

Minutes of Board Meeting

October 13, 1979

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the K.H.S.A.A. Building, Lexington, Kentucky, on Saturday morning, October 13, 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 DeVries, Louis Stout, and Billy V. Wise present. Conley Manning and Darrell Wells were present representing the State Department of Education and the School Boards Association respectively. The invocation was given by Norman Passmore.

Norman Passmore moved, seconded by Fairce Woods, that the minutes of the July 27 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

President Thweatt introduced Mrs. Phyllis Ransdell to the Board. Mrs. Ransdell was appearing before the Board to appeal the Commissioner's ruling that her daughter was ineligible to compete in athletics at Atherton High School under By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. After a lengthy discussion of the reasons that Mrs. Ransdell presented to the Board for the transfer of her daughter to another school, Norman Passmore moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the decision of the Commissioner be upheld. The motion carried unanimously.

Robie Harper presented letters from Greenville High School to the Board appealing the decision concerning Michael Lynn Bandy, a student who is ineligible under the provisions of By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. After a discussion by the Board, Fairce Woods moved, seconded by Joseph McPherson, that the By-Law not be waived in this case. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills reported to the Board on the times and dates of the 1979 Football Playoffs at the Fairgrounds, Louisville. Class A will play on November 23, 12:00 Noon; Class AA will play at 2:30 P.M.; Class AAA will play at 8:00 P.M. On November 24, Class AAAA will play at 8:00 P.M.

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Mr. Mills asked Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries to give a report on the first volleyball tournament. She reported that a State Girls' Volleyball Tournament will be held at Memorial Coliseum, University of Kentucky, Lexington, on October 26-27, 1979. She explained that it would be a pool play round robin type tournament and would start at 4:00 P.M.

Assistant Commissioner Louis Stout gave a report on the State Cross Country with Class A and Class AA boys and girls meets being held at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, on November 3, 1979, at 1:00 P.M. Class AAA boys and girls meets will be held on November 3, Tom Sawyer Park, Louisville, at 2:30 P.M.

At this time Mr. Mills asked the Board to consider the price of the boys and girls state basketball tournament tickets as they would need to be ordered very soon. After a lengthy discussion, J. D. Minnehan moved, seconded by Norman Passmore, that last year's prices of \$4.00 and \$5.00 be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion on the distribution of passes to the coaches at the Girls' State Basketball Tournament. Jack Burkich moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that upon presenting the signature of the principal of a member school, a girls' head basketball coach would be permitted to pick up a complete set of tickets to the Girls' State Basketball Tournament. The motion carried unanimously.

After a discussion on the site of the state baseball tournament and upon the recommendation of Mr. Mills, Jack Burkich made the motion, seconded by D. J. Ramsey, that Fort Knox High School be the site of the 1980 State Baseball Tournament. The motion carried unanimously.

President Barkley Moore and Coach Rick Stephens of Oneida Baptist Institute were introduced to the Board by President Thweatt. They came before the Board to appeal the ruling in the eligibility case of Richard Tsueda. He was ruled ineligible under the provisions of By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. Following a discussion on the appeal, D. J. Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Joseph McPherson, that By-Law 6, Section 1, not be waived in this case. The motion carried unanimously.

Prin. Ledger Howard of Evarts High School came before the Board to appeal the suspension of Evarts High School from participation in all athletic activities for an indefinite period of time, for the violation of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 1, Section 7b. Mr. Howard requested that the suspension be lifted to permit Evarts High School to participate in basketball and baseball during the 1979-80 seasons. After a lengthy discussion the Board declined to reinstate the membership of Evarts High School at this time, and voted unanimously to instruct the Commissioner to investigate fully the report of additional violations and to submit his findings to the Board of Control at its next meeting on December 15, 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Klump requested that the Board waive K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, in favor of their daughter, Kathy, to permit her to participate in athletics for Campbell County High School. Following a discussion of their presentation, Fairce Woods moved, seconded by Pete Grigsby, that the Transfer Rule not be waived in this case. The motion carried unanimously.

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Attorney Al Brooks and Mr. Douglas Sherwin came before the Board requesting a waiver of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, in favor of Scott Sherwin. After a discussion of the presentation made by Mr. Brooks and Mr. Sherwin, Zeb Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Joseph McPherson, that the Transfer Rule not be waived in this case. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills presented a request by the Kentucky High School Coaches Association and the Athletic Directors Association that the Board of Control go on record as being opposed to changing the date of the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star games from June to April. After discussing the fact that the athletes would lose their eligibility for spring sports and the fact that they would be taken out of school for practice, D. J. Ramsey moved, seconded by Robie Harper, that the Board oppose the change of the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star games to April. The motion carried unanimously.

Pete Grigsby made a motion, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that the following plan be adopted by the Board of Control concerning the ranking and assigning of officials to work boys and girls basketball games:

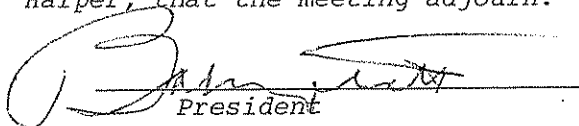
"Each assigning secretary shall mail a roster of the qualified officials registered in the Region to each boys' and girls' head basketball coach within the Region and, after determining the number of officials needed, permit each coach to rank that number of officials numerically and return the list to the assigning secretary. The assigning secretary shall then compile a ranking of these officials from the returned lists, but shall have the right to add or delete officials for just cause. The number of scratches to be allowed by each coach shall be determined by the local policy committee. After the ranking procedure has been completed, the assigning secretary shall assign the officials on a nondiscriminatory basis to all boys and girls games. The assigning secretary shall file a copy of the ranking of the officials along with a copy of all boys' and girls' game assignments with the Commissioner." The motion passed unanimously.

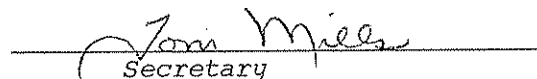
Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries presented copies of the recent survey taken among member schools concerning limitation of seasons in all sports. She pointed out that 123 schools voted in favor of limitations being placed on all sports activities while 72 schools were opposed. The survey also showed that 52 schools have a local board policy providing that no athletic contests may be played either at home or away when schools are not in session due to inclement weather. Ninety schools indicated that they favored this policy while 103 schools were opposed. President Barney Thweatt requested that the Board members study the results of this survey for the purpose of making recommendations during the December meeting of the Board of Control.

The Board of Control set the next meeting date for December 15, 1979, at 9:00 P.M. at the K.H.S.A.A. Building, Lexington.

Jack Burkich moved, seconded by Denzil Ramsey, that all bills for the period beginning July 1, 1979, and ending September 30, 1979, be allowed. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Zeb Blankenship moved, seconded by Robie Harper, that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

  
President

  
Secretary

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