President Kathy Johnston convened the regular meeting of the Board of Control on Friday, March 22, 2002 at 9:15 a.m. All Board members were present except Cynthia Elliott. Also present were Commissioner Louis Stout, Executive Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries, Assistant Commissioners Larry Boucher and Julian Tackett, Sports Information Director Butch Cope, Fundraising Consultant Ken Tippett and Office Manager Darlene Koszeniski.

Gary Dearborn was called on for the invocation.

Paul Dotson made a motion, seconded by Roland Williams, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2002 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Dotson made a motion, seconded by Betsy Glover, that all bills of the Association for the period January 1, 2002 through February 28, 2002 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the Hearing Officer's Recommendations (Cases in which the student was recommended to be eligible). Eddie Saylor made a motion, seconded by Roland Williams, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed unanimously:

No., Bylaw, Student, School, Findings #637, 6, Jeremy Merida Central (Barbourville), Eligible

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the Hearing Officer's Recommendations (Cases in which the student was recommended to be ineligible). L.V. McGinty made a motion, seconded by Ken Hurt, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed 14-0 with one (Jeff Perkins) recusal:

No., Bylaw, Student, School, Findings #638, 6, Ramia Gilmore Pulaski Southwestern (Pulaski County) Ineligible

Eddie Saylor made a motion, seconded by Betsy Glover, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed unanimously:

No., Bylaw, Student, School, Findings #638A, 6, Emily Weber Pleasure Ridge Park (Presentation) Ineligible

Sally Haeberle made a motion, seconded by Jeff Perkins, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed unanimously:

No., Bylaw, Student, School, Findings #638B, 6, Lauren Weber Pleasure Ridge Park (Presentation) Ineligible

Sally Haeberle made a motion, seconded by L.V. McGinty, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed 14-0 with one (Jim Sexton) recusal:

No., Bylaw, Student, School, Findings #639, 6, Joseph Nelson Eastern (Trinity -- Louisville), Ineligible

Gary Dearborn made a motion, seconded by Betsy Glover, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed unanimously:

No., Bylaw, Student, School, Findings #640, 5, Jon Ziegler Covington Catholic (Beechwood) Ineligible

Dale Stewart made a motion, seconded by Lonnie Burgett, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed unanimously:

No., Bylaw, Student, School, Findings #641, 6, John Siemer Covington Catholic (St. Henry District) Ineligible

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the Hearing Officer's Recommendations (Cases in which the student was recommended to be ineligible and exceptions were filed). Paul Dotson made a motion, seconded by Sally Haeberle, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed 14-0 with one (Jeff Perkins) recusal:

No., Bylaw, Student, School, Findings 629, 6, Austin Ping Pulaski Southwestern (McCrea Central) Ineligible

President Johnston, Executive Committee Chairperson, asked the record to show that:

1. Brigid DeVries, Stan Steidel and Jim Watkins as the 3 finalists for the Commissioner position. Verbally notify them of their selection, and then notify the media for public release. Follow up with a written notification, to include a copy of the job qualifications, a copy of the Kentucky Department of Education regulations, and a copy of the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System's qualifications. A motion was made by Roland Williams, seconded by Jerry Taylor, and passed unanimously.

2. Approve changes in the Volleyball alignment for 2003. A motion was made by Eddie Saylor, seconded by Lonnie General Assembly action. For the record, Individual Board members are offended by Jane Chiles' comments in the paper that "Private schools have no representation on the Board of Control."

4. L.V. McGinty reported that Phase II construction on the Hall of Fame will begin in April.

5. Enrollment figures were reviewed.

6. Basketball alignment issues will be discussed in detail at the May meeting by the full Board, as the Executive Committee will begin the re-alignment process, with the goal being to eliminate 3-team districts and follow geographic boundaries. The alignment changes will also affect Baseball and Softball, and should be in place for the 2003-2004 school year.

7. Final enrollment numbers are needed before Track and Cross Country alignments can be finalized and will be distributed to the Board.

8. Wrestling reimbursements will be discussed at the May meeting.

9. The Board has requested written clarification from Kevin Nolander and Kyna Koch regarding excused absences for student athletes. The report is being produced by the Kentucky Department of Education, and should be ready for distribution at the May meeting.

Dale Stewart made a motion, seconded by Paul Dotson, to go into Executive Session to discuss the Commissioner's position. The motion passed unanimously. Eddie Saylor made a motion, seconded by Betsy Glover, to come out of Executive Session. No action was taken in closed session.

Butch Cope left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

President Johnston, Executive Committee Chairperson, then asked the Board to approve the following motions:

1. Approve Brigid DeVries, Stan Steidel and Jim Watkins as the 3 finalists for the Commissioner position. Verbally notify them of their selection, and then notify the media for public release. Follow up with a written notification, to include a copy of the job qualifications, a copy of the Kentucky Department of Education regulations, and a copy of the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System's qualifications. A motion was made by Roland Williams, seconded by Jerry Taylor, and passed unanimously.

2. Approve changes in the Volleyball alignment for 2003. A motion was made by Eddie Saylor, seconded by Lonnie General Assembly action. For the record, Individual Board members are offended by Jane Chiles' comments in the paper that "Private schools have no representation on the Board of Control."
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Burgett, and passed unanimously.

3. Move the discussion on requiring Cross Country clinics to the Individual Sports Committee and discuss in May. A motion was made by Roland Williams, seconded by Betsy Glover, and passed unanimously.

4. Publish in the next issue of C-Notes the Board's intention to consider Basketball alignment issues. A motion was made by Roland Williams, seconded by Jim Sexton, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Dotson, Football Committee Chairperson, then asked the Board to approve the following motions:

1. All states were requested by the NFHS to send a resolution to the NCAA not to play Friday night college football games. A motion was made by L.V. McGinty, seconded by Sally Haeberle, to send the same from KHSAA, and passed unanimously.

2. Regulate summer camp activity from June 1st or the last day of school until July 14th and print detailed regulations in the next issue of C-Notes. Follow up with a letter from the Commissioner to Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors informing them that any activity contradictory to the rules and regulations renders all insurance provisions null and void and places member schools at risk for litigation and other problems. A motion was made by Gary Dearborn, seconded by Sally Haeberle, and passed unanimously.

3. Recommend adoption of a 4-year average enrollment figure when preparing a 4-year alignment, with a 2-year review to allow for necessary adjustments. A motion was made by L.V. McGinty, seconded by Sally Haeberle, and passed unanimously.

4. Leave early practice dates the same for this year, stressing a preference to start on August 1st, and remove the early option next year, with a mandatory August 1st start date. A motion was made by Eddie Saylor, seconded by L.V. McGinty, and passed 9-5.

5. Allow one football game to have a 20 minute half-time, not necessarily Homecoming, with all other half-times being 15 minutes. A motion was made by Betsy Glover, seconded by Lonnie Burgett, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Dotson, Chairperson, Football Committee, then asked the record to show that:

1. Overtime procedures will remain the same.

2. No action was taken regarding 8-Person football, however, the May meeting will consider deletion of 8-Person football as a state championship.

3. No action was taken regarding the Oldham County proposal.

4. A survey will be sent to schools regarding a change in format submitted by Nelson County, to determine school sentiment, and this will be sent with the draft alignment.

Jerry Taylor left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Ms. Johnston then called the Board's attention to miscellaneous items listed for information only. 1) Set date for Special Board Meeting in April to consider March appeals; 2) Review dates for the next regular Board of Control Meeting, May 14-15, 2002 in Lexington; 3) Miscellaneous Board and staff items.

It was decided a Special Board Meeting will be held on Monday, April 29th to consider March appeals and to interview the three final candidates for the Commissioner's position. The exact time of the meeting will be determined after interviews have been scheduled.

Six Board members are eligible to attend the NFHS summer meeting in Boston, MA.

A location for the summer Board of Control meeting outside of Lexington will be discussed at the April special meeting.

Larry Boucher requested the Team Sports Committee include a seeding issue to be discussed at the May Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. without a motion.