

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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NOVEMBER 17, 1984

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met in special session called by President Eldon Davidson on Saturday, November 17, 1984, for the purpose of hearing allegations of violation of By-Law 10, Undue Influence, against Whitesburg High School. Allegations in the case were filed by Principal Joe Watkins and Assistant Principal Fred Carter.

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of Warren East High School.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. with the following members present: Eldon Davidson, Bob Rogers, Charlie Wilson, Tony Olinger, Frank Welch, Chester Turner, David Webb, Grant Talbott and Pat Crawford. Commissioner Tom Mills and Executive Assistant Billy V. Wise were also present, along with Board Attorney, Danny Reeves. The press was represented by Mr. Earl Cox. Bob Rogers gave the invocation.

Mr. Davidson explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of hearing undue influence charges against Whitesburg High School and explained that members of the Board had received copies of all correspondence on file in the case. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Reeves.

Mr. Reeves first explained the procedures to be followed during the hearing and then asked the representatives and witnesses present to identify themselves. Those present representing Warren East High School were Principal Joe Watkins, Assistant Principal Fred Carter, Assistant Coach Edwin Moss and students, Paula Childers and Michelle Williams.

Present and representing Whitesburg High School were Principal R. T. Holbrook, Assistant Principal Jim Slone, Coach John High, Mrs. Billie Gentry, Marla Gentry and Attorney James Craft.

Mr. Reeves first called on Executive Assistant Commissioner Billy V. Wise for a report on his findings during the investigations he conducted on October 3 in Whitesburg and on October 22 in Bowling Green. Mr. Wise elaborated on the written report he had filed earlier with Commissioner Mills. The report is a part of the record in this case.

After swearing in each witness, Mr. Reeves questioned Mr. Watkins, Mr. Carter, Paula Childers and Michelle Williams on the basis of their allegations. Members of the Board and Mr. Craft also questioned the witnesses.

Mr. Reeves then called to the stand and questioned Coach John High, Marla Gentry and Mrs. Billie Gentry respectively. Again, members of the Board and Mr. Craft questioned these witnesses.

While Mr. Holbrook was not called to the witness stand, he answered several questions concerning the case.

Mr. Reeves explained the Due Process Procedure to the group and then turned the hearing over to Commissioner Mills.

Commissioner Mills thanked those representatives present and explained he would inform them, in writing, of the decision of the Board. Pat Crawford moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the case. Chester Turner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Following a lengthy discussion, President Davidson declared the Executive Session over and stated that the Board was again in open session.

Bob Rogers made the following motion:

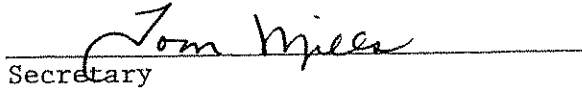
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After considering the written correspondence on file and after hearing the testimony of each witness, it is the decision of the Board of Control that representatives of Whitesburg High School used undue influence (in violation of By-Law 10, Undue Influence) to encourage Marla Gentry and her family to move to Whitesburg, Kentucky, and Marla to enroll in Whitesburg High School. Therefore, Marla Gentry shall be ineligible to represent Whitesburg High School in interscholastic athletics during the 1984-85 school year. Further disciplinary action against Whitesburg High School shall be withheld until the December 22, 1984, meeting of the Board of Control, at which time Principal R. T. Holbrook shall report to the Board any disciplinary action he has taken to deal with the

violation. David Webb seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 6-3.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bob Rogers moved, seconded by Frank Welch, that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.


President


Secretary

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