Minutes of Board Meeting

June 11, 1976

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met in Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday, June 11, 1976. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President Louie Martin. Present were Board members Denvil Barriger, Eldon Davidson, Andrew J. Fultz, Cecil Reid, George Sauer, Gene Sell, Frank B. Simpson, Ray Story, and Arthur Hawkins. Mr. Darrell Wells was present representing the State School Boards Association. The invocation was given by George Sauer. Commissioner Mills and Assistant Commissioners Wise and Stout were present.

Jack Fultz moved, seconded by Eldon Davidson, that the reading of the minutes of the May meeting be waived since members of the Board had received copies in the mail. The motion was carried unanimously.

A delegation of football coaches came before the Board to discuss the recent change in By-Law 27, which eliminated spring football practice. Following the presentation by Coach Wilson Sears and a lengthy discussion, it was requested that the group present their suggestions on regulations and restrictions of off-season football programs to the Commissioner prior to the July Board Meeting. President Martin assured the group that the topic will be discussed at the next Board meeting and that guidelines will be formulated at that time.
The Board then heard a request from Prin. Arthur K. Draut, Waggener High School and Prin. Irvin Rice, Westport High School, that the Board reconsider their decision to change soccer from a spring to a fall sport. Following their presentation, it was pointed out that of the twenty-four schools sponsoring a soccer team, twelve of these requested soccer be changed to a fall sport and twelve requested that it remain a spring sport. At this point Ray Story moved, seconded by Eldon Davidson, that the K.H.S.A.A. not sponsor a state championship in soccer during the 1976-77 school year and that the member schools be given the option of conducting the sport in either season. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills presented the results of the recent opinion poll on the classification of basketball. He stated that of those responding to the poll, 128 members favored the present plan while 114 members were in favor of classification into either 2, 3 or 4 classes. Eighty-one member schools did not respond to the poll. The results were turned over to the Basketball Committee for study and recommendations.

President Martin requested that the Board go into executive session for discussion of salaries for the administrative staff and secretaries. At the conclusion of the session, Frank Simpson moved, seconded by Gene Sell that the salary of Commissioner Tom Mills be set at $27,000.00; that the salaries of Assistant Commissioners Wise and Stout be set respectively at $22,000.00 and $19,500.00; and the secretaries receive and eight percent increase in their salaries. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of applicants for an additional member of the K.H.S.A.A. administrative staff, this to be a person who would assume on July 1, 1976, the duties of Assistant Commissioner. Commissioner Mills reviewed with the members of the Board the qualifications of thirteen persons who had applied for the position. After a considerable discussion concerning the qualifications of the applicants Ray Story moved, seconded by Gene Sell, that Dianne Caines be elected to the position of Assistant Commissioner for a two year period, beginning July 1, 1976, her annual salary to be $17,000.00. The motion carried by a vote of 9-1.

Jack Fultz moved, seconded by Cecil Reid, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning May 1, 1976, and ending May 31, 1976, be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board set July 30, 1976, as the date for its next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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