

KHSAA Task Force

- December 8, 2005 Letter from KBE
- Commissioner begins to contact prospective members
- Association has 46 non-public members, or 16.3% of its membership
- Contacts made with education cooperatives, independent districts, large public districts, and all types of non public schools

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- December 22, Potential Members Task Force Asked to Serve to include –
 - Each education cooperative asked to designate a member (8).
 - To ensure geographic representation and a balance of all types of public schools, 9 additional persons asked to serve.
 - 5 Board of Control members asked to serve, 3 public, 2 non public.

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● Task Force Designation, Continued

- Fourteen non public school representatives asked to serve, in addition to the two non public Board of Control members.
- Non public representatives included all three types of schools (J1, R1, M1) as well as geographic balance.
- Total composition including Board of Control, 20 public school members, 16 non public.
- First meeting date set for January 9-10

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● Final Composition included-

- Large public districts (Jefferson, Fayette)
- Superintendents' Association Executive Director
- Education Coop Representatives
- Small public districts
- Varying independent districts
- Large non public schools, as well as small non public schools with all different affiliations

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● December 22, 2005

■ Member Schools Solicited via Principal, Superintendent and Athletic Director to:

- Attend and participate in the public comment session on the first night
- Submit written alternative rule proposals
- Participate throughout the process as requested and desired

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● Late December, 2005

- Former Supreme Court Justice James Keller agrees to serve as facilitator.
- First alternative was to “facilitate” in hopes of reaching a consensus solution

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● January 9, 2005

- Task Force convenes with Task Force members, Facilitator and members of the KHSAA Executive Staff in Lexington
- Task Force divided into four subject areas
 - Restriction of students below grade nine who played high school sports and then transfer
 - Financial Aid Regulations and Restrictions
 - Defining a boundary for those schools without a district line
 - Potential restrictions on out of state students

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- Proposal Subject 1 – Restrictions on Transfer of students who had participated
 - Historically, entry into 9th grade free of restriction (since 1982).
 - Prior to 1982, restrictions were in place on such enrollment
 - Proposals discussed at October meeting on similar subject. Proposal very similar to that discussed in October, with minor revisions following group discussions

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● Proposal Subject 2 – Financial Aid Restrictions

- Proposal presented would have codified into the rules the restrictions currently contained in the Bylaw 10 restrictions
- Need based aid allowed, but only after evaluation by third party agency
- Athletes would not be eligible if receiving aid outside of these restrictions.

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● Proposal Subject 3 – Territory Definition

- Subject discussed at Annual Meeting and talks surrounding compromise dealt with this issue
- Alternatives presented in original Task Force Material called for either a 20 mile radius restriction on non bounded schools (with detailed exceptions for existing) or the county boundary as a territory (with detailed exceptions)

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● Proposal Subject Area 4 – Out of State Restrictions

- Complicated by the fact that so many counties in our state are on border
- Complicated by the fact that a number of our large population areas are on the border (Owensboro, Louisville, Northern Kentucky)
- Phased into discussion on territory as integral issue

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● Task Force Public Comment Session

- Minimal participation by schools

- The few comments that were made dealt with the out of state restrictions and enforcement of existing rules.
- A couple of comments were made about the Board of Control's role in approving regulation changes.

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● Task Force Working Session

- Discussion focused on alternative “feeder pattern” proposal submitted by education cooperative representatives.
- Separate discussions held throughout day by the groups in “caucus” format, non publics together, publics together.
- No “vote” taken during actual sessions

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- Task Force Proceedings (continued)
 - Non publics have differing issues among themselves, all are not alike and every proposed alternative affected one or more in negative way. These members were unable to reach consensus on key elements of discussion among themselves.
 - Due to scheduling commitments, several Task Force members were only able to stay for most of business day, having to leave before caucuses were concluded.

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- Task Force proceedings (continued)
 - End of Two day session, Justice Keller sought consensus on path for next steps
 - Seek written feedback from members
 - Restrict feedback only to items discussed (not other agenda material that wasn't covered)
 - Decide course of action for future
 - Task Force members remaining consented to procedure.

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● Task Force proceedings (continued)

- One conclusion was reached and echoed by all. Implementation of Proposal 20 is not first desired outcome. Separation of championships is not the desired outcome by any constituent groups, and all committed to working to find alternative solutions.

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● Post Task Force

- Justice Keller has issued written report
- Written feedback solicited from members, asked to “vote” on alternatives dealing with feeder patterns and financial aid
- Only those members who attended meetings were asked for feedback
- Written objection from Leisa Speer, Chair, KY Non Public School Commission, on behalf of several members

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- Conclusions
- The process is certainly not over.
- All members of the KHSAA, particularly non public, must realize that there are problems, real or perceived, with current KHSAA rules as there are real or perceived inequities in the ability to compete for championships.
- Some members, particularly non public, may not fully realize the gravity of the problems, and the necessity for change.

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● Alternative Courses of Action

- Continue dialogue

- Only possible if BOTH sides of the discussion have viable alternatives on the table.
- Defense of the status quo is not an acceptable alternative.

- Proceed with implementation of other changes following Board of Control recommendations and deliberations

● Next Steps Discussed.

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- KBE Chair Keith Travis issued a written response directing and supporting the re-convening of the Task Force to resolve these issues.
- This charged the Task Force members with the responsibility of submitting additional items as well.
- Meeting set for 2/22/2006