

Minutes of the Board Meeting

April 17, 1980

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the K.H.S.A.A. office on Thursday, April 17, 1980. The meeting was called to order by President Barney Thweatt at 3:00 P.M. with all Board members; Commissioner Tom Mills and Assistant Commissioners Brigid L. DeVries, Louis Stout, and Billy V. Wise present. Conley Manning was present representing the State Department of Education. The invocation was given by Norman Passmore.

President Thweatt welcomed Prin. Walter Pickett, Valley High School, as the newly elected Board of Control member representing Regions 5 and 6. Mr. Pickett is serving out the remaining term of Denzil J. Ramsey who has retired.

President Thweatt also introduced Mike Embry of the Lexington Herald-Leader and Prin. Tom Hood and Ath. Dir. Stan Steidel of Dayton High School.

Pete Grigsby moved, seconded by Norman Passmore, that the minutes of the March meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Commissioner Billy Wise reported the attendance at the Girls' State Basketball Tournament at approximately 21,360 as compared to 28,753 in 1979. The gross receipts from the girls' tournament were approximately \$77,032 with expenses of \$48,276.42.

The Boys' State Basketball Tournament had an attendance of 85,360 and gross receipts of approximately \$343,445 with expenditures of \$90,993.25. A complete audit of both girls and boys tournaments will appear in the August issue of the ATHLETE.

Basketball Committee Chairman J. D. Minnehan presented to the Board a survey form and cover letter pertaining to classification in basketball as requested by President Thweatt during the March Meeting. Mr. Minnehan explained to the Board members that the Basketball Committee does not recommend that a list of pros and cons be formulated by the Commissioner or Board of Control to accompany the survey forms. It is the belief of the members of the Committee that each representative has his or her own opinion as to why there should or should not be classification in basketball and regardless of what is presented by the Board, they leave themselves open to charges of attempting to sway the vote one way or the other. After discussing the contents of the cover letter and survey form, Norman Passmore moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that the Board accept the

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recommendation of the Basketball Committee. The motion passed with a vote of seven (7) ayes and three (3) abstentions.

Mr. Mills read a letter from Prin. Ronald Fentress of Anderson County High School requesting that Anderson County High School and Western Anderson High School be moved from District 29 to District 30 in basketball. After a lengthy discussion and considering the fact that a new school, Bullitt East High School, will be assigned to District 29, Jack Burkich moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the request of Prin. Fentress be granted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills reported to the Board that a new school, Western Hills High School, will open in Franklin County beginning in August 1980. He recommended that Western Hills High School be placed in Basketball District 41. Joe McPherson moved, seconded by Fairce O. Woods, that the Commissioner's recommendation be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Zeb Blankenship presented the Staff Committee report. The following recommendations were presented for consideration by the Board.

1. That the position of Executive Assistant be created and that Billy V. Wise be employed to fill this position at a fee of \$3,000.00 per year in addition to his present salary.
2. That Commissioner Tom Mills be paid an additional fee of \$1,200.00 per year for serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization.
3. That Louis Stout be placed in Rank II on the 1980-81 salary schedule.
4. That all non-certified personnel receive a salary increase of 6.6% for 1980-81.
5. That the following administrative personnel be granted four-year contracts with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association beginning July 1, 1980: Commissioner Tom Mills, Executive Assistant Billy V. Wise, Assistant Commissioners Brigid L. DeVries and Louis Stout.
6. That salary increases for all certified personnel be based upon the Kentucky Department of Education Foundation Program Allotment for Instructional salaries for the 1980-82 biennium.

Zeb Blankenship moved, seconded by Pete Grigsby, that the recommendations of the Staff Committee be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Fairce O. Woods moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that Barney Thweatt and Zeb Blankenship be named Delegate and Alternate, respectively, to the forthcoming annual meeting of the National Federation. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tom Mills requested that the Board set the price of tickets for the 1981 State Basketball Tournaments and recommended that the price be increased 50¢ per ticket. Jack Burkich moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the Board accept the recommendation of the Commissioner to raise the price of the boys and girls state high school basketball tournament tickets from \$4.00 and \$5.00 to \$4.50 and \$5.50, respectively, for 1981. The motion passed.

The officials' fees for registration with the K.H.S.A.A. was discussed. Commissioner Mills explained that the present fee of \$9.00 for registration for the first sport and \$6.00 for each additional sport does not cover the cost to the Board. He explained that the fee includes rule books, shoulder insignia,

copy of the K.H.S.A.A. Constitution and By-Laws, subscription to the ATHLETE, and liability and catastrophe insurance while officiating or traveling to or from assigned games. The Commissioner recommended that the registration fee for officials be set at \$15.00 for the first sport and \$10.00 for each additional sport beginning July 1, 1980. Norman Passmore moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that the recommendation of the Commissioner be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

After a lengthy discussion on the amount of the annual membership fee to be paid by each member school, Zeb Blankenship moved that the following plan be adopted effective July 1, 1980: Each member school shall pay to the Commissioner on or before September 1 and annual membership fee of 10¢ per student enrolled in the upper three grades with a minimum fee of \$35.00 and a maximum fee of \$125.00. The enrollment figures at the close of the first month of the previous school year, as received from the State Department of Education, shall be used in calculating the membership fee for each school. J. D. Minnehan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills reported to the Board that they needed to update Article IV, Section 3-d-4. He recommended that it read as follows: "Hold regular meetings in July, October, December, January, March, and April." Fairce O. Woods moved, seconded by Walter Pickett, that the changes be made in Article IV, Section 3-d-4. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills stated that Knott County Central High School has requested permission to be placed in Class AAA, Region IV, District 2, Sub-District 1; and James A. Cawood High School asked to be changed to Class AAA, Region IV, District 1, Sub-District 1, in football. Fairce O. Woods moved, seconded by Norman Passmore, that these requests be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

After studying the new football alignment in districts and regions set by the Football Committee, Jack Burkich moved, seconded by Fairce O. Woods, that the recommendations of the Football Committee concerning the 1981 and 1982 football alignment be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

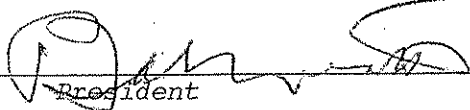
Mr. Wise submitted to the Board copies of the Minutes of the Basketball Assigning Secretaries meeting held in Louisville on March 25, 1980. These minutes contained several recommendations pertaining to standardized requirements for the establishment of Policy Committees throughout the State. A copy of these Minutes, including action taken by the Board of Control, will be made available to member schools through their Assigning Secretary.

Joseph McPherson made a motion, seconded by Norman Passmore, that the site for the Boys' State Basketball Tournament be rotated each year between Rupp Arena and Louisville Freedom Hall. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 3-7.

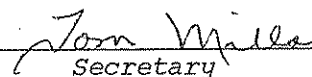
The date of the next meeting of the Board of Control was scheduled for Friday, July 25, 1980, 10:00 A.M., at Kenlake State Park, Aurora, Kentucky.

Norman Passmore moved, seconded by Pete Grigsby, Jr., that all bills of the Association for the period beginning March 1, 1980, and ending March 31, 1980, be allowed. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Fairce O. Woods moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.


President

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Secretary