

Minutes of Board Meeting

December 23, 1978

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the K.H.S.A.A. Building, on Saturday, December 23, 1978. The meeting was called to order by President Jack Burkich at 10:00 A.M., with all Board members; Commissioner Tom Mills, Assistant Commissioners

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Louis Stout and Billy V. Wise present. Conley Manning and Darrell Wells were present representing the State Department of Education and the State School Boards Association respectively. The invocation was given by Zeb Blankenship.

Denzil J. Ramsey moved, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that the minutes of the October 7, 1978, meeting of the Board be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills read the minutes of the meeting of the appeal case of Jeff Thomas in Louisville. After discussing the minutes of the meeting, Glen Ravenscraft moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that the minutes of the appeals meeting be approved. All members voted aye.

Commissioner Mills informed the Board that a restraining order had been issued in the Daviess County Circuit Court ordering the K.H.S.A.A., Board of Education of the City of Owensboro and the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education to refrain from denying Cully Nelson the right to participate in the basketball program at Owensboro High School, during the second semester of the 1978-79 school year beginning on January 2, 1979. Cully Nelson is ineligible to represent Owensboro High School in athletics under the provisions of By-Law 5, Section 4, Preceding Semester Enrollment. After discussing the case, Norman Passmore moved, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that written defense be filed by the K.H.S.A.A. Board attorney.

Dr. Irvin Rice, Principal of Male High School, was unable to be present to appeal the eligibility case of Kris Deeds. Kris is ineligible under the provisions of By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. Upon the request of Dr. Rice, Mr. Mills presented the case to the Board. After discussing the information as presented, Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by Denvall Barriger, that By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, not be waived in this case. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Rice was granted a hearing before the next Board meeting if he so desired providing he had additional information to present.

Assistant Commissioner Billy V. Wise reported on the receipts of the football playoffs and explained that they continue to be successful. After a report of the receipts for the last four playoffs and a discussion concerning an additional amount for expenses to be allotted to each team taking part in the final games, Joseph McPherson moved, seconded by Pete Grisgby, that each of the eight schools involved receive an additional amount of \$1,200.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by Barney Thweatt, seconded by Denvall Barriger, and a unanimous vote of the Board, the following regulations concerning fees for district, regional and state basketball tournament officials were adopted. The district tournament officials shall receive a fee of \$30.00 per game, the regional tournament official shall receive a fee of \$35.00 per game and the state tournament official shall receive \$40.00 per game. Transportation allowance shall be 15¢ per mile per game for one car for all necessary travel. In the event it is necessary for the official to remain overnight at the tournament site, he or she shall be paid an additional \$20.00 per day for lodging and meals. These apply to both boys and girls tournament.

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Supt. Robert J. Gover, Prin. David C. Crowe, Ass't Supt. Henry C. Resch and Coach Dale Lindsey came before the Board of Control requesting that their decision to use the fall enrollment figure as a base for classification in football be rescinded, and that Warren Central High School be returned to Class AAA classification in Region 1, District 2. Following the presentation the delegation thanked the Board members for hearing their request and departed. Following the presentation and departure, the Board discussed the request at length before Zeb Blankenship made the motion, seconded by Joseph McPherson, that the request be denied based upon the fact that the fall enrollment figures were used to determine the classification of all schools in football and that all member schools had been given proper notification of the decision to use the fall enrollment figure instead of the spring enrollment as had been done in the past. The motion passed unanimously.

Prin. John V. Reschar, Fern Creek High School, came before the Board to appeal the decision of the Commissioner concerning the final standing of the football teams in District 3, in Jefferson County. After the presentation the Board discussed the appeal at length. Denvil Barriger moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that the decision of the Commissioner be upheld in this case. All members voted aye.

Rob Cox, Principal of Breckinridge County High School, presented to the Board his plan for developing a photographic journal to honor the participants of the Boys' State Tournament. Mr. Cox explained that the journal would involve the entire season including the state tournament at no financial obligation to the Board. He requested that the Association place an order form in the January and February issues of the ATHLETE. The Board granted his request.

Mr. Mills read a letter from Ralph Gabbard of WKYT-TV requesting the rights to televise the semi-final and final games of the 1979 Boys' State Basketball Tournament at the fee of \$10,500.00. After considering his offer it was the opinion of the Board of Control that it would not be in the best interest of the K.H.S.A.A. to accept the offer. Denzil J. Ramsey moved, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that they would accept the fee with a guaranteed attendance that would equal the average of those sessions not televised. The motion carried unanimously.

Coach Ron Finley of Russell County High School came before the Board explaining the difficulty he is having scheduling the football teams in his district. In working out a schedule to complete all their district games, Coach Finley explained that he is unable to fill the contract made with Clinton County and that school wants them to pay the forfeit fee. After a lengthy discussion, the Board instructed Commissioner Mills to assist the two schools in solving the problem.

Commissioner Mills presented the results of the recent track survey taken among member schools. The schools favored the adoption of the metric system in track and field beginning in 1980 by a vote of 83 to 57. The vote was 105 to 33 in favor of both the winner and runner-up advancing to the State Meet in Track and 104 to 30 in favor of both the winner and runner-up advancing to the State Meet in Cross Country. Ninety-five voted in favor of re-classifying schools in track and that the State Meet in all classes be held at one site and on the same dates. Twenty-six schools voted against re-classification in track. Following the presentation of the

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results of the survey, Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by Norman Passmore, that these changes be adopted by the Board for the 1979 track season. The motion passed unanimously.

After a discussion on the survey taken by the Association pertaining to the season for Soccer, Joseph McPherson moved, seconded by Derval Barriger, that Soccer be designated as a spring sport and that the K.H.S.A.A. conduct a state championship in Soccer beginning with the Spring of the 1979-80 school year. The motion passed by a vote of 9-1.

Following a discussion on the request of several schools that the K.H.S.A.A. consider sponsoring a state championship tournament in Volleyball, Glenn Ravenscraft moved, seconded by Derval Barriger, that the Association consider sponsoring a championship tournament in any sport in which 25% or more of the member schools indicate that they will enter into competition. The motion passed unanimously. It was further agreed that should 25% of the schools indicate that they would enter teams in Volleyball, it would be classified as a fall sport and the K.H.S.A.A. would then sponsor a State Championship Tournament beginning with the 1979-80 school year.

Earl Duncan of the Jefferson County Schools requested that the Board waive By-Law 29, Requirement of Coaches, to permit the Jefferson County School System to hire certified personnel who are employed as permanent substitute teachers to coach girls' junior varsity and freshman basketball teams, gymnastics and other sports, not to include head coaching positions in football or basketball. Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by Derval Barriger, that the request be approved for the remainder of the 1978-79 school year, and that a similar proposal be presented to the Delegate Assembly for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills read proposals submitted by the Big 8 Conference and stated that they would be discussed during the January meeting of the Board.

In response to a request from Prin. Joseph McPherson of Central High School, Norman Passmore made the motion, seconded by Glenn Ravenscraft, that Central High School be transferred from District 2 to District 4 in football for the 1979 season and that Durrett High School be transferred from District 4 to District 2. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Control approved requests from Eminence High School, Kentucky Country Day School and West Hardin High School that they be exempt from fulfilling the district schedule requirements in football with the understanding that the schools will not qualify for district playoff competition during the 1979 and 1980 football seasons.

Evarts High School and Pikeville High School were re-assigned to Class A in football for the 1979 and 1980 football seasons. Evarts was assigned to Region IV, District 1, Sub-District 2. Pikeville High School was assigned to Region IV, District 2, Sub-District 2.

The Board of Control failed to approve requests from Trigg County High School and Wayne County High School that they be elevated from Class AA to Class AAA in football for the 1979 and 1980 football seasons.

The Board considered a proposal submitted by Meade County High School recommending re-alignment for Region II in Class AAA football. Following

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a discussion of the proposal, it was the decision of the Board that there be no changes in the present alignment in this Region for the 1979 and 1980 football seasons.

The next meeting date for the Board of Control was scheduled for January 20, 1979, 10:00 A.M., at the Executive Inn East, Louisville.

Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by Denvall Barriger, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning October 1, 1978, and ending November 30, 1978, be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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President

Tom Miller
Secretary