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About 30 citizens and parents attended last week's District 5 Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) meeting held in McCook to address an issue that wasn't on the agenda.

Reports earlier this year indicated discussion of an NSAA transgender policy would be before schools at district meetings this month.

Hauxwell discussed it briefly with the CCS board of education Nov. 12, the night before the McCook meeting.

On Friday, Hauxwell said the transgender issue was not even on the NSAA agenda.

However, according to the McCook Gazette, that didn't keep people from attending. Many were allowed to speak during a 30-minute time slot, directing comments to Alan Garey, Medicine Valley Public School Superintendent, who is on the NSAA board member representing District 5. Chase County Schools is within the NSAA District 5 boundaries.

Most of the comments were against NSAA endorsement of a transgender policy.

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This summer, a model policy was posted on the NSAA website, but was taken down after the office started receiving calls.

In August, the NSAA website posted a statement that NSAA administrators were “working to have a bylaw proposal submitted by the NSAA district meeting deadline on Nov. 1.”

At that time, NSAA officials indicated they would leave the transgender issue, and how it would affect Nebraska schools, to a vote at district meetings this fall, such as in McCook last week.

However, the District 5 meeting agenda had nothing listed regarding a transgender discussion item or vote.

The only item related to the transgender issue now on the NSAA website is a USA Today article titled “What transgender means and how society views it.” It appears within the “Equity and Inclusion” link.

There was also a big turnout for the NSAA meeting in District 6 held recently in the Panhandle, when about 30 citizens attended with their concerns.