

Board of Education Special Meeting
June 05, 2020 1:15 PM
Conducted via Video Teleconference
with alternate physical location being
631 North Green Street
Henderson, KY 42420

Attendance Taken at 1:15 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Lisa Baird
Mr. Kirk Haynes
Mr. Wesley Smith
Mr. Michael Waller
Mrs. Tracey Williams via Video Teleconference

I. Call to Order

Discussion:
Mrs. Lisa Baird called the meeting to order.

II. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting

Order #462 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2020 Special Meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Waller and a second by Mrs. Tracey Williams.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Lisa Baird	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

III. General Athletic Guidelines

Discussion:
Mrs. Marganna Stanley stated that the expectations of the administration is for the coaches, athletic director and principals to abide by these guidelines. The safety and the health of students and staff is of the utmost importance. Mrs. Stanley also stated that the athletics at this time are not mandatory. The Health Department has approved the plan. Mr. Steve Steiner presented the basic highlights from the KHSAA Guidelines. Mr. Steiner stated that all previous KHSAA requirements regarding but not limited to heat

index/temperature, hydration, safety procedures, and trainers are still like they should be and are still an expectation. Mr. Steiner presented the proposed timeline and expectations. Mr. Wes Smith asked if parents will be required to sign a waiver. Mr. Steiner stated that each coach will have a parent meeting sharing what the expectations are and that everything has to be voluntary. Mrs. Stanley stated that, if it is the Board's pleasure for us to do that, then that's a good thing for us to do right now. Mrs. Elizabeth Bird stated that usually at the parent meetings, the coaches give out the drug and alcohol policy, the rules and expectations for that individual sport and they keep documentation where the parent signs that they were advised of these expectations and guidelines. So, adding a waiver in there would be the simplest thing to do. Mr. Smith also asked if there was going to be a checklist to track temperature checks or something visible so that the other coaches would know. Mr. Steiner said that they would and that Mr. Mark Andrews is working on the best way to document that. It may be a Google Doc or paper and pencil or even a stamp or wristband. Mr. Kirk Haynes asked if a student has a temperature or symptoms, then are they to be connected to our school nursing staff or to a testing site. Mr. Steiner stated that, at this point, we do not have the nurses. It would be the coaches' responsibility to check them as they arrive. Mrs. Bird stated that we do not want to put that on our nursing staff. Mrs. Bird said that we should refer them to an outside facility and make sure the student has something to show before they come back. Mrs. Stanley stated that we cannot require a student to go get tested as they may have an inner ear infection. Mrs. Stanley said that it's the questions and the temperature that determine if they could come back, however, she does like giving the parents a resource. Mr. Haynes asked what the plan is if a student does has a temperature. Mr. Steiner stated that they have all established a place where they will enter and, if they get cleared, they can go on in to practice, and, if not, they will need to leave. The testing will be in the parking lot or somewhere outside of the practice area. Mr. Wes Smith asked if a student does have a temperature or checks one of the indicators and is turned away that day, could they come back the next day or would we require them to show proof that they are okay. Mr. Steiner stated that, at this point, that is all that we have to go on is the temperature checks and questions. Mr. Mike Waller stated that the plans are excellent and is a huge supporter of Henderson County Athletics, however, he asked "What's different today than it was March 13th with regards to this virus?". Mr. Waller stated that the main thing is insuring the safety of the students. Mr. Waller asked again what is different and then stated that what's different is that there have been two million people in the country impacted and infected and 100,000 people have died. Mr. Waller stated that in Kentucky we are not near that level, however, on May 23rd - 24th, we went for about five to seven days level 120-130 cases reported and eight days after Memorial Day, the new cases in Kentucky jumped to 691 on June 3rd. Mr. Waller stated that we've only got one chance to get this right. Mr. Waller stated that he is concerned. He said that we may have some anxious kids and parents and he knows that physical activity is important and a major part of our educational program for a lot of students. Mr. Waller told of several university sports teams that have been infected because of their voluntary practices. Mr. Waller said that the safety of our kids is paramount. He wants to see them out there and participate. Mr. Waller reminded everyone that everything in Spring sports was canceled. Major League Baseball has not started. NBA Basketball has not started. NFL Football will start at the earliest of July 22th at facilities that are isolated to specific teams. Mr. Waller said that the

biggest transmission is not how clean your buildings are, it's people to people. Mr. Waller said that masks help protect, however, what about the asymptomatic folks. He said that there are folks walking around with the coronavirus and don't even know it. Mr. Waller said that he is not ready to bring the kids out. Mr. Waller also stated that the plans put together for cross country and golf are excellent, but he doesn't think we could clean a weight room enough to prevent the transmission. Mr. Waller said that we do not have a verified treatment, no vaccine, and we do not know how we are even going to start school yet. Mr. Waller said that he is not ready and will vote no on the timing. Mr. Waller stated that he would not like to see us do anything until sometime in July and that every kid that wants to be involved should have a test prior to being involved, which would eliminate some of the asymptomatic folks. Mrs. Stanley stated that we do appreciate all of the comments and that we do work at the pleasure of the Board. Mrs. Stanley said that we are seeking advice from the Board and having the Board make a pretty tough decision on the safety and health of our kids. Mrs. Lisa Baird asked what other districts around us are doing. Mrs. Stanley said that most are doing exactly what we are doing right now. Mrs. Lisa Baird said that she is not opposed to wait and see if there is a spike, and if there is, then we are going to be glad that we didn't start ours. Mr. Waller said that they can't do anything during the Dead Period anyway. Mrs. Tracey Williams said that our responsibility is the safety of these kids. Mrs. Williams said that it's a tough decision to not let everything start back up, but would probably be in favor of that. Mr. Haynes would like to have this item on the next regular board meeting for discussion and possible action: What would be the factors to close a sport?; If we have a positive result, do we close practice for days or close everything down like a snow day?; he would have the same questions for whenever we go back into the school buildings; what would be our stance on contact tracing?; if coaches can be meeting with their athletes, then find out what worked to fill in the gaps?; and what would be the anticipated costs...do we already possess thermometers, masks...? Mr. Haynes said that the most important is what factors would be used and if one or all would be closed. Mrs. Stanley said that we certainly already planned to put that on at the June 15th board meeting and each of the Task Force Committees were going to give the Board a report of how far along they are. Mrs. Stanley said that they will explore Mr. Haynes questions and incorporate them into their report. Mrs. Stanley said that we may need to have two meetings in July since everything keeps changing in regards to reopening school. Mrs. Baird agreed with Mr. Waller and Mrs. Williams and, if it's not good for our kids, then we do not need to do it, and if it's not right for our district, she cannot agree with it. Mr. Steiner said that the District will do whatever is the pleasure of the Board and that the information was shared with the Board in order to make an informed decision, and the District will support whatever path the Board will want us to take. In regards to testing, Mrs. Lisa Baird asked if we could find some information out if only a physical is needed or a physical and testing. Mrs. Bird stated that, if we require it, we will have to pay for it. Mrs. Baird said that we will need information of where it can be done and the cost then we can see if it will be required or highly suggested. Mr. Wes Smith stated that the health professionals have looked at this and that they feel it is acceptable at this point in time. Mr. Smith said that he doesn't know what else we wait for to take action on if we are getting guidance from professionals. He said that we have to rely on the professionals since it's their job. Mrs. Stanley recommended that the Board would consider at this point approving the general athletic guidelines and removing the

timeline as presented. In looking at the timeline, and considering the health and safety of students being the pivotal point, Mrs. Stanley recommended that coaches be allowed to meet individually through an avenue for communications only such as Google for general information to reunite a coach with a player through the month of June or whenever the Board's pleasure is. Mr. Waller said that in his comments he was encouraging a coach could make contact with a player of his sport whether they be in small group meetings as long as they social distancing or online. Mrs. Bird said that we need to be very specific so as not to set a coach up to innocently make a mistake on working on their skills. Mrs. Stanley said that in the general guidelines it is specific information. After Board discussion of the timeline for coaches to reunite with students for general/basic information, Mrs. Stanley said that the administration will abide with whatever timeline the Board agrees to.

Order #463 - Motion Passed: A motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and approve the General Athletic Guidelines without a timeline and dates as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Waller and a second by Mrs. Lisa Baird.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Lisa Baird	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

Order #464 - Motion Passed: A motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the coaches to be allowed to meet in a small group of ten (10) with social distancing or online to reunite with players for general/basic information from now until June 28, 2020 passed with a motion by Mr. Wesley Smith and a second by Mr. Michael Waller.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Lisa Baird	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

IV. Sport Specific Guidelines

Discussion:

Mr. Mark Andrews stated that he was in contact with Hopkins County and that their Board approved for coaches to meet with students until June 15th to pass out information, but then after that, nothing is on the schedule. Mr. Andrews mentioned that coaches could meet with the students virtually. Mrs. Marganna Stanley requested that the Sport Specific Guidelines be tabled for further discussion.

Order #465 - Motion Passed: A motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the Sport Specific Guidelines be tabled for further discussion passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Waller and a second by Mrs. Tracey Williams.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Lisa Baird	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

V. Adjourn

Order #466 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Kirk Haynes and a second by Mr. Michael Waller.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Lisa Baird	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

Lisa Baird, Chairperson

Marganna Stanley, Superintendent