Board of Control Minutes

December 21, 1974

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the K.H.S.A.A. Building, Lexington, on Saturday, December 21, 1974. The meeting was called to order by President W. P. Wheeler at 9:30 A.M. with all Board members, Commissioner J. B. Mansfield, and Assistant Commissioners Tom Mills, Billy Wise and Louis Stout present. Conley Manning was present representing the State Department of Education. The invocation was given by Frank Simpson.

Ray Story moved, seconded by Arthur Hawkins, that the reading of the minutes of the September meeting be waived since members of the Board had received copies of these minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

President Wheeler introduced Mr. Eldon Davidson, new Board member representing Section 6. Mr. Davidson replaced Jim Williams who resigned his membership on the Board when he accepted a new position with the Somerset Board of Education.

Mr. Eldon Davidson presented the eligibility case of Rick Barnes, a student at Monticello High School. Rick is ineligible under By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. Following comments by Mr. Davidson, Rick's mother spoke before the Board on Rick's behalf. President Wheeler thanked Mrs. Barnes and assured her that her comments would be taken into consideration and that she would be informed of the decision of the Board. After a discussion of the case, Mr. Davidson made the motion that the eligibility of Rick Barnes be restored. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Prin. Wilbur Jamerson and Coach Frankie Francis of Wheelwright High School came before the Board to present the eligibility case of Michael B. King. Michael is ineligible under By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. Michael is currently living with his grandparents in the Wheelwright school district. He came to them from Madison, Ohio, when his parents separated and he could no longer have a home with either. The Board restored his eligibility in that his grandparents were standing in place of his parents. The motion was made by Louie Martin and seconded by Jack Fultz. It carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mansfield presented the following eligibility cases to the Board of Control for consideration, all of whom are ineligible under By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule:

Richard Scott Lacy, Pleasure Ridge Park High School
Roy Dale Richardson, Estill County High School

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David Allen Gray, Maysville High School
Stacy Stuart, Henry Clay High School
Chris Bastien, Barren County High School
Eddie Raymer, Webster County High School

After hearing the facts in the above cases, the Board failed to take the necessary action to restore their eligibility.

Mr. Mansfield then presented the case of Claude Hentchey, a student at duPont Manual High School, who is ineligible under By-Law 4, Age. After hearing the case the Board failed to take the necessary action to restore his eligibility.

The case of Randy Hager, a student at Phelps High School, who is ineligible under By-Law 5, Section 3, Enrollment, was then presented. Randy has not been in attendance for the required three months this semester. No action was taken to restore his eligibility.

The Commissioner presented the case of Rick Stockstill, a student at Georgetown High School, who is ineligible under By-Law 5, Section 1, Enrollment. Rick was unable to attend school the first semester of this school year because of an injury sustained in a football scrimmage. Upon a motion by Ray Story and a second by Arthur Hawkins, the Board voted unanimously to restore the eligibility of Rick Stockstill.

The next case presented was on behalf of John Stone, a student at Henry Clay High School. John is ineligible under By-Law 5, Section 3, Enrollment. After hearing the facts in the case and upon a motion by Louie Martin and a second by Ray Story, the Board voted unanimously to restore the eligibility of John Stone at Henry Clay High School.

Mr. Hendree Milward, representing the Powell, Walton, Milward Insurance Company, came before the Board to explain and offer a liability policy for Board members and executive officers. After he completed his presentation, members of the Board asked several questions pertaining to situations which would or would not be covered under this policy. President Wheeler then thanked Mr. Milward and he departed. After considerable discussion, George Sauer made the motion that the Board purchase the liability policy from the Powell, Walton, Milward Insurance Company in the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) at a three year premium rate of $2,739.00. Fairce Woods seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Prin. Harold Storm and Ath. Dir. Hobert Hodges, of Laurel County High School, came before the Board requesting that Laurel County High School be changed from Class AAAA, Region III, District 2, to Class AAA, Region III, District 2, in football. Mr. Storm explained that the reason for the request was based upon several things. He explained that the football program at Laurel County was only five years old and had not advanced to the level of other Class AAA schools. For financial reasons he did not think his school could travel the required distance to compete with those schools in the district his school had been assigned. He presented letters from the principal of each of the schools in the lower class stating that they did not object to the move. After answering questions from Board members they thanked the Board for their time and departed. Following a lengthy discussion, during which it was pointed out that many other schools were faced with the same problem and to approve this request could start a trend which would destroy the classification systems, the Board refused to approve this request.
A request was received from Cumberland High School, requesting that they be permitted to change from Class AA to Class A. The Board did not take action on this request.

Requests were received from Henderson High School and Corbin High School that they be allowed to move from a lower to a higher class and assigned to a new district and region. Since this has been the policy of the Board in the past, George Sauer moved, seconded by Fairce Woods, that the request be granted. All members voted aye.

No action was taken on requests from Carroll County High School, Trimble County High School and Madisonville North Hopkins High School to change to other districts or regions within their present class.

The Commissioner recommended that the following regulations concerning the fees for districts, regional and state basketball tournament officials be adopted. The district tournament officials shall receive a fee of $30.00 per game, the regional tournament officials shall receive a fee of $35.00 per game and the State Tournament officials shall receive $40.00 per game. The transportation allowance shall be 10c per mile for all necessary travel. In the event that it is necessary for the official to remain over night at the tournament site, he or she shall be paid an additional $20.00 per day for lodging and meals. The same rates shall apply to both boys and girls tournament officials. Cecil Reid moved, seconded by Frank Simpson, that the regulations recommended by the Commissioner be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Coaches Rondel Dunavent of Owen County High School; Larry McMillian, Oldham County High School; George Schneider of Covington Catholic High School; Jim Conner of Boone County High School; Bill Crumbaugh and John Peterson of Franklin County High School came before the Board to present a recommendation on proposed changes in the present playoff method in baseball. Coach Dunavent informed the Board that much study and effort had been given to their proposal and through other members of the group had contacted baseball coaches throughout the state and found almost all coaches in favor of the recommended change. Following a question and answer period, President Wheeler thanked the coaches for coming and assured them that a complete study would be made and a decision rendered by the Board as soon as possible. Coach Dunavent and his group thanked the Board for their time and departed. The Board then directed Assistant Commissioner Louis Stout to work with this group in drawing up a proposal to be forwarded to all schools with the results being presented to the Board during their January meeting.

Assistant Commissioner Tom Mills reported that the football championship playoffs continue to be successful. Financial reports have been received from all game managers, indicating that all expenses have been paid with shares of profit having been sent to the schools involved. The receipts of the Class AAA final game held in Louisville was up slightly over the finals for 1973. The receipts for Classes A and AA finals held in Richmond were slightly under the comparable figures for 1973. After a discussion concerning an additional amount to be allotted to each team taking part in the final games, Frank Simpson moved, seconded by Fairce Woods, that each of the six teams involved shall receive an additional amount of $500.00. The motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Mansfield stated that after receiving several requests to change golf to a fall sport that he had conducted a survey of the schools involved. The results were 100 schools favored leaving golf a spring sport while 86 stated they would prefer it be changed to a fall sport. No action was taken by the Board to make this change.

Mr. Mansfield presented the request of Judy Morris, President of the Kentucky Girls Sports' Association that the organization be allowed a voting member on the Delegate Assembly and that the district basketball manager withhold $3.00 from district receipts to pay for two coaches' membership for each school. The Board ordered the Commissioner to submit a referendum to the principals to permit the president of this group to be a voting member at the Delegate Assembly. Ray Story moved, seconded by Frank Simpson, that this request be granted. All members voted aye.

Mr. Mansfield reported that it was deemed advisable to employ a different firm to audit the books of the K.H.S.A.A. He recommended that the firm of Monroe and Associates of Lexington be employed. Cecil Reid moved, seconded by Louie Martin, that the recommendation of the Commissioner be approved. All members voted aye.

Fairce Woods reported that many schools in his area were having a problem with officials not reporting for their assigned games in basketball. Other members of the Board reported the same problem. Following a discussion of the situation, Commissioner Mansfield was instructed to inform all assigning secretaries that failure to show up for an assigned game by an official, unless providentially prevented from doing so, is cause for suspension for a one year period since this is a violation of By-Law 28, Sections 7 and 8.

Assistant Commissioner Mills requested that the Board consider changing the date for the drawing for the State Basketball Tournament from February 22 to February 21. This would permit the drawing to take place on Educational Television where it could be viewed throughout Kentucky. Fairce Woods moved, seconded by Jack Fultz, that this change be approved. All members voted aye.

President Wheeler appointed George Sauer, Arthur Hawkins and Louie Martin to serve on a Committee to study and make recommendations on athletic insurance coverage for member schools. This Committee is to report its findings to the Board at the January meeting.

Jack Fultz moved, seconded by Fairce Woods, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning September 1, 1974, and ending November 30, 1974, be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next meeting date for the Board was scheduled for January 24, 1975, at 9:30 A.M., at Stouffers' Inn in Louisville.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.