

Board of Education Special Meeting  
January 28, 2021 5:30 PM  
Conducted via Video Teleconference  
with alternate physical location being  
Professional Development Center  
631 North Green Street  
Henderson, KY 42420

**Attendance Taken at : 5:30 PM**

**Present Board Members:**

Mr. Thomas Alves  
Mr. Kirk Haynes via Video Teleconference  
Mr. Wesley Smith  
Mr. Michael Waller  
Mrs. Tracey Williams via Video Teleconference

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Michael Waller called the meeting to order.

**II. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting**

**Order #115 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 Special Meetings passed with a motion by Mr. Thomas Alves and a second by Mrs. Tracey Williams.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Thomas Alves	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

**III. Approve Second Reading of the 2021-2022 School Calendars**

Mrs. Kasey Wolfe presented for Board approval the second reading of the 2021-2022 School Calendars.

**Order #116 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the second reading of the 2021-2022 School Calendars as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Thomas Alves and a second by Mr. Wesley Smith.

#### **5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Thomas Alves	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

#### **IV. SoFA Theatre Request**

Mr. A.J. Casey presented for Board approval information on two upcoming artistic productions slated for the Spring of 2021. The first is a film collaboration with production company, JC Films entitled "The Story of Mother's Day." The second, a theatrical production for SoFA Theatre Students, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time."

**Order #117 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the two upcoming HCHS School of Fine Arts (SoFA) productions for the Spring of 2021 as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Thomas Alves and a second by Mrs. Tracey Williams.

#### **5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Thomas Alves	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

#### **V. Spring Athletics**

Mr. Mark Andrews presented for Board consideration and approval six topics to be addressed in regards to spring athletics including: 1) modification of the archery attendance plan to increase the number of people allowed during practice and tournaments; 2) proposal for the start of spring sports on February 1; 3) approval of three levels of competition for baseball and softball; 4) approval for the dance and cheer teams to purchase airline tickets to attend their national competitions in Orlando, Florida in April; 5) increasing attendance capacity in the HCHS gymnasium to 15% for athletic events in accordance with KKHSA recommendations; 6) approval to offer the varsity sport of Esports. Mr. Kirk Haynes asked, whether the Cheer and Dance teams would

participate in their regular NTI schedule if they were allowed to go to Florida for competition. Mr. Andrews said that his thoughts would be that they would not need to participate virtually, however, he will check with Mr. Tommy Ransom, principal, to be sure he answered correctly. However, they would need to make up any assessments. Mr. Thomas Alves asked what the main concern is with the trip to Florida and exposure to COVID. Mr. Andrews stated that travel and lodging would be their main concern. Even though approval of the trip to Florida is not requested at this time, Mr. Wesley Smith asked before a formal vote takes place, if the Board could review a plan in place that itemizes what steps are to be taken should a cheer or dance participant contract COVID while there. In regards to the Spring conditioning, Mr. Smith asked for an update on KHSAA current guidelines or restrictions specific to the Spring conditioning and sports in regards to start dates. Mr. Andrews said that the first official start date for baseball and softball is February 22nd. Tennis is February 15th. Bass Fishing is normally held in the fall, however, being a spring sport they moved it to the spring set to begin February 1st. Mr. Michael Waller emphasized that we need to minimize the potential for exposure with our main focus of getting the kids back in school.

**Mr. Michael Waller made a recommendation for a motion addressing each of the six bullets presented:**

- Attendance for all indoor activities be regulated based on the guidelines of the percentage of the building capacity as presented and to maintain masking and social distance per the cause as identified. (Addresses items 1 and 5);
- The Spring sports first day of practice per the KHSAA be the starting dates for our Spring sports practices and that February 22nd be the earliest starting date for any of the off-season sports conditioning activities, with the only exception to that being bass fishing, which would be able to begin February 1st since their first contest would be February 22nd. (Addresses item 2);
- All athletics interscholastic competition remain at two levels through this year and be revisited prior to the 2021-2022 Fall sports activities and any postseason activities throughout the rest of this year and when teams qualify for postseason activity. Teams would be allowed to participate at whatever levels they can. (Addresses item 3);
- There should be no out-of-state overnight stay or travel for any athletic competitions throughout this school year and will be revisited prior to the 2021-2022 school year. (Addresses item 4); and
- Henderson County High School to begin offering Esports competitions as soon as it can be organized per KHSAA guidelines. (Addresses item 6).

Mr. Alves asked if that means that the cheer team is not allowed go on their trip. Mr. Waller confirmed that the motion on the table stated that there shall be no out-of-state overnight travel for any athletic competitions during this school year. This would include softball, cheer and dance that wanted to go out-of-state. In regards to any tournaments within the State of Kentucky that would require an overnight stay, Mr. Andrews asked if it would be a possibility to compete in those. Mr. Waller said that his motion indicates that there would be no out-of-state overnight stay. In regards to fundraising requests and when they are brought before the Board for approval for the sports teams, Mr. Kirk Haynes asked if they would submit the usual fundraising request form and, if necessary, include their plan on what they might do to prevent the spread of COVID. To clarify, Mr. Wesley Smith asked if the start dates are February 1 for bass fishing, February 15 for tennis, and February 22 for baseball and softball. Mr. Waller confirmed that that is correct. Since baseball and softball are very low contact, Mr. Smith recommended to modify the motion to consider allowing the three levels for that sport since they are outside and there aren't very many players out on the field at once.

**Order #118 - Subsidiary Motion Passed:** A motion to modify the motion on the table to allow the three levels of competition for baseball and softball passed with a motion by Mr. Wesley Smith and a second by Mr. Kirk Haynes.

### **5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Thomas Alves	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

**Order #119 - Motion Passed:** The amended motion addressing each of the six bullets presented is as follows:

- Attendance for all indoor activities be regulated based on the guidelines of the percentage of the building capacity as presented and to maintain masking and social distance per the cause as identified. (Addresses items 1 and 5);
- The spring sports first day of practice per the KHSAA be the starting dates for our spring sports practices and that February 22nd be the earliest starting date for baseball and softball and any off-season sports conditioning activities, February 15th for tennis, and February 1st for bass fishing. (Addresses item 2);
- Baseball and softball shall be allowed three levels of competition this year. The issue may be revisited prior to the 2021-2022 Fall sports activities and any postseason activities throughout the rest of this year and when teams qualify for postseason activity. Teams would be allowed to participate at whatever levels they can. (Addresses item 3);

- There should be no out-of-state overnight stay or travel for any athletic competitions throughout this school year and will be revisited prior to the 2021-2022 school year. (Addresses item 4); and
- Henderson County High School to begin offering Esports competitions as soon as it can be organized per KHSAA guidelines. (Addresses item 6) passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Waller and a second by Mrs. Tracey Williams.

#### **4 Yeas - 1 Nays**

Mr. Thomas Alves	No
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

#### **VI. Adjourn**

**Order #120 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Kirk Haynes and a second by Mrs. Tracey Williams.

#### **5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Thomas Alves	Yes
Mr. Kirk Haynes	Yes
Mr. Wesley Smith	Yes
Mr. Michael Waller	Yes
Mrs. Tracey Williams	Yes

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Chairperson

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Secretary