

Minutes of the Board Meeting

January 18, 1986

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Executive Inn, Louisville, Kentucky, on Saturday morning, January 18, 1986. The meeting was called to order by President Pat Crawford at 9:00 a.m. Present were all Board members, Commissioner Tom Mills, Executive Assistant Billy Wise, Assistant Commissioners Brigid DeVries and Louis Stout and Sports Information Director Julian Tackett. Mr. Lloyd Redman, representing the State Department of Education was also present. The invocation was given by Mr. Redman.

President Crawford advised the Board members that the Appeals Hearings and the Regular Meeting would be combined into one meeting. He then called on Mr. David Curtis, Attorney for Gabrielle Mitchell, to present the first appeal. Following Mr. Curtis' presentation and questions to him, Gabrielle and her father, they were excused and advised that Commissioner Mills would notify them of the Board's decision in the very near future. Tom Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Frank Welch, that By-Law 6, Transfer Rule, be waived in this case and that Gabrielle be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics at Carlisle County High School. The motion carried unanimously.

The second appeal was presented by Owensboro High School Athletic Director Jack Hicks on behalf of Jeremy Coomes, a transfer from Daviess County High School. Jeremy had been ruled ineligible to participate in sports under By-Law 6, Transfer Rule. Executive Assistant Wise had investigated the case and presented his findings to the Board. Following a discussion by the Board with Mr. Hicks, Frank Welch moved that the Board uphold the decision of the Commissioner in this case and rule Jeremy ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Owensboro High School for thirty-six school weeks. Chester Turner seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of nine in favor of the motion and one abstention (Grant Talbott).

Then came Ron Hunter on behalf of his son, Mike Hunter, a student at Holy Cross High School who had been ruled ineligible under By-Law 6, Transfer Rule, due to the fact that Mike had participated in athletics at Covington Catholic High School. Following Mr. Hunter's presentation and questions to him by the Board members, Grant Talbott made a motion, seconded by Ken Tippet, that the Board uphold the decision of the Commissioner in this case. The motion carried by a vote of nine in favor and one opposed.

The fourth appeal was presented by Principal Don Hines of Frankfort High School. The Commissioner had informed the school that due to the fact two ineligible players were permitted to participate in basketball, those games in which they were permitted to play must be forfeited to the opposing team under By-Law 24, Forfeits. Mr. Hines had requested to appear before the Board to appeal the decision of the Commissioner. Following Mr. Hines presentation and questions to him by the Board members, David Webb made a motion that the

decision of the Commissioner be upheld in this case. Tony Olinger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There being no further appeals, President Crawford advised the Board that the Regular Meeting was now called to order.

Frank Welch made a motion that the minutes of the November 29, 1985, meeting be approved. Chester Turner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Frank Welch moved, seconded by Charlie Wilson, that the bills of the Association for the period December 1 through December 31 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Following a discussion of the date and site for the next meeting of the Board of Control, Ray Story made a motion that the site of the next meeting be in Bowling Green on Thursday, March 27, 1986, at 9:00 a.m. at the Greenwood Executive Inn.

Executive Assistant Wise reported that \$292,108.00 in ticket sales had been received through this date for the Boys State Basketball Tournament. Advanced ticket sales for the Girls State Basketball Tournament had netted \$6,116.00, both figures being ahead of last year's receipts at this time.

Football Committee Chairman Chester Turner presented the following proposal for the Board's approval.

- A. Schools shall be required to play all other teams in their district to qualify for championship play.
- B. The winner in District I shall play the runner-up in District II and vice versa.
- C. Tournament play shall begin three (3) weekends prior to Thanksgiving Weekend. The finals in each class shall be played on Friday or Saturday following Thanksgiving.
- D. 1. In all district play-off competition, the winning team in each district shall be designated as the home team. Should teams from the same district meet in the second round of the play-offs, the district winner will be designated as the home team. In all other cases, and in all subsequent play-off games except for the final round, the odd numbered district or region shall be designated as the home team in odd numbered years, and in even numbered years, the process will be reversed. No play-off game shall be scheduled or played on a date or time that requires loss of school time.
2. In all regional competition, the even numbered districts and regions shall set the site, date and

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starting time in even numbered years. In uneven numbered years the process will be reversed. The site, date and starting time of the final game in each class shall be determined by the Board of Control.

- E. Finance distribution for tournament play shall be governed by Section IV, Finances under K.H.S.A.A. Rules and Regulations governing Football Championships.
- F. A school, upon written application of the principal and approval of the Board of Control, may be permitted to move from a lower into a higher classification. Any school placed in a higher classification must remain in this classification until all districts are re-classified. Schools will not be permitted to change classification if the change requires a district to fall below five (5) or to exceed eight (8) in number. A school may not be permitted to move into a higher classification if the change requires the school to travel a greater distance than if it remained in its assigned district.
- G. If at any time during the classification period (1987-1990) a school withdraws from play-off competition, it may not re-enter until the end of the classification period.
- H. Should three or more teams tie for the championship or runner-up based upon the won/loss record, the championship and runner-up shall be determined by the following plan: If one of the three teams tied for the championship or runner-up has defeated the other two teams in a game contested between them, that team shall be declared the Champion or Runner-up. If the tie remains, each team tied for the championship/runner-up shall receive one point for each game won by any four of their defeated opponents (including district and non-district games) except the game played between the teams tied for the champion and each of their defeated opponents shall be omitted when calculating points to break the tie. If the tie remains after a team's highest points have been counted, an additional game will be counted until the tie is broken. All games played shall be counted in breaking a tie, including out-of-state games. If a tie results after the above plan has been applied, it shall be broken by the Board of Control.

Chester Turner made a motion that the above Football Proposal be accepted as presented. Frank Welch seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of seven in favor and three opposed. President Crawford commended the Football Committee for their untiring efforts in proposing the new football alignment.

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(The new football alignment can be found on the inside front cover of this issue of the "Athlete".)

President Crawford called on Commissioner Mills to present the proposals which he had received for presentation to the Delegate Assembly. Commissioner Mills briefly discussed the proposals he had received from the following schools or groups: Eastern Kentucky Valley Cooperation - changing girls basketball to a fall sport; Tates Creek High School - By-Law 27 as it relates to football; Monticello High School - in regard to the President of the Board of Control presiding at the Annual Meeting; Montgomery County High School - By-Law 27 as it relates to soccer; Oneida Baptist Institute - By-Law 21 as it relates to non-football playing schools.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the transfer form being changed to allow more input from the principal when requesting a waiver of the transfer rule. Commissioner Mills informed the Board that he was considering asking other state associations to advise him of their procedure for handling transfer students.

Commissioner Mills presented a letter he had received from Jackson High School requesting to be moved from Basketball District 55 to District 56. Charlie Wilson moved that this request be tabled until the March 27 meeting. Tom Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills discussed the possibility of Kentucky and Indiana Boys and Girls Basketball Championship Games to be sponsored jointly between the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and the Indiana High School Athletic Association and to be held in Kentucky at Rupp Arena on April 5, 1986. The games are tentatively scheduled for 1987 at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis. Proceeds from the games will go to the catastrophic and other insurance funds in each state, policies which cover participants in all activities sponsored by the two Associations.

Following a discussion of this joint proposal, Charlie Wilson made a motion, seconded by Chester Turner, that the Board sanction this event. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Mills advised the Board that ticket information would be forthcoming.

Commissioner Mills then advised the Board of the Academic Competition being sponsored by Mayor Scotty Baesler and the City of Lexington and held in conjunction with the Sweet 16 in March. He stated that 2300 students from 153 high schools would be competing. There will be three \$2,000.00 scholarships awarded to individuals competing in the basketball tournament in addition to some \$44,000.00 in scholarships to those competing in academic competition.

Commissioner Mills also announced the Kodak Liberty Ride being sponsored jointly by Kodak, the National Federation, Walt Disney, and all State Associations. The bicycle rides will take place on May 18,

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1986, all across America for the purpose of earning money for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. One dollar of the entry fee will go to the National Federation to be used for the Chemical Awareness Program with each state association receiving .75 of that dollar to be used for the same purpose. Further information will be available in the near future.

Executive Asst. Wise recommended to the Board that officials for the district and regional basketball tournaments be assigned in the same manner as for 1985--that being that officials will officiate within their region for the district basketball tournaments but will go outside their region for the regional tournament, except in instances where the Local Policy Board had requested otherwise. Ray Story moved, seconded by Frank Welch, that this recommendation be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

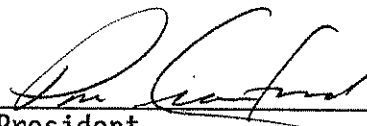
Following a discussion of two automobiles to be purchased by the Association, David Webb moved, seconded by Tony Olinger, that the Board accept the bid presented by Bunt Gross Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Co. of Irvine. The motion carried unanimously.

Asst. Commissioner Stout announced to the Board that the Wrestling Tournaments would be as follows: District - February 1; Regional - February 8; Semi-State - February 15; State - February 22 at Atherton High School in Louisville.

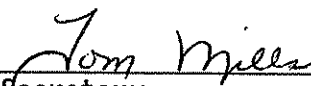
Chester Turner made a motion, seconded by Charlie Wilson, that the Commissioner be empowered to grant each team that participated in the football playoffs \$1,200.00 to help defray expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

Following a discussion of the possibility of basketball district tournament balloting resulting in a tie, Ken Tippett made a motion, seconded by Chester Turner, that in the event of a tie, the district site will be decided by the flip of a coin. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Frank Welch moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tom Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.



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