

Minutes of the Board Meeting

December 13, 1980

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the K.H.S.A.A. Building, Saturday, December 13, 1980. The meeting was called to order by President Zeb Blankenship at 9:00 am with Board members J. D. Minnehan, Charles D. Black, John Brock, Whaylon Coleman, Alvis Johnson, Walter Pickett, Barney Thweatt, Fairce O. Woods; Commissioner Tom Mills, Assistant Commissioners Brigid L. DeVries, 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 Conley Manning.

Alvis Johnson moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the minutes of the October 18, 1980, meeting of the Board be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

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John Brock moved, seconded by Fairce O. Woods, that the Board approve the minutes of the Eligibility Committee meeting, held on November 12, 1980. The motion carried unanimously.

President Blankenship introduced Gerry Welch who spoke to the Board on behalf of his daughter, Lisa, who had transferred to Assumption High School without a corresponding change of residence of her parents. Mr. Welch and Lisa spoke to the Board on the reasons why she transferred to Assumption High School. Following their presentation and a discussion by the Board, Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by Whaylon Coleman, that the decision of the Commissioner be upheld. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney David Emerson came before the Board to request a waiver on the eligibility case of John Henry Small. As John had transferred from Jamaica, New York, to Lafayette High School, and had played varsity basketball in New York, he was declared ineligible under By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. Also, present speaking on his behalf was Coach Don Harville and Prin. Dwight Price of Lafayette High School. After a lengthy discussion by the Board, John Brock moved, seconded by Fairce Woods, that the decision of the Commissioner be upheld and that the Commissioner be instructed to issue a strong reprimand to Lafayette High School for permitting this student to participate in an athletic contest prior to being properly certified. The motion carried by a vote of 7-1 with one abstention.

J. D. Minnehan suggested to the Board that they revise the transfer form and contact the principals of member schools in regard to a format to follow in regard to transferred athletes.

Commissioner Mills read the material from Ludlow High School concerning the eligibility of Joe McGough. After discussing the correspondence concerning the case, Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by Walter Pickett, that the decision of the Commissioner be upheld. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills presented the eligibility case of Keith Clark, a student at Madison High School. Keith was ruled ineligible under By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. After a discussion by the Board, Fairce Woods moved, seconded by Charles Black, that the By-Law not be waived in this case. The motion carried by a vote of 8-1.

The eligibility case of William Payne was presented to the Board by Commissioner Mills. William was ruled ineligible to represent Shawnee High School under the provisions of By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. After a discussion by the Board, Walter Pickett moved, seconded by John Brock, to uphold the decision of the Commissioner. The motion carried unanimously.

Coach B. B. Kendrick of Ballard Memorial High School wrote to Commissioner Mills requesting permission for Keith Myers to participate on a team that will be touring several foreign countries this summer. After a discussion by the Board Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by John Brock, that Keith be allowed to participate on the team. The motion carried by a vote of 8-1.

Commissioner Mills read correspondence from Prin. David Lewis, Evarts High School, concerning John Campbell. Mr. Lewis reported to the Commissioner that he permitted John, an ineligible player under the provisions of By-Law 5, Section 4, to participate in football during the 1980 season. This was also reported by Ath. Dir. Larry Phillips of Evarts High School. Following a discussion of this violation and the fact that Evarts High School is presently on probation for a similar violation but also taking into consideration the fact that the school

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officials were making an honest effort to improve the situation, Fairce Woods moved, seconded by Alvis Johnson, that the probation period be extended to January 2, 1982, and that the game won over Campbellsville be forfeited. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Assistant Billy Wise reported to the Board on the football playoffs. Financial reports have been received and the expenses of the playoffs paid. A complete audit of the playoffs will be made at a later date. Following a recommendation by Commissioner Mills that the eight schools involved in the playoffs receive an additional amount of \$1,200.00, John Brock moved, seconded by Fairce Woods, that the Commissioner's recommendation be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

Prin. Herbert Young and Coach Jerry Griffin of Hancock County and Coach Don Smith of Butler County High School spoke to the Board about reconsidering the football alignment for 1981 and 1982 seasons in Class AA, Region I, Districts 1 and 2. After a lengthy discussion, the Board directed the football committee to meet after the regular Board meeting and consider their requests.

Upon recommendation of Commissioner Mills, Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by Whaylon Coleman, that a transfer be made from the boys' state tournament account to the girls' state tournament account in an amount to cover the expense of a \$500.00 check being sent to the sixteen schools that participate in the girls' state tournament. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills recommended to the Board that a twenty-five percent increase in radio fees be made this year. J. D. Minnehan moved, seconded by John Brock, that the recommendation be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon a motion by John Brock, seconded by Walter Pickett, 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 \$35.00 per game, the regional tournament officials shall receive a fee of \$40.00 per game and the state tournament officials shall receive a fee of \$45.00 per game. Transportation allowance shall be 15¢ per mile for all necessary travel to officiate an assigned game. In the event 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. These apply to both boys and girls tournaments.

Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries reported to the Board on the results of the softball survey that was sent to all member schools. The following is the tabulated vote:

10 votes - My school would enter a boys' team in softball during the 1981-82 school year if it is included in the K.H.S.A.A. Program as a fall sport.

58 votes - My school would enter a girls' team in softball during the 1981-82 school year if it is included in the K.H.S.A.A. program as a fall sport.

140 votes - My school would not enter either a boys' or girls' team in softball during the 1981-82 school year.

It was the decision of the members of the Board that the K.H.S.A.A. will not sponsor a state champion in softball during the 1981-82 school year since less than the required 25% of the member schools indicated an interest.

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Brigid DeVries reported to the Board the results of the Golf Committee meeting. The committee recommended either an increase in the boys' individual qualifying golfers from 3 to 5 or one team and seven individuals for both boys and girls. Upon a recommendation by Brigid DeVries, Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by Walter Pickett, that no change be made until there can be a further study of the recommended changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills and Assistant Commissioner Stout read letters from member schools concerning the raise in fees for baseball umpires. After a lengthy discussion Barney Thweatt suggested that the following clarification be made on the action of the Board during the October 18 meeting: Clarification - That game fees for baseball officials be set by the assigning secretaries and/or policy committees after discussing the matter with the principals of the schools in their area. The amount of \$25.00 for a single game and \$37.50 for doubleheaders is a recommended maximum fee and is not mandatory.

After a lengthy discussion on the assigning of basketball tournament officials, Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by John Brock, that district tournament officials shall be assigned within the region with regional tournament officials being assigned outside the region in which they reside. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1.

Mr. Mills read the correspondence from Attorney George O'Bryan concerning the request of Williard Vandiver that By-Laws 8 and 36 be eliminated by the K.H.S.A.A. He explained to the Board that the Constitution does not give the authority to the Board to amend or eliminate any portion of the Constitution or By-Laws of this Association. Mr. Mills was instructed to inform Mr. O'Bryan that changes are only made through a 2/3 vote of the representatives of member schools at the annual meeting of the Delegate Assembly or through referendum vote of the Board appointed representatives of each member school.

Commissioner Mills reported that the State Board of Education suggested that the K.H.S.A.A. appoint a committee of Board members to study By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, and make a recommendation to the State Board for a modification of the rule to accommodate hardship cases, addressing such problems as death of a parent, divorce situations, or other situations that might create comparable hardships. Zeb Blankenship, J. D. Minnehan, and John Brock were appointed to a committee to study By-Law 6 and report their recommendations to the next regular meeting of the Board.

The next meeting date of the Board of Control will be held at the Executive Inn-East, Louisville, on January 16, 1981, at 9:00 a.m.

J. D. Minnehan moved, seconded by Whaylon Coleman, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning October 1, 1980, and ending November 30, 1980, be allowed. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business Alvis Johnson moved, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Immediately following the Board meeting the Football Committee met to discuss requests from various schools concerning the re-alignment for 1981 and 1982.

After a lengthy discussion, Fairce O. Woods moved, seconded by John Brock, that the recommended alignment for 1981 and 1982 be accepted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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Alvis Johnson moved, seconded by Whaylon Coleman, that the Commissioner be directed to send a survey to all schools participating in football to determine their interest in returning to three classes. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Control re-convened immediately following the Football Committee meeting. Fairce O. Woods moved, seconded by Alvis Johnson, that the Board accept the Football Committee's recommended alignment for 1981 and 1982. The motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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President

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Secretary