

## **Full Board of Control**

January 18, 2023 at 11:30 AM  
KHSAA Office, Lexington, KY

### **Attendance Taken at 11:30 AM:**

#### Present Board Members:

Debbie Beichler, Larry Coldiron, Brian Courtney, Jim Demler, Joe Henderson, Claudette Herald, Greg Howard, Damon Kelley, Randy McCallon, Lucy Moore, Angela Passafiume, Michael Phillips, Russell Thompson, Gavin Washington, Matt Wilhoite, and David Zuberer.

#### Absent Board Members:

Darrell Billings

#### Present Others:

Jerry Don Combs (Leslie County Schools), Daniel Day (Leslie County Schools), Eddie Melton (Leslie County Schools), Anthony Little (Leslie County Schools), Jason Frakes (Courier Journal), Britt Lawson (Harlan Independent), Jared Peck (Herald Leader), DT Wells (Scott County Schools) and Jim McKee (Scott County).

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Joe Angolia, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Butch Cope, Jenny Elder, Connor Link, and Kara Howard.

Attachments can be found at the following link:

<https://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4374&AgencyTypeID=1&BeginDate=07-01-2022&EndDate=06-30-2023>

### **Orientation items**

### **Adjourn Full Board into Work Session**

### **Convene Full Board of Control Meeting**

### **Pledge of Allegiance- Brian Courtney**

### **Executive Session to Review Legal Matters**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Considered approval of going into executive session per KRS 61.810 subsection (c) passed with a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Greg Howard. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Considered approval of coming out executive session per KRS 61.810 subsection (c) passed with a motion by Greg Howard and second by Gavin Washington. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Absent, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Absent, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Reflection-** Greg Howard gave a reflection of a former athlete that he coached that has passed on. Mr. Howard reflected on the impact that is made daily on these kids and the importance of having athletics and having a place to turn to.

### **Items Referred from Work Session**

### **Items for Information of the Board**

A series of reports informed the Board of Control on the distribution of trophies.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the following reports from the work session passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Marty Mills. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

### **Marketing Sales Status Report from TPG Sales**

Sara Hacker reported that she is 84% towards the goal of sales already in the new year. She hopes for 120% by March. She also reported that she has a lot of pitches out and is looking forward to what is to come.

### **Legislative Report and Status of Regulations**

The Commissioner and staff reported on the status of both the general assembly and the promulgation of the KHSAA regulations. The Commissioner reported that the home school bill is on the table and would allow home school kids to play athletics for member schools. He also noted that the regulations that were passed during the annual meeting are working their way through the process.

### **Sports Reports from Staff**

Written reports were submitted by the Commissioner's office specific to recently completed or upcoming championships.

### **Officials Licensing Comparison**

Mr. Cope reported that though we ended the year breaking even on the number of officials. We are still short in every sport. The Commissioner and Mr. Cope are attending a NFHS Officials Convention that will help generate ideas and a course of action. Additional ideas will be shared in February.

### **ArbiterSports Update and Regulatory Changes to Officiating Policies**

The Commissioner and Associate Commissioner reviewed upcoming changes around officials licensing procedures. Included in these items is the removal of licensing "levels" and updates around assigning policies. The Commissioner also reported that the transition to arbitersports continues to be ongoing.

### **Status Report - Bowling Green High School**

As part of its June 23, 2022 agreed order in a past matter, a status report for Bowling Green was provided. Mr. Angolia reported he has been communicating with Bowling Green and the second coaches training is in the process of being finalized. The first coaches training had a turnout of 59 coaches.

### **Status of Bylaw 11 Financial Aid Reports**

Assistant Commissioner Bridenbaugh reminded the schools that the financial aid report is due February 1st. She will report back at the February meeting with how many schools have submitted their reports.

### **Prime Date Requirement and Update of Information**

Assistant Commissioner Bridenbaugh reported a list of 38 schools that were not in compliance and that those schools have been notified. There were 21 schools of that 38 that were on the list of never being in compliance. The final report will come at the end of the season.

### **Information from Around the State and Nation**

Additional Information reviewed as provided by the staff with this regular part of the board agenda.

### **Review Timeline of Officer Elections**

The Board of Control annually elects from its membership, a President-elect to serve the following year, and then transition to the President position in the second year following.

Board members were reminded that the officers for the following year are elected at the 5th meeting of the year, which will be held on February 22, as adopted, the procedure for the election is as follows:

#### **A. ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATIONS**

To be eligible to seek the position of President-elect, the individual shall be in at least the second year (rising to the third year) of his/her first term, or in his/her second term.

Nominations shall be made in open session with a motion from a sitting member of the Board of Control. No second shall be required for the nomination.

#### **B. BALLOTING**

Balloting shall be done in open session with a public vote.

##### **1. ELECTIONS WITH ONE CANDIDATE**

In an election with one candidate, the candidate shall receive at least ten (10) votes to be elected or may be elected by approval of a properly made motion to accept the candidate by acclamation.

##### **2. ELECTIONS WITH TWO CANDIDATES**

In an election with two candidates, a candidate shall receive at least ten (10) votes to be elected.

A ballot that is tied or in which no candidate receives ten (10) votes shall be repeated a maximum of two times. If three ballots are held with no member receiving ten (10) votes, the election shall be decided by a coin toss with the candidate alphabetically listed first having "heads" on the coin.

### 3. ELECTIONS WITH MORE THAN TWO CANDIDATES

In an election with more than two candidates, a candidate shall receive at least ten (10) votes to be elected.

If no candidate receives ten (10) votes and one candidate has a greater number of votes than the other two (2) candidates, and the other candidates not having the greater number of votes are tied, a candidate shall be eliminated by coin toss with the candidate alphabetically listed first having "heads" on the coin. The election shall then proceed according to either section (2) or (3) above based on the number of remaining candidates.

If no candidates receive ten (10) votes and one candidate has a greater number of votes than the other two (2) candidates, and the other candidates not having the greater number of votes are not tied, the candidate shall be eliminated with the fewest votes. The election shall then proceed according to either section (2) or (3) above based on the number of remaining candidates.

The current Board classes are listed below (with eligible officer members under the previously adopted policy underlined). It is further noted that any third-year member (rising to fourth) who cannot seek an additional term could seek the position but would not be able to serve as president after expiration of board eligibility):

2023 (4th year)

Beichler, Debbie

Howard, Greg \*

Moore, Lucy

Wilhoite, Matt \*

2024 (3rd year)

Billings, Darrell

Demler, James \*

Coldiron, Larry \*

Herald, Claudette \*

Thompson, Russell \*

2025 (2nd year)

Henderson, Joe \*

Kelley, Damon \*

Mills, Marty \*

Washington, Gavin \*

2026 (1st year)

Courtney, Brian \*

McCallon, Randy \*

Passafiume, Angela

Phillips, Michael \*

Zuberer, David \*

\* Eligible to seek Additional Term

### **Transfer and Eligibility Report**

As a routine matter, these reports were provided to the Board of Control. In some cases, these contain state and federally protected material and should be held in confidence.

### **Minutes- November Board of Control Meeting**

#### **Items for Review for Action at Later Meeting**

Following review of these items, a single motion was requested to accept these reports, including any Board member feedback.

#### **Statistical Records Reminders and Discussion - SB128 Students**

The Commissioner and staff reviewed ongoing procedural matters surrounding performance records set by SB128 students. Inquiries regarding 5th year students that are breaking records there will be denotation on how to mark those records. These students are not to be compared to students that are 4-year students.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accept the report and information and direct appropriate action by the Commissioner's office passed with a motion by Lucy Moore and a second by Greg Howard. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

#### **Triennial Survey Report**

The Triennial Survey Results detailed there is interest in adding more sports and activities. The Commissioner reported that female bass fishing, female wrestling and indoor track and field are the sports and activities among those looking to be added. Commissioner and staff will come back in the February meeting with more information about surveys and how to move forward with adding these events as well as further discussion on additional staffing. The projected time is 2023-2024 school year.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Request is to accept the report as part of this agenda segment, and direct additional surveys and staff reporting at the February meeting passed with a motion by Joe Henderson and a second by Gavin Washington. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

#### **Items for Action by the Board**

## **Approval of Adjustments to Football Specific RPI Revision, First Two "Downplay" Exemption**

Before the 2022 season, the Board asked for RPI review based on assertions among schools that it impacts scheduling. Multiple comparisons and studies have been run on amending several parts of the formula. At issue is the "class" factor portion of the RPI calculation. The data from 2019 and 2022 was presented.

The hypothesis of the study determined if recent changes made in the Colorado RPI formula, which was the catalyst for adoption here, would be helpful in those situations where small schools playing large schools caused "perceived" disadvantages. The change in Colorado allowed for the first two "downplay" games on any schedule not to have the lower-class factor applied. In this way, teams would feel perhaps "freer" to play against teams regardless of size.

The data proved what was known all along. A win over a smaller school does not statistically or mathematically penalize the larger school with any level of significance. The RPI is calculated to the fifth decimal place, and the data verified you had to get to the third, fourth or fifth decimal place to even see changes. In terms of comparative rankings, the general impact was the switching of two positions (i.e., 7th to 8th, 8th to 7th) and not movement of significance in the ranking. Simply put, in 99% of the cases, RPI is simply an excuse for a larger school not to play a stronger smaller school. But it does not carry statistical validity, especially in football where 1000 games go into each team's final RPI.

Nonetheless, if this change encourages schools to disregard RPI in scheduling (when larger schools are considering scheduling smaller schools), then it is a good move. The change would have no impact on a smaller school playing against a larger school and that school would continue to be aided by playing and winning over that larger school. All should keep in mind that the number one factor in RPI is winning the contest. The score doesn't matter. The week number doesn't matter. But winning does matter.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Recommended in football only, the RPI out of state factor remain unchanged for 2023 and the first two downplayed games do not have a class factor applied in calculating RPI. passed with a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Randy McCallon. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

## **Approval of Adjustment to FB Specific RPI for Any Team Withdrawing From Competition in District Play**

The 2022 season saw a very unusual situation with the withdrawal of two teams from district play once contracts were signed and seasons started. When those teams (Phelps and Bellevue) withdrew, the resultant recalculation of RPI impacted one or more schools, although not to a statistically significant level.

This change would leave the RPI class factor the same for any school that withdraws during the season at the level of that team when the contract was signed, instead of defaulting to no-class factor (equivalent to eight-player level).

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Applied to the start of the season class factor to all teams that withdraw from competition in terms of the RPI calculation. Passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Michael Phillips. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Discussion Related to Football Alignment Period 2023 and Beyond**  
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1CMucruly3WH6skhbxN8tJ8fwOyMOn1s&ll=37.825963295549045%2C-85.85081149999999&z=8>

### **Draft Feedback Report (staff and round table)**

The Commissioner, Staff and the Board members will share feedback on what hopefully is a unique occurrence, given the pace of this realignment consideration due to a lack of enrollment numbers during the primary part of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the report passed with a motion by Angela Passafiume and a second by Jim Demler. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

### **Discussion and Resolution of Possible Three Team Districts (Geographic Travel Concerns)**

Due to geographic concerns, in the past the Board approved taking what looked like two four team districts and making them a three and a five-team district. The 5th place team in the 5-team district would then be bracketed as the fourth-place team in the three-team district solely to ensure brackets were full for the playoffs.

There does not seem to be any membership sentiment to requiring teams in a three-team district to play twice in the same season for the same reason the coaches lobbied so hard a year ago to play "different teams" in the playoffs.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the report passed with a motion by Russell Thompson and a second by Marty Mills. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

### **Consider alignment Period for Two Years vs. Four Years with 2025 and Beyond Considered in 2023-24**

The current enrollment data used for the 2023 and 2024 classifications are from the 2019-20 and 2022-23 school years. Following significant discussion, it is likely the best course for the board to adopt only a two-year alignment. The reasons are several folds - Is it logical to schedule 2026 football games using 2019 enrollment data? Though less than eight schools would be in a different

draft class had the 2019 data not been used, getting more recent data will help the long-term credibility of the enrollment boundaries.

With the constant post pandemic shifts in enrollment, particularly in light of recent legislation, the "rolling off" of 2019-20 data would seem to give a more logical prediction of school size. The realignment process could begin anew next year (following receipt of fall 2023 enrollment numbers), and be completed by February of 2024, giving schools more than one year to resolve scheduling issues for 2025 and beyond.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Adopted the term of the current enrollment at two years, effective for the 2023 and 2024 playing seasons. Passed with a motion by Lucy Moore and a second by Debbie Beichler. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

### **Adoption of Scheduling Grid**

Routine adoption of the schedule grid for the 2023 and 2024 seasons is a formality that must be done within the competition rules. The grid has allowances for the group of schools together to use a different week if needed for school calendar adoption issues (fall breaks) or for special circumstances simply by consulting with the Commissioner's office. Details were also shared about one of our neighboring states having to become even more involved in scheduling due to the shortage of officials.

The grid is located at <https://khsaa.org/2023-2026-mandatory-district-scheduling-grid-draft/>

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Approved the adoption of the scheduling grid for the term approved in consideration of item 7.3.3 passed with a motion by Brian Courtney and a second by Jim Demler. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

### **Consideration of Fort Knox Request to Play in Lower Class**

As part of routine correspondence following the draft of the class listings, Fort Knox requested to play into a class lower than its enrollment permits, due to its enrollment fluctuation. There is no provision in the competition rules for any team to play in a class lower than its enrollment dictates. The school had been advised of this fact.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Denied the request passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Michael Phillips. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

### **Consideration of Madisonville-North Hopkins Request to Play in Lower Class**



As part of routine correspondence following the draft of the class listings, Madisonville-North Hopkins requested to play into a class lower than its enrollment permits, due to its anticipated school redistricting in Hopkins County. There is no provision in the competition rules for any team to play in a class lower than its enrollment dictates, particularly not based on speculative data.

Once the Board determines its course, issues such as "senior-option" and other allowances could alter the planned "equal distribution" of students and is not a known quantity. In addition, if item 7.3.3 is approved, it is likely the full impact of this redistricting will not be known during that period. The school has been advised of these facts by various sources.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Denied the request passed with a motion by David Zuberer and a second by Larry Coldiron. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

### **Review Draft Alignment of Each Class**

It has been the past practice of the Board to consider the alignment of teams one class at a time after reviewing any submitted requests.

#### **Class 1A**

Harlan

Following release of alignment, Harlan is requesting a revision in the alignment. Harlan proposes that District 8 be composed of Paintsville, Pikeville and Hazard; and District 7 be composed of Harlan, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, Pineville and Williamsburg. In addition, Harlan proposes that the 5th place team in District 7 be the 4th place team in District 8 for the purpose of playoff bracketing. All Superintendents in District 7 support this move.

Current map -

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Current Draft

Class 1A

- 1- Ballard Memorial, Caverna, Fulton County, Russellville
- 2- Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day
- 3- Bellevue, Dayton, Newport, Newport Central Catholic
- 4- Bishop Brossart, Holy Cross (Covington), Ludlow, Trimble County
- 5- Berea, Eminence, Frankfort, Sayre
- 6- Fairview, Nicholas County, Paris, Raceland
- 7- Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, Pineville, Williamsburg
- 8- Harlan, Hazard, Paintsville, Pikeville

#### **Consideration of Request from Harlan High School**

Harlan following release of alignment, Harlan is requesting a revision in the alignment. Harlan proposes that District 8 be composed of Paintsville, Pikeville and Hazard; and District 7 be composed of Harlan, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, Pineville and Williamsburg. In addition, Harlan proposes that the 5th place team in District 7 be the 4th place team in District 8 for the purpose of playoff bracketing. All Superintendents in District 7 support this move.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Based on past precedent in Class 4A/6A, recommended approval passed with a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Russell Thompson. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Adoption of Class 1A Alignment for period**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** After consideration of possible changes, approved draft as final passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Angela Passafiume. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Class 2A**

Leslie County has asked to appear in the public comment session. No specifics have been given

		BREA	DANV	LESL	SOME
		1413 Elm St, Jackson, KY 41339, USA	203 E Lexington Ave, Danville, KY 40422, USA	10 Cr-1073, Hyden, KY 41749, USA	200 College St, Somerset, KY 42501, USA
BREA	1413 Elm St, Jackson, KY 41339, USA		119 mi	48.4 mi	93.1 mi
DANV	203 E Lexington Ave, Danville, KY 40422, USA	109 mi		105 mi	43.5 mi
LESL	10 Cr-1073, Hyden, KY 41749, USA	48.4 mi	105 mi		81.5 mi
SOME	200 College St, Somerset, KY 42501, USA	93.3 mi	43.8 mi	80.9 mi	

**Washington County**

Originally, the principal at Washington County applied to move from 2A to 3A. The Coach and AD inquired about differing opinions as well. The school was advised to get together and make a decision.

Through the Associate AD and Designated Representative, the request was removed on December 15. That issue apparently is still divided within the building, but based on the correspondence from the Designated Representative, Washington County was left in Class 2A.

Principal has acknowledged communication issues and was NOT copied on the correspondence from the AD and Assoc. AD (at least not publicly copied)

**West Carter**

Filled out the form to play up. Then, in the form, detailed a series of historical placements, etc. In the end, they had requested to play up. It is possible they will ask to withdraw that request and be placed in a district with additional travel.

Subsequent to this note, West Carter has officially rescinded its request to play into a higher class.

Ultimately, their desire is to be placed at the 5th team in District 7 along with Floyd Central, Knott County, Martin County and Prestonsburg

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#### Current Draft

##### Class 2A

- 1- Caldwell County, Crittenden County, Mayfield, Murray
- 2- Edmonson County, Fort Campbell, Owensboro Catholic, Todd County Central
- 3- Clinton County, Green County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County
- 4- Fort Knox, Lexington Christian, Shawnee, Washington County, WEB DuBois\*\*
- 5- Beechwood, Bracken County, Carroll County, Gallatin County, Owen County, Walton-Verona
- 6- Breathitt County, Danville, Leslie County, Somerset
- 7- Floyd Central, Knott County Central, Martin County, Prestonsburg
- 8- Betsy Layne, East Ridge, Pike County Central, Shelby Valle

#### **West Carter Request to Rescind Playing Up**

West Carter

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Subsequent to this note, West Carter has officially rescinded its request to play into a higher class. Ultimately, their desire is to be placed at the 5th team in District 7 along with Floyd Central, Knott County, Martin County and Prestonsburg. As a note, Knott County Central has verified that they fully intend to compete in the district in 2023 and 2024.

**Motion Passed (14-3):** Following discussion, the board denied the request with a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Michael Phillips. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron No, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills absent, Lucy Moore No, Angela Passafiume absent, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson No, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

#### **Consider request from Leslie County**

**Motion Failed (7-9):** Approved the request and directed the bracketing to state that the 5th place team in district 5 would become the 4th place team in district 6. ALTERNATIVE: Deny the request failed with a motion by Joe Henderson and a second by Russell Thompson. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney No, Jim Demler No, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald No, Greg Howard No, Damon Kelley No, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills

No, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips No, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington No, Matt Wilhoite No, David Zuberer No.

**Adoption of Class 2A Alignment for Period**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** After consideration of possible changes, approved draft as final passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Michael Phillips. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Class 3A**

Rockcastle County sits directly between District 4 and District 8, and was placed as the 5th team in District 4. Rockcastle request is to move from District 4 to District 7, which contains at least two of their opponents from the current district.

It would be geographically sound to approve this move.

Current map  
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**Current Draft**

**Class 3A**

- 1- Hancock County, Hopkins County Central, McLean County, Trigg County, Union County, Webster County
- 2- Adair County, Butler County, Franklin-Simpson, Glasgow, Hart County
- 3- Central, Christian Academy-Louisville, Elizabethtown, LaRue County
- 4- Casey County, Garrard County, Marion County, Mercer County, Rockcastle County
- 5- Bourbon County, Lexington Catholic, Lloyd Memorial, Pendleton County
- 6- Bath County, East Carter, Fleming County, Lewis County, Russell, West Carter
- 7- Bell County, Clay County, Knox Central, McCreary Central
- 8- Belfry, Estill County, Lawrence County, Magoffin County, Morgan County, Powell County

**Consideration of Rockcastle County Geographic Request**

Rockcastle County sits directly between District 4 and District 8, and was placed as the 5th team in District 4. Rockcastle's request is to move from District 4 to District 7, which contains at least two of their opponents from the current district. It would be geographically sound to approve this move.

**Motion Passed (16-1):** Approved the request passed with a motion by Russell Thompson and a second by Claudette Herald. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer No.

**Adoption of Class 3A Alignment for Period**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** After consideration of possible changes, approved draft as final passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Angela Passafiume. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Class 4A**

Current map -  
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1nbxYYL4A6NtvbbUlfyhTrbYMnwhLOiE&ll=37.63358629879511%2C-86.1041330078125&z=8>

Current Draft

Class 4A

- 1- Allen County-Scottsville, Calloway County, Hopkinsville, Logan County, Paducah Tilghman, Warren East
- 2- Bardstown, Breckinridge County, John Hardin, Nelson County, Thomas Nelson
- 3- DeSales, Doss, Jeffersontown, Valley, Waggener, Western
- 4- Franklin County, Henry County, North Oldham, Shelby County, Spencer County, Western Hills
- 5- Covington Catholic, Grant County, Harrison County, Holmes, Mason County
- 6- Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Greenup County, Johnson Central, Rowan County
- 7- Boyle County, Lincoln County, Russell County, Taylor County, Wayne County
- 8- Corbin, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central, Whitley County

**Adoption of Class 4A Alignment for Period**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** After consideration of any possible changes, approved draft as final for 2023 and 2024 passed with a motion by Gavin Washington and a second by Larry Coldiron. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Class 5A**

Districts 1 and 2. Only 11 schools west of time zone line in 5A significant distance one east of time zone line to pick up another school (Bullitt County or Somerset)

Travel data available

Current map -

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1W122A47hDkLe4goFFdb-1HBqnUODy1Y&ll=37.877050563432675%2C-86.01225600000001&z=8>

Current Draft

Class 5A

- 1- Apollo, Graves County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Marshall County, Muhlenberg County, Owensboro
- 2- Bowling Green, Grayson County, Greenwood, Ohio County, South Warren
- 3- Atherton, Butler, Fairdale, Iroquois

- 4- Bullitt Central, Moore, North Bullitt, Seneca
- 5- Anderson County, Collins, Scott County, South Oldham, Woodford County
- 6- Boone County, Conner, Cooper, Dixie Heights, Highlands, Scott
- 7- East Jessamine, Madison Southern, Montgomery County, West Jessamine
- 8- Harlan County, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern

**Grayson County request for geographic and Travel Move**

Grayson County has requested to be placed in the southern Louisville district (District 4), and supported that request with travel data. This move is consistent with past Board alignment decisions

**Motion Passed (10-7):** Approved the request passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Angela Passafiume. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney No, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley No, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills No, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume No, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington No, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer No.

**South Oldham Request for Geographic and Travel Move (Time)**

South Oldham has requested to be placed in a Louisville district and supported that request with travel data based on policy changes for dismissal from school, especially for non-varsity dates. Based on the other issues in District 4, there would only be one long trip for them to be placed in District 3 (Fairdale) and if the board is so inclined, would keep the two districts (3 and 4) balanced in terms of scheduling.

This move is consistent with past Board alignment decisions:

**Motion Passed (11-6):** Denied the request passed with a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Greg Howard. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney No, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson No, Claudette Herald No, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips No, Russell Thompson No, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite No, David Zuberer Yes.

**Adoption of Class 5A Alignment for Period**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** After consideration of any possible changes, approve draft as final passed with a motion by Marty Mills and a second by Greg Howard. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Class 6A**

Current map -

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1qjS7GrkNwPOCKhK1TL-u9lZZ1IK\\_p2q&ll=37.888236844730535%2C-86.40482149999998&z=8](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1qjS7GrkNwPOCKhK1TL-u9lZZ1IK_p2q&ll=37.888236844730535%2C-86.40482149999998&z=8)

Current Draft  
Class 6A

- 1- Christian County, Daviess County, Henderson County, McCracken County
- 2- Barren County, Central Hardin, North Hardin, Warren Central
- 3- DuPont Manual, Meade County, Pleasure Ridge Park, St. Xavier
- 4- Bullitt East, Fern Creek, Male, Southern
- 5- Ballard, Eastern, Oldham County, Trinity (Louisville)
- 6- Campbell County, Great Crossing, Ryle, Simon Kenton
- 7- Henry Clay, Lafayette, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Tates Creek
- 8- Bryan Station, Frederick Douglass, George Rogers Clark, Madison Central

### **Consideration of Class 6A bracketing Rotation, Districts 3 to 6**

#### **Pairings**

District 3, 4 and 5 (or historically, whoever was aligned as Louisville) have rotated pairings more often than they have not, beginning when the Jefferson County schools began competing in the appropriate class instead of all in the same class.

This proposal would allow for District 6 to be cross-bracketed with Districts 3, 4 and 5 on an alternating basis, mindful that the pairings of 5 and 6 were in place last year.

Recommend pairing Region 4 and 6 as cross brackets in 2023 along with District 3 and 5; then pairing District 3 and 6 as cross brackets in 2024 along with Districts 4 and 5.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Approve the rotating pairings for Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6, with pairing Region 4 and 6 as cross brackets in 2023 along with District 3 and 5; then pairing District 3 and 6 as cross brackets in 2024 along with Districts 4 and 5. Passed with a motion by Mr. David Zuberer and a second by Greg Howard. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

### **Adoption of Class 6A Alignment for Period**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** After consideration of any possible changes, approved draft as final passed with a motion by Larry Coldiron and a second by Marty Mills. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

### **Consideration of Items for Further Research and Details**

As we begin the process for 2023-24, there are issues to discuss and determine if any parameters need to change - Competitive ability hasn't been factored into drafts. Trips to each school are once every two years. The Board will really need to discuss the playing up options and the issues of allowing unlimited playing up (again). (See Meade County letter). Meade County again reminds of the unintended consequences of unlimited playing up. It has been said about the 2A to 3A moves, obviously issues other than geography appear to be at play (See County situation) is another that illustrates the issues.

Does the Board want to look at other states' examples that we have detailed in the past- Do we have enough Urban Students to consider a rural / urban divide as in Florida?



Is the Louisiana model worth studying - select vs. non. select schools? However, it should be noted that some HB563 arrangements would end up with more schools selected than originally anticipated.

Review of the information shared by Boone County High School and solicit any requests for data as the Board begins work on the next classification cycle. The Iowa model is often cited; however, it is a fraction of a fraction that is deleted in Iowa (.4 x FRL percent x enrollment, then subtracted from actual).

In addition, can we validate that the participation percentage of those students on FRL is in fact less? Some argue nationally it could in fact be a higher participation rate (incentive to do and be better).

Whatever change is considered, can it be easily replicated to ensure credibility.

### **Finance and Admin Review**

#### **Approve Financial Report for July 1 to December 31**

The Commissioner and staff will review financial operations since the start of the calendar year. Included in the report is progress on special projects to help with COVID-19 strategies.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the report and approved ongoing operations passed with a motion by Randy McCallon and a second by Debbie Beichler. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

#### **Call on PPP Loan Overage (Assigning Secretaries) from PNC**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the report and direct action in February passed with a motion by Angela Passafiume and a second by Marty Mills. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

#### **Confirm sites for Golf State First Round 2023**

The Board has previously approved two of the three sites for state first round golf. In consultation with both the course and GHOK, it is recommended that the 2023 site for First Round Site 3 be the Winchester Country Club.

Staff will bring the 2024 sites to the February meeting for approval along with site specs and requirements.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Approved the report and selected Winchester Country Club as the site for the State First Round, Site 3. Passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Russell Thompson. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley



Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Consider Jenkins Alignment Request - Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball**

Jenkins requested near the end of last school year to move from Region 15 to Region 14.

In the interim, the Commissioner, Associate Commissioner and Board representatives have met with the member school representatives in both regions.

Both regions unanimously support Jenkins' request to be placed in Region 14, District 53 effective with the 2023-24 school year in all sports that use the basketball alignment as a framework. Members and staff attending can share additional information on discussions in Region 15 to address the fact that they now have only 14 teams.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Approved the placement of Jenkins into Region 14, District 53, effective with the 2023-24 school year. Passed with a motion by Larry Coldiron and a second by Lucy Moore. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Additional of Female Fishing Championship for 2023**

Based on the triennial survey, there is enough interest to have a separately scored division for female bass fishing in the postseason.

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Approved the budget amendment to purchase additional trophies and make any other procedural amendments to allow for girls' only divisions in region and state bass fishing. Passed with a motion by Claudette Herald and a second by Angela Passafiume. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**Strategic Plan Continued Review for Adoption in Spring**

Strategic Review of Priorities-Strategic Plan Including Board Goals

National Priorities

Student Mental, Emotion and Physical Wellness - Value of Participation

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity

Case for Education-Based Athletics

Officiating - Recruitment and Retention

Additional State Priorities

Next Steps - Championship Review in light of changing enrollment patterns

Consideration of Other Factors for the classified sports (??)

Transfer Hall of Fame options to Foundation

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Accepted the report passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Angela Passafiume. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian

Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

**For the Good of the Order**

**Motion Passed (17-0):** Adjourned the meeting passed with a motion by Joe Henderson and a second by Angela Passafiume. Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Absent, Larry Coldiron Yes, Brian Courtney Yes, Jim Demler Yes, Joe Henderson Yes, Claudette Herald Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Damon Kelley Yes, Randy McCallon Yes, Marty Mills Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Angela Passafiume Yes, Michael Phillips Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Gavin Washington Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, David Zuberer Yes.

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Matt Wilhoite, President

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Julian Tackett, Commissioner

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Date