

Minutes of Board Meeting

March 24, 1978

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Executive Inn East, Louisville, on Friday morning, March 24, 1978. The meeting was called to order by President Ray Story at 9:00 A.M. with all Board members, Commissioner Tom Mills and Assistant Commissioner Dianne Caines present. Mr. Conley Manning was present representing the State Department of Education and Darrell Wells represented the State School Boards Association. The invocation was given by Norman Passmore.

Paul Trimble moved, seconded by Norman Passmore, that the minutes of the February meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Prin. Bill VanWinkle and Coach Bob Watson of Owensboro High School, came before the Board to request that they waive By-Law 5, Section 4, in the case of Cully Nelson. Following their presentation and discussion by the Board, Paul Trimble made the motion, seconded by Norman Passmore, that By-Law 5, Section 4, Preceding Semester Rule, not be waived in this case. The motion carried unanimously.

Lt. Col. Mickey Riggs, U. S. Army, was introduced to the Board. He came before the Board to present the case of his son, Thomas Riggs, and request that the Board waive By-Law 4, Age. After a lengthy discussion by the Board, Norman Passmore made the motion, seconded by George Sauer, that the request to waive the Age Rule be denied. The motion carried by a vote of 9-1.

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Coach Ron Finley, Russell County High School, came before the Board to present problems concerning the football sub-districts and the playoff games. After discussing these with the Board members, he asked that they be presented to the Football Committee for possible solution.

Mr. Robert D. Cox, Federal Programs Coordinator, Breckinridge County Board of Education, came before the Board to request their endorsement of a project that he had discussed previously with Mr. Mills. The project is a "Sweet 16" Yearbook, the format being information and pictures on the sixteen teams that represent the regions for the State Trouanment. After discussing the details of the project with Mr. Cox, Norman Passmore moved, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that the project be postponed for further study. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills presented a written request from Prin. George Morrison, Eastern High School, asking the Board to waive By-Law 5, Section 4, in regard to Cliff Mason. After hearing the information on the case, George Sauer made the motion, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that By-Law 5, Section 4, be upheld. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioner reported the results of the recent balloting for Board membership for Sections 3 and 4. Prin. D.J. Ramsey, Jesse Stuart H.S. was elected in Section 3, without opposition. In Section 4 the votes were as follows: J. D. Minnehan, Principal of Oldham County High School, 22; Katie Easom, Principal of Carroll County, 10; Carl Webster, Principal of Grant County High School, 6.

Mr. Mills reported that the 1978 General Assembly of the Kentucky Legislature adopted Senate Bill No. 60 which states that the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education shall have the management and control of the common schools, including interscholastic athletics. The Board may designate an organization or agency to manage interscholastic athletics in the common schools, provided that the rules, regulations and by-laws of any organization or agency so designated shall be approved by the Board, and provided further that the Board shall adopt regulations providing for the appeal to the Board of any decisions made by the designated managing organization or agency.

There was a discussion of proposals to be submitted by the Board of Control and the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education at the forthcoming 1978 Delegate Assembly. A list of these proposals appear in the April issue of the Athlete and copies have been sent to all member schools. Glen Ravenscraft moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that these proposals be submitted to the Delegate Assembly. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills made a report on the Girls' Basketball Tournament. He informed the Board that there would be a more detailed report on the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Tournaments during the April meeting. After discussing the available sites for the Girls' Basketball Tournament for next year, George Sauer moved, seconded by Norman Passmore, that the Board wait until the April meeting to decide the site for the girls' tournament. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills reported the results of the recent survey taken to determine to what extent the practice of redshirting of students for athletic

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purposes is being permitted at the elementary school level. One hundred and sixty-one superintendents responded to the questionnaire with the following results: 41 school systems permit redshirting for athletic purposes; 120 stated that redshirting was not permitted in their schools. One hundred eight superintendents stated that they were in favor of a rule either by the K.H.S.A.A. or the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education to prohibit this practice, 53 stated that they were opposed to this; 73 superintendents were in favor of extending the present eight semester eligibility rule (grades 9-12) to twelve semesters to include grades 7-12. Eighty-eight superintendents were opposed to the extension of this rule. Sixty-four superintendents stated that they were in favor of grades 7-8 and/or middle schools being eligible for membership in the K.H.S.A.A. while 97 stated that they were not in favor of this.

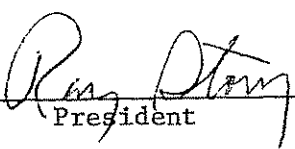
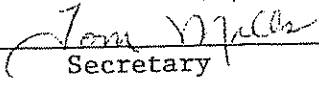
Mr. Mills discussed the request of Director David P. Graham, Calvary Christian School, Covington, for special consideration on the eligibility of athletes who may choose to transfer to his school. It was the decision of the Board that students transferring under the conditions presented would be subject to By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. Calvary Christian School has applied for membership in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Zeb Blankenship moved, seconded by Norman Passmore, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning January 1, 1978, and ending February 28, 1978, be allowed. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting date was scheduled for 2:00 P.M., April 20, 1978, at the office of the K.H.S.A.A., Lexington.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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