Minutes of Board Meeting

December 22, 1984

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Office Building, Lexington, Kentucky, on Saturday morning December 22, 1984. The meeting was called to order by President Eldon Davidson at 9:00 A.M. Board Members present were Bob Rogers, Tony Olinger, Ray Story, Grant Talbott, Chester Turner, David Webb, Frank Welch and Charlie Wilson. Commissioner Tom Mills, Executive Assistant Billy V. Wise, Assistant Commissioners Brigid DeVries and Louis Stout, along with Conley Manning, presenting the State Department of Education were also in attendance. Mr. Earl Cox of the Courier Journal was present. The invocation was given by Conley Manning.

Bob Rogers moved, seconded by Charlie Wilson, that the minutes of the October 6 Board Meeting and the November 17 Called Meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Chester Turner made the motion, seconded by Tony Olinger, that all bills of the Association for the period October 1, 1984 and ending November 30, 1984, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob Rogers, Chairman of the All-Sports Committee, recommended the following recommendations be adopted by the Board of Control and submitted to the State Board of Education at their joint meeting in Frankfort on January 2, 1985.

I. Baseball
   a. Extend season one (1) week beginning with the 1985-86 school year. This change will assure that the finals will be played after schools have been dismissed for the summer (June 5-7). The change will also allow schools an additional week to play regular season games and hopefully get a break on the weather.
   b. No game or tournament may be sanctioned by the Association if it requires loss of school time for travel or playing.
   c. A maximum of thirty-five (35) games may be played prior to K.H.S.A.A. tournament play.
   d. All other regulations remain as presently stipulated in By-Law 27, Limitation of season.

II. Girls Softball
    a. Extend season two (2) weeks for same reason given for extending the baseball season.
    b. Permit double-headers on school day with time limit (as provided for in the rules).
    c-d. Same as that for baseball

III. Cross Country
    a. No game or tournament may be played if it requires loss of school time for travel or play.

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IV. Volleyball
   a. Allow no school time for travel or play.
   b. Add one week to season, extending the tournament over two weekends,
      thereby eliminating tournament play on school time.
   c. All other provisions of By-Law 27 remain the same as stipulated as
      they relate to volleyball.

V. Swimming
   a. Allow no school time for travel or competition.
   b. Hold preliminaries on Saturday with finals to be held on following
      Saturday, thereby eliminating school time for tournament play.
   c. All other provisions of By-Law 27 remain the same as they relate to
      swimming.

VI. Wrestling
   a. Allow no school time for travel or competition.
   b. Hold finals over two weekends (Saturdays)
   c. All other provisions of By-Law 27 remain the same as they relate to
      wrestling.

VII. Tennis
   a. Extend season one week and gain same results as those expressed in
      baseball and softball.
   b. All other regulations remain the same.

VIII. Golf
   a. Extend season three weeks and gain same results as baseball and softball.
   b. All other regulations remain the same.

IX. Track
   a. Extend season one week and gain same results as baseball, softball and
      tennis.
   b. All other regulations remain same as presently stipulated in By-Law
      27 for track.

X. Soccer
   a. No school time may be used for travel or playing.
   b. Organized practice shall not take place prior to August 1.
   c. The season ends at all levels of play with team elimination from K.H.S.A.A.
      sponsored championship play. No practice nor participation in post season
      or all-star games shall be permitted until the end of that academic school
      year following elimination from K.H.S.A.A. tournament play. Violation
      shall be loss of eligibility for one year.

Ray Story moved, seconded by Frank Welch that the above items be adopted as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Following a discussion of varsity basketball officials' fees, Tony Olinger made a motion, seconded by Chester Turner, that the fees be increased $5.00 for the 1985-86 school year. The motion carried by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 opposed.

Assistant Commissioner Stout distributed copies of the 1985 softball alignment. Frank Welch moved, seconded by David Webb that the alignment be approved as revised and presented. The motion carried unanimously. The alignment will appear in the January issue of the "Athlete".

Assistant Commissioner DeVries presented a recommendation from the Track Committee that the 800 meter relay in the boys' track meet be changed to a 400 meter relay. Tony Olinger moved, seconded by David Webb, that the track committee's recommendation be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Mills presented a letter to the Board that he had received from the Kentucky High School Coaches Association, regarding recommendations for football. Following a discussion of the items, Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Frank Welch, that the Board adopt the following recommendations as submitted by the All-Sports Committee and to be presented to the State Board of Education.

Football
a. Organized practice in pads shall not begin prior to August 1.
b. The first game shall not take place prior to ten (10) weekends before sub-district play-offs.
c. A maximum of ten (10) regular season games may be played. Pre-season bowl games shall count toward the ten-game regular season limitation.
d. The school's football season ends at all levels of play at the conclusion of the varsity team's last regular season game, except that the varsity team may play through its elimination from K.H.S.A.A. championship play-off competition. There shall be no further practice during the remainder of that academic school year.
e. No game, including regular season or play-off games, may be scheduled on a date that would require loss of school time for travel or play.
f. Every player must have five (5) days of practice without pads to become acclimated to heat conditions prior to August 1.
g. All other regulations remain as presently stipulated in By-Law 27, Limitation of Season, as they relate to football.

The motion carried by a vote of 8 in favor and Chester Turner opposed.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding basketball recommendations. The following items were submitted for consideration:

1. Ray Story moved, seconded by Bob Rogers, that By-Law 21, Number of Basketball Games, be eliminated and included with By-Law 27, Limitation of Season. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Chester Turner made a motion, seconded by David Webb, that the number of regular season games be reduced to 20 for football playing schools and 12 for non-football playing schools (number is presently 24 and 30). The motion carried by a vote of 5-4.

3. Chester Turner made a motion, seconded by Bob Rogers, that schools may participate in only two (2) single elimination tournaments or one (1) double elimination tournament during the regular season. The single elimination tournaments shall count as one game each toward the total game limit. A double elimination tournament shall count as two (2) games toward the total game limit. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2.

4. Ray Story made a motion, seconded by Frank Welch, that the first basketball game (including invitational type tournaments) shall not take place prior to the first Monday after Thanksgiving for all member schools. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor and Bob Rogers, Grant Talbott, David Webb and Charlie Wilson opposed.

5. Ray Story moved, seconded by Frank Welch, that there shall be no organized basketball practice prior to October 15 for both football and non-football playing schools. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor and Bob Rogers, Grant Talbott, David Webb and Charlie Wilson opposed.

6. Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Chester Turner, that the school's basketball season end at all levels of play at the conclusion of the varsity team's last scheduled game, except that the varsity team may play through its elimination from K.H.S.A.A. tournament play. There shall be no further practice or play at any level during the remainder of that academic school year. The motion carried by a vote of 7-1.

7. Bob Rogers moved, seconded by Charlie Wilson that the Board table the following recommendation: Schools may establish a basketball season for elementary and junior high schools (through grade 8) during the fall season if they desire to do so. Students participating in this program would not be eligible to participate in the regular season program. This would help eliminate shortage of facilities during regular season. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Grant Talbott moved to table the following recommendation: The number of games allowed applies to teams sponsored by the school at each level. (If a school sponsors more than one team at a given level, those teams could not play more than a combined total of 20-24 games). Chester Turner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Frank Welch, that the following recommendation be tabled: Beginning with the 1986-87 school year, both the Boys' and Girls' State Tournaments shall be scheduled during the same week (third week in March). The motion carried by a vote of 7-1.

Chester Turner moved, seconded by Frank Welch, that the Board present a proposal to the State Board of Education showing what has been done to schedule the tournaments during the same week and the positive and negative aspects of such a study. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Frank Welch moved, seconded by David Webb, that the Board adopt the following recommendation: The K.H.S.A.A. supports the recommendation that the K.E.A. host its annual meeting on Thursday and Friday during the Boys' State Tournament. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by David Webb, that beginning with the 1985-86 school year, the transfer rule apply to all students who have represented secondary schools in a first team game in any sport after enrolling in grades 9 through 12, regardless of the location of the school being transferred from. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 1 abstention.

Bob Rogers moved, seconded by Charlie Wilson, that By-Law 17, Practice of Sportsmanship, be changed as follows: The Commissioner and the Board of Control shall have full authority to suspend the coach, player or any member school representatives may be convicted on competent evidence of the violation of this obligation. (This charge would allow the K.H.S.A.A to penalize the responsible individual instead of the entire school program).

Bob Rogers moved, seconded by Charlie Wilson, that By-Law 5, Section e. which states, "Out-of-state transfer students must be making normal progress toward graduation based upon the academic requirements of the state being transferred from. However, said student must adhere to Association academic guidelines within one year of transfer.", be deleted from By-Law 5. This will eliminate the advantage of out-of-state student had over students attending member schools. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray Story made a motion, seconded by Tony Olinger, that the Girls' Softball Tournament be held at Ballard High School. The motion carried unanimously.

Ray Story moved that there be a minimum of four teams in each of the sixty-four basketball districts. David Webb seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 7 in favor and 1 abstention. The Basketball Committee will present proposals for re-alignment of basketball districts and regions to the full Board for consideration during the January meeting.

Charlie Wilson moved, seconded by Bob Rogers, that the next meeting of the Board be held in Louisville on January 19, 1985, at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried unanimously.

Chester Turner made a motion, seconded by David Webb, that the Commissioner be empowered to grant each team that participated in the football play-offs $1,000.00 to help defray expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Assistant Wise advised the Board of Control that all seats were sold in the lower arena for the 1985 Boys' State Basketball Tournament and that ticket sales for the 1985 Girls' State Basketball Tournament are ahead of last years sales on this date.

There being no further business, Bob Rogers moved, seconded by David Webb, the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. 4085