

# **KHSAA Full Board of Control Meeting**

May 28, 2020, at 3:00 PM

Via Zoom, Lexington

## **LISTENING SESSIONS**

The Board notes for the record that the Commissioner had held voluntary listening sessions for the Board members during the Covid-19 interruption of school. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as National and Commonwealth declared states of emergency, and Governor Beshear's Executive Orders regarding social distancing, these sessions were held via Zoom, with no action scheduled or taken. These sessions were solely used to brief Board members regarding ongoing issues surrounding both the KHSAA and interscholastic athletics around the state and nation and to allow for any desired input.

These listening sessions were held on March 13, 2020, March 19, 2020, April 3, 2020, April 29, 2020, May 20, 2020, May 22, 2020, and June 23, 2020. No action was scheduled or taken during these informational sessions.

## **SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 21, 2020**

### **NOTES REGARDING REMOTE (VIRTUAL) MEETING**

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### **Attendance Taken at 3:00 AM:**

Present Board Members: Reed Adkins, Bonnie Barnes, Debbie Beichler, Darrell Billings, Donna Bumps, Mike Clines, Mark Evans, Pete Galloway, Scott Hawkins, Greg Howard, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller, Lucy Moore, Kim Parker-Brown, Kirby Smith, Jeff Saylor, Matt Wilhoite, Jerry Wyman. Incoming Board Members: Larry Coldiron, Russell Thompson.

Kentucky Department of Education Liaison, David Couch.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Joe Angolia, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Butch Cope, Dan White, and Marilyn Mitchell.

Attachments can be found at the following link:

<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Meeting.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4374&PublicMeetingID=30651&AgencyTypeID=1>

This was a remote meeting called by President Galloway at the request of Commissioner Tackett to review the continuance of all provisions of the Coronavirus Dead Period provisions until further notice to the member schools from the Commissioner and was held as a regular meeting instead of the originally scheduled dates in May.

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### **Announcement from Counsel Regarding Meeting**

General Council Chad Collins requested the record note that due to the state of emergency this meeting was available to all member schools as well as media outlets virtually.

### **Roll Call of Members**

The Roll of the Board of Control was called.

### **Items Related to Covid-19**

#### **Adopt Position within future Guidance**

Commissioner Tackett reminded the Board that the KHSAA, though formed as a private entity, is a state actor within the context of KRS 156.070 and 702 KAR 7:065 as the designee of the Kentucky Board of Education. On Friday, May 22, the Governor of the Commonwealth issued guidance for the restart of youth sports, including a timeline for activity for the period between June 15 and the end of July.

While the KHSAA can autonomously act in some areas, as a state actor, it cannot override the order of the Governor without significant risk. As such, the first action of the Board should be to adopt a position statement complying with the Governor's orders as we attempt a restart of sports and sport-activities in the Commonwealth.

**Motion Passed:** That the Board of Control affirms that for the periods defined within any published order of the Governor during this pandemic, all KHSAA timelines shall not contradict and shall be congruent with such order(s). passed with a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Jerry Wyman. Reed Adkins Yes, Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Mark Evans, Yes Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

#### **Consider Alternatives to Extend Deadlines for Required Physical Exams**

The Commissioner reported that when considered by the KHSAA/KMA Sports Medicine Committee in May, there was no desire to extend the date of sports physicals. Earlier discussions may have been prompted by a projected shortage of doctors and available time in light of the pandemic, this has not proven to be the case.

the American Academy of Pediatrics has actively lobbied all states to not extend physical exam expiration dates, especially in light of the recent health issues in the country and the need to actively review the physical and mental health of all students who have been impacted.

Because of these factors, it does not seem a prudent course of action to waive the deadline.

**Motion Passed:** That the Board seeks no alternative action that would permit the extension of expiration dates for any sports physical and continue to endorse the requirements contained in KRS 156.070. passed with a motion by Darrell Billings and a second by Scott Hawkins. Reed Adkins Yes, Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Mark Evans, Yes Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

### **Adopt Policy Statement on Additional Eligibility**

A statement had been issued by the Commissioner as an interpretation of KHSAA Bylaws per the Constitution of the Association. The request was to have the interpretation adopted as a Board Policy Statement and included in the appropriate section of the Board adopted policies.

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the interpretation as a policy statement on behalf of the Board of Control. passed with a motion by Jeff Saylor and a second by Trent Lovett. Reed Adkins Yes, Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Mark Evans, Yes Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

### **General Review of Ongoing Covid-19 Challenges including Guidance Documents**

#### **Consider Application of the Dead Period (Bylaw 24, Sec. 3 only) for 2020 Only**

Commissioner Tackett requested the Board review and determine, in light of the Governor's decision on the timeline of youth sports, the applicability of the Dead Period (Bylaw 24, Sec. 3) for 2020.

**Motion Passed:** To eliminate the Dead Period of June 28-July 9 inclusive for the summer of 2020 passed with a motion by Mark Evans and a second by Reed Adkins. Reed Adkins Yes, Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Donna Bumps No, Mike Clines Yes, Mark Evans, Yes Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore No, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Jeff Saylor No, Matt Wilhoite No, Jerry Wyman No.

#### **Consider Instituting New Period of June 1 To June 14 for Non-Mandatory Contact Between Players and Coaches (With No Athletic Activity Allowed)**

The KHSAA adopted facility restrictions via bylaw interpretations by the Commissioner from May 1 to May 31, with public statements that the period would be reevaluated for the June 1 period and beyond using the following criteria.

To consider the resumption of on-campus activities or change the restrictions on participants or coaches as the Commissioner and Board of Control discuss the periods beyond May 31, the following factors will be considered:

The status of the Governor's statement on the record that no athletics be able to be held until at least July (April 29, 2020 briefing);

The status of the Governor's statement on the record about competitive athletics (April 28) not being included until AT LEAST the conclusion of Phase 1;

The status of the Governor's recommendation for the closing of all school-owned property to schools and all activities through June 30, 2020, is not revised or rescinded;

The ability of facilities, participants and coaches to strictly adhere to all state guidelines in place during this situation;

The ability of facilities, participants and coaches to strictly adhere to all federal guidelines for re-opening;

The ability of facilities, participants and coaches to strictly adhere to all CDC recommendations for hosting events - (which limited events to ten people through at least phase one of the economic recovery periods); and

The ability to strictly adhere to all county, school/school district, local health department, and local municipality regulations (which will likely require written consultation with the appropriate county, school district, or municipality officials or info listed at the county, school/school district or municipality websites).

The May 1 (and beyond) directives restricted both students and coaches from participating in sports-specific activity at a facility owned by the KHSAA member school Board of Education.

The May 1 (and beyond) directives restricted coaches from being involved with rostered athletes on or off-campus, except for the end of year activities conducted per state and local laws and orders, approved by local health departments and conducted per the KDE Guidance on the end of year activities.

The May 1 (and beyond) directives contained nothing related to students (or repercussions) participating in out of state activity conducted per that state's laws and orders. All parents were given guidance to ensure that they were aware of local rules as well as current CDC guidance.

On May 22, Governor Andy Beshear issued statewide guidance for the resumption of youth sports, which necessitates the KHSAA addressing the period June 1 for all facilities owned by member schools. The authority and requirement to take any action are contained in KRS 156.070 and 702 KAR 7:065.

**Motion Passed:** With the approval of the local school district and local health department, allow for a non-mandatory, non-athletic activity open period with coaches and athletes from June 1 to June 14, 2020, passed with a motion by Darrell Billings and a second by Greg Howard. Reed Adkins Yes, Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Mark Evans, Yes Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the timeline and guidance presented in conjunction with the Governor's May 22 guidance for the period of June 15 to July 28 (unless the timelines are further amended by the Governor) and submit the timeline for approval through the Return to Work provisions of the Commonwealth passed with a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Kim Parker-Brown. Reed Adkins Yes, Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Mark Evans, Yes Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the timeline and guidance presented in conjunction with the Governor's May 22 guidance for the period of June 29 to July 12 (unless the timelines are further amended by the Governor) and submit the timeline for approval through the Return to Work provisions of the Commonwealth passed with a motion by Jeff Saylor and a second by Scott Hawkins. Reed Adkins Yes, Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Mark Evans, Yes Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

## **Adjourn**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn the special May 28, 2020 meeting with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Trent Lovett. Reed Adkins Yes, Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Mark Evans, Yes Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

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Pete Galloway, President

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Date

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Julian Tackett, Commissioner

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Date

# **KHSAA Full Board of Control Listening Session Notes**

March 13, 2020, at 10:00 AM

Via Zoom, Lexington

## **LISTENING SESSIONS**

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### **Attendance Taken at 10:00 AM:**

Present Board Members: Reed Adkins, Bonnie Barnes, Debbie Beichler, Darrell Billings, Donna Bumps, Mark Evans, Scott Hawkins, Greg Howard, Pete Galloway, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller, Lucy Moore, Jeff Saylor, Kirby Smith, Matt Wilhoite, Jerry Wyman. Absent Board Member: Mike Clines.

Guest: David Couch, Kentucky Department of Education.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Butch Cope, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Chad Collins, Joe Angolia, Rob Catron, Dan White, and Marilyn Mitchell.

This was an emergency remote meeting called by Commissioner Tackett to update the Board on the effect of the Covid-19 shutdown as it pertained to the suspension of both the boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments and moving forward on spring sports.

The following items were discussed with no action taken.

1. Correspondence to go out concerning Spring football cancellation.
2. A dead period enacted until at least April 12 and revisited at the time in keeping with CDC and the Governor's Office guidelines.
3. The rescinding of all interstate sanctions previously approved.
4. Information to come on possible refunds for either suspended basketball tournament.
5. The financial status of the KHSAA

## **KHSAA Full Board of Control Listening Session Notes**

March 19, 2020, at 10:00 AM

Via Zoom, Lexington

### **LISTENING SESSIONS**

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### **Attendance Taken at 10:00 AM:**

Present Board Members: Bonnie Barnes, Debbie Beichler, Darrell Billings, Mike Clines, Mark Evans, Pete Galloway, Greg Howard, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller, Lucy Moore, Kim Parker-Brown, Jeff Saylor, Kirby Smith, Matt Wilhoite, Jerry Wyman. Incoming Board Members: Taylora Schlosser, Russell Thompson.

Guest: David Couch, Kentucky Department of Education.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Butch Cope, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Chad Collins, Joe Angolia, Rob Catron, Dan White, and Marilyn Mitchell.

This was an emergency remote session called by Commissioner Tackett to update the Board on situations related to Covid-19 and the KHSAA.

1. Rupp Arena/Lexington Center Corporation procedure of refunds.
2. A reminder that the tournaments are suspended, not canceled at this time.
3. Discussion on setting up a 2020 tax receipt and thank you correspondence for those deciding to donate boys or girls basketball ticket money.
4. Staff will work from home remotely. The offices of the KHSAA are officially closed until the end of March per the Governor's order and will be re-evaluated at that time.
5. Continued dead period discussion and update.
6. Consideration of virtual May Board Meeting.

## **KHSAA Full Board of Control Listening Session Notes**

April 3, 2020, at 11:00 AM  
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### **LISTENING SESSIONS**

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### **Attendance Taken at 11:00 AM:**

Present Board Members: Bonnie Barnes, Debbie Beichler, Darrell Billings, Donna Bumps, Mike Clines, Pete Galloway, Scott Hawkins, Greg Howard, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller, Lucy Moore, Kim Parker-Brown, Jeff Saylor, Kirby Smith, Matt Wilhoite, Jerry Wyman.

Guest: David Couch Kentucky Department of Education.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Butch Cope, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Chad Collins, Joe Angolia, Rob Catron, Dan White, and Marilyn Mitchell.

This was an emergency remote session called by Commissioner Tackett to update the Board on situations related to Covid-19 and the KHSAA.

The following items were discussed with no action taken:

1. Possibility of class resumption
2. Discussion of dates and sites
3. Updates as they pertain to anything Covid-19 related.
4. The dead period remains until schools are reopened.
5. The suspension of the HYPE Conference for 2020
6. Information on the Paycheck Protection Program
7. Timing of sending schools dues for the 2021-2020 year.



## **KHSAA Full Board of Control Listening Session Notes**

April 29, 2020, at 10:30 AM  
Via Zoom, Lexington

### **LISTENING SESSIONS**

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### **Attendance Taken at 11:00 AM:**

Present Board Members: Reed Adkins, Bonnie Barnes, Debbie Beichler, Darrell Billings, Donna Bumps, Mark Evans, Scott Hawkins, Greg Howard, Pete Galloway, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller, Lucy Moore, Kim Parker-Brown, Jeff Saylor, Kirby Smith, Matt Wilhoite, Jerry Wyman. Absent Board Member: Mike Clines.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Butch Cope, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Dan White, and Marilyn Mitchell.

This was an emergency remote session called by Commissioner Tackett to update the Board on situations related to Covid-19 and the KHSAA.

Everything we did was in concert with the State Health department through the Governor's office. Always said May would be reevaluated.

Discussion on how to move forward into May

Look at blogpost

## **KHSAA Full Board of Control Listening Session Notes**

May 20, 2020, at 6:00 PM  
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### **LISTENING SESSIONS**

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### **Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:**

Present Board Members: Debbie Beichler, Donna Bumps, Mark Evans, Pete Galloway, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller, Lucy Moore, Kim Parker-Brown, Jeff Saylor, Jerry Wyman. Incoming Board Members: Taylora Schlosser, Russell Thompson.

Guest: David Couch, Department of Education.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Butch Cope, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Dan White, and Marilyn Mitchell.

This was an emergency remote session called by Commissioner Tackett to update the Board on situations related to Covid-19 and the KHSAA. Due to conflicts of schedules, these meeting topics were covered again on May 22, 2020.

There was no action taken.

### **Items Reviewed:**

1. KHSAA Public statement about the NFHS document in a note to schools
2. Important guidance that will influence our return
3. June Period
4. Coach Restrictions after May 31
5. Original Bylaw 24 Period
6. June Board Meeting
7. July Board meeting, July 8, 9 and 10
8. Discussion of extension of physical exam expiration
9. General Updates
10. Membership Dues
11. Select meeting date for action next week regarding June

KHSAA Public statement about the NFHS document in a note to schools:

"The attached document, issued today by the NFHS, which will be widely publicized in the media IS NOT A DECISION-MAKING DOCUMENT OR BINDING POLICY. This will be one of many resources to be used by ours and other states but is not binding on our state or any other state. The NFHS has no legal authority to make decisions of this type. Again, during this pandemic, our best guidance for the resumption of sports will be subject to final approval

at higher levels within our state, however, we will use our best judgment in our recommendations based on all of the information gathered."

Important Guidance that Will Influence our Return:

1. What's happening in other states (early starters with flareups)
2. CDC Guidance on returning to school
3. CDC Guidance on youth
4. sports-<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>
5. Governor's release of youth sports parameters (5/22)

June Period:

1. Option 1 - Keep facilities closed for all athletic competition including anything that simulates sports-specific skills through June 24.
2. Other option - Through June 15 (to marry with the soft/youth sport's opening).
  - a. Through June 30
  - b. Through July 9
3. Need to address virtual tryout option (guidance from Varsity Brands) for cheer and dance, not as relevant for other activities including bowling, archery, esports, bass fishing

Coach Restrictions after May 31:

1. Option 1 - Remove restrictions May 31 and revert to local control (in conjunction with local health departments, and default to state health if local health unwilling to specify answer? We need to remember that many superintendents have mentioned thankfulness that we took that burden off of them.
2. Option 2 - Leave in place restrictions on campus through June 24, except for fall sports (outdoor only) for general conditioning and training. Remove restrictions off-campus provided less than half of normal competition squad are on a team. Eliminate the option to play as a school/team simply by playing outside competition at another site.
3. Option 3 - Remove restrictions on June 15 and revert to local control (in conjunction with local health departments, and default to state health if the local health department is unwilling to specify answer).

Original Bylaw 24 Period:

1. Option 1 - Keep as originally stated
2. Option 2 - Remove for 2020? Local discretion this year
3. Option 3 - Keep facility restriction in place until July 9 but perhaps review coaching allowances for 2020 only.
4. Option 4 - Keep facility restriction in place until July 9 but perhaps review coaching allowances for 2020 only.
5. Option 5 - Address mid-June after the feedback period.

June Board Meeting:

Guidance conducting a June meeting at the office from the Fayette County Health Department was sought. Currently, in-person meeting with 30 attendees is not permitted. If meeting in person, the public would not be permitted (which is part of the current guidance for meetings) who wish to come. A means to live stream would have to be developed to ensure compliance with open meetings act.

July Board meeting, July 8, 9 and 10:

Preliminarily, travel on July 8, work session and meeting, several short sessions with long breaks due to current COVID restrictions on July 9, July 10 return home

Discussion of extension of physical exam expiration

1. NFHS Policy Statement and flaws with that statement
2. KMA Sports Medicine Committee met May 21 and recommended NOT to extend physical date (need for strong primary care-patient relationship, lengthy shut down for so many medical providers, psychological assessment opportunity for primary care to review patient)

General Updates

1. Extend all spring sports hosting to 2021
2. Finance Review
3. Office Return to Work plan
4. Due Process
5. Membership Dues
  - a. Extend the due date for membership dues to December 1, 2020
  - b. Leave deadline as September 1
  - c. No change in dues structure
6. Select the meeting date for action next meeting regarding June.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Bumps with a second by Debbie Beichler passed unanimously.

## **KHSAA Full Board of Control Listening Session Notes**

May 22, 2020, at 9:00 AM  
Via Zoom, Lexington

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### **Attendance Taken at 9:00 AM**

Present Board Members: Bonnie Barnes, Darrell Billings, Mike Clines, Pete Galloway, Scott Hawkins, Greg Howard, Marlon Miller, Lucy Moore, Kirby Smith, Matt Wilhoite. Incoming Board Member: Larry Coldiron.

Guest: David Couch, Kentucky Department of Education.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Butch Cope, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Dan White, and Marilyn Mitchell.

This was an emergency remote session called by Commissioner Tackett to update the Board on situations related to Covid-19 and the KHSAA. Due to conflicts of schedules, these meeting topics were covered again on May 20, 2020.

There was no action taken.

### **Items Reviewed:**

1. KHSAA Public statement about the NFHS document in a note to schools
2. Important guidance that will influence our return
3. June Period
4. Coach Restrictions after May 31
5. Original Bylaw 24 Period
6. June Board Meeting
7. July Board meeting, July 8, 9 and 10
8. Discussion of extension of physical exam expiration
9. General Updates
10. Membership Dues
11. Select meeting date for action next week regarding June

## **KHSAA Full Board of Control Listening Session Notes**

June 23, 2020, at 9:30 AM

Via Zoom, Lexington

### **LISTENING SESSIONS**

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### **Attendance Was Taken at 9:30 AM:**

Present Board Members: Bonnie Barnes, Debbie Beichler, Darrell Billings, Donna Bumps, Mike Clines, Mark Evans, Pete Galloway, Scott Hawkins, Greg Howard, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller, Matt Wilhoite, Jerry Wyman. Incoming Board Members: Larry Coldiron, Taylora Schlosser.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Butch Cope, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Chad Collins, and Marilyn Mitchell.

Guest: Mike Leadingham, Kentucky Department of Education

This was an emergency remote session called by Commissioner Tackett to update the Board on situations related to Covid-19 and the KHSAA.

1. Fall Status Communication:
  - a. Communication with both Governor's office and Legislature Guidance for beyond July 12.
  - b. The recent surge in the country is a concern but doesn't seem as impactful in KY at this time.
2. Steps to Date:
  - a. The staff has identified issues (both rules related and others) in each sport or sport-activity for school consideration.
  - b. NFHS has identified specific rules alterations to assist, however many are theoretical and with little substance.
  - c. Staff will have further possible alternatives relative to practice.
  - d. Staff continually monitoring communication and information from around the country, particularly in early-opening states. Many issues only related to our state events or larger regular-season events (i.e. XC restrooms, XC start, GF awards, etc.).
3. Next Steps Association:
  - a. Clarifications to schools based on questions - allowances for equipment, etc. Also, a reminder that the local health department cannot supersede policies by making them more lenient.
  - b. Next segment - July 13 to 26, all sports still in preseason however, game preparation should be allowed to begin in low contact sports.
  - c. No play against an outside entity? Intrasquad scrimmage?
  - d. Following segment - July 27 to August 9, contests begin in golf. Discussion needed on scrimmages both intrasquad and interscholastic

- e. Discussion of multiple team events. Schools should review schedules.
  - f. Board of Education approval for trips over 90 minutes if bus utilized Same requirements for bus travel for athletics as other situations (social distancing or masks, etc.)
  - g. Football. Touch, practice requirements, phasing in of equipment. Likely needs a minimum of three weeks before the first game.
  - h. Specific FB issues:
    - i. Appears school preference is to start at the point in the season when we can (truncate schedule weeks if shortening is necessary). I.e., start the season with week 3 as to avoid massive rescheduling. Mouthpieces, compliance during early workouts? Especially masking and social distancing, Contact, symptom checks, the feasibility of normal 7 on 7 work.
    - i. Partnering with in-person learning (athletics can't shut down school). Testing (especially while free). Recommend mass testing upon the start of the segment to eliminate or identify asymptomatic spreaders (particularly well in advance of school starting).
      - i. It is not KHSAA role to be scientists in evaluating tests or methods Policies for postseason play if outbreak i.e. as in district games not being able to be played, counts for both i.e. RPI considerations, could be canceled as out of state wins, RIP breaks ties
4. Next Steps Schools
- a. Amend emergency plans to include team policy on Covid-19 outbreak policies for schools if outbreak or positive tests occur
5. Future Steps – Attendance
- a. KHSAA Proposal being drafted. Outdoor attendance limits likely mirror church requirements ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) indoor attendance limits likely  $\frac{1}{3}$  until additional CDC guidance Insistence on social distancing and masking requirements for non-participants including all adult staff and student staff not involved in actual play
    - i. Insistence on certain alterations (ball rotations, cleaning off any shared equipment) CDC mass gathering guidance
6. Future Discussions
- a. Have to consider four alternatives:
    - i. Plow on. sort of plow on, plan for possible starting late (some schools backing in and out, etc.).
    - ii. Switch specific spring and fall sports (BA/FB, FP/VB, etc).
    - iii. Start sports in December. Winter first, then fall, then spring. Every sports season would have 8 weeks plus the abbreviated postseason. Cut seasons by 20 to 25%, shared pain.
7. Board Meeting
- a. BC/SB In-person - Covington, Embassy Suites. An email will be forthcoming for travel and housing details.
  - b. The tentative Current plan:
    - i. Travel on July 8. First meeting mid-morning on Thursday, July 9, Executive Committee review personnel and budget. Post lunch, 1st work session, comprehensive financial review, comprehensive review of data known at that point. Late afternoon free time and potential social opportunities (on your own or small groups). Friday, July 10, complete work session, break, and Board Meeting.
  - c. Decision points: alternative attendance for those not comfortable in person or deemed at risk, streaming, meals, travel

There was no action taken on any items discussed at these listening sessions.

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Pete Galloway, President

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