

Minutes of the Board Meeting

March 20, 1981

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Hyatt Regency, Lexington, on Friday, March 20, 1981. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Zeb Blankenship. All Board members, Commissioner Tom Mills, Assistant Commissioners Brigid DeVries, Louis Stout, and Billy V. Wise were present. Conley Manning was present representing the State Department of Education. Mr. Manning Gave the invocation.

Charles Black moved, seconded by Walter Pickett, that the minutes of the January meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

President Blankenship introduced Attorney Jack Keith who spoke to the Board on behalf of Mark A. Fooks, Deming High School, in an effort to appeal the decision on his eligibility status. After a lengthy discussion, John Brock moved, seconded by Walter Pickett, that By-Law 6, Section 1, be waived. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Joe Ray Gatewood appeared before the Board to appeal the decision made on the eligibility status of his son, David, to represent Western Hills High School in interscholastic athletics. After a discussion on Mr. Gatewood's presentation, Fairce Woods moved, seconded by Alvis Johnson, that the decision of the Commissioner be upheld in this case and that By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, not be waived. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Leon Clapp appeared before the Board on behalf of his nephew, Greg Leach, to appeal the decision on his eligibility status at Marshall County High School. After hearing Mr. Clapp's presentation and after Mr. Mills read letters from

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Lowes High School principal and coach, Walter Pickett moved, seconded by Charles Black, that By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, be waived and that Greg be ruled eligible immediately to represent Marshall County High School in interscholastic athletics. The motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor and one abstention.

Commissioner Mills gave the results of the recent balloting for Board membership for Sections 1 and 6. The balloting was as follows: Section 1 - Jimmy Dan Peck, 5; Robert L. Rogers, 33. Section 6 - Eldon Davidson, 22; James A. Sears, 7; Larry B. Stewart, 4.

There was a discussion of new proposals to be submitted to the forthcoming Delegate Assembly. They are as follows:

PROPOSAL I

Superintendent Reed Conder, Marshall County Schools, proposes that Article IV, Section 2(a), Representative, be changed to read as follows: "Each local Board of Education or the governing body of a private or parochial member school shall appoint one (1) representative for each member school within the school district or under their control to represent that school in the Association. Each school's representative shall have a weighted vote based on the average daily attendance in that school when his vote is cast in an election for membership to the Board of Control, for an election of a representative to the Delegate Assembly or all other matters including surveys or polls of the Representatives, that determine action or policy of the Association. The weight of the representative vote shall be calculated on the basis of one vote for each 100 students in average daily attendance or major portion thereof at that school. Only certified personnel employed by the local district, private, or parochial school are eligible for appointment."

PROPOSAL II

Principal Walter Pickett, Valley High School, proposes that Article V, Representation, be changed to read as follows: In the Annual Meeting of the Association the delegates shall consist of one representative from each tournament district of the state. The secretary of the Kentucky Coaches Association, the president of the Kentucky Girls' Sports Association, and the president of the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors' Association shall be voting members of the Delegate Assembly. The representatives shall be the delegates to the next Annual Meeting immediately following their election, and shall there transact all business of the Annual Meeting. None but these delegates shall have the right to vote in the Annual Meeting. There shall be no vote by proxy."

PROPOSAL III

The Board of Control of the K.H.S.A.A. proposes that By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, be changed to read as follows: "Any student who represents a secondary school in a first team game in any sport after enrolling in the ninth grade and who changes schools shall be ineligible for thirty-six school weeks. If there is a corresponding change in the residence of the parents, divorce, or death of one or both of the parents, the Commissioner may waive the penalty in any case where there is evident injustice."

NOTE: If this proposal should pass, the following questions and answers would be added:

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Q. If parents are divorced what is considered the residence of the child?

A. In the absence of a court order giving custody of the child to one of

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the parents, the residence of the parents at the time of the divorce is considered the residence of the child unless both parents move. The Commissioner may waive the rule one time under these conditions if there is a court order giving or changing custody of the child to one of the parents within one calendar year following the date of divorce.

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Q. May the Commissioner waive the Transfer Rule in favor of a child who is required to change schools due to the death of one or both of the parents?

A. Yes. The Commissioner may waive the rule one time under these conditions if there is a court order giving custody of the child to an adult in the new school district within one calendar year of the death of the parent.

PROPOSAL IV

The Board of Control of the K.H.S.A.A. proposes that By-Law 32 be changed to read as follows: "A student who has represented a member school as a first team player in football or basketball shall not compete in an all-star or post-season game during the remainder of that academic school year unless it is sanctioned by the Board of Control. The penalty for violation shall be loss of eligibility in all sports for the remainder of that academic school year. A student who has been a first team player in football or basketball and has eligibility remaining in these sports shall not take part in an all-star or post-season game during the remainder of that academic year unless it is sanctioned by the Board of Control. The penalty shall be loss of eligibility for one year."

Robie Harper moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the proposals be presented to the Delegate Assembly. The motion passed unanimously.

President Balankenship introduced President Mike Stewart and Executive Secretary John Radjunas of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association. They spoke to the Board on the functions of their Association and on their projected plans for the coming year.

Mr. Mills gave a brief report on the Boys' State Basketball Tournament stating that the attendance was up from the last time it was held in Lexington two years ago. He stated that he would have a more detailed report at the April meeting. A financial audit of both tournaments will appear in the August Athlete.

Robie Harper moved, seconded by Whaylon Coleman, that the decision on the sites for the boys and girls basketball tournament be tabled until there is a more detailed report on the finances and attendance of the tournaments held this year and that the decision be made at the April Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills informed the Board that he had received a request from Mr. Robert Case for a waiver of By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, permitting his son to transfer from Ninth & O Christian School to another school in the Louisville area. His son desires to transfer due to the fact that Ninth & O Christian School did not participate in the district basketball tournament because of a church policy prohibiting participation in sport functions that conflict with church services. Following a discussion of this request, Mr. Mills was instructed to inform Mr. Case that By-Law 6 would not be waived for students transferring from one school to another under the above stated conditions.

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Commissioner Mills reported on a request from Fairdale High School concerning a sixteen-team tournament called King of the Bluegrass Basketball Tournament involving eight teams from Kentucky and eight teams from other states. It is to be held on December 19-23, 1981. Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the Commissioner proceed with a request to the National Federation for sanction of this tournament. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills read a request from Rick Chaffin of Kenova, West Virginia, to permit students from three member schools to participate in an AAU-sponsored basketball tournament to be held in West Virginia, pending approval of the principals of the schools involved. John Brock made a motion, seconded by Fairce Woods, that permission be given for the three students to participate in the tournament. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 2 abstentions.

Mr. Mills read a request from Coach John Lykins, Frankfort High School, that his basketball team be given permission to play in an International Basketball Tournament to be played in Belgium during the second week of April, 1981. Charles Black moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the request be granted. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Control was scheduled for April 16, 1981, 2:00 pm at the K.H.S.A.A. Building, Lexington.

There being no further business, Fairce Woods moved, seconded by Charles Black, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

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 President Secretary