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BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at 4:15 p.m. at the KHSAA Office Building in Lexington on Tuesday, May 19, 1998. All Board members were present with the exception of Betsy Glover, Teresa Isaac and John Roberts. Others present were Commissioner Louis Stout, Exec. Asst. Commissioner Brigid DeVries, Asst. Commissioners Larry Boucher and Julian Tackett, SID Butch Cope, Ken Tippett and Anne Wesley Mays. Mr. Kevin Mason was present representing the Ky. Dept. of Education.

President Ken Cox called the meeting to order and asked Roland Williams to pronounce the Invocation.

Gary Kidwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12-13, 1998, Board of Control meeting. Tom Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, to approve bills from March 1 to April 30, 1998. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Wendell Thomas, Roland Williams made a motion to promote the Ad Hoc Committee, which was appointed to review KHSAA compliance with Title IX, to a standing committee. Bill Beasley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. It was announced that the KDE/KHSAA/KSBA would be sponsoring Title IX Conferences on September 8th in Bowling Green and September 9th in Lexington. Ms. DeVries announced that information and registration forms would be mailed to each member school in the near future.

President Cox then called for Committee reports.

Fall/Winter Sports Committee

Kathy Johnston, Chairperson, made a motion that the Board approve the following report:

- 1) Recommend that Ryle High and Gray Middle Schools serve as the site for the 1998 State Volleyball Tournament; Kentucky Horse Park for the 1998 and 1999 State Cross Country Meet; Seneca Golf Course for the Boys' State Golf and Midland Trail Golf Course for the Girls' State Golf. Gary Kidwell seconded the motion which passed.
- 2) Accept a recommendation from the Wrestling Committee to adopt revisions as presented in the tournament rules. Tasso Harris seconded the motion which passed. The re-alignment will be sent to the wrestling schools. A final recommendation on re-alignment will be submitted at the July meeting.
- 3) Accept a recommendation to a) increase the number of Boys' Golf Regions from 11 to 12; b) still allow the team winner and runner-up to qualify for the Regional meet; but reduce from four to three the number of individuals to qualify for Boys' State competition. Eddie Saylor asked that Harlan be contacted about their placement in Region 11. Gary Kidwell seconded recommendation b) which passed. Frank Cardwell made a motion to further discuss item a) at the July meeting. Motion passed.
- 4) Accept a recommendation to add districts to Volleyball. Roland made a motion, seconded by Bill Beasley, that the Board obtain feedback from the principals and athletic directors at the schools concerning a draft alignment and finalize the request in July. Motion passed unanimously.

Basketball Committee

Tasso Harris, Chairperson, gave the following report:

- 1) Acknowledge receipt of Boys'/Girls' State Tournament Recommendation, but take no action.
- 2) Consider sites for the Boys' State Sweet 16@ following presentations of proposals on Wednesday.
- 3) Accept the dates for the Boys' and Girls' Tournaments for 2000 through 2003 as presented. Stan Steidel seconded the motion which passed.
- 4) Accept a recommendation from the Officials' Division to use three officials for the 1999-2000 post season. Stan Steidel seconded the motion which passed.
- 5) Adopt for 1998-99, the selection of tournament officials as pro-

vided in the Policy Manual. Motion passed.

Football Committee

Frank Cardwell, Chairperson, gave the following report:

- 1) Consider reclassification of football at the July meeting. Staff is to present a draft which would not allow teams to play in a higher class. Eddie Saylor seconded the motion which passed.
- 2) Recommend that the number of teams in each district do not have to be balanced. Gary Kidwell seconded the motion which passed.

President Cox called for recess until 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 20th.

President Cox reconvened the meeting at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 20th. All Board members were present except Betsy Glover and John Roberts. Others present were Commissioner Louis Stout, Exec. Asst. Commissioner Brigid DeVries, Asst. Commissioners Larry Boucher and Julian Tackett, SID Butch Cope, Ken Tippett and Anne Wesley Mays. Mr. Kevin Mason was present representing the Ky. Dept. of Education.

Gary Kidwell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Roland Williams seconded the motion which passed. Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Gary Kidwell, to return to Open Session. Motion passed. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Executive Committee

Bill Beasley, Chairperson, gave their report.

- 1) Recommend the following 1998-99 salary schedule: 3% increase for all employees with these exceptions: Commissioner Stout to receive 3% plus an additional \$2,000, a four-year contract with benefits and future increases to be the same percentage as all other staff. Exec. Asst. DeVries to receive 3% plus an additional \$2,000. Asst. Comm. Tackett to receive 3% plus an additional \$4,000. Delete the new position for an additional secretary until the Commissioner returns to the Board with a specific job description. Physical Plant Manager to receive 3%; however the salary for the position and duties, whether full or part time, will be limited to \$19,300. Roland Williams seconded the recommendation which passed.

John Roberts came to the meeting.

The next items on the Agenda were consideration of the Hearing Officer's Reports for March and April.

Eddie Saylor made a motion, seconded by Bill Beasley, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be accepted on Appeal #331 heard March 23. The motion passed 13-1. Cookie Henson abstained.

No.	Bylaw	Appellant	School	Findings
#331	6	Amy Goins	Clay County	Eligible

Tasso Harris made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, to set aside the Hearing Officer's Recommendation on Appeal #335 heard on March 23. The motion to set aside this appeal passed 12-3. In support of its decision, the Board issued the following findings of fact:

- 1) The membership has reaffirmed its intentions with regard to the enforcement of Bylaw 8 with repeated votes to leave the rule unchanged in the last few years;
- 2) To enforce the provisions of Bylaw 8 on these students consistent with the similar treatment of the other 49,000 interscholastic athletes in Kentucky who abide by this restriction;
- 3) Until such time as it is amended, Bylaw 8 should be consistently applied.

As a Conclusion of Law, the Board of Control found that the Hearing Officer's decision was clearly erroneous and that to allow these students to participate in post-season camps and/or tournaments prior to the last day of school or May 31 would establish an undesirable precedent and would depreciate the value of Bylaws 8 & 25.

No.	Bylaw	Appellant	School	Findings
#335	8 & 25	Jeanna Salamone, Parent	Ft. Wright, KY	Ineligible

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Following discussion, Stan Steidel moved, seconded by Tasso Harris, to direct the Commissioner to distribute a referendum and letter of support for a proposal to remove post season restrictions in football and basketball. Mr. Steidel further moved that the Board declare an emergency and request immediate approval if the referendum passes. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Roland Williams, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be accepted on Appeal #337 heard April 20. The motion passed unanimously.

No.	Bylaw	Appellant	School	Findings
#337	6	Nicholas B. Evans	Owensboro Cath.	Eligible

Tasso Harris made a motion, seconded by Bill Beasley, to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommendation on Appeals #330,334, 336, 339 heard on March 23 and April 20. The motion passed unanimously.

No.	Bylaw	Appellant	School	Findings
#330	6	Colin Joseph Ewing	Cawood	Ineligible
#334	6	Melissa Ann Elder	Webster Co.	Ineligible
#336	6(2)	Charles Ceasay	Central	Ineligible
#339	6	Kevin Payne	Lexington Cath.	Ineligible

Bill Beasley made a motion, seconded by Eddie Saylor, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be accepted on Appeal #332 heard March 23. The motion passed 13-1. Kathy Johnston abstained.

No.	Bylaw	Appellant	School	Findings
#332	6	A.J. Honican	Bourbon Co.	Ineligible

Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Cookie Henson, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be upheld on Appeal #329 heard March 23. The motion passed 14-1.

No.	Bylaw	Appellant	School	Findings
#329	6	Aaron Thomas	Bohn Male	Ineligible

Tom Bryant made a motion, seconded by Teresa Isaac, to set aside the Hearing Officer's Recommendation on Appeal #333 heard on March 23. The motion to set aside this appeal passed 12-2. Kathy Johnston abstained. In support of its decision, the Board issued the following findings of fact:

- 1) The circumstances in this case do not warrant a waiver of Bylaw 6 due to the fact that Darcy could have obtained a Commonwealth Diploma at the sending school;
- 2) That her scheduling problem was not beyond her control but was her own choice to retake calculus;
- 3) Other potential schedule changes were available to this student which would have allowed for the continuation of her involvement in band.

As a Conclusion of Law, the Board of Control found that the Hearing Officer's decision was clearly erroneous and that to allow this student to participate in interscholastic athletics would establish an undesirable precedent and would depreciate the value of Bylaw 6, Transfer Rule. The order was made final and Darcy Richards is hereby declared ineligible to participate at Bourbon County High School for a period of one year from January 13, 1998.

No.	Bylaw	Appellant	School	Findings
#333	6	Darcy Richards	Bourbon Co.	Ineligible

Teresa Isaac made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, that Appeal #328 heard on April 20 be remanded back to the Commissioner at his request since a change has been made in the structure of annexation. The motion passed 13-1. Eddie Saylor abstained.

No.	Bylaw	Appellant	School	Findings
#338	6	Jeremy Allen Roper	Bell Co.	Ineligible

The next items on the Agenda were bid presentations by Louisville and Lexington representatives to host the Boys State Basketball Tournaments from 2000 to 2003. Those present from Lexington included Tom Minter, David Lord, Joe Fields, Rick Hatcher and Rick Reno. Lou-

isville representatives included Linda Edwards and Susan Sower. Following these presentations and questions to them by the Board and Staff, President Cox called on Commissioner Stout for his recommendation. Mr. Stout recommended that the Boys' State Basketball Tournament be held at Rupp Arena for the years 2000 through 2003. Bob Rogers made a motion that his recommendation be accepted. Stan Steidel seconded the motion which passed 13-2. Mr. Cox thanked representatives from both cities for their interest and support of the Sweet 16@.

Audit & Finance Committee

Stan Steidel, Chairperson, gave the following report:

- 1) Recommend Board approval of the Budget Status Report for 1997-98. Eddie Saylor seconded the motion which passed.
- 2) Recommend Board approval of the Draft Working Budget for July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999. Bill Beasley seconded the motion which passed.
- 3) Recommend Board approval to award the contract for KHSAA Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Coverage for July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2001, to American Specialties Insurance Co. Wendell Thomas seconded the motion which passed.
- 4) Recommend Board approval to award the contract for KHSAA General Liability Insurance Coverage for July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2001, to American Specialties Insurance Co. Wendell Thomas seconded the motion which passed.
- 5) Recommend Board approval to award the contract for KHSAA Catastrophic Medical Insurance Coverage for July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2001, to National Sports Underwriters Insurance Co. Tom Bryant seconded the motion which passed.
- 6) Recommend Board approval of the transfer of \$50,000.00 received from the NCAA for Sweet 16@ Royalties be designated for Licensee & Trademark Fees. Roland Williams seconded the motion which passed.
- 7) Progress report on February 1999 refinancing of the KHSAA Offices and HOF Museum. No action was taken.
- 8) Tasso Harris made a motion, seconded by Teresa Isaac, that runner-up teams in Volleyball be reimbursed their expenses for the 1998 tournament. The motion passed 12-3.
- 9) Recommend that the Commissioner be given authority to enter into an agreement with USA Properties to negotiate a fund-raising proposal and return to the Board in July with a recommendation. Wendell Thomas seconded the motion which passed 14-1.

Election of 1998-99 Officers:

Tom Bryant nominated Stan Steidel for President. Cookie Henson seconded the nomination. Frank Cardwell moved nominations cease and Mr. Steidel be elected by acclamation. Motion passed. Roland Williams nominated Eddie Saylor for Vice President. Tom Bryant seconded the nomination. Bill Beasley moved nominations cease and Mr. Saylor be elected by acclamation. Motion passed.

Commissioner Stout related a contract dispute between Cumberland High School and Gatlinburg - Pittman High School in Tennessee regarding the Smoky Mountain Classic Holiday Tournament. Following discussion, the Board advised the Commissioner to use his discretion to make a decision on this issue.

The Board accepted the following schedule of meeting dates for 1998-99. All meetings will be held at the KHSAA Office unless otherwise noted.

July 16-17, 1998	Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond
September 24-25, 1998	KHSAA Office, Lexington
November 18-19, 1998	KHSAA Office, Lexington
January 13, 1999	Annual Meeting, Lexington
January 14-15, 1999	KHSAA Office, Lexington
March 18-19, 1999	University Plaza Hotel, Bowling Green (Site subject to change)
May 18-19, 1999	KHSAA Office, Lexington

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The following information was sent to the Board for their information: 1) Eligibility Rulings from March 1 to April 30; 2) Legislative proposals effecting the KHSAA and progress report. Commissioner Stout asked the Board members to send a note to the legislators thanking them for their support; 3) Staff Note for June KBE Meeting; 4) Financial Reports for the Boys' and Girls' District and Region Basketball Tournaments

Mr. Boucher advised the Board that the Policy Board and Assigning Secretaries met at the KHSAA Office on Wednesday, May 6th. All but four people were in attendance. Among items discussed were whether an Assigning Secretary could serve as secretary-treasurer of the Policy Board, and whether 100-day persons could serve. No action was taken.

The following miscellaneous items were brought to the attention of all by Board members and staff: 1) Members thanked Mr. Cox for the job he did as President and congratulated Mr. Steidel and Mr. Saylor as leaders for the 1998-99 year; 2) Mr. Cox and Mr. Steidel thanked the Board for their support; 3) Mr. Tackett advised the Board of damages incurred by St. Xavier during the football finals at the KFEC. He noted that they are being asked to pay this expense; Mr. Tackett also noted

that revised policies from the 1997-98 school year will be incorporated into the KHSAA Policy Manual; 4) Mr. Boucher advised the Board that he had been seeking a site for the 1999 State Baseball Tournament and that a proposal had been received from Ashland; 5) Mr. Boucher also asked Board members to help secure 15 soccer teams to participate in a training camp in Elizabethtown this summer. He was advised to contact the youth soccer leagues; 6) Mr. Tippett reminded members of the Sportsmanship Awards Banquet to be held on May 31st at the Hyatt; 7) Mr. Cox requested the best possible seating for Board members at the Boys' State Basketball Tournament.

Hall of Fame Committee

Following a discussion of the nominees for 1999, Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Bill Beasley, that nominations for eight seniors be accepted from which five were selected. The Board then elected ten additional nominees for induction. These motions passed. The names of the Class of 1999 will be announced at the Hall of Fame Golf Scramble on Monday, June 22d.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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