

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
ASSOCIATION
2012 OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT**

**DIVISION I REPRESENTATIVE POSITION
TERM: JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2017**

The nominees are currently serving as a principal/assistant or vice principal. The Division I group includes those school with a 2010-2011 ADM of 761.476 and above. This would include those schools from. The Division III group includes those schools with a 2008-2009 ADM of 201.270 and below. This would include those schools from Brandon Valley High School with a 2010-2011 ADM of 761.476 to SF Washington High School with an ADM of 1,643.363. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.**

The ballot is to be returned in a self-addressed envelope. The deadline for the return of this ballot is **MAY 29, 2012.**

VOTE FOR ONE

- Dr. Michael Butts, Watertown High School
- Mark Hofer, Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School
- Brad Thorson, Brandon Valley High School
- Jason Uttermark, Aberdeen Central High School

Name of Member School

Date

Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

Signature (School Board President)

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

BALLOTS DUE MAY 29, 2012

Dr. Michael J. Butts – Watertown High School

My mission in education is to promote learning experiences that benefit and prepare our students to be successful after high school.

I strive to improve the learning opportunities for students.

I believe that high school activities enhance learning opportunities for students.

I believe that well rounded students are those that participate in academics and activities.

Education

BS Biology	University of South Dakota
MAT Natural Science	Northern State University
Ed Specialist	Chadron State College, Chadron, NE
Ed Doctorate	University of South Dakota

Experience

25 years as teacher and administrator (all experience at high school level)

-14 yrs –HS science teacher

-6 yrs - Asst-Principal

-5 yrs – Principal

Worked in high schools of all sizes

-Bristol, SD	50 students 9-12
-Rawlins, WY	700 students 9-12
-Rapid City Central	2200 students 9-12
-Watertown, SD	1200 students 9-12

Personal Information

Spouse-MS Library/Media specialist

3 children all have been involved in HS activities: volleyball, basketball, track, wrestling, football, soccer, robotics, music contest, pep-band, jazz band, orchestra, plays and school musical.

Mark Hofer – Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School

I graduated from Mitchell High School in 1980 then enrolled at South Dakota State University in the fall of the same year. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1984 and was hired that fall at the Tulare School District. My extra-curricular duties included head girls and head boys basketball. After four years I moved on to Deubrook Area Schools for the opportunity to seek my master's degree at SDSU. While at Deubrook I was head boys basketball, assistant girls basketball, assistant track and junior high basketball coach. After graduating from SDSU with a Masters in Education Administration, I worked from 1996-2000 in the Centerville School District as the 7-12 principal, athletic director and was head boys basketball coach. From 2000-2011, I was at the West Central School District. I was the middle school principal from 2000-2005 and high school principal from 2005-2011. My position of Asst. Principal at Sioux Falls Roosevelt started in the summer of 2011. I have been involved with two Appeals Committees for the South Dakota High School Activities Association and served as a tri-chairman of the SDHSAA Girls Sports Study Committee. This committee recommended the sanctioning of cheer and dance with possible sanctioning of girls soccer in the future to address Title IX issues.

Brad Thorson – Brandon Valley High School

Brad is a native of Canton, South Dakota, and holds college degrees from both Augustana College and the University of South Dakota. He currently is in his twenty- second year of education in South Dakota as a teacher, coach, and administrator. He spent his first three years in the Lennox School District teaching middle school Health and Physical Education. Brad was also an assistant varsity football coach and middle school track coach. In 1994, he accepted a position in the Brandon Valley School District to teach high school Health and Physical Education. He also was the Head Boys Basketball Coach and Boys Golf Coach. During this time, the Lynx basketball team won two ESD Conference Championships and captured the school’s first ever State “AA” Basketball Championship. He was named the 1998 South Dakota Basketball Coach of the Year. In 2000, he accepted the position of high school assistant principal at Brandon Valley and remains in that position. He was also elected by his colleagues as the 2004 South Dakota Assistant Principal of the Year.

Jason Uttermark - Aberdeen Central High School

I am humbly submitting this brief biography as an individual privileged to be nominated to serve on South Dakota High School Activities Association Executive Board. I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve well on behalf of the schools and students of South Dakota. A brief summary of my qualifications is below. Thank you very much for your consideration for the honor of serving in this capacity.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- B.S. Degree from NSU, M.S. Degree from NSU, Ed. S. Degree from USD, Ed. D. in progress
- Secondary Principal. Aberdeen Central High School/New Beginnings School. Aberdeen, SD. 2005- present. (Class AA School)
- Secondary Principal. Redfield Junior/Senior High Schools. Redfield, SD. 1999-2005.
- Social Science Teacher and Coach. Redfield School District. Redfield, SD. 1998-1999.
- Computer Application, Social Science, Physical Ed. Teacher and Coach. Hecla-Houghton School Dist. Hecla, SD. 1991-1998.
- 21 years in education, all in South Dakota.
- Head Girls Basketball Coach, Hecla and Frederick-Hecla (Class B).
- Head Track Coach, Frederick-Hecla (Class B) and Redfield (Class A).
- Head Cross Country Coach, Redfield.
- Assistant Boys Basketball (Hecla and Frederick-Hecla) and Assistant Track (Hecla).
- Director of Fine Arts Activities, Aberdeen.
- Served on SDHSAA Volleyball Advisory Committee.
- Currently Serving on SDHSAA Soccer Advisory Committee.
- Served on SDHSAA Hiring Committee.
- Worked at State Track Meets and State B Basketball Tournaments.
- Non-certified official for AA level JV basketball.
- Excellent speaking and communication skills including numerous public speaking engagements.
- B.S. Degree in Business Administration (Economics and Accounting).

- National Association and S.D. Association of Secondary School Principals, 1999-present.
-At Large Representative, 2001-2002. Region 3 Representative, 2002-2006 (SDASSP).
- Various South Dakota High School Coaches Associations, 1991-1999, 2002-2003
-Lake Region Conference Girls Basketball Chairman, 1995-1999.
- Active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1970-present.
-served as Joint Commissioner and Leader of Teaching Ministry Team.
- Active member of Lions Club International, 2001-present.
-Treasurer of Redfield Lions Club, 2002-2003.
- National, State, and Local Education Associations (SDEA/NEA), 1991-1995, 1998-1999.
-President of Hecla Education Association, 1996; 4 time delegate to the SASD Delegate Assembly.