley, fostering student-athletes' growth not only in their athletic skills but also in leadership, teamwork, and perseverance. I served as an Activities Director in Marion for 3 years, where I successfully managed a wide range of extracurricular programs, ensuring opportunities for student engagement and development beyond the classroom.

My 15 years as a junior high and high school principal have given me a deep understanding of the unique challenges and needs of both students and staff, while further solidifying my commitment to enhancing educational experiences and fostering a positive school culture. With this combination of experience, I am passionate about advancing the mission of the High School Activities Association and supporting the diverse needs of student-athletes across the state.

Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin High School-

Hello, my name is Jeff Sheehan. I graduated from Watertown High School, where I was a four-sport athlete. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and my Master's in Educational Leadership from North Dakota State University, followed by a Specialist degree from the University of Sioux Falls. I have been in education for 25 years—eight years as a classroom teacher and the past 17 as a principal. Over the course of my career, I have also served as an Athletic Director for 10 years at three different schools. Coaching has been a constant throughout my journey; I've coached a variety of sports at multiple levels, including volunteering with Special Olympics athletes. I am also a member of the Special Olympics board.

I am currently completing my 16th year as the middle/high school principal at Hamlin Education Center, where I also serve as the head football coach. I've always had a deep passion for athletics and firmly believe sports offer invaluable life lessons. They serve as an extension of the classroom, providing opportunities for character development and growth. I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the board, being from Hamlin with our distinctive population and circumstances. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent fellow coaches, athletes and educators as a member of the board of directors.