

Board of Control Minutes

April 17, 1975

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at Stouffer's Inn, Louisville, on Thursday morning, April 17, 1975. The meeting was called to order by President W. P. Wheeler at 9:00, with Board

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members Louie Martin, Eldon Davidson, Jack Fultz, Arthur Hawkins, Cecil Reid, George Sauer, Frank Simpson and Ray Story: Commissioner J. B. Mansfield and Assistant Commissioners Tom Mills, Billy V. Wise and Louis Stout present. Mr. Conley Manning was present representing the State Department of Education. The invocation was given by Arthur Hawkins.

Frank Simpson moved, seconded by Arthur Hawkins, that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived since the members of the Board had received copies of these minutes in the mail. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Commissioner Tom Mills reported a decrease in attendance at the 1975 Boys' State Tournament. He reported the attendance at approximately 111,000 as compared to 124,000 for the 1974 tournament. The ticket sales for 1975 was approximately \$287,000.00. The total ticket sales for 1974 was \$286,142.00. The estimated tournament expense is approximately \$87,000.00.

Total paid attendance at the Girls State Tournament held on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University was 18,270 with gate receipts of \$44,384.00. The estimated expense is approximately \$22,000.00. A complete record of all receipts and disbursements for both the Boys and Girls Tournaments will appear in the annual audit. Louie Martin moved, seconded by Jack Fultz that the State Tournament report be accepted as presented. The vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Mansfield then reported to the Board that Maysville High School had been suspended in boys' basketball until January 1, 1976. He explained that the suspension was imposed following an incident which took place during and after the Fleming County High School and Maysville High School boys basketball game played on March 5, 1975. Letters were presented from District Tournament Manager, John H. Branson, Fleming County Principal Fairce O. Woods and Mr. Elza Whalen, Jr., Principal of Maysville High School, explaining their version of the incident.

Mr. Mansfield stated that Mr. Whalen was present and wished to appeal the suspension. President Wheeler welcomed Mr. Whalen, Superintendent Robert L. Biddle, Coach Lyle Dunbar, Assistant Coach Henry Boone and Glenn Roberson the Director of pupil personnel at Maysville High School. Each visitor was given the opportunity to express his views and answer questions from the Board Members. Following their presentation Mr. Whalen requested that the Board rescind the decision of Commissioner Mansfield or, if they upheld the suspension, shorten the length of time to permit them to host the annual Christmas Tournament. Mr. Wheeler thanked the group for appearing before the Board and assured them consideration would be given their request and they would be informed of the final decision. The group thanked the Board for their time and departed.

Following considerable discussion, George Sauer moved, seconded by Arthur Hawkins, that the suspension of Maysville High School be upheld until January 1, 1976. All members present voted aye. The Commissioner asked if the Board would reconsider and permit Maysville to play in the Christmas Tournament. The request was denied.

Commissioner Maysfield reported that a disagreement over the distribution of tournament funds in District 52 was the next item for

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consideration. Mr. Dillard Prater, Principal of Cumberland High School, came before the Board representing Cumberland, Lynch and Cawood High Schools. He stated that these schools objected to the distribution of funds since it was not in keeping with the wishes of the majority of the schools in the 52nd District as voted upon in the District Tournament Meeting of February 15, 1975. He stated that decisions reached at an earlier meeting (held at Evarts High School on January 23, 1975, with two principals and three coaches present) should not be binding since a local agreement had been reached years earlier and reaffirmed in February, 1974, that the tournament site would be at Cawood High School until equal or better facilities were available in the District. Following his presentation and after answering several questions from members of the Board, Mr. Prater thanked the Board for their consideration and departed.

The Board then heard comments from Mr. E. R. Gray of Evarts High School. Mr. Gray stated that the decisions reached at the January 23rd meeting should be binding since it was an officially called meeting and since all schools were represented by their principal or an appointed representative. He stated further that the vote was unanimous for the tournament site to be at Harlan High School, and Harlan was to receive 25% of gross receipts for hosting the tournament.

Mr. Tom Ward, Principal of Harlan High School and Manager of the 52nd district tournament explained to the Board that Harlan High School had not requested the tournament but following the unanimous vote of the representatives at the January 23rd meeting he accepted the tournament and proceeded with making the proper arrangements. He stated that it was too late to make changes when the representatives took a new vote on February 15th to move the site to Cawood High School; therefore, he managed the tournament based on decisions reached at the January 23rd meeting.

Following the departure of Mr. Ward and a discussion of the facts as presented, Eldon Davidson moved, seconded by Jack Fultz, that since the coaches were official representatives of the principals at the January 23rd meeting of the 52nd District officials, the decisions reached at this meeting shall be binding to all schools involved, and further, in the future, accurate written minutes be kept at all official meetings. All members voted aye.

At the request of Prin. Ray McCann a letter was presented asking the Board to restore the eligibility of James Harkins who had made himself ineligible for spring sports by participating as a substitute in a tournament run by the Federal Youth Center at Ashland after the season. The letter stated that James Harkins was unaware of any wrong doing and was not trying to defy the Association's regulation. Cecil Reid moved, seconded by Louie Martin, that James Harkins eligibility be restored by the Board by authority given it in the KHSAA Constitution Article IV, Section 3, Item d-7. The motion carried unanimously.

Tom Mills presented the eligibility case of Ricky Spurlock, a student at Berea High School, who is ineligible under By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer. Ray Story moved, seconded by Eldon Davidson, that the eligibility of this student be restored. All members voted aye.

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W. P. Wheeler and Louie Martin were named delegate and alternate, respectively, to the forthcoming annual meeting of the National Federation.

The date of the next meeting of the Board of Control was scheduled for Friday, May 23, 1975, at 9:30, in Bowling Green.

Jack Fultz moved, seconded by George Sauer, that all bills of the Association beginning March 1, 1975, and ending March 31, 1975, be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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