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HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY 22-23 BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

Following are highlights from Tuesday’s meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control.

1) The Board voted to address some changes to the postseason bracketing in football for the 2006 postseason and beyond. The first and second rounds contests will be held within the same district with the No. 1 seed hosting the No. 4 seed and the No. 2 seed hosting the No. 3 seed in the first round, in an effort to address cost containment and travel issues consistent with other sports. In the second round, the higher seed will host. In the third and fourth round, the Board established a rotation plan where the district winners will play in an alternating pattern for the third round, and then fourth round competition. The Board also continued the review of the football alignment of teams. In preparation for the 2007 season, the Board will review five- and six-class system options through its September meeting to see if these systems are desirable compared to the current four-class system, and in the event a five or six class option is approved, the Board will study allowing schools to “play up” in class.

2) The Board elected Pendleton County assistant principal Gary Dearborn as President and Lone Oak principal Donna Wear as vice-president for the 2006-07 school year. Mr. Dearborn served as vice-president during the 2005-06 year.

3) The Board voted to submit two proposals to the KHSAA member schools in the form of a mail referendum. The first proposal deals with financial aid and codifying existing restrictions on need based financial aid. The second proposal deals with students who represent a high school at any level in interscholastic athletics while enrolled below grade nine and who then enroll in another school in grade nine or later. The proposal specifies a penalty of one year of ineligibility for that student. The initial concepts of these two proposals were recommended by the KHSAA Public/Non-Public Task Force. A third proposal dealing with defining an athletic territory will have additional review by the KHSAA Constitution and Bylaws Committee at its July meeting during final preparations for proposals to be submitted for the October Annual Meeting of the membership. The referendum will be mailed to member school representatives by Friday and posted on the KHSAA web site, with the voting results to be compiled in mid-June.

4) The Board approved a $3.7M draft budget for the Association for the 2006-07 year.

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