

Full Board of Control

January 17, 2024, at 12:30 PM
KHSAA Office, Lexington, KY

Attendance Taken at 1:32 PM:

Present Board Members:

Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Present Others:

David Couch (KDE), Jason Frakes (Courier Journal), Jared Perk (Herald Leader), and DT Wells (Scott County Schools).

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Joe Angolia, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Butch Cope, Kara Howard, Jenny Elder, and Connor Link.

Attachments can be found at the following link:

<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4374&AgencyTypeID=1&BeginDate=07-01-2023&EndDate=06-30-2024>

Pledge of Allegiance- Mandi Hudson

Reflection- Damon Kelley

Items Referred from Work Session

Items for Reports and Information of the Board and Approval

Following review of these items, a single motion will be requested to accept these reports, including any Board member feedback. This will be used when the item(s) come up for action at a later meeting.

Operations Reports

Legislative Report

The Commissioner and staff will report on pre-session and during session legislative meetings and items potentially impacting the KHSAA. The January 14 report from TopShelf is attached/
The bill links potentially impacting the KHSAA are:

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24RS/HB2.html>
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24RS/HB46.html>
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24RS/HB119.html>
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24RS/HB169.html>
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24RS/HB227.html>
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24RS/SB7.html>
<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24RS/SB8.html>

Following receipt of all reports, accept this report and approve any necessary action.

Non-Championship Reports from Staff

Staff has provided a variety of reports on functions that are in addition to the championships of the Association that have occurred since the last Board meeting.

Following receipt of all reports, accept this report and approve any necessary action.

Sports and Sport Activities Reports from Staff

Staff has provided a variety of reports related to the championships of the Association that have completed since the last Board meeting or are currently in progress.

Following receipt of all reports, accept this report and approve any necessary action.

Transfer and Appeals Eligibility

Following receipt of all reports, accept this report and approve any necessary action.

Status of 2023 Regulation Promulgation

Following receipt of all reports, accept this report and approve any necessary action.

Status of 2024 Regulations Promulgation

Following receipt of all reports, accept this report and approve any necessary action.

Status of Bylaw 11 Financial Aid Reports

Following receipt of all reports, accept this report and approve any necessary action.

Update on Bowling Green Independent Schools

Following receipt of all reports, accept this report and approve any necessary action.

Report related to NFHS Authenticating mark changes.

Approval of Operations Reports Following Presentation

Following receipt of all reports, accept this report and approve any necessary action.

Motion Passed: Accept the reports and direct necessary action passed with a motion by Marty Mills and a second by Matt Wilhoite. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Officials Division Report

Officials Licensing Comparison and Arbiter Sports Update

Mr. Cope reported on the shortage of office and the efforts that need to be taken to see growth in the all sports.

Disqualification report and comparison

Accept the Officials Division Reports

Following these reports, a summary motion is requested to accept the reports and direct any necessary action.

Motion Passed: Accept Reports and Direct Necessary Action passed with a motion by Joe Henderson and a second by Brandy Carver. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Finance and Business

TPG Sponsorship Review

Approve Financial Data and Expenditures Reports for July to December

Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Joe Henderson and a second by Brandy Carver. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Status of Post-COVID Audit Firm Reports

The Commissioner and staff will review the three planned financial statements audits this school year.

Technology Conversion Project

Staff gave a report on the current technology conversion project and following a series of upcoming meetings, will make this a regular report on the agenda. No Board action is necessary.

Approval of Finance and Business Reports Following Presentation

Following these reports, a summary motion is requested to accept the reports and direct any necessary action.

Motion Passed: Accept the Reports and Direct Necessary Action passed with a motion by Gavin Washington and a second by Randy McCallon. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

General Reports

Member School Issues - Mergers and Splits

The Commissioner and staff will report on any known action regarding new schools, mergers or splits in the membership.

HOF Selection Status

The Commissioner will remind the members of the Selection Committee who sit on the Board of the deadline for Hall of Fame balloting.

Around the State and Nation

The Commissioner and staff will share noteworthy information from around the state and nation.

Approval of General Reports Following Presentation

Following these reports, a summary motion is requested to accept the reports and direct any necessary action.

Motion Passed: Accept the Reports and Approve Necessary Action passed with a motion by Mandi Hudson and a second by Russell Thompson. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Items for Review for Possible Action at a Later Meeting

Championship and Competition rules information

Consider Placement of Candidacy Schools and Alignment Impact, Cornerstone Christian and WEB Dubois

Discuss Bylaw 23, Limitation of Seasons, Sport-Activities

Motion Passed: Approve first reading of interpretations to Bylaw 23 to establish additional parameters for Sports-Activities and direct final wording to presented at the February meeting passed with a motion by Jim Demler and a second by Mr. Damon Kelley. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Long range basketball dates Review

Motion Passed: Accept the report passed with a motion by Jim Demler and a second by Mr. Damon Kelley. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action

Approval of Minutes- November 2023 Board of Control Meeting

Motion Passed: Approve the November 2023 minutes and direct publication passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Brian Courtney. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Consider Potential Regulatory Revisions or Proposals to Bylaws for Annual Meeting

Discuss Bylaw 4 and related References to Full-time and Approve Interpretation

Staff will review problematic language in the current wording of Bylaw 4 (and 5) that can likely be readily adjusted during the current year regulation promulgation. Additional clarification from KDE has left the KHSAA legacy language likely not valid within the bylaw.

Motion Passed: Accept the Report and concur with the revised interpretation passed with a motion by Mr. David Zuberer and a second by Brian Courtney. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Discuss Bylaw 5, Reinstatement after failing first-day credit check and give first reading to the proposal for membership.

The Commissioner and staff will review an issue with the one-time reinstatement portion of Bylaw 5 that may lead to the need to sunset the chart in Case Situation BL-5-5 (page 32)

Motion Passed: Endorse the proposed removal of Case Situation 5-5 deferring to local authority and draft a Proposed Amendment for the February Meeting for distribution to the membership to address the restoration of eligibility for athletes not eligible by the first day credit check within the credit period passed with a motion by Russell Thompson and a second by Greg Howard. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Junior Officials Levels of Officiating

Staff will review an overwhelming consensus request from assigners and officials to revise the officials' levels available for the junior program. Assigners throughout the state report that they feel more than comfortable assigning many of these junior officials to non-varsity contests, not just middle school contests. The feedback indicates that the freshman and JV level may actually be better training ground as the crowd (including parent) audience is much more understanding of the newer officials.

Motion Passed: Approve the staff request to request a revision of the officials' division policy to specify that officials in the approved Junior Officials program can work contests that are non-varsity, instead of non-high school. passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Marty Mills. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Daily Business and Operations

Bylaw 21 Ejection and suspension period Interpretation Revision

The Commissioner and staff will report on a planned revision in the interpretations of Bylaw 21 carryover suspension penalties.

Motion Passed: Accept the Report and direct revisions to be presented in February passed with a motion by Claudette Herald and a second by Gavin Washington. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Fine for Failure to submit statistics reports (approve)

For many years, an approved fine of a maximum of \$100 per contest has been in place for schools failing to report scores or statistics. This fine has seldom been implemented in deference to the membership, however, more and more of the reporting coaches are expressing concerns about competitive advantage being gained by this lack of compliance. This is in addition to the concern of staff on the long-term development costs for a system that some "game" to keep opponents from being aware.

Motion Passed: Accept the Report and concur with the revised interpretation and application in compliance with adopted policy fine schedule passed with a motion by Claudette Herald and a second by Damon Kelley. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael

Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Competition Rules Issues

Track and Field Items

MileSplit Agreement for Track and Cross-Country Entries

Staff has utilized MileSplit as a mechanism for gathering results for postseason seed times, etc. With the advent of indoor track, it is become more necessary to have a standard product utilized for track and field (and cross country) for entries and results.

This requirement would not preclude other vendors from also being able to utilize the data from this system, nor would it supersede the requirements for schools to keep accurately maintained rosters on the KHSAA platform.

Lastly, Milesplit is already a partner with the NFHS Network and other KHSAA partners through FloSports and this would ensure minimal conflict in intellectual property relationships.

Motion Passed: Accept the staff report and authorize signing of the agreement passed with a motion by Claudette Herald and a second by Mandi Hudson. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Progress Report on State Indoor Track Championships

The Commissioner and staff will report on progress and issues related to the new Indoor Track championship.

Motion Passed: Accept the report and direct necessary action passed with a motion by Mr. David Zuberer and a second by Joe Henderson. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Golf

Approve Competition Rules - Circle Scoring Option- Golf

Staff will report on information relative to the addition of circle scoring to the State Golf Championship

Motion Passed: Approve the staff recommendation for circle scoring at all post-season events, with optional use at regular-season events, and specific parameters to be presented at the February meeting and NOT involving specific penalties used in some junior golf events passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Kelley and a second by Matt Wilhoite. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Soccer

Approve Soccer Mercy Rule Threshold, change from 10 goals to 8 goals, any time after halftime.

There is no additional information but has been minimal feedback on the planned change in the soccer Mercy Rule threshold reviewed in November.

Motion Passed: Accept the staff recommendation and implement at all levels for 2024, directing any necessary regulation changes passed with a motion by Marty Mills and a second by Jim Demler. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Wrestling (Girls)

Approve State First Round Sites following data review.

The Commissioner and staff will recommend final sites for the state first round / super regions for 2024 for girls wrestling. As a reminder, due to the participation numbers of teams and individuals, the pattern of regions and site for boys cannot be used for girls. To do this, would lead to multiple forfeited bouts and imbalanced brackets until the sport begins to mature.

As a reminder, the KHSAA will manage the ticket sales for these events (much like the multi-regional cheer and dance), will pay the trophy and officials bills, and then remit the entirety of the remaining balance to the competition site manager for distribution. No profit from the event will be retained by the KHSAA. Should the event result in a loss, the host school will be billed the amount necessary to pay the required trophy and official fees.

Motion Passed: Accept the recommended sites for 2024 State First Round Girls Wrestling (multi-region) passed with a motion by Claudette Herald and a second by Larry Coldiron. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Football

Approve Running Clock Threshold, Football from 36 to 35, anytime during contest.

There is no additional information but has been minimal feedback on the planned change in the football running clock threshold reviewed in November.

Motion Passed: Accept the staff recommendation to be implemented at all levels for 2024 and direct any necessary changes passed with a motion by Mr. David Zuberer and a second by Russell Thompson. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Discuss Football Classification and Implementation Plan for 2025, Timing and Duration

The Commissioner will review a survey of the fifty-one state associations and the interval for classifying enrollment-based sports. The Commissioner had received more than one inquiry from schools relating concern that if we went back to doing what had been done in the past, we would be determining the class boundaries for the 2028 football season based on enrollments from 2022-23 school year. In addition, a couple of schools had requested information relative to the length of time that schools would be out of the playoffs if the decision was made to not enter district play in 2025.

The overwhelming number of state associations align schools by enrollment (and any other factors) every two years. In effect, the KHSAA does this in a modified way as a four-year alignment is set, but the two-year adjustments result in 20 to 35 schools moving classes at the two-year mark (in past alignments). While the task is not easy, it may be truly a better way to be more accurate with class boundaries by doing

it every two years. It should be noted that the regular season events involving 1A and 2A teams (not football class but another division of schools) is done on a two-year basis.

Motion Passed: Accept the recommended changes for the classification period to two years for the 2025 and 2026 season, with final parameters and a draft alignment to be presented at the February meeting, for final adoption in May for the 2025 season passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Randy McCallon. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

For the Good of the Order

Motion Passed: To adjourn the Full Board Meeting. passed with a motion by Gavin Washington and a second by Joe Henderson. Darrell Billings, Greg Howard, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jim Demler, Damon Kelley, Marty Mills, Gavin Washington, Joe Henderson, Brian Courtney, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, David Zuberer, Randy McCallon, Claudette Herald, Brandy Carver, Mandi Hudson, and Larry Coldiron.

Darrell Billings, President

Date

Julian Tackett, Commissioner

Date