

Minutes of the Board Meeting
October 18, 2010

President Kelley Ransdell convened the regular meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 1:35 p.m. Board members present were: Kelley Ransdell, Alan Donhoff, Bill Beasley, John Barnes, Carrell Boyd, Anita Burnette, Ozz Jackson, Jerry Keepers, Marvin Moore, Gene Norris, Lea Prewitt, Boyd Randolph, Steve Riley, Jeff Schlosser, Robert "Bob" Schneider, Stan Steidel, and Dave Weedman. Board member absent: Art Davis.

Also present were: Commissioner Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioners Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Butch Cope, and Angela Passafiume; Sports Information Director Elden May, General Counsel Chad Collins, Information Technology Director Rob Catron and Administrative Support Specialist Cheryl Goodwin.

Guests present were: Marc Peach Anderson County HS; Rick Sallee, Athletic Director Anderson County HS; Jeff Saylor, Principal Bell County HS; Dick Stewart, Principal Bishop Brossart HS; Mel Webster, Athletic Director Bishop Brossart HS; Matt Reinhart, Head Football Coach Bishop Brossart HS; Mike Hunter, Athletic Director Bracken County HS; Larry Wooldridge, Principal duPont Manual HS; David Zuberer, Athletic Director duPont Manual HS; Don Adkins, Fayette County Public Schools; Keith Henry, District Athletic Director Floyd County Schools; Brian Robinson, Principal Highlands HS; Gary Herfel, Highlands HS; Dale Mueller, Athletic Director Highlands HS; Ken Honchell, Highlands HS; Harry Burchett Johnson County Schools; Steve Trimble, Superintendent Johnson County; Darren Gamble, Athletic Director Johnson Central HS; Larry Sparks, Superintendent Leslie County Schools; Shannon Crisp, Athletic Director Leslie County HS; David Gadberry, Athletic Director Lexington Catholic HS; John Kelsey, Athletic Director Male HS; Chris Wolfe, Head Football Coach Male HS; Bill Jones, Athletic Director Middlesboro HS; Waylon Allen, Assistant Principal Middlesboro HS; Randy Frazier, Coach Middlesboro HS; Phil Rison, Montgomery County HS; Marty Feltner, Principal Nicholas County HS; Robert Hopkins, Athletic Director Nicholas County HS; Estill Neace, Principal Perry County Central HS; Barry Noble, Athletic Director Rockcastle County HS; Scott Parkey, Head Football Coach Rockcastle County HS; Sam Sparks, Athletic Director Russell Independent; Ivan McGlone, Head Football Coach Russell HS; Jeff Marksberry Simon Kenton HS; Craig Fry, Athletic Director Western Hills; Greg Lawson, Assistant Principal Western Hills HS; Becky Barnes, KY State Senate; Ryan Ernst, Kentucky Enquirer; Jason Frakes, Courier Journal; Jan Goff; Bill Hayes, Attorney; Ken Trivette, KABC.

Stan Steidel provided a moment of reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Marvin Moore.

There was a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**. Items included:

- the minutes of the August 2, 2010 regular meeting;
- the Report on Transfers;
- Other Eligibility Rulings including Fines and Penalties, July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010;
- HB 327 Coaches to date;
- NFHS Coaching Education Program;
- Budget Status Report through September 30, 2010;
- Radio Network Financial Reports; and
- the General Counsel Contract.

The motion was made by: Ozz Jackson, seconded by Bill Beasley and was approved unanimously (17 voting).

A motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of reviewing legal matters pursuant to KRS 61.810(c) was made by John Barnes and seconded by Dave Weedman, passing unanimously (17 voting).

There was a motion by Alan Donhoff and seconded by Steve Riley to return to Open Session, which was approved unanimously (17 voting). No action was taken during Closed Session.

President Ransdell stated that she would ask the Board to make a motion to revise the agenda to move the football alignment up on the agenda so the guests could get back to their home districts.

The next item was a review and report on **Highlands High School**. Highlands High School had come to the Board on previous occasions relative to the 2004-2005 eligibility and court matter. Also correspondence had been shared with the Board regarding the same subject. The Board had directed General Counsel Chad Collins and Commissioner Tackett to gather additional information in consideration of that item. Principal Robinson stated that they have shared the majority of information regarding this case and appreciates the Board looking into the situation. Mr. Tackett gave the following recommendation to the Board:

“That Highlands be permitted to count all games played during its 2004 season as wins (with the exception of the on-field loss to Cincinnati Elder on Sept. 5) and that the official records of the opponents remain unchanged. Also, the amount of \$1500 will be returned to Highlands High School that was paid as a fine.”

The motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dave Weedman and seconded by Bill Beasley, the motion passed with three recusals, those being: Jeff Schlosser, Stan Steidel and Bob Schneider, (14 - 0).

The next item was the review and Report on **Marion County High School**. Mr. Bilberry had concluded, with Mr. Collins assistance, an investigation involving an allegation from East Jessamine High School about actions by specific members of the coaching staff at Marion County High School. As a result of the findings, the Principal and Designated Rep had submitted a report to the KHSAA that acknowledged proof that there was contact by one of the assistant coaches with the parent of a player about playing on a summer AAU team that had Marion County players on it, in violation of Bylaw 10. Marion County had recommended that the Coach, Mr. Robert Spaulding, be suspended for one scrimmage and one game and the entire coaching staff have professional development on the KHSAA Rules and Case Situations as well as a revision to the coaching handbook to ensure this situation does not occur again. Mr. Tackett recommended that the Board accept the recommendation of the Designated Representative of Marion County as the Board’s final decision for this violation. The motion was made to accept the recommendation from Mr. Tackett by Alan Donhoff, seconded by Jeff Schlosser, passing unanimously (17 voting).

There was a motion by Dave Weedman seconded by Marvin Moore to revise the agenda to consider the 2011-2014 Football Alignment voting out of consideration of the many guests that had come for the Board Meeting, passed unanimously (17 voting).

The Board then moved to finalizing the **football realignment project**. The Board reaffirmed the parameters for the football alignment as originally recommended by the Ad Hoc Football Committee with the following provisions:

- The alignment is to run from 2011-14 with a mid-term adjustment after 2012;
- That the enrollment numbers used for classification would be the average grades 9-12 male enrollment in the member school for the past two school years (2008-2009 and 2009-2010) as provided by the Kentucky Department of Education from the growth factor (second month) reports;
- Class 1A and Class 6A were to initially have 32 teams each and all teams initially qualify for the playoffs;
- The other four classes were to be divided as evenly as mathematically possible (in case of ties for ranked enrollment);
- That playing up to a higher class would only be allowed in those situations where the member school could document that the move to a higher class was to alleviate a regular season travel issue due to the proximity to other schools and that such request was an improvement over the initial placement in terms of geography; and
- That the Board affirmed its previously approved recommendations of the Ad Hoc Football Committee meetings wherein it initially reviewed the playing up requests of ten member schools, and recommended approval only for the following requests:
 - Bath County High School (documented that the regular season travel was reduced for schools involved with the move to a higher class);
 - Cooper High School (due to initial year in average enrollment being skewed by senior option during the first year the school was open); and
 - Letcher County Central High School (documented that the regular season travel was reduced for schools involved with the move to a higher class).

The Board of Control had received written feedback from a large portion of the schools following the distribution of the draft, as well as considering any feedback offered by those present at the meeting. Following this deliberation, the Board asked the Commissioner for recommendations on the individual classes, based on all member school feedback as compared to the original distributed draft alignment. Commissioner Tackett's recommendations regarding the alignments and the Board action for each of the state's six classes were as follows:

- Class 1A –
 - To adopt as drafted. Motion by Jeff Schlosser seconded by Jerry Keepers; passed unanimously (17 voting).
- Class 2A –
 - To move Butler County High School from District 3 to District 2 in the draft. Motion by Dave Weedman seconded by Steve Riley; passed unanimously (17 voting).
 - To move Leslie County High School from District 7 to District 8 in the draft. Motion by Dave Weedman seconded by Jerry Keepers, passed unanimously (17 voting).
 - To move Russell High School from class 2A to class 3A in the draft. Motion by Dave Weedman seconded by Bob Schneider; passed unanimously (17 voting).
 - To adopt Class 2A as drafted with approved changes. Motion by Jeff Schlosser seconded by Bill Beasley; passing unanimously (17 voting).
- Class 3A -
 - To move Western Hills from District 3 to District 5 in the draft. Motion by Dave Weedman and seconded by John Barnes; passed unanimously (17 voting).
 - To adopt the 3A draft with approved changes. Motion by Stan Steidel seconded by Gene Norris; passing unanimously (17 voting).
- Class 4A -
 - To adopt as drafted. Motion by Boyd Randolph seconded by Lea Wise Prewitt; passing unanimously (17 voting).

- Class 5A -
 - To move Anderson County from District 4 to District 6 in the draft. Motion by Stan Steidel seconded by Lea Wise Prewitt; passing unanimously (17 voting).
 - To adopt 5A as drafted with approved change. Motion by Jeff Schlosser seconded by Bob Schneider; passing unanimously (17 voting).
- Class 6A-
 - To approve a two-year experiment passed that placed Simon Kenton in District 6 from District 7 to be with other northern Kentucky schools; and place Paul Laurence Dunbar in with Bryan Station, Henry Clay and Scott County; with an alternate bracket where the 5th place time in District 6 would take the 4th place slot in District 2 for bracket6 purposes; motion by Stan Steidel seconded by Bob Schneider, passing unanimously (17 voting).
 - A motion to accept the 6A draft with the stated changes by Stan Steidel and seconded by Jerry Keepers, passing unanimously (17 voting).

Mr. Donhoff thanked Male and DuPont Manual for coming and presenting their alternative to the 6A Draft Alignment. Mr. Tackett thanked them for coming as well as all of the other member schools for their feedback.

For the **Regulation Adoption and Legislative Committee**, Alan Donhoff presented the following motions:

- To recommend the advancement of all six proposals from the Annual Meeting, seconded by Jeff Schlosser, passing unanimously (17 voting).

Mr. Donhoff also reported additional items discussed by the committee including:

- There was discussion relative to Bylaw 7 to eliminate section three (3) of Bylaw 7 due to possible conflict with the Due Process Procedure.
- There has been a proposal submitted to amend Bylaw 25, Limitation of season for golf to include two (2) additional days for scheduling tournaments in light of the 18 hole requirement that is coming online. This would add a Saturday and Sunday to the golf schedule.

The staff will draft a newly worded proposals for discussion and when preparing for the 2011 Annual Meeting.

For the **Title IX Committee**, Lea Wise Prewitt presented the report with the following issues being discussed. There was no action taken by the committee.

- There was discussion regarding the Prime Date Policy with no change at this time.
- Phil Rison, Chair of the 10th and 11th region policy board, brought from the 10th and 11th regions an Officials' fee schedule requesting clarification on an issue related to softball. Mr. Rison inquired as to whether or not the \$5 difference maximum in baseball and softball applied to non-varsity. Mr. Tackett reminded the committee that the board only establishes varsity fees and as such, the difference at non-varsity level was a regional policy board decision.
- Mr. Rison also asked the committee to review the \$5 different policy to see if it was still necessary and the committee agreed to discuss the issue as t later date.

For the **Individual Sports Committee**, Stan Steidel made the following motions:

- That the KHSAA join the American Association of Adaptive Sports for a fee of \$2500 and that we stage two exhibition events during the 2010-2011 track and field state meet and look forward to expanding that program seconded by Dave Weedman, passing unanimously (17 voting).

- To establish a statewide bowling program as a sanctioned sport to start during the 2011-2012 school year seconded by Ozz Jackson, passing unanimously (17 voting).
- To expand the Swimming and Diving State meet to 32 from 24 per event starting the current 2010-2011 school year based on staff recommendation, seconded by Jerry Keepers, passing unanimously (17 voting).
- To change the Tournament Rules for Golf under section 5 to include the information we used this year along with the PGA Junior Ryder Cup Team and that that become a permanent part of the tournament rules, seconded by Ozz Jackson, passing unanimously (17 voting).

For the **Team Sports Committee**, Ozz Jackson told the Board that the following items were discussed with no action taken.

- Consider minor revisions of the Basketball Alignment beginning in December and after that, with Board approval, to bring all baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball in line with the basketball regions to make them all the same regions.

2:41 p.m. - Bill Beasley stepped out of meeting

For the **Executive Committee**, Kelley Ransdell made the following report of action items:

- Approve the Commissioner's recommendation rotation of Regional Basketball Officials for 2011-2013. Motion by Alan Donhoff seconded by Dave Weedman, passing unanimously (16 voting).
- To return to a former KHSAA Policy which requires that in order to be eligible for boys post-season basketball officiating, you must officiate at least 8 girls and 8 boys during regular season play beginning 2010-2011 school year, with a requirement of 8 girls games for those desiring to be eligible for girls-post season basketball officiating. Motion by Kelley Ransdell, seconded by Jerry Keepers, passing unanimously (16 voting)
- To discontinue utilizing general fund or other undesignated funds for museum development effective with the year end 2010 journal entries. The plans for the Museum Committee to continue to work to provide self-funding for that area. Motion by Kelley Ransdell, seconded by Jeff Schlosser, passing unanimously (16 voting).
- To approve Association bill from July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010. Motion by Kelley Ransdell, seconded by Dave Weedman, passing unanimously (16 voting).

The Board then considered other general items and heard brief reports including:

Ken Trivette of the KABC approached the Board with a presentation regarding the online rules clinics. Mr. Tackett informed the Board of the cost savings to the Association and the good comments we have received for having the online clinics. Mr. Cope stated with the online clinics, the message is consistent. The Board agreed to continually review the new delivery mechanism.

The Board heard the periodic report from iHigh about KHSAA Fund raising.

The Board heard the report about the previously declared trophy emergency, and heard that the approved alternate vendor is working out well.

The Board heard from the OHSAA and how they approached member issues as they are encountering similar issues to those of the KHSAA in the mid-2000s.

A motion to approve the **Consent Agenda** was made by Alan Donhoff, seconded by Dave Weedman, passing unanimously (16 voting).

2:53 p.m. – Bill Beasley returned to the meeting.

Various correspondence was discussed with no action needed.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m. with a motion by Alan Donhoff, seconded by Gene Norris and passing with a unanimous vote (17 voting).

President Kelley Ransdell: _____ Date: _____

Commissioner Julian Tackett: _____ Date: _____