

# MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING MARCH 20, 1997

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Frankfort, Kentucky, on Thursday, March 20, 1997. President Bob Rogers called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. All Board members were present in addition to Commissioner Louis Stout, Executive Assistant Brigid DeVries, Assistant Commissioners Larry Boucher and Julian Tackett, SID Butch Cope, Ken Tippett, Anne W. Mays, Board Attorney Danny Reeves and Ernie Tacogue, representing the State Dept. of Education. The Invocation was given by Darrell Treece.

Tasso Harris made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas that the January 26, 1997, Minutes of the Board be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Stan Steidel made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Gary Kidwell seconded the motion, which passed. Eddie Saylor made a motion to return to Open Session. Stan Steidel seconded the motion which passed. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Bill Beasley made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, that the bills of the Association for the period January 1 through February 28, 1997, be approved. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted by Mr. Beasley that 13.865% of the membership dues has been expended for legal fees.

Mr. Tackett requested approval to distribute the \$37,000 remaining in the Retirement Trust Fund in the following manner: \$6,500 - KY Employees Retirement System due for John Ginn; \$6,000 - Building Emergency Fund; \$6,000 - Landscaping & Grounds Fund; and \$18,500 - Equipment Emergency Fund. Mr. Tackett also made note that advertisements for bids for a new copier had been distributed. Bill Beasley made a motion, seconded by Cookie Henson, that the above requests be approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Cope addressed a need for a KHSAA Media Committee who would review current procedures dealing with national records and further adopt a KHSAA Records Policy. As indicated by Mr. Cope, it will be patterned after similar policies at the national level and will ensure that future applicants are given consistent treatment and consideration in spite of staff turnover and the passage of time. Eddie Saylor made a motion to approve the adoption of this Committee and the records policies. Wendell Thomas seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Tackett advised the Board that the KHSAA continues to await an Attorney General's Opinion regarding paraprofessional coaches and their ability to accompany teams to games/meets. It was suggested that the Board address this issue at a later time. Also, Mr. Tackett estimated that receipts for the Boys' Basketball Tournament will be \$903,000. He also advised the Board that it appears the Girls' Basketball receipts will be over budget, thus making up the shortage in the budgeted figure for the Boys' Tournament receipts.

Before considering the Hearing Officer's Recommendations on appeals heard in January and February, the Board discussed the current Due Process Procedure at length. No action was taken.

Eddie Saylor made a motion, seconded by Roland Williams, to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommendation on Appeals #211, 214, 217, 220, 222 and 224 heard on January 13 and February 17. The motion to accept the following appeals passed unanimously.

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#211 6	Thomas Glenn Price, Jr.	LaRue Co.	Eligible
#214 6	Christopher Sibley	Withdraw	
#217 6	Shantay Nicole Creech	Barbourville	Eligible
#220 6	James Austin Ketron	Paul Dunbar	Eligible
#222 6	James Albritton	Pad. Tilghman	Eligible
#224 6	Kristopher M. Kerr	So. Oldham	Eligible

Teresa Isaac made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be accepted on Appeal #219 heard January 13. The motion passed 14-1. (Tasso Harris abstained from voting.)

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#219 6	Dewayne Whitfield	Valley	Eligible

Tasso Harris made a motion, seconded by Tom Bryant, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be accepted on Appeal #221 heard February 17. The motion passed unanimously.

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#221 6	Talitha Robinson	Male	Eligible

Stan Steidel made a motion, seconded by Bill Beasley, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be set aside on Appeal #223 heard February 17. It was the findings of the Board that to allow this student to participate in interscholastic athletics would establish an undesirable precedent and would be a detriment of the Association's Bylaw 4, Enrollment, and would not be unfair to the student to strictly enforce the provisions of this Bylaw. The motion passed 14-2.

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#223 4	Ryan Neal Burchett	Lawrence Co.	Ineligible

Stan Steidel made a motion, seconded by Tasso Harris, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be set aside on Appeal #227 heard February 17. It was the findings of the Board that to allow this student to participate in interscholastic athletics would establish an undesirable precedent and would be a detriment of the Association's Bylaw 4, Enrollment, and would not be unfair to the student to strictly enforce the provisions of this Bylaw. The motion passed unanimously.

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#227 4	Terence Rice	Pike Co. Central	Ineligible

Wendell Thomas made a motion, seconded by Tom Bryant, to accept the Hearing Officer's Recommendation on Appeals #210, 213, 215, 216, 218, 225 and 228 heard on January 13 and February 17. The motion to accept the following appeals passed unanimously.

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#210 6	Brad D. Green	So. Oldham	Ineligible
#213 4	John Lindsey Burchett	J. Buchanan	Ineligible
#215 4	Fred Scott Howard	Cawood	Ineligible
#216 6	Rachel R. Bowling	Perry Co. Central	Ineligible
#218 6	Natalie Hays	St. Henry	Ineligible
#225 6	Brandon Wheeler	Pikeville	Ineligible
#228 6	Jesse Beverly	Perry Co. Central	Ineligible

Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be accepted on Appeal #212 heard January 13. The motion passed 14-1. (Roland Williams abstained from voting.)

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#212 6	Laura Blincoe	Bardstown	Ineligible

Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be accepted on Appeal #226 heard February 17. The motion passed 10-6.

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#226 2-17-30	Principal Warren Shelton	Moore	Penalized

Teresa Isaac left the meeting.

Tom Bryant made a motion, seconded by Ken Cox, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be accepted on Appeal #229 heard February 17. The motion passed unanimously.

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#229 6	Veronica Clayton	Whitesburg	Ineligible

Tasso Harris made a motion, seconded by Frank Cardwell, that the Hearing Officer's Recommendation be accepted on Appeal #204 heard December 9. The motion passed unanimously.

No.	Bylaw Appellant	School	Findings
#204 6	David Lococo	Walden	Eligible

Roland Williams then made a motion, seconded by Bill Beasley, to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. The motion passed unanimously. Tom Bryant moved, seconded by Frank Cardwell, that the Board return to Open Session. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Following a discussion of the Middle School Study and Report, the Board of Control goes on record that they wish no responsibility for middle school athletics. Bill Beasley made a motion to approve the final report and recommendations and submit this report to the Kentucky Board of Education for approval. Wendell Thomas seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next item on the Agenda was a report from the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. In the absence of the Chairperson, Cookie Henson made the following recommendations for the Board's approval:

1) Authorize the Commissioner to request from the State Board of Education an interpretation of Bylaw 6, (2) as it relates to students who transfer into Kentucky schools from foreign US Territories. The motion passed unanimously.

2) Add Q/A to Bylaw 7 to address the Association's position on Sexual Harassment. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Authorize the Commissioner to send a referendum to the schools requesting whether or not they desire to keep or repeal the dead period for 1997. Following a brief discussion, Stan Steidel made a motion to survey the schools rather than send out a referendum. Cookie Henson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The All-Sports, Football, Basketball Committees stated their reports will be submitted at the May meeting.

Darrell Treece, Chairman of the Spring Sports Committee, brought the following items to the Board's attention:

1) The Tennis Seeding Committee has been expanded to include representatives from the thirteen regions to provide more information in seeding the State Tennis Tournament.

2) A proposal for State Track and Field Qualifying Standards and a proposed alignment has been mailed to the schools for their review. Recommendations from the schools participating in track will be considered in May.

3) Approve a request from Providence High School to move from Region II, District 6 to Region II, District 7 for the 1998 Baseball/Softball Season. Gary Kidwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4) Approve a request that Baseball Regions IX, X, XVI be realigned to agree with the basketball alignment beginning with the 1997-98 season. Stan Steidel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Rogers noted that the following items were distributed for the Board's information: Report of Eligibility Rulings from January 1 to February 28; Budget status report to February 28; Staff Note for the April State Board of Education Meeting; Due Process Procedure Timing Elements.

Commissioner Stout gave the results of the recent Board election:

1) Minority Representative, Regions 9-16 Cookie Henson, 52; Alvis Johnson, 30; Gary Boyd, 16; Jeff Perkins, 12; Phillip Runyon, 5.

- 2) Regions 1 & 2: Bob Rogers, unopposed.
- 3) Regions 11 & 12: Ken Cox, unopposed.

Mr. Rogers announced the next meeting will be held in Lexington in May. Committees will meet on Thursday, May 15, with the regular meeting scheduled for the 16th & 17th.

Mr. Tippett reminded members that the deadline for nominations for the 1998 Hall of Fame is April 1, and that the Committee will meet at the May meeting to consider nominees.

Mr. Rogers recessed the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on Friday.

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President Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All Board members were present with the exception of Bill Beasley and Frank Cardwell. Others in attendance were Commissioner Louis Stout, Executive Assistant Brigid DeVries, Assistant Commissioner Larry Boucher, SID Butch Cope, Ken Tippett, Anne W. Mays, Randy Kimbrough and Ernie Tacogue, representing the State Dept. of Education.

Following a discussion of the Board's position with regard to Slow Pitch Softball, Stan Steidel made a motion, seconded by Eddie Saylor, that the Commissioner send a letter to all schools stating the Board's continuing support of Slow Pitch Softball. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item of discussion centered around cheerleading as a sport. Mr. Rogers then appointed the following subcommittee to study the pros and cons of cheerleading as a sport: Louis Stout, Brigid DeVries, Betsy Glover, Ken Cox and Kathy Johnston.

Following a lengthy period of discussion regarding Assigning Secretaries and Local Policy Boards, Mr. Rogers requested that the Officials' Division make a presentation at the May 15 meeting of the Board on the selection process of tournament officials. He also put the Board on notice that a considerable period of time was needed to consider this and other issues regarding officials.

Ken Cox stated he and Ms. Johnston will plan activities for the Summer Board Meeting since it will be held in Lexington.

Mr. Tippett advised the Board of Judge Barker's medical status. Mr. Stout then advised the Board that Ms. Ann Sheadel of the Attorney General's Office conducted the March Appeals Hearings and will continue to hear the appeals until Judge Barker returns. Ms. Sheadel's services are \$50.00/hr.

Mr. Stout then presented a request from Robert Cole seeking a financial contribution on behalf of Dennis Finck, a KH-SAA official who was injured while on duty. Following a discussion, it was the Board's feeling that this request should go to the local Policy Board.

Mr. Rogers then complimented the Staff on the organization of the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments.

Mr. Steidel made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Tasso Harris seconded the motion which passed. Following Executive Session, the Board returned to Open Session. No action was taken during Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 11:30 a.m.

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