

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association East Eligibility Committee met in a special meeting on Thursday, February 11, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. to hear an appeal from Derek Dotson, Phelps High School, for a waiver of By-Law 5, Section 3. Board members present were Chairperson Claudia Hicks, Alvis Johnson, Ozz Jackson, Jack Portwood, Stan Steidel and Frank Welch. Commissioner Billy Wise, Asst. Commissioners Brigid DeVries and Larry Boucher, Business Manager Julian Tackett and Board Attorney Danny Reeves were also present.

Ms. Hicks asked all parties present if they had received all correspondence regarding the case and then called on Commissioner Wise to advise the Board of the issues in the matter of Derek Dotson. Following a presentation by Derek's attorney, Donald Combs, Derek's father, James Dotson, and Derek, the Committee asked for comments from Principal Elizabeth Compton, Coach Clay Campbell and Ath. Dir. Ronald Preece of Phelps High School. Stan Steidel then moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the matter. Ozz Jackson seconded the motion which passed. Following Closed Session, Alvis Johnson made a motion to waive By-Law 5, Section 3 and By-Law 4 on behalf of Derek Dotson and declare him eligible for the remainder of the 1992-93 school year, and that his name be added to the District Tournament Eligibility List. Included in the motion was a request that Derek, his parents, and his physician submit written statements to the Board stating that Derek is medically able to participate in basketball or any other sport. Frank Welch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The next appeal was presented by Principal Jon Akers, Paul Dunbar High School. Ozz Jackson moved to go into Executive Session, Frank Welch seconded, passed. Following a lengthy discussion, Alvis Johnson moved, seconded by Frank Welch, to return to Open Session. Motion passed. Jack Portwood made a motion, seconded by Alvis Johnson, that action be delayed on the appeal until medical documentation could be obtained to supplement the record, and that further deliberation on this case be continued until material was available to all committee members. The motion passed 4-1.

Principal Jon Akers, Paul Dunbar High School and Principal Bob Storer, Walton Verona High School were present to appeal the decision of the Commissioner that prohibited their head basketball coaches from coaching in post-season games due to the fact they had not attended a basketball rules clinic as required in By-Law 27, Requirement for Coaches.

Following their appeals, the Committee overturned the Commissioner's decision providing their coaches attend a make-up clinic conducted by Asst. Comm. Larry Boucher on Thursday, February 25, 1993.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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