

Board of Control Meeting - February 10, 1940

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, on February 10, 1940, with all members present. The meeting was called to order by President O'Donnell at 3:30 P. M.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Lester Goheen, Principal of the Birmingham High School, appeared before the Board to discuss his charge that the Kuttawa High School had used undue influence in causing the parents of Joe Fulks, formerly of Birmingham, and now of Kuttawa, to move to Kuttawa.

The Board next heard a delegation of business and professional men from Kuttawa, headed by Supt. B. G. Moore and Principal J. H. Harvey, defend the action of the Kuttawa High School and attempt to prove by numerous witnesses, including the father of Joe Fulks, that Mr. Fulks had come to Kuttawa seeking employment which he later obtained and that he had not been unduly influenced to do so.

After a lengthy discussion of the Kuttawa case by the individual members of the Board, John Dotson moved, seconded by T. A. Sanford, that the following decision be made by the Board and given widespread publicity:

"While the Board feels that the evidence submitted was very damaging to the prestige and standing of the Kuttawa High School as a member of the K. H. S. A. A., and disclosed certain practices which the Board strongly condemns, yet the Board, after a long conference with school officials and leading business men of Kuttawa, is willing to give Kuttawa the benefit of a doubt that the evidence justifies a suspension of the school from the association. The Board, therefore, has taken no action to bar Kuttawa from the association. However, in connection with this case and others discussed at the meeting, it is the opinion of the Board that athletics in our high schools will deserve and have general support only when it is emphasized for its recreational value and the building of character among young people who live in and belong to the communities which maintain these schools.

"The Board deplores the tendency of schools to build up winning teams through the use of imported athletes." The motion was carried with all members voting "aye," except Sparkman, who did not vote.

Members of the Board were given copies of various letters which had been received by the secretary with regard to the district tie votes in districts 55 and 59.

Matt Sparkman moved, seconded by Russell Bridges, that Jackson City High School be awarded the district tournament in district 55. The motion was carried unanimously.

Russell Bridges moved, seconded by T. A. Sanford, that Oil Springs High School be awarded the district tournament in district 59. The motion was carried unanimously.

The secretary announced that the Morganfield High School had been awarded the district tournament in district 9 after the secretary had received the ballots of the Board of Control members concerning this tie.

There was a discussion of the controversy in district 49 concerning the contested eligibility of the Big Creek and Flat Creek High Schools to vote for tournament locations. T. A. Sanford moved, seconded by Russell Bridges, that John Dotson be authorized to contact the principals of the schools involved in an effort to determine the true schedule of Big Creek and Flat Creek, with power to act in the awarding of the tournament site. The motion was carried unanimously.

The request of the Pikeville High School for the payment of a forfeit of \$50.00 by Breckenridge Training School for failure to play a basketball game scheduled for January 26th was approved by the Board.

The request of the Campton High School for the payment of a forfeit of \$20.00 by the Beattyville High School for failure to carry out the contract to play a basketball game on January 24th was approved by the Board.

The secretary was authorized to notify various interested salesmen that the Board of Control will buy trophies, awards, and basketballs for the state tournament on Saturday morning, February 24th, at nine o'clock in the office of President O'Donnell, Richmond.

There was a discussion of the number of sessions and the prices for the various sessions of the state tournament, and the secretary was authorized to use his own judgment.

John Dotson moved, seconded by Russell Bridges, that all bills as recorded and

read by the secretary for the period beginning December 9, 1939, and ending February 9, 1940, be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board of Control was then called to order in its capacity as the Board of Directors of the K. H. S. A. A. Protection Fund.

W. B. Owen moved, seconded by Matt Sparkman, that the following claims against the K. H. S. A. A. Protection Fund be allowed:

Prin. J. W. Snyder, Owensboro, for Bobby Laswell	\$17.00
Prin. Joe Austin, Highlands, for Richard Kruer	3.50
Prin. Joe Austin, Highlands, for Ted Kappas	10.00
Prin. Walter F. Coop, Walton-Verona, for Desha McElroy	4.00
Prin. Paul Vaughn, Glasgow, for Mylus Hilton	2.00
Prin. Jack Dawson, Fern Creek, for Mickey Sparks	35.00
Margaret Hayes, clerical work, December	40.00
Prin. T. T. Knight, Okolona, for Clarence McCoy	16.00
Prin. W. E. Burton, Corbin, for Jack Vermillion	10.00
Prin. W. E. Burton, Corbin, for Odell Byrley	12.00
Prin. Charles W. Blake, Fairdale, for Richard Conkling	15.00
Prin. J. M. Taylor, Benham, for Wade Johnson	4.00
Prin. J. M. Taylor, Benham, for Robert Siphers	10.00
Prin. J. M. Taylor, Benham, for Hoyt Tucker	1.50
Prin. J. M. Taylor, Benham, for Bill Robinette	6.50
Prin. J. M. Taylor, Benham, for Delmas Glovier	10.00
Prin. J. M. Taylor, Benham, for Douglas Nichols	8.50
Prin. J. M. Taylor, Benham, for Fred Poore	8.75
Prin. J. M. Taylor, Benham, for Delmas Glovier	8.50
Prin. Wm. T. McGraw, Sturgis, for Everett Christison	7.50
Prin. Wm. D. Merrifield, Irvine, for Bobby Rose	1.00
Prin. J. F. Tanner, Ludlow, Wm. Puckett	2.00
Prin. Joe W. Austin, Highlands, for Robert Droege	35.00
Prin. Reason G. Newton, Lebanon Junction, for Robert Kennedy	10.00
Prin. G. K. Gregory, Dixie Heights, for James Caywood	50.00
Prin. G. K. Gregory, Dixie Heights, for James Presnell	5.00
Prin. Wm. F. Russell, Morganfield, for LeRoy Padgett	6.00
Margaret Hayes, clerical work, January	40.00
Prin. W. D. Chilton, Bloomfield, for Gene Graham	14.00

The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

W. B. Owen President,

Shelley Taylor Secretary

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