

Minutes of Board Meeting

December 15, 1979

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the K.H.S.A.A. Building, on Saturday, December 15, 1979. The meeting was called to order by President Barney Thweatt at 9:00 A.M., with all Board members; Commissioner Tom Mills; Assistant Commissioners Brigid L. DeVries, Louis Stout, and Billy V. Wise present. Conley Manning and Darrell Wells were present representing the State Department of Education and the State School Boards Association respectively. The invocation was given by Conley Manning.

Denzil J. Ramsey moved, seconded by Fairce O. Woods, that the minutes of the October 13, 1979, meeting of the Board be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Norman Passmore moved, seconded by Jack Burkich, that the Board approve the minutes of the East Eligibility Committee meetings held November 14, 1979, and November 29, 1979. The motion carried unanimously.

President Thweatt introduced Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah Curtsinger and their son, Kelly. Kelly spoke to the Board giving the reasons for requesting a waiver of By-Law 6, Section 1. Kelly had played varsity basketball for Boyle County High School prior to transferring to Rowan County High School, Morehead, where he is living with his father, who is his guardian at this time. Following the presentation by Kelly Curtsinger and a lengthy discussion by the Board, Norman Passmore moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that By-Law 6, Section 1, not be waived in this case. The motion carried unanimously.

Prin. Jerry Harris and Supt. Eldon J. Smith of Glasgow High School spoke to the Board on behalf of a student, Mandal Stockton. Mandal was ruled ineligible under the provisions of By-Law 23, Post Season and All-Star Games. Prin. Harris explained to the Board that Mandal was not aware of the rule and that he took full responsibility for the fact that the rule had not been explained to him. After a lengthy discussion Robie Harper moved, seconded by Joseph McPherson, that Mandal Stockton be reinstated as of January 2, 1980, and that he be placed on probation for the remainder of the 1979-80 school year. The motion carried 5-4.

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Prin. Ledger Howard, Evarts High School, was introduced by President Barney Thweatt. Mr. Howard came before the Board to request that the suspension of Evarts High School from the Association be lifted. He explained that those persons responsible for the violations resulting in the suspension have resigned their coaching positions. Following a discussion of Mr. Howard's request, Commissioner Mills recommended that Evarts High School be reinstated effective January 2, 1980, but that they be placed on probation for one calendar year from the date of reinstatement. Pete Grigsby moved, seconded by Robie Harper, that the recommendation of the Commissioner be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edward R. Cooper, Cumberland, Kentucky, appeared before the Board requesting that By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, be waived in favor of his daughter, Samantha. Mr. Cooper explained that the reason there was no corresponding change in residence in this case was that he was unable to secure housing in Cumberland at the time he transferred Samantha to Cumberland High School. Following a discussion of Mr. Cooper's request, the Board delayed action pending further investigation.

Assistant Commissioner Billy Wise reported that the Football Championship playoffs were very successful. Financial reports have been received from all game managers, indicating that all expenses have been paid with shares of profit having been sent to the schools involved. After a discussion concerning an additional amount to be allotted to each team taking part in the final games, upon a recommendation of Mr. Mills, Jack Burkich moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that each of the eight schools involved in the finals receive an additional amount of \$1,200.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Joseph McPherson moved, seconded by Jack Burkich, that the football playoffs be played at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center Stadium in 1980. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Zeb Blankenship, seconded by Robie Harper, and a unanimous vote of the Board, the following regulations concerning fees for district, regional, and state basketball tournament officials were adopted. The district tournament officials shall receive a fee of \$30.00 per game, the regional tournament officials shall receive a fee of \$35.00 per game, and the state tournament officials shall receive \$40.00 per game. Transportation allowance shall be 15¢ per mile for all necessary travel to officiate an assigned game. In the event it is necessary for the official to remain overnight at the tournament site, he or she shall be paid an additional \$20.00 per day for lodging and meals. These apply to both boys and girls tournaments.

Brigid L. DeVries, Assistant Commissioner, gave a report on the soccer survey taken by the Association. She gave a detailed report on the schools and the way they voted with 23 schools voting for soccer to be a spring sport, and 22 voting for fall. Following a discussion of the report, Denzil Ramsey made a motion, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the Association continue to sponsor soccer as a spring sport. The motion carried 6-3.

Chairman J. D. Minnehan reported that the Basketball Committee met with representatives of each of the sixteen basketball regions on October 13, 1979. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of a survey taken among member schools in April 1979, concerning the classification of schools in basketball. Mr. Minnehan explained that the meeting was well attended and that everyone was given an opportunity to speak both for and against classification.

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Following Mr. Minnehan's report, Supt. Jack Moreland of the Dayton Independent Schools spoke briefly to the Board concerning his interest in classification. The subject of classification was then referred to the Basketball Committee for further consideration.

Commissioner Mills submitted a written request from West Hardin High School that they be permitted to compete for the 1980 football championship in District 1, Region II, since they have now scheduled all other teams within the district. Fairce Woods moved, seconded by Denzil Ramsey, that this request be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mills presented a letter received from Rev. Earle Lee, Vice-President of the Kentucky Association of Christian Schools, informing the Board of the fact that they are forming an Athletic Conference for their member schools. Rev. Lee requested that he be informed of the Board's position on the effect this would have on their membership in the K.H.S.A.A. After discussing the contents of the letter, the Commissioner was instructed to seek the advice of the K.H.S.A.A. Board attorney and the Legal Council for the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education prior to responding to Rev. Lee's questions.

Mr. Mills then presented the Board with a letter written by an attorney from Louisville requesting that the Board of Control rescind By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, for those students who enter the court-ordered busing pattern on a voluntary basis after having represented a secondary school in a first team game. After noting that the Board of Control has been very cooperative with the Jefferson County Board of Education by waiving the Transfer Rule for those students required to change schools to meet the requirements of the Federal Court order regarding busing of students in Jefferson County and the fact that with the exception of the exemption for court-ordered busing, the Transfer Rule applies equally to all athletes and/or member schools throughout the state, Robie Harper moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, not be waived as requested. The motion passed.

A request that all high schools from the Jefferson County School System that qualify by enrollment of 1,000 students or less be placed in Class AAA for the 1981-82 football season was referred to the Football Committee for consideration.

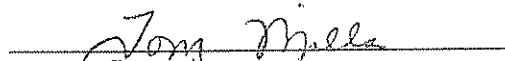
The next meeting date for the Board of Control was scheduled for January 19, 1980, 9:00 A.M., at the Executive Inn-East, Louisville.

J. D. Minnehan moved, seconded by Fairce Woods, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning October 1, 1979, and ending November 30, 1979, be allowed. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



President



Secretary

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