

Minutes of Board Meeting

March 16, 1972

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The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at Stouffer's Inn, Louisville, on Thursday morning, March 16, 1972. The meeting was called to order by President Morton Combs at 9:00, with all Board members, Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford, and Assistant Commissioner J. B. Mansfield present. The invocation was given by James T. Dotson.

"In a Federal court case, it was decreed that there should be ten members of the Board of Control, at least two of whom shall be blacks; and that there should be three Assistant Commissioners, at least one of whom shall be a black. Messrs. Frank B. Simpson and Arthur R. Hawkins have been named to the Board of Control, and Louis Stout has been added to the administrative staff as an Assistant Commissioner. All are rendering a fine service to the Association.

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"The Association moved into its new building on Cooper Drive, Lexington, early in February. Total cost of the property, including the site, architect's fee, and legal fees, will approximate \$250,000.00. Accumulated reserves which have been built up over a long period of time from tournament profits have made it possible for the Association to underwrite the cost of the building without going into debt. The cash position of the Association is comparatively low at the present time. This being true and also because several unanticipated expenses have been involved during the current fiscal year, the Board of Control found it necessary to make a percentage assessment against 1972 district and regional basketball tournament receipts.

"The Commissioner, his staff, and the Board of Control appreciate the continued cooperation, assistance, and constructive criticism of the administrators and coaches who represent our member schools. Your continued help is solicited."

President Combs introduced to the Assembly Louie Martin and Jack Fultz, recently elected to membership on the Board of Control respectively from Sections 7 and 8, who would begin their four year terms on the Board on July 1, 1972.

President Combs stated that consideration of proposals was the next order of business.

Clyde Hill moved, seconded by James A. Pursifull, that Proposal I, providing that an administrator, faculty member, or coach shall be eligible for membership on the Board of Control, be tabled. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 21-34.

J. Waymond Hackett moved, seconded by Lorenza D. Davis, that Proposal I be adopted. The vote was 35-25 in favor of the motion, but this was not the necessary two-thirds vote required, and the proposal was declared lost.

Clyde Hill moved, seconded by Bob Buchanan, that Proposal II, denying the Commissioner and the Board of Control the authority to assess receipts of district and/or regional tournaments in all sports including football playoffs other than the final championship game or tournament for each classification, be adopted. The motion carried by a vote of 45-6.

Robert L. Biddle moved, seconded by Bowman Davenport, that Proposal III, providing that "twenty-six" be substituted for "twenty-four" in the second sentence of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 21, be adopted. The vote in favor of the motion was 38-22, but this was not the necessary two-thirds, and the proposal was declared lost.

Ray Story moved, seconded by Jack Waff, that Proposal IV, providing that a student will be eligible to play any sport during his senior year provided he does not reach his twentieth birthday until after the season is completed for that particular sport, be tabled. The motion carried by a vote of 51-1.

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W. P. Wheeler moved, seconded by Roy L. Winchester, that the reading of the minutes of the January 22nd Board meeting be waived since the members of the Board had received copies of these minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Representatives of the Woodford County High School (Prin. Charles O. Dawson, Supt. Joe D. Gormley, and Coach Donald Lane) appeared before the Board requesting that certain changes be made in the classifying of schools maintaining football teams. After a considerable discussion, the Board advised that the recommendations made by the Woodford County group would be given due consideration.

The Commissioner reported the results of the recent balloting for Board membership for Sections 7 and 8. In Section 7 the votes were as follows: Louie Martin, 29; William L. Criscillis, Jr., 17. Andrew J. Fultz received 36 votes in Section 8. He was the only candidate in that Section.

There was a discussion of possible Board proposals to be submitted to the forthcoming Delegate Assembly of the Association. William C. Doan moved, seconded by Arthur R. Hawkins, that the following be submitted to the Delegate Assembly as a Board proposal, this being an amendment to Article IV, Section 2-a of the K.H.S.A.A. Constitution: "To be eligible for membership on the Board of Control, one must be an administrator, faculty member, or coach of an accredited K.H.S.A.A. member school in the region he is to represent and must remain in a similar capacity in that region during his tenure in office." The motion was carried unanimously.

The Commissioner stated that the Association is attempting to establish the fact that it should be exempt from the payment of Federal income tax, and one of the qualifications for such exemption is that the assets of the Association must be dedicated to an exempt purpose in the event the Association should dissolve. He stated that the Internal Revenue Service has urged that the K.H.S.A.A. Constitution be amended to include certain dissolution wording, and that because of the time element involved he recommended that the Board of Control authorize the Commissioner to submit to K.H.S.A.A. member school principals for referendum vote immediately, without waiting for Delegate Assembly action, a proposal recommended by the Internal Revenue Service, the proposal to read as follows: "Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Control shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the benefit of the member schools of the Association that shall at that time qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Control shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes." James T. Dotson moved, seconded by Frank B. Simpson, that the Commissioner be directed to send out the referendum which he had presented, said amendment to the K.H.S.A.A. Constitution being considered Article XI. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board then considered the recommendations concerning the possible football re-classification made by the Woodford County representatives. The Board thought that the suggestions made certainly had merit, but did not think that any possible re-classification should be done in the middle of the two-year period set up in the football regulations. Any action on possible football re-classification was therefore deferred.

The Commissioner stated that, as all Board members knew and as the press had already reported, he would be retiring on June 30. At this time Mr. Mansfield was asked to absent himself from the meeting. Chairman Richard Vincent of the Personnel and Policy Committee stated that his committee had given considerable thought over a long period of time concerning the successor to Commissioner Sanford. He moved, seconded by W. P. Wheeler, that J. B. Mansfield be elected Commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for a period of four years, beginning July 1, 1972, the annual salary to be set at a later date. The motion was carried unanimously. The Commissioner stated that he was very pleased on the Board action, Mr. Mansfield having been a very valuable member of the Association staff since 1949.

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The Commissioner was authorized to accept for the Board of Control applications for the position to be vacated by Mr. Mansfield.

William C. Doan moved, seconded by Roy L. Winchester, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning January 1, 1972, and ending February 29, 1972, be allowed. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Morton Combs  
President

Sheila Sanford  
Secretary