Minutes of the April Board Meeting

April 14, 1993

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at its offices in Lexington on Wednesday, April 14, 1993. All Board members were present at 10 a.m. with the following exceptions: James Sexton arrived at 11 a.m., Claudia Hicks at 1 p.m. and Grant Talbott was absent. Others present were Commissioner Billy Wise, Exec. Asst. Louis Stout, Asst. Commissioners Brigid DeVries and Larry Boucher, Bus. Affairs Dir. Julian Tackett and Ken Tippett. Attorney Danny Reeves and State Department Representatives Randy Kimbrough and Gary Faulkner were also in attendance.

President Jack Portwood called the meeting to order and San Steidel had the invocation.

Frank Welch made a motion, second by Ozzi Jackson, that the minutes of the March 25 Board meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Akins Johnson moved to approve all bills of the KHSAA for the period beginning March 1 and ending March 31, 1993. The motion was seconded by Gene Brooks and passed unanimously.

Following a discussion of the 1992-93 Working Budget, it was accepted. It was noted that the 1992-93 and 1993-94 budgets would be discussed at a later time in the Executive Committee Meeting.

President Portwood called on representatives of Harlan High School for their appeal. Supt. Jerry Austin requested to appear before the Board for an interpretation of sanctions levied against Harlan High School in March. Present with Supt. Austin were Principal David Johnson and Coach Mike Jones of Harlan High School. The purpose of the hearing was to appeal Item 3 of the Commissioner's ruling if an interpretation of such would not allow Harlan High School to participate in one additional tournament. Following Harlan's presentation and questions and comments by the Board, Johnson made a motion, seconded by Jackson, that the Board go into Executive Session. The motion passed. Following a lengthy discussion, Frank Cardwell moved to uphold the Commissioner's rulings against Harlan High School. Kathy Hopper seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 9-1. Ray Story made a motion to return to Open Session. Cardwell seconded the motion which passed. President Portwood advised Supt. Austin of the findings of the Board at which time Supt. Austin withdrew his appeal.

President Portwood called for a lunch recess at noon to return at 1 p.m.

The President called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Sexton moved for Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Frank Cardwell seconded. Motion passed. Steidel moved to return to Open Session. Sexton seconded, passed.

The Board took the following action on the remaining appeals:

Jimmy Burris - Adair County H.S. - By-Law 4, Sec. 1
Motion by Cardwell, second by Hicks to table the case until the July meeting of the Board due to the fact that the appealing party may graduate this year. Motion passed.

Cheryl McWhorter - Clinton County H.S. - By-Law 4
Motion by Steidel to grant an additional year of eligibility provided the KHSAA receive written statements from Miss McWhorter’s parents and physicians that she is medically able to participate in athletics. Cardwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jonte Wesley - Owensboro H.S. - By-Law 4, Sec. 1(c)
Motion by Story, second by Jackson to grant an additional semester of eligibility. Motion passed 10-1.

Roman LaGrange - Montgomery County H.S. - By-Law 3
Motion by Story, second by Frank Welch to table the case until the Commissioner can obtain more information from Montgomery County H.S.

Motion passed unanimously.

President Portwood called for recess until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 15.

President Portwood reconvened the April meeting of the Board at 10:40 a.m. with all Board members present along with the KHSAA Executive Staff.

The first item on the agenda was a recommendation by the Executive Committee to accept the bid of National Sports Underwriters to provide Catastrophic Insurance for 1993-94. Story made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda called for Election of Officers for 1993-94. President Portwood asked for nominations for President. Frank Welch nominated Story, Steidel seconded the nomination. Hopper moved to accept the nomination by acclamation. Jackson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

President Portwood asked for nominations for Vice President. Steidel nominated Cardwell. The nomination was seconded by Gene Brooks. Welch moved to accept the nomination by acclamation. Jackson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed 1993-94 meeting sites and dates. It was suggested that an Eligibility Committee Meeting be added to the recommended schedule in November. Welch made a motion to accept the Board meeting schedule as amended for 1993-94. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Steidel gave a report of the Ad Hoc committee which was created to study ways to implement HB 750. This committee, composed of two KHSAA Board members, two KHSAA staff members and two members of the KMA Committee on School Health, Physical Education and Medical Aspects of Sports, met at the KHSAA Office on April 8 and concurred on the wording of HB 750 for
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submission to the State Department of Education. Following a discussion of the house bill, Johnson made a motion that the Board submit to the SBESE the joint proposal of the KHSAA and KMA for implementation of HB 750. Steidel seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board next went over the proposals to be submitted to the Delegate Assembly on Friday, April 16.

The next item, presented by Bus. Aff. Dir. Tackett, outlined the 1993-94 Hall of Fame Game Procedures. Following comments by the Board members, Cardwell made a motion to accept the recommended procedure as presented. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Story moved for Executive Session to discuss financial matters. Steidel seconded, motion passed. Story then moved for Open Session, Jackson seconded, passed. No action was taken following Executive Session.

Commissioner Wise introduced Ryan Todd of the Flying Zebras to present a fund-raising proposal. In attendance with Todd were Richard Morse and Mark Haynes. Following their presentation, questions and comments by the Board, Frank Cardwell made a motion that the Board allow Todd to proceed with plans for a Three-On-Three Statewide Basketball Tournament. Grant Talbott seconded the motion which passed 10-2.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

President Portwood called the Executive Committee into session at 1:45 p.m. Hicks made a motion that the 1993-94 Budget Proposal be accepted and presented to the full Board for final approval in July. Welch seconded the motion, which passed 6-1.

The regular meeting of the Board was then reconvened. Hicks made a motion that the Executive Committee's report with regard to the preliminary Working Budget for 1993-94 be accepted as corrected in committee and sent on to the State Department of Education for approval. Welch seconded the motion which passed 9-3. It was noted that the preliminary budget will be looked at by the Budget Committee at the end of the fiscal year.

President Portwood called on Cardwell for the All-Sports Committee's report and recommendation.

1) Assigning Secretaries/Policy Boards - Following a discussion by the entire Board, Cardwell made a motion that the KHSAA set forth guidelines for the Policy Boards. Hopper seconded, motion passed.

2) Track alignment - No action was taken.

3) Clinic attendance by head coaches - Cardwell made a motion that schools be fined $50 if the head coach misses the regular rules clinic and the coach would be required to attend a scheduled make-up clinic. Head coaches not attending a regular or make-up clinic may attend a special scheduled clinic at the expense of the school to include an assessment of $300 to the school up until the last day of regular season play. Grant Talbott seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Hicks requested that Rowan County be moved from District 28 to District 26 in Boys' Soccer as recommended by the State Soccer Committee. She stated that the region alignment would not change and that all schools involved had been contacted with no opposition. Talbott moved to approve the request. Cardwell seconded, passed unanimously.

Story, Chairman of the Football Committee, was called on for its report.

1) Recommended to the Board that the 1993-94 schedule for the State Football Championships be as follows: Class 4A - Friday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m.; Class A - Saturday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m.; Class 2A - Saturday, Dec. 4, 4 p.m.; Class 3A - Saturday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed 11-1.

2) Recommended that Kentucky be allowed to participate in an Experimental Football Rule proposed by the National Federation. Welch seconded, passed 11-1.

3) Following a discussion of a proposal submitted by Steve Frommeyer to realign football, Story moved to refer this item to the Staff for further study. Welch seconded, passed 10-2.


Commissioner Wise advised the Board that the KHSAA had received approximately $6,000 from the $1 Million Kentucky Shootout.

President Portwood called for recess until Friday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. President Portwood reconvened the meeting of the Board on Friday, April 16, at 8:30 a.m.

Gene Brooks made a motion to go into Executive Session, Talbott seconded, motion passed. Following a return to Open Session, Cardwell moved that the Administrative Salaries category in the Proposed Budget for 1993-94 be changed to $347,500 and eliminate the receptionist position. Sexton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Following a discussion of the Board's response to a State Department Committee Review, and the minutes of the special meeting held on Wednesday, April 7, 1993. Jackson moved to accept the minutes and responses of that meeting as written. Cardwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Welch then made a motion that the Board accept Pike Central High School's request to be placed in the 5th Basketball District. Story seconded, motion passed.

The next item of discussion involved a proposal from Danville High School to send a referendum to schools to amend By-Law 25, Limitation of Seasons, in football. Talbott made a motion that in light of KMA's opposition to a change in By-Law 25-4-1, a referendum not be sent to schools. Steidel seconded the motion which passed 10-2.

The next meeting of the Board was set for July 15-17, 1993 at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. There being no further business, Story moved for adjournment, Welch seconded, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.