

KHSAA Full Board of Control Special Meeting

December 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM

KHSAA Offices, Lexington, KY, Also Conducted Virtually

Attendance Taken at 10:00 AM:

Present Board Members: Debbie Beichler, Darrell Billings, Mike Clines, Larry Coldiron, Mark Evans, Pete Galloway, Alvin Garrison, Scott Hawkins, Greg Howard, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller Lucy Moore, Kim Parker-Brown, Taylora Schlosser, Kirby Smith, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite and Jerry Wyman.

Advisory Committee Members: Reed Adkins, Bonnie Barnes, Donna Bumps and Jeff Saylor.

Guest: David Couch, Kentucky Department of Education.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Joe Angolia, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Butch Cope, Dan White, Kara Howard and Marilyn Mitchell.

Attachments can be found at the following link:

<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4374&AgencyTypeID=1&BeginDate=07-09-2020&EndDate=06-30-2021>

During the work session, the Board discussed various items on the work session agenda. Those considered with no action taken were:

- **Review of Data-Health Department Data and Other Information-** Commissioner Tackett gave clarification of the data collected.
- **Impact of Current Order on Bowling-** Commissioner Tackett explained the impact of the restaurant reduction on bowling alleys and closures.
- **Governor and Lt. Governor's Office Communication-** Commissioner Tackett gave a brief overview of the notes from the Governor's office.
- **Postseason Event Format and Potential Schedule Adjustments-Winter Individual Sports (Swimming, Wrestling)-** Deferred following more information to be gathered by staff.
- **Postseason Event Format and Potential Schedule Adjustments-Winter Sport Activities (Bowling)-** Deferred following more information to be gathered by staff.
- **Potential Additional Special Meeting or Defer Other Winter Championships to January review-** Other winter championships are deferred following further information.

Convene, Roll Call and Covid-19 Disclaimer

The Board went into Closed Session per KRS 61.810 (c) on a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Pete Galloway. The Board came out of closed session on a motion by Kim Parker-Brown and a second by Jerry Wyman. General Counsel Collins provided an explanation of closed session and zoom meeting disclosure prior to going into closed session for the record.

The Commissioner and General Counsel reviewed legal matters, and threaten litigation. There was no action taken.

Full Board Reconvened- Mr. Billings reconvened the Board at 10:30 a.m. to full meeting session.

Recognition of Outgoing Advisory Members

The Commissioner recognized and thanked Donna Bumps, Bonnie Barnes, Reed Adkins and Jeff Saylor for serving on the advisory committee.

COVID-19 Special Meeting

Additional Calendar Review

1. KABC (Basketball)
2. KBCA (Baseball)
3. KSCA (Softball)
4. Event Swimming Committee (Swimming and Diving)
5. UCA (Cheer) Information
6. UDA (Dance) Information
7. KWCA (Wrestling)

Decision Points

Consider Adjusted Calendar for State Tournament Dates

As reviewed, there are minimal options for State Tournament Dates for Basketball. Formats can be adjusted to accommodate schedules, but as of now, it appears at least nine days are necessary to conduct tournaments.

The three windows of time available for the KHSAA are:

- March 14 to March 26 is the hold dates (13 days, NFHS Weeks 37 and 38) which shall be noted as OPTION 1 shown in column A-1 and 1-1 based on the earlier action.
- March 29 to April 8 (11 days) (NFHS Weeks 37 to NFHS Week 39) which shall be noted as OPTION 2.
- April 24 to May 9 (16 days) (NFHS Weeks 43 and 44) which shall be noted as OPTION 3 and shown in column A-3 and 1-3 based on the earlier action.

All sets of dates are fraught with problems as earlier detailed. The Association has been advised by health officials that the later the event(s) are held, the better opportunity for the optimal experience by participants.

- OPTION 1 does not include the Saturday and Sunday of the second week.
- OPTION 2 includes a possible Easter Weekend overlap, although there are enough days to where the schedule could allow for a format that does not result in play on Sunday, April 4th by finishing on the 3rd.
- OPTION 3 places the tournament much later in the spring than normal, and increases the overlap with baseball and softball teams.

Motion Failed (8-9): Adopt OPTION 3 for state basketball play as this gives the Association the best opportunity for success both with student-athlete experience and fan attendance and gives more regular-season playing options than previously adopted. Failed with a motion by Mark Evans and a second by Alvin Garrison.

Debbie Beichler No, Darrell Billings No, Mike Clines No vote, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway No, Alvin Garrison Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard No, Trent Lovett No,

Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser No, Kirby Smith No, Russell Thompson No, Matt Wilhoite No, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Motion Passed (14-3): Adopt OPTION 2 for state basketball. Passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Trent Lovett.

Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines No vote, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Alvin Garrison No, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller No, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman No.

Postseason Event Potential Schedule Adjustments-Basketball Start of Season

At the November Board of Control meeting, the Board members considered options related to the winter sports seasons and determined the following:

That winter sports practice would begin on the Monday of Week 24 of the NFHS calendar (December 14);

That winter sports competition could begin on the Monday of Week 27 of the NFHS calendar (January 4);

That the staff should seek options related to the conduct of the State Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena in Lexington (the contracted site through 2028).

In the interim, public health issues have arisen that has resulted in suggestions that this schedule should be further altered. In consultation with health officials as well as the Governor's office (necessary during the current state of emergency), alternatives have been considered.

There has been discussion and suggestions regarding the start date being delayed a few weeks (further into January) especially in light of the current outbreak of cases of COVID-19. This has been balanced with continual research related to the health and well-being (physical, mental and emotional) of the athletes and participants.

It is also noted that the high school level does not have the options available to colleges. Multi-million-dollar TV contracts, etc. are not available that would allow for both severely reduced attendance and enough revenue produced to allow for the successful conduct of a full athletic program. Staff and Board members have watched as many colleges have dropped "non-revenue" sports to balance budgets, and without program revenue from sports like basketball, there is much opportunity for the same dropping of programs at the high school level.

While vaccine development gives everyone room for optimism, wholesale distribution will not occur in the general public for several months, and as such, there is no immediate remedy for the issues related to moving forward or delaying. Everyone involved is predicting and guessing, and no one has a totally accurate guarantee.

Therefore, the start of the season becomes an educated guess weighing all of these factors with no certainty.

As such, the Board appears left with two options. One is to maintain its OPTION 1 (as listed in column BK-A on the comparison chart), leave the schedule as adopted at the November meeting. That would start practice on the Monday of Week 24 of the NFHS calendar (December 14) and winter sports competition could begin on the Monday of Week 27 of the NFHS calendar (January 4).

OPTION 2 (listed in column BK-1 on the comparison chart) would be to start practice on the Monday of Week 27 of the NFHS Calendar, January 4, and allow schools to conduct regulated

workouts of squad members beginning on the Monday of Week 24 at all member schools unless specifically prohibited by local school administration. This option would further begin regular season play on the Monday of Week 29 (January 18).

Motion Passed (12-5): Based on the significant data from the American Academy of Pediatrics and continual study regarding emotional and mental health issues during the pandemic, and without disregarding the public health concerns regarding non-school aged students but instead prioritizing the mental health aspects as referenced, that OPTION 1 for the start of the season be accepted. Passed with a motion by Kirby Smith and a second by Greg Howard.

Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines No vote, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans No, Pete Galloway Yes, Alvin Garrison No, Scott Hawkins No, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller No, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman No.

Additional Action Items

Consideration of District Alignment Request-Districts 29 (North Oldham, Oldham County, South Oldham, Trimble County) and 31 (Carroll County, Eminence, Gallatin County, Henry County, Owen County), moving Trimble County to District 31.

Motion Passed (16-1): Passed with a motion by Kirby Smith and a second by Mark Evans. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines No vote, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Alvin Garrison Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson No, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Review and Minor Addition, Three-Team Tiebreaker

Staff brings to the Board a request for a slight change in the tie breaker for a three-team. When the first proposal was passed for mandatory seeding of three-team districts, the tie-breaker was set for a random draw. However, as more and more districts are facing situations, this tie breaker seems outdated. Staff proposal is as follows:

In a team sport (baseball, basketball, soccer, softball or volleyball) where there are only three teams, each team must play the others each year. By unanimous vote, the teams shall decide if the teams play one game or two and shall keep updated information on file with the Association. The following shall serve as the tiebreakers for those games.

If the teams vote to play twice and a two-way tie exists, the tie shall be broken by the second game played;

If the teams vote to play twice and a three-way tie exists, the tie shall be broken by the RPI as of the seeded district game deadline for that sport, unless a unanimous vote to adopt an alternate tiebreaker has been conducted within the district and that tie breaker is on file with the Association

If the teams vote to play once and a three-way tie exists (all teams 1-1), the tie shall be broken by the RPI as of the seeded district game deadline for that sport, unless a unanimous vote to adopt an alternate tiebreaker has been conducted within the district and that tie breaker is on file with the Association.

Motion Passed (16-1): Adopt the recommended changes to the three-team district tiebreaker. Passed with a motion by Kirby Smith and a second by Mark Evans.

Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines No vote, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Alvin Garrison Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson No, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Adjourn

Motion Passed (17-0): To adjourn December 10, 2020 special Board of Control Meeting passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Larry Coldiron.

Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines No vote, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Alvin Garrison Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Darrell Billings, President

Date

Julian Tackett, Commissioner

Date