

Board of Control Meeting - February 23-24, 1940

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Elks Club, Richmond, on Friday evening, February 23, 1940, with all members present except Matt Sparkman.

President O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 11:15. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

After a study of the list of "Approved" officials and the schools' ratings on these officials, John Dotson moved, seconded by W. B. Owen, that the names of the following officials be submitted to the coaches of the regional tournament winners for balloting on the four officials to be used in the state basketball tournament: H. Edwin Allen, Buford Clark, Orrin E. DeVan, James Deweese, H. Tom Greene, C. G. Lamb, Edgar McNabb, Robert B. Stith, James M. Taylor, A. W. "Tommy" Thompson, Charles J. Vettiner, and Paul C. Walker. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene at the office of President O'Donnell at 9:00 A.M. February 24th.

Warren C. Lappin, principal of the Breckenridge Training High School, appeared before the board in an effort to avert the suspension of his school for the playing of William Joseph Ponder after he became twenty years of age. President O'Donnell recommended that no action be taken against the Breckenridge Training School since it appeared that the violation of the rules was due to the fact that Breckenridge had continued an erroneous certification originally made by the Owingsville High School which indicated that Ponder was born March 22, 1920, instead of March 22, 1919. T. A. Sanford moved, seconded by John Dotson, that the Board accept the recommendation of President O'Donnell. The motion was carried unanimously.

Salesmen representing the Sutcliffe Company, Hunt's Athletic Goods Co., Spalding Bros., Cincinnati Athletic Goods Company, and Lowe & Campbell, appeared before the Board and submitted bids on trophies, awards, and basketballs to be used in the state tournament. John Dotson moved, seconded by W. B. Owen, that the bid of \$200.00 as submitted by the Sutcliffe Co. be accepted as the lowest and best. The motion was carried unanimously.

Representatives of the Clay County, Laurel Creek, Flat Creek, and Jackson County High Schools appeared before the board in an effort to settle a recent controversy concerning the eligibility of the Flat Creek and the Big Creek High Schools to vote for the district tournament locations. Since it appeared that the two schools had originally or subsequent to the time of the balloting played the required six games with at least three member schools, no action was taken toward the changing of the tournament site from Clay County High School in District 49.

J. W. Cook, principal, and R. S. Baldwin, Coach, of the Bush High School appeared before the Board in an effort to avert the suspension of their school from the association. John Dotson moved, seconded by Russell Bridges, that the Bush High School be suspended from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association from date until July 1, 1940, for the playing of Ben Hughes, who had not attended school the preceding semester. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. K. Price, Principal of the Jenkins High School, appeared before the Board in an effort to avert the suspension of his school for the playing of Oakie Greer after he became twenty years of age. Since the original information concerning Greer had been submitted by Mr. Price, and since no written protest had been filed concerning the case, no action was taken by the Board.

Mr. Collette, assistant Principal of the Bell County High School, appeared before the Board in an effort to avert the suspension of his school from the association for the playing of Sam Paul Lefevers after he became twenty years of age. Russell Bridges moved, seconded by W. B. Owen, that the Bell County High School be suspended from date until July 1, 1940, for the playing of Sam Paul Lefevers after he became twenty years of age. The motion was carried unanimously.

L. P. Howser, Principal, and W. T. Francis, of the Carr Creek High School, appeared before the Board in an effort to avert the suspension of their school from the association for the playing of Raymond Cornett after he became twenty years of age. The Board took no action in the case since it had been established that Carr Creek carried forward an incorrect certification originally*by the Vicco High School.

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President O'Donnell discussed the request of the Nortonville High School to change the certification of the birth date of Vernon Oglesby from February 9, 1920 to February 9, 1921, and the recent investigation of the case made by Matt Sparkman, Hall Allen and others. The Board held that the evidence submitted by Nortonville was not sufficient to prove that Vernon Oglesby was born in 1921, and that therefore the original certification of 1920 must be used.

President O'Donnell reported the recent request of Lincoln J. Wells, Liberty, and John E. Francis, Kings Mountain, to require J. T. Embry, tournament manager for the 46th District, to extend his basketball court an additional two feet. The president was authorized to write the following letter to Mr. Embry: "The Board recommends that you extend your court four feet back of your goal boards if you have the space necessary for this length without bringing the court so near to a wall as to make it dangerous for players in your district tournament."

John Dotson moved, seconded by Russell Bridges, that all bills as recorded and read by the secretary for the period beginning February 10th and ending February 19th be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board of Control was then called to order in its capacity as the Board of Directors of the K. H. S. A. A. Protection Fund. John Dotson moved, seconded by Russell Bridges, that the following be allowed:

K. H. S. A. A., Transfer of Funds	\$400.00
G. R. Boyd, Barbourville, James Payne claim	4.00

The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

W. F. O'Donnell President

John A. Luff Secretary

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