

# **KHSAA Board of Control Meeting**

January 27, 2014 at 8:30 AM

KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Offices, Lexington

## **Attendance Taken at 8:32 AM:**

Present Board Members: John Barnes, Bill Beasley, Carrell Boyd, Donna Bumps, Art Davis, Ron Dawn, Alan Donhoff, Gwen Gibbs, Dana Guyer, Scott Hawkins, Jerry Keepers, Kim Parker-Brown, Lea Prewitt, Jeff Saylor, Stan Steidel, Henry Webb, David Weedman. Absent Board Member: Steve Riley.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Joe Angolia, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Butch Cope, Angela Passafiume, and Marilyn Mitchell.

Guests Present: Dr. Steve Parker, Ron Madrick, Frank Minnifield, Keith Smith, Pendleton County. David Couch, KDE

Attachments can be found at the following link:

<http://portal.ksba.org/public/Agency.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4374&AgencyTypeID=1&BeginDate=1-1-2014&EndDate=1-31-2014>

## **Convene Full Board of Control**

### **Call to Order - Bill Beasley, President**

President Beasley convened the January meeting by reviewing the schedule of the day and requesting any necessary additional information.

### **Presentation by Kentucky Representatives, Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame, Inc.**

Former Board of Control member Steve Parker presented information along with former NFL standout Frank Minnifield and Holmes Athletic Director Ron Madrick, related to the promotion of the sport of football in the Commonwealth and the involvement of the KHSAA in support of a Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame at the June 19-20 induction ceremony

### **Recess Full Board to Convene Committees**

President Beasley recessed the full Board for the purpose of committee meetings.

### **Board of Control Reconvene for Full Board of Control**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Gwen Gibbs led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reflection:** Jerry Keepers provided the reflection of his tenure on the Board and the accomplishments and challenges that arose during his terms.

### **Closed Session to Review Legal Matters per KRS 61.810 (\*\*)**

**Motion Passed:** Consider approval of going into closed session per KRS 61.810 subsection (c) passed with a motion by Henry Webb and a second by Jeff Saylor. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes,

Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

**Motion Passed:** Consider approval of coming out of closed session per KRS 61.810 subsection (c) passed with a motion by Jerry Keepers and a second by Donna Bumps. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

There was no action taken.

### **Review Consent Agenda and Consider items for Removal**

No item was removed the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

### **Consent Agenda (single consent vote to accept all)**

1. Approve Minutes of the November, 2013 Regular Meeting
2. Transfers, July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 (W)
3. Appeals Detailed Report, July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013
4. Other Eligibility Rulings including fines and Penalties, July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Jeff Saylor and a second by Jerry Keepers. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

### **Reports of Business (single motion to approve reports)**

1. Approve Bills, November 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013
2. Board Income Statement, July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013
3. Board General Ledger Report, July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

**Motion Passed:** Following completion of reports, approve the reports passed with a motion by Jeff Saylor and a second by Art Davis. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

### **Board of Control and Staff Discussion and Reports**

#### **External and Internal Corporate Sales Update**

Associate Commissioner Cope provided an update on Internal Corporate sales:

1. There was discussion concerning three options of ball usage for soccer and volleyball. Staff requested the Board look at these options to be voted on at a later meeting.
2. The Board was informed of the withdrawal of Pannell Swim Shop as a title sponsor.
3. Ebonite has confirmed their involvement for 3 more years as title sponsor of the State Bowling Tournament.
4. Leachman Buick GMC has agreed to maintain title sponsorship of the State Golf Tournament for 2014 with the commitment of Bowling Green being the home of the tournament through 2020.

Mr. Cope also reported on the activities of external sales as it pertained to the Whitaker Bank contract and the traveling trophy tour provided by iHigh.inc.

The withdrawal of Borden as a corporate sponsor for the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments was relayed but the possibility of Prairie Farms involvement for these two events was also included in the report.

**Motion Passed:** Approve the report passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Jerry Keepers. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Discuss Sponsorship Potentials, Restricted Companies**

KHSAA staff has been approached by a local company regarding sponsorship and seeks Board input as to the options available due to the company name and any issues that may arise from said company name. This company is heavily involved in education promotion.

**Motion Passed:** Approve staff moving forward with discussions passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Jeff Saylor. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Discuss Possible Increase in Dues, No Charge on Tickets**

Due to perceived Redbook standards changes, staff provided the Board with thoughts on alternatives to allow member schools to maintain support of state athletic events while not violating required regulations.

There was no action taken on this item.

#### **Status Report on Webcasting**

Commissioner Tackett reported on the state of the KHSAA webcasting group and the extent of broadcast for upcoming events.

There was no action taken on this item.

#### **Staff Report from Education Cooperatives and Meetings Attended**

Assistant Commissioner Barren, Bilberry, Passafiume and Associate Commissioner Cope reported from their respective Cooperatives on the questions and activities within each across the state. KDE Staff relations and evaluation, teacher recruitment, lack of funding and middle school athletics were a common theme.

There was no action needed on this report.

#### **Review of Information from NIAAA Conference**

Assistant Commissioner Passafiume provided the report of activities. Kentucky was well represented by delegates from across the state.

Ms. Passafiume had the opportunity to moderate the "Getting Ahead of the Game" session concerning administrators proactively using social media.

Board Member Donhoff shared his experience and stated that the Redbook changes adversely affected the Kentucky Athletic Directors ability to attend at the National level.

There was no action needed on this report.

#### **Review of Information from NFHS Winter Meeting**

Commissioner Tackett reported on various topics from the Executive Directors Winter Meeting. Topics of discussions: NFHS network, Status of Football, CSIET and Exchange Issues, Legal Matters, Transfer Restrictions, Legislative Influences, Football Classifications and Playoffs.

There was no action needed on this report.

#### **Discussion of General Assembly, 2014**

Commissioner Tackett updated the Board on current undertakings in the General Assembly: HB108; which deals with underage officials' employment, HB245; Participation of Home School Students and interscholastic activities and HCR 11, the request to add trap shooting as a KHSAA activity.

#### **On Deck-2013-2014**

April

1. Discuss philosophical statement on alignments
2. Best practices document for entry fees for regions and districts
3. Adopt football alignment of teams for the 2015-2018 seasons
4. Election of 2014-2015 President-elect
5. Track Site Specifications

May

1. Possible consideration of Girls State Basketball Site, 2016 and beyond
2. Possible consideration of State Softball Site (or July, 2014)

#### **Committee Reports and Consideration of Any Requested Action**

##### **Report from the Individual Sports Committee**

##### **Discuss Future Tennis Alignment Changes**

The purpose of tennis realignment of the state is to ensure that schools are playing tennis in their basketball region. The points of consideration are:

1. Consistency in all sports;
2. The advisory committee consensus that the sport be realigned per basketball boundaries;
3. The participation numbers in Region 7 tennis. Participation in those regions is approximately 70% Region 7 and 30% Region 6 in terms of having teams to compete;
4. Direction to staff for further proceeding.

**Motion Passed:** Approve the draft changes to be effective for the 2014-2015 school year, and direct the alignment be distributed to the membership for commentary and final adoption of changes in April passed with a motion by Stan Steidel and a second by Ron Dawn. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff No, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim

Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

### **Report from the Team Sports Committee**

#### **Policy for Teams Playing Up Into Higher Class**

There was discussion as to whether or not allow schools to voluntarily play into a higher class, and what, if any conditions would be placed on that request. Under the current alignment, teams could play up to a higher class, but only if it improved their geographic travel situation.

In previous alignments, playing up was allowed by a certain date, and then the final alignment was set. In other alignments, playing up was not permitted.

The Commissioner's advised that whatever decision was made, once a team elects to play up, the lowest enrollment average school in the higher class should be given an option to go to the lower class. That procedure would be repeated a maximum of three times (bottom three schools that haven't responded). This would attempt to ensure a balance in the number of teams in the classes 2A through 5A.

This could also be instituted with Track/Cross Country so that it isn't Football specific and would affect any enrollment based classification.

**Motion Passed:** Allow the schools to voluntarily play into a higher class with the only restriction being that they shall remain in the class for the entire four year alignment and such request be made prior to an established deadline before district boundaries are established. If a team does elect to play up, the lowest enrollment average school in the higher class should be given an option to go to the lower class. That procedure would be repeated a maximum of three times (bottom three schools that haven't responded) passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Henry Webb. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Discuss Draft Football Alignment of Teams for 2015-2018 Seasons**

Commissioner Tackett presented a timeline for contacting and collecting the appropriate information of football schools that would desire playing up for geographic and competition reasons as the Board looks at the upcoming realignment.

**Motion Passed:** Using the 4 year enrollment average combination direct staff to begin the communication process for schools "playing up". Poll the schools in Class 1A (consider possible meeting) about playoff bracketing 4 year passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Jerry Keepers. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Soccer Site Specifications**

Staff has been in the process of developing specifications for postseason play in team sports. The specifications, while specifically addressing many items, also give the staff the ability to collaboratively work with any facility with specific shortcomings.

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the site specifications for 2014-2015 passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Art Davis. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Discussion Extension of State Football Finals Site**

Commissioner Tackett reminded the Board that the current football contract expires following the 2014 Championships. The contract with Western Kentucky University has been advantageous to both the Association and the finals participants.

**Motion Passed:** Authorize the Commissioner to engage WKU and the title partner in extension discussions and if agreeable, extend the hosting agreement for football through 2018 passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Jerry Keepers. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Discuss Proposal Specifications, Girls State Basketball**

The current KHSAA hosting agreement for girls basketball ends with the 2015 tournament. The Commissioner requests the Board authorize staff to seek proposals from interested cities to be presented to the Board of Control at its May meeting.

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion and final adjustments, authorize the Commissioner to distribute the Request for Proposals to cities and venues able to host the girls basketball tournament for the years 2016 through 2019 passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Stan Steidel. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Discuss Request for Australian Team Travel and Play-2014-2015**

Staff has once again been contacted by representatives of several Australian touring teams about playing restrictions for the KHSAA member schools. This request is for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Motion Passed:** That the Board of Control sanction (approve play) international competition in all team sports where the opponents are teams made up solely of members from a single specific school, where none of the competitors have completed the final/terminating grade in the home country, and where the opponent is strictly a school based team and not a club, travel or professional team passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Scott Hawkins. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Report from the Regulation Review and Adoption Committee**

Request Staff adjust and complete wording of selected Bylaws to review at the April meeting.

**Motion Passed:** Accept report passed with a motion by Carrell Boyd and a second by Art Davis. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry

Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

**Board of Control Consideration of Correspondence to Issue**

There were no new items

**Board Action Business and Discussion for Policy Changes**

**Consider Final Revisions to KHSAA Sports and Sport-Activity Sanctioning Policy**

After significant discussion by the Board of Control and staff, the minimum requirement participation policy would be revised to ensure there is enough interest to start (25 member schools) or maintain an existing (50 member schools) sports program. The KHSAA is conscious of its mission and attempt to offer activities for all students, while at the same time, being conscious of such issues as finances, staff workload and feasibility, member school costs and many other factors.

**Motion Passed:** Approve the second reading to amend the Sports Sanctioning Policy and direct publishing passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Jeff Saylor. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

**For the good of the Order**

**General Items Including Inner Office, Correspondence, Board Information and Items From Around the Country**

Commissioner Tackett discussed various corresponding pieces of interest.

**Board and Staff Roundtable**

Updates from around the state concerning officiating, the effect of the winter weather and school closures and questions concerning the upcoming year as it pertains to middle schools.

**Adjourn**

**Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Art Davis and a second by Jerry Keepers. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Art Davis Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Dana Guyer Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

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Bill Beasley, President

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Julian Tackett, Commissioner

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