Minutes of the Board Meeting March 27, 1986

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Greenwood Executive Inn, Bowling Green, Kentucky on Thursday, March 27, 1986. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Pat Crawford with all the Board members, Commissioner Tom Mills, Executive Assistant Billy V. Wise, Assistant Commissioners Brigid L. DeVries and Louis Stout and Sports Information Director Julian Tackett present. Mr. Lloyd Redman was present representing the State Department of Education. Mr. Redman gave the invocation.

Charles Wilson moved, seconded by Grant Talbott, that the minutes of the January 18, 1986, meeting of the Board be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Frank Welch moved, seconded by Chester Turner, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning January 1 and ending February 28, 1986, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills announced the results of the recent election for new Board of Control members. Representing Section 3, Charles Miller was unopposed. Mr. Miller serves as Principal of Pleasure Ridge Park High School. In Section 4, Principal Sam Chandler, Shelby County High School received a total of 25 votes while his opponent Rick Schepman, of Carroll High School received 8 votes.

Following a discussion of the proposals to be submitted to the Delegate Assembly, Frank Welch moved, seconded by Charlie Wilson, that the following proposals be submitted to the Delegate Assembly for consideration on April 18, 1986:

PROPOSAL I

Principal Ken Cox of Tates Creek High School proposes that the following changes be made in By-Law 27, Limitation of Seasons:

a. Organized practice in pads shall not begin before August 1.

b. The first game shall not take place prior to eleven (11) weekends prior to sub-district play-offs (effective with the 1986 football season).

Primary Reasons for Change Are:

1. Assist those schools whose athletics are struggling in terms of financial obligations - commitments.

2. Weather is more conducive to an earlier start, thereby enabling more fan support which means more revenue.

3. Many schools have already obligated or are in the process of attempting to secure contracts for the weekend of August 22-23.
PROPOSAL II

Superintendent Jack Burkich, Letcher County Schools in conjunction with the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative, proposes that the following section be added to By-Law 27, Limitation of Seasons under basketball:

Girls: That girls basketball be designated a fall sport with season practice beginning on the third Monday in July, the season opening on the first Monday in September, and the season ending on November 30. The district tournament shall be played during the first week in December, the regionals the second week, and the state tournament played during the third week in December.

The rationale for the above proposal includes the following:
1. Increase fan support for girls' basketball.
2. More efficient and effective scheduling of school facilities and buses.
3. Fewer problems in scheduling referees.
5. Possibility of using the same coaches for girls’ and boys’ basketball.
6. Better opportunity to develop feeder programs for girls’ and boys’ basketball.

PROPOSAL III

Principal David S. Points, Montgomery County High School proposes that By-Law 27, Limitation of Seasons (Section [2] under Soccer) be amended as follows: "The first soccer game shall not take place prior to the Monday preceding Labor Day and extend the next nine weekends with the regional tournament to follow the next weekend and the State Soccer Tournament to take place the following week."

The rationale for the above proposal includes the following:
1. Limits school night travel to once weekly, whereas presently we are traveling two school nights and one weekend night on certain occasions.
2. Will allow injured players and academically ineligible players increased time to heal an injury or bring up a poor grade.
3. Will increase gate receipts as our attendance will increase with added weekend matches vs. a decrease in gate receipts with school night matches.
4. Will increase practice time by at least one day per week.
5. The state soccer tournament will be complete before football playoffs being.
PROPOSAL IV

Note: The 1985 Delegate Assembly voted to change By-Law 21, Number of Basketball Games to provide that both football and non-football playing schools be limited to 24 regular season games beginning with the 1986-87 school year.

Principal Oliver Hawkins, Oneida Baptist Institute proposes that By-Law 21 as approved by the 1985 Delegate Assembly be changed to read as follows: "A school maintaining a football team shall not play more than twenty-four (24) basketball games during the season, and a school which does not maintain a football team shall not play more than thirty (30) games.

PROPOSAL V

The K.H.S.A.A. Board of Control proposes that the following be deleted from By-Law 20, Section 1, Contests Within State: "advertising, concessions or any other source". Should a game or tournament be played in a gymnasium or other location where a catering company or similar organization holds a contract for concessions and/or advertising, this provision as it relates to concessions and/or advertising does not apply.

Rationale: This change will permit schools to solicit financial assistance from corporate sponsors.

PROPOSAL VI

The K.H.S.A.A. Board of Control proposes that a. & b. of By-Law 5, Section 5 be deleted and that By-Law 3, Scholarship become Section (a) of By-Law 5. This By-Law would then read as follows:

SECTION 5. MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT
(a) A contestant must have, for the current semester up to and including Monday of the week in which the contest occurs, a passing average in each of at least four full-credit high school studies or their equivalent in units of credit accepted for graduation. Grade school students participating in athletics shall be passing in at least four-fifths of their subjects. No special recitations or tests are to be given for the purpose of making a student eligible. Student managers and any other student having an official connection with the athletic program shall come under this scholarship rule.
(b) Grade school students must receive passing grades in at least four-fifths of their studies to be eligible and meet the enrollment requirements as specified in Sections (a) and (b).
(c) To be eligible to begin athletic competition in grades 9-12, a student must be at his/her proper grade level. To be at the proper grade level, a student must have earned four (4) full units of credit accepted toward graduation prior to the beginning of his/her second year (grade 10) to be eligible during the second year; nine (9) units prior to the beginning of his/her third year (grade 11) to be eligible during the third year; and fourteen (14) units prior to the beginning of his/her fourth year (grade 12) to be eligible during the fourth year.

Rationale: Since students are now required to be at their proper grade level, it is no longer necessary or feasible that their eligibility be determined on a semester basis.

PROPOSAL VII

The Board of Control proposes that the following be added to Article IV Administration and Legislation, Section 2b. "Terms of the minority members on the Board shall be staggered so that the representatives of Regions 1-8 shall be elected in an even numbered year with the representative of Regions 9-16 being elected in an odd numbered year. Each term shall be for a period of four years.

Rationale: This would eliminate a 40% turn over in membership on the Board of Control in a given year as presently is the case.

Mr. Wise gave a brief report on the progress of the Girls State Basketball Tournament. He stated that he would provide a more detailed report on both the boys' and girls' tournament during the April meeting of the Board. A financial audit of both tournaments will appear in the August issue of the "Athlete".

Principal Don Turner, Danville High School appeared before the Board to discuss the Academic requirements for students under Section 5 of By-Law 5. Following the discussion, President Crawford thanked Mr. Turner for his comments and recommendations.

Ray Story moved, seconded by Frank Welch, that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment contracts, salaries and other matters pertaining to personnel. The motion passed unanimously and all staff members left the room.

President Crawford declared the executive session over at approximately 11:30 a.m. and invited the members of the staff to return. At this point, Chester Turner moved, seconded by David Webb that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved as submitted. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A copy of the employment contract on each member of the staff is on file in the K.H.S.A.A. Office files.
Mr. Mills presented the letter received from representatives of Boone County High School, proposing a change in the present alignment in the basketball districts in Northern Kentucky. Following lengthy discussion, David Webb moved, seconded by Chester Turner, that the request be referred to the Basketball Committee with the recommendation that they follow the guidelines as established for requested change in basketball district alignments. The motion passed unanimously.

A request was made by Brigid DeVries to conduct a survey of the Track schools to determine whether or not to add the 3200 meter relay to the program of Track events. The Track and Field Committee was unanimous in their recommendation to conduct the survey. The Board of Control approved the request, and the survey will be conducted this spring. If approved, the relay would not be added until the 1986-87 track season.

A recommendation on an increase in Volleyball officials' fees will be made during the April Board Meeting.

Louis Stout requested the Board to consider an increase in the game fee for baseball umpires. He recommended that beginning with the 1986 season, baseball officials be paid $22.50 for a single game, $37.50 for double headers and a travel allowance of .15 per mile for all mileage over 75 miles. Chester Turner moved, seconded by Tom Buchanan, that the recommendation be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills presented the letter received from George Stout, requesting that he be permitted to conduct try-outs for those students interested in participating in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Star game. Ken Tippett moved, seconded by Charlie Wilson, that the request be approved. All members voted aye.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held at the K.H.S.A.A. Office Building, 560 East Cooper Drive, Lexington on Thursday, April 17, 1986, at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Ray Story moved, seconded by David Webb, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.