

Minutes of Board Meeting

May 15, 1976

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the K.H.S.A.A. office, Lexington, on Saturday morning, May 15, 1976. The meeting was called to order by President Louie Martin at 9:00, with Board members Arthur Hawkins, Derval Barriger, Eldon Davidson, Jack Fultz, Cecil Reid, George Sauer, Gene Sell, Frank Simpson and Ray Story; Acting Commissioner Tom Mills and Assistant

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Commissioners Louis Stout and Billy V. Wise present. Also in attendance were Mr. Conley Manning of the State Department of Education, Darrell Wells of the State School Boards Association and Board attorney Calvert T. Roszell. The invocation was given by Frank Simpson.

Ray Story moved, seconded by Arthur Hawkins that the reading of the minutes of the April 15th meeting be waived since members of the Board had received copies of these minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Prin. Pat Crawford and Ath. Dir. Jim Ruether came before the Board to request that Ballard High School be given permission to invite two out-of-state basketball teams to participate against Ballard High School and another Kentucky team, to be named later, in Freedom Hall, Louisville on December 21, 1976. These games would be known as the Stewart Kentucky Basketball Classic. Following their presentation and a discussion by members of the Board, George Sauer moved, seconded by Denvall Barriger that approval of the Stewart Kentucky Basketball Classic be given on a one year basis, contingent upon the complete approval of the National Federation of State High School Associations. In the event that approval of the National Federation is received, permission to have future Stewart Kentucky Basketball Classics must be submitted to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for approval or disapproval. The motion carried unanimously.

Prin. Warren Featherston, Tates Creek High School, came before the Board to request that they consider K.H.S.A.A. sponsored competition in table tennis. Mr. Featherston presented results of a recent tournament held at Corbin High School and explained that many high schools were represented. Accompanying Mr. Featherston were several students who participated in this tournament and each one spoke in favor of the request. Following the presentation, Mr. Mills was instructed to poll the member schools to determine the amount of interest in this sport. President Martin informed Mr. Featherston that if sufficient interest were shown, the Board would consider sponsoring the sport.

Mr. Mills requested that the Board consider setting a financial allowance for those schools participating in the Girls' State Basketball Tournament. Following a financial report on the Tournament, Gene Sell moved, seconded by George Sauer, that each participating school receive an allowance of \$200.00 each. All members voted aye.

Mr. Mills reported to the Board that the football referendum to eliminate spring football practice received the necessary two-thirds vote for passage and will go into effect July 1, 1976.

President Martin stated that the next order of business was the election of President and Vice-President of the Board. Denvall Barriger moved, seconded by Frank Simpson, that George Sauer be elected President of the Board of Control for 1976-77. The motion passed unanimously. Eldon Davidson then moved, seconded by Arthur Hawkins, that Ray Story be elected Vice-President for 1976-77. This motion also passed unanimously. The newly elected officers will assume their duties on July 1, 1976.

Gene Sell made the motion that a plaque be presented to all retiring employees and outgoing Board of Control members of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association in appreciation for their service to the Association. The plaque is to be in the form of an outline of the state with a star present indicating the Regions served. The presentations are to

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be made during the July meeting each year beginning in 1976. Ray Story seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

At this point President Martin called the Board into an executive meeting and requested that the Acting Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners leave the room.

Ray Story, Chairman of the Retirement Committee made the following recommendation. As provided for in Article XV of the K.H.S.A.A. Pension Plan Agreement dated June 5, 1970, that due to his illness, Mr. Joe Billy Mansfield be placed on leave of absence with full compensation effective December 1, 1975, through November 30, 1976. In the event that during this time Mr. Mansfield's health improves to the point where he is able to assume all of the duties of the Commissioner, he be re-assigned to this position. Further, the Committee recommends that the Board of Control act on naming a new Commissioner immediately. Mr. Story moved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Gene Sell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Gene Sell made the motion that effective May 15, 1976, Tom Mills be employed as Commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for a period of four years with the provision that if Mr. Mansfield's health improves during the period of his approved leave of absence to the point where he is able to assume all of the duties of the Commissioner, he will return to this position and Mr. Mills would become the Administrative Assistant. The salary shall be the present salary of the Commissioner as shown on the 1975-76 salary schedule, prorated over the period of May 15 through June 30, 1976. Arthur Hawkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

President Martin stated that the business of the executive meeting was over and requested that Mr. Mills, Mr. Stout and Mr. Wise return to the meeting. Mr. Mills was informed of the decision of the Board and he accepted the provisions of the contract.

Assistant Commissioner Wise presented the results of the opinion poll taken on the standardization of officials fees in football, basketball and baseball for the 1976-77 school year. Based upon the information presented by Mr. Wise, George Sauer made the motion that the fee of \$25.00 be set for varsity football and basketball officials with a 10¢ travel allowance per crew in football for all mileage over 50 miles and a 10¢ travel allowance per team in basketball for all mileage over 50 miles unless both officials are forced to drive because of their location. The fee for baseball officials shall be \$15.00 per game per official for single games and \$22.50 per official for double headers. The allowance for travel shall be the same as for basketball officials. The fee for junior varsity officials in football/basketball shall be a maximum of \$12.50 per official per game. The motion was seconded by Denval Barriger. Seven members voted in favor of the motion with Cecil Reid and Jack Fultz opposing it and Ray Story abstaining.

Following a discussion of the date and site for the 1976 football championship games, Jack Fultz moved, seconded by Gene Sell that the finals of Class A and AA be played on November 26, the AAA on November 27, and the AAAA on December 4, and they all be played in Lexington. The motion passed unanimously.

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Ray Story moved that Evangel High School be placed in Basketball District 21, Region 6, for the 1976-77 school year. George Sauer seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

Mr. Mills reported that several principals of member schools who sponsor soccer had requested that it be changed from a spring to a fall sport. Following a lengthy discussion, George Sauer made the motion that the request be approved. Denval Barriger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills presented a letter from Bowling Green High School requesting that By-Law 4, Age, be waived in the case of Tim Riggs. Tim will not be eligible to participate in spring sports during his senior year since he will become 19 years of age in January. After hearing the facts, Cecil Reid moved that By-Law 4 not be waived in this case. Eldon Davidson seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 9-1. Denval Barriger opposed the motion.

The next meeting date for the Board was scheduled for 2:00 P.M., Friday, June 11, 1976, at Stouffers' Inn, Louisville.

Jack Fultz moved, seconded by Arthur Hawkins, that all bills of the Association for the period of May 1, 1976, through May 31, 1976, be allowed. All members voted aye.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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President James Mills  
Secretary Acting Comm.