

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Association Office in Lexington, Kentucky, on Friday, September 22, 1995. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Ozz Jackson. All Board members, with the exception of Wendell Thomas, were present. Also present were Commissioner Louis Stout, Exec. Asst. Brigid DeVries, Assistant Commissioners Larry Boucher and Julian Tackett, SID Butch Cope, Ken Tippett, Anne Wesley Mays and State Dept. Representatives Collette Anderson and Ernie Tacoque.

The Invocation was given by Darrell Treece.

Commissioner Stout introduced new Board member Betsy Glover, North Hardin HS, who was elected to serve out the term of Kathy Hopper; and also introduced the new Sports Information Director, Butch Cope.

Tasso Harris made a motion that the Agenda be amended and the Board go into Executive Session. Kathy Johnston seconded the motion which passed. Bob Rogers moved to return to Open Session. Tom Bryant seconded, motion passed. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Ken Cox, Chairman of the Basketball Committee, noted that their committee's report was omitted from the July 21-22, 1995, Board meeting minutes. It was the recommendation of the Basketball Committee that the Molten wide seam ball be used in the State and Regional Basketball Tournaments beginning in 1996. Bob Rogers made a motion that the minutes of the July meeting be approved, as amended. Darrell Treece seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Frank Cardwell moved that all bills of the Association for the period July 1 - August 31, 1995 be approved. Betsy Glover seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Tackett presented the Budget Update for FY96 and report through August 31. He called the Board's attention to 1) budget figures for the slowpitch and fastpitch softball tournaments; 2) adjusted net income including depreciation to be around

\$400,000; 3) a cash ratio of 3.3, exceeding the 1.5 required by Fifth Third on our loan. Mr. Stout pointed out that 1994-95 was an extremely good year. Stan Steidel made a motion to accept the Budget Update. Betsy Glover seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Tackett requested that items on the Agenda relating to the Investment Policy and the presentation of the 1994-95 Audit Report be deferred until the December meeting.

Anne W. Mays reported the following 1996 state basketball ticket receipts through this date: Boys - \$89,202 as compared to \$72,516 in 1994; Girls - \$23,424. No monies for girls tickets had been received through this date in 1994.

Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Cookie Henson, that the Hearing Officer's Report be accepted on the following appeals heard July 12, 1995:

- Kelly Lewis, Sacred Heart Academy - Eligible
- Laura Parker, St. Francis HS - Eligible
- Stephanie Hall, Lexington Catholic HS - Eligible
- David Lindsay, Bishop Brossart HS - Eligible
- Chad Furmail, DuPont Manual HS - Eligible
- DeAnna Michelle Hood, Russell HS - Eligible

The motion passed unanimously.

In the appeal of Coach Steve Serotte, Central HS, President Jackson denied a "hearing de novo". Following a review of the information in the case, Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Bill Beasley, that the Board accept the Recommended Order of the Hearing Officer. The motion passed 14-0. Tasso Harris abstained. Therefore Coach Serotte's reprimand stands.

President Jackson then allowed Greenwood HS a "hearing de novo" in the case of Justin Tyler Griffin. Present at the hearing were Justin Griffin, Marianne Griffin, his mother and Dr. Fred Carter, Principal of Bowling Green HS; Principal Peggy Cowles, Ath. Dir. Rick Sang, Asst. Prin. Jim Flynn and Bailey Norris, former Asst. Prin. from Greenwood HS. Information allowed at the

hearing included 1) Hearing Officer's Recommended Order of August 31, 1995; 2) information submitted prior to August 22, 1995; 3) letter to Commissioner Stout dated September 7, 1995, from Greenwood HS; and 4) transcript of Justin Griffin's appeal before Judge Barker. At the request of Greenwood High School, Bill Beasley moved for closing the hearing. Teresa Isaac seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Following testimony by Bowling Green HS and Greenwood HS, Teresa Isaac made a motion the Board go into Executive Session. Cookie Henson seconded the motion which passed. Bob Rogers made a motion to return to Open Session. Grant Talbott seconded the motion which passed. Bob Rogers made a motion to reject the Hearing Officer's Recommendation in the case of Justin Tyler Griffin and that Bylaw 6 be upheld based upon the new information presented by the officials of Greenwood HS, yielding additional information indicating that there were not, in fact, a series of beatings involved while this student was at Greenwood HS. Cookie Henson seconded the motion which passed 10-4 with one abstention by a roll call vote. Justin Griffin therefore remains ineligible at Bowling Green HS.

President Jackson called for a lunch break at 12:45 to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:45 and continued with the appeals hearings.

Wendell Thomas arrived at the meeting following a lunch break. Frank Welch left the meeting.

In the appeal of Matt Dedman, Lexington Christian HS, President Jackson denied a "hearing de novo". Following a review of additional information submitted, Ken Cox made a motion, seconded by Bill Beasley, that the Board accept the Recommended Order of the Hearing Officer. The motion passed 13-2. Therefore Matt Dedman remains ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Tasso Harris, that the Hearing Officer's Report be accepted on the following appeals heard August 21, 1995:

- Lori Allen, Ballard HS - Eligible

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Todd Forrest Tilford, Grayson County HS - Eligible
John Ray, III, Caverna HS - Eligible

The motion passed unanimously. Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Grant Talbott, that the Hearing Officer's Report be accepted on the following appeal heard August 21, 1995:

Tim Lane, Prestonsburg HS - Ineligible

The motion passed unanimously. Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Stan Steidel, that the Hearing Officer's Report be accepted on the following appeals heard August 22, 1995:

Gary Brandon Lewis, Bethlehem HS - Eligible

Michael Catlett, Covington Catholic HS - Ineligible

The motion passed unanimously. In the appeal of Bryan Harris, Harlan HS, President Jackson denied a "hearing de novo". Following a review of additional information submitted, Grant Talbott made a motion, seconded by Tasso Harris, that the Board accept the Recommended Order of the Hearing Officer. The motion passed unanimously. Therefore Bryan Harris remains ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. However, due to the fact that the parents have moved, the Board authorized the Commissioner to request that a new Transfer Form be submitted for Bryan Harris.

Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Frank Cardwell, that the Hearing Officer's recommendation be accepted on the following appeal heard August 22, 1995:

Kelsey Harris, Male HS - Eligible
The motion passed 11-4.

Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Betsy Glover, that the Hearing Officer's Report be accepted on the following appeals heard August 22, 1995:

Benjamin Kennedy, St. Mary HS - Eligible

Chad Anderson, Lafayette HS - Eligible

The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, that the Hearing Officer's Report be accepted on the following appeals

heard August 22, 1995:

Mac Wright, Warren East HS - Ineligible

The motion failed 6-9.

Tasso Harris then moved that the Board reject the Hearing Officer's Recommendation and declare Mac Wright eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. The motion passed 10-5.

Stan Steidel made a motion, seconded by Bill Beasley, that the Hearing Officer's Report be accepted on the following appeals heard August 22, 1995:

Erik Salisbury, South Oldham HS - Ineligible

The motion passed unanimously. Ken Cox, Basketball Committee Chair, presented the following recommendations for the Board's consideration:

- 1) Adopt the wide seam Molten ball
- 2) Require that formal requests for realignment be submitted to the Committee and be heard at the December or January Board meeting.

Frank Cardwell made a motion to accept the report. Betsy Glover seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Teresa Isaac, Constitution & Bylaw Committee Chair, made a motion that the Board consider changes to certain bylaws as follows:

- 1) Bylaw 4, Enrollment - approved as presented
 - 2) Bylaw 5, Minimum Academic Requirement - needs further study
 - 3) Bylaw 6, Transfer Form - needs further study
 - 4) Bylaw 8, Contestant on Other Teams - refer to Permanent Committee
 - 5) Bylaw 11, Permanent Ineligibility - approved as presented
 - 6) Bylaw 14, Supplying Information - approved as presented
 - 7) Bylaw 25, Limitation of Seasons - approved as presented with a clarification on Open Gym
 - 8) Bylaw 28, Physician Certificate - approved as presented
 - 9) Bylaw 39, Non Player Representatives - approved as presented
- Kathy Johnston seconded the motion which passed.

Mr. Tackett went over the 1995 State Basketball Tournament Financial Reports.

Ms. DeVries gave a brief report on the National Federation Annual Meeting held in Portland, Oregon. She reported on the following current issues that are facing all State Associations: home schooling, Title IX compliance, cheerleading eligibility rules as a part of Limitation of Seasons and security and violence at sporting events. Alvis Johnson, Outgoing President of the Executive Committee, was recognized for his service.

Mr. Tippett distributed a list of Corporate Sponsors and advised the Board of one possible addition.

Mr. Stout discussed briefly the Strategic Plan which is being finalized. He also advised the Board that the KHSAA needs to work with the SDE regarding the status of "guardianship".

Teresa Isaac moved for Executive Session to discuss litigation. Betsy Glover seconded the motion which passed. Following discussion of legal matters, Ms. Isaac made a motion to return to Open Session. Ken Cox seconded, motion passed.

The Board set the dates and times for the next meeting to be held at the Executive Inn in Louisville as follows:
All-Sports Com. -
Thursday, November 30 - 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting -
Thursday, November 30 - 6:00 p.m.
Basketball Com. -
Friday, December 1 - 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Stout presented a request from J. Michael Ballard, Bardstown, Ky. which would permit students to attend one school and participate in athletics at another school in their district providing their home school did not offer a particular sport. After discussion, Ozz Jackson made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, that the Board take no action as to the modification of Bylaw 4. The motion passed.

The next request presented by Mr. Stout regarded James Todd Claggett, a senior at Jessamine County HS, who is also attending Lexington Community College. Following discussion of the nature of the case, Tasso Harris made a motion, seconded by Stan Steidel, that Mr. Claggett's request be tabled until further information is obtained by the

Commissioner from Jessamine County HS. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stout then presented a letter from Mr. Timothy Koch requesting that his son be allowed to participate in athletics while being retained in the 7th grade at Beaumont Junior HS. The Board did not feel the bylaw should be set aside and took no action.

The next request was from Ms. Blanch Collett requesting that Bylaw 6 be waived for her daughter, Heather, Leslie County HS, due to the fact she transferred for medical and financial reasons. The Board took no action but asked the Commissioner to notify Ms. Collett that she should appeal the Commissioner's ruling to the Hearing Officer.

Mr. Cardwell left the meeting.

Items of discussion with no action taken included: 1) Permanent Committee to consider the number of varsity matches under Limitation of Seasons, Golf; 2) reasons to call for Executive Session; 3) Legal Representation Contract due in December and a request for review 30 days prior; 4) dates for slow pitch and fast pitch softball tournaments and the need to discourage girls to play both; 5) waiting period for athletes to participate after being ruled eligible; 6) availability of an 8-1/2 x 11 KHSAA Handbook at a cost to be determined.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Frank Welch made a motion to go into Executive Session. Bill Beasley seconded the motion which passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Bill Beasley moved for adjournment. Cookie Henson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



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