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APPEALS HEARINGS

JANUARY 22, 1988

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Executive Inn in Louisville, Kentucky on Friday afternoon, January 22, 1988, for the purpose of hearing appeals. The meeting was called to order by President Frank Welch at 1:00 p.m. Present were all Board members, Commissioner Tom Mills, Executive Assistant Billy Wise, Assistant Commissioners Brigid DeVries and Louis Stout and Sports Information Director Julian Tackett. Mr. Harry Loy, representing the State Department of Education was also present. The invocation was given by Mr. Sam Chandler.

President Welch welcomed Mr. Harry Loy, who is the new State Department of Education representative.

President Welch called on Mr. Phillip Johnson, Principal of Virgie High School who was representing Autumn Damron. Autumn's parents were also present. Commissioner Mills had ruled Autumn ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics due to the fact that she had withdrawn from school due to a medical problem resulting in needed surgery. According to the K.H.S.A.A. Constitution and By-Laws, a student is not allowed to withdraw from school for any reason and still maintain athletic eligibility. Following Mr. Johnson's appeal and a discussion thereof by the Board members, Charlie Wilson made a motion that the Board waive the preceeding semester rule to allow Autumn to play and give her a semester for medical reasons. Sam Chandler seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6 in favor of the motion and 4 opposed to the motion.

President Welch then called on Coach Roy Woolum, University Heights Academy, who was present to represent Corey Quarles. Principal Marvin Denison had requested a hearing for Corey before the Board to appeal the decision of the Commissioner as it relates to By-Laws 6, Transfer Rule. Corey transferred from Hopkinsville High School to University Heights Academy and was subject to the Transfer Rule. Following Mr. Woolum's appeal and questions to him and Corey by the Board members, Tom Buchanan made a motion that the Board uphold the Commissioner's decision. Charlie Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next appeal was presented by Steven F. Vicroy, Attorney-at-Law, representing Keen Babbage, Head Basketball Coach at Beechwood High School. Mr. Babbage was also present in his defense. Coach Babbage was suspended by the Commissioner's Office for two games for violation of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 1, Section 8 and By-Law 17. Following Mr. Vicroy's statements, questions to Coach Babbage and a lengthy discussion thereof, Charlie Miller made a motion that the Board accept the letter from the Commissioner's Office as written for a two-game suspension. Ken Tippet seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

There being no more appeals the meeting was adjourned.

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