

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at Stouffer's Inn, Louisville, on January 24, 1975. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M., by President W. P. Wheeler. Present were Board members Louie Martin, Jack Fultz, Arthur Hawkins, Eldon Davidson, Fairce O. Woods, Frank Simpson, Cecil Reid, Ray Story; Commissioner J. B. Mansfield; Assistant Commissioners Tom Mills, Louis Stout and Billy Wise. Mr. Conley Manning was present representing the State Department of Education. The invocation was given by Arthur Hawkins.

Jack Fultz moved, seconded by Fairce O. Woods, that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived since members of the Board had received copies of these minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon the request of Principal James C. Coomer, Barren County High School, Commissioner J. B. Mansfield presented the eligibility case of Chris Bastien, a student who is ineligible under By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. Mr. Coomer was present, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bastien, to answer questions concerning the circumstances under which Chris transferred to Barren County High School. Following their presentation and questions from the Board, Mr. Coomer thanked the Board for considering the case and he and Mr. and Mrs. Bastien left the meeting. Fairce O. Woods moved that By-Law 6, Section 1, be waived and that Chris Bastien be declared eligible to participate in athletics at Barren County High School. Louie Martin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Prin. James Sears, Somerset High School, and Coach Ron Cain came before the Board requesting that they reconsider the probation which was levied against Somerset High School. This evolved out of an incident which happened in Danville on November 1, 1974. Mr. Sears explained the incident in question and presented letters from school officials and fans from both Danville and Somerset. He stated that he realized that the action on members of the Somerset team was wrong and that some type punishment was in order, but at the same time, he felt that equal punishment should be levied against Danville High School for the action of their team members in the situation. Coach Cain then presented his version of the incident. Following several questions from members of the Board, President Wheeler thanked Mr. Sears and Coach Cain for coming before the Board and assured them that their request would be considered.

Representatives from Danville High School, consisting of Prin. Don Truner, Ath. Dir. Tom Creamer and Coach Pat Dale came before the Board to explain their version of the incident which took place prior to their football game with Somerset High School on November 1, 1974. Following several questions by members of the Board, Mr. Wheeler thanked the group for coming and they departed.

Louie Martin made the motion that the Board go on record as supporting the Commissioner in his decision to place Somerset High School on probation and that no action be taken against Danville High School. Jack Fultz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Assistant Commissioner Tom Mills reported that the ticket sales for the 1975 Boys' State Basketball Tournament are running slightly ahead of the January sales of 1974. He also reported that arrangements have been

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completed for the first Girls' State Basketball Tournament to be held on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University from March 26 through the 29th.

Assistant Commissioner Louis Stout reported that he had received the results of the baseball proposal which had been presented to member schools. He stated that he received 278 votes in favor of the proposal and only 8 against. The proposal states the number of regions be increased to 16 and that both the winner and runner-up in the district will advance to the regional. The winner of each regional will advance to the State Tournament. The first round of the state will be played at four sites with Regions 1 through 4 in the first, 5 through 8 in the second, etc. The four winners will meet in a blind draw tournament for the State Championship. Since plans have been completed for the 1974-75 season, Mr. Stout recommended that the proposal be adopted for the 1975-76 season. Ray Story made the motion that the recommendation of Mr. Stout be adopted. Louie Martin seconded the motion and all members votes aye.

Commissioner Mansfield reported to the Board that certain changes must be made in the football playoff rules and regulations since they had voted to change to the four class system. The changes were presented to the Board and upon a motion by Jack Fultz, a second by Frank Simpson, and an aye voted of all members, were adopted. (The changes appear elsewhere in this issue.)

In addition to the changes in the playoff method, the Board voted to adopt the following: a. The tie breaking rule for all season and playoff games as recommended in the National Federation Football Rules Book; b. The visiting team shall have their choice of end of field for pre-game warm-ups in all football contests; c. The jurisdiction of the game officials shall begin one hour prior to game time and end with the completion of the game.

Mr. Mansfield presented to the Board a proposed referendum which was submitted by the principals of the Big Eight Conference schools, pertaining to recommended changes in K.H.S.A.A., By-Law 27. They requested that the Board of Control authorize the Commissioner to submit these revisions to referendum ballot to all principals of member schools in accordance with Constitution Article IX, Section 3. Following a discussion of each item, Louie Martin moved, seconded by Frank Simpson, that the Commissioner submit the above mentioned referendum ballot to principals of member schools. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mansfield stated that he had correspondence from several schools requesting that the Board sponsor State playoffs for girls in volleyball and cross country. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Board would sponsor cross country beginning with the 1975-76 school year and volleyball in a future year after more study has been given the possible time and cost involved.

Jack Fultz moved, seconded by Fairce Woods, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning December 1, 1974, and ending December 31, 1974, be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next meeting date for the Board was scheduled for Friday, March 21, 1975, at 9:00 A.M., at Stouffers' Inn in Louisville.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President

J. B. Mansfield

Secretary