

Kansas State High School Activities Association Minutes

**Note: Minutes are subject to the approval by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.*

**Board of Directors
Special Meeting
Held Virtually via ZOOM
Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

The Board of Directors met virtually on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 with the following in attendance:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Deena Horst, Salina; Jim McNiece, Wichita;

GOVERNOR AT-LARGE APPOINTEES – Delvin Strecker, Salina; Linda Wiley, Silver Lake; Catherine Smith, Olathe; David Abel, Wichita;

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Matt McCabe, Buhler; Bob Dietz, Smith Center; Keith Griffin, Topeka-Seaman; Mike Kastle, Parsons; Stacy Obringer-Varhall, Blue Valley; Jerry Flanagan, Louisburg; Mark Richards, Goddard; Craig Nelson, Andale;

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – Ryan Burrows, Satanta; Stan Boggs, Dodge City; Jason Menard, Douglass; Gae Phillips, Columbus; Steve Harrell, Tonganoxie;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Alan Stein, Hill City; Principal Matthew Garber, Sabetha; Principal Rod Smith, Olathe-Frontier Trail; Principal Cort Haynes, Maize South; Athletic Director Justin Briggs, Dodge City-Comanche; Principal Brandon Simmelink, McPherson;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Shannon Haydock, Rose Hill (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Assistant Principal Amanda Grier, Andover (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Athletic Director Ken Stonebraker, Salina-South (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Athletic Director Justin Seuser, Buhler (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Principal Rod Wittmer, Holton (Big Seven); Principal Rebecca Morrissey, Topeka (Centennial); Athletic Director Penny Lane, Topeka-Washburn Rural (Centennial); Athletic Director Curtis Simons, Emporia (Centennial); Principal Dustin Wilson, Larned (Central Kansas); Principal Greg Rosenhagen, Cheney (Central Plains); Principal Dylan Dronberger, Victoria (Central Prairie); Principal Toby VanCleave, Galena (CNC); Principal Brett Potts, Overland Park-Blue Valley West (Eastern Kansas); Principal Amy Pressly, Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest (Eastern Kansas); Principal Kelly McDuffett, Council Grove (Flint Hills); Principal Jeff Hines, Paola (Frontier); Principal Kelly Whittaker, Ottawa (Frontier); Principal David Blochlinger, Goodland (Great West Activities Conference); Principal Cara Ledy, Wichita-South (Greater Wichita); Principal Eric Hofer-Holdeman, Wichita-Northwest (Greater Wichita); Principal Sara Richardson, Wichita-East (Greater Wichita); Principal Tim Bumgarner, Whitewater-Remington (Heart of America); Principal Brent Shaffer, Kiowa-South Barber (Heart of the Plains); Principal Monty Marlin, Sublette (Hi-Plains); District Athletic Director Tammie Romstad, Kansas City (Kansas City-Atchison); Principal Mary Stewart, Kansas City-Wyandotte (Kansas City-Atchison); Principal Tammy Baird, Burlingame (Lyon County); Principal Greg Koelsch, Smith Center (Mid-Continent); Principal Jan Hutley, Alma-Wabaunsee (Mid-East); Principal Casey Seyfort, Beloit (North Central A.A.); Principal Darren Schroeder, Marysville (North Central Kansas); Principal Brad Jones, Oskaloosa (Northeast Kansas); Superintendent Roger Perkins, Miltonvale-Southern Cloud (Northern Plains); Principal David Morrow, St. Francis (Northwest Kansas); Principal Stacy Reed, Burlington (Pioneer); Superintendent Stuart Moore, Moscow (Santa Fe Trail); Principal Aaron Roop, Caldwell (South Central Border); Principal Shane Holtzman, Altamont-Labette County (Southeast Kansas); Principal Travis Powell, Greensburg-

Kiowa County (SPAA-Iroquois Activity Association); Principal Jason Herman, Olathe North (Sunflower); Principal Myron Graber, Lawrence-Free State (Sunflower); Assistant Superintendent Michelle Hubbard, Shawnee Mission (Sunflower); Athletic Director Jerald Van Rheen, Shawnee-Mill Valley (Sunflower); Principal Rob Schneeberger, Oswego (Three Rivers); Principal Sean Spoons, Eureka (Tri-Valley); Principal Dean Dalinghaus, Frankfort (Twin Valley); Principal Christina Jones, Leavenworth (United Kansas Conference); Athletic Director Ben Sutherlin, Kansas City-Turner (United Kansas Conference); Principal Martin Straub, Hays (Western Athletic Conference); Athletic Director Drew Thon, Garden City (Western Athletic Conference); Principal Todd Flinn, Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell (Western Kansas-Liberty); Principal Joel Kahnt, White City (Wheat State); Principal David Schenk, Olathe-Heritage Christian (Independent Schools);

KSHSAA STAFF – Executive Director, Bill Faflick; Assistant Executive Directors Cheryl Gleason, Francine Martin, Mark Lentz, Jeremy Holaday, Craig Manteuffel, and Rod Garman; Office/Operations Manager Brent Unruh and Staff Member Mindy Nichol.

No Board members were absent to begin the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FORMAT

The Board of Directors assembled via virtual platform at 1 p.m. Tuesday afternoon for hearings, discussion, and final action on agenda items.

President Alan Stein informed members should they wish to add an item to the agenda it could be done provided three-fourths of those present agreed.

Following discussion and final actions on all agenda items, the Board adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEETING OVERVIEW

Bill Faflick, Executive Director, called roll and presented remarks on behalf of the Association staff regarding meeting protocols.

WAIVER OF 10-DAY WRITTEN MEETING NOTICE

Motion by D. Schenk, second by R. Perkins, to waive **Bylaw Article IV, Section 11** requiring a 10-day written meeting notice. The vote was 78 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion passed.

All agenda items approved become effective immediately upon publication of these minutes unless otherwise specified. Abstentions from voting by Board of Director members count as an opposed vote.

NOTE: Words or phrases which appear underlined in the following sections indicate the changes which were made to written rule language.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following individuals provided written comments to the Board of Directors:

1. Kayla Burr, Parent, Lewis
2. Chad and Angie Moser, Parents, Meriden
3. John Hill, Parent, Leawood
4. Kale and Rene Meyers, Parents, Hays
5. Samantha Petersen, Parent, Olathe
6. Josh Tanking, League Commissioner
7. Tyson Eslinger, Superintendent, USD 216 Deerfield
8. Brady Way, Parent, Leawood
9. Rhonda Unruh, Parent, Newton
10. Michael Lonergan, RPh, Parent, Overland Park
11. Treva Prieb, Parent, Canton
12. Alecia Hug, Parent, Mayetta
13. Kevin Neufeld, Parent, Inman
14. Kolleen and Aaron Dome, Parents, Hays
15. Gina Peek, Parent, Reading
16. Matt Peek, Parent, Reading
17. Miranda Reed, Parent, Hillsboro
18. Ed Rarden, Parent and Board Member, USD 225 Fowler
19. Christy Lemuz, Parent, Larned
20. Jami Newton, Parent, Lenexa
21. Julie Dowd, Parent, Olathe
22. Melissa Lippelmann, Parent, Oberlin
23. Paul Gorby, Parent, Lenexa
24. Jenny Diederich, Parent, Louisburg
25. Renae Hickert, Superintendent, USD 480 Liberal
26. Amy Ratzlaff, Parent, Hillsboro
27. Aaron Coester, Parent, Girard
28. Britton Norden, Parent, Prairie Village
29. Ronald Etchison, Parent, Ellsworth
30. Jim Howard, Superintendent (on behalf of Board of Education), USD 412 Hoxie
31. Bryan Newton, Parent, Lenexa
32. Gail Yarick, Parent, Fort Scott
33. Melissa Bybee, Parent, Newton
34. Michael Pickman, Activities Director, Louisburg High School
35. Craig Wischropp, Parent, Horton
36. Dionne Newton, Parent Wellsville
37. Ken Tharman, Superintendent, USD 212 Northern Valley
38. Roy Smith, Official, Iola
39. Jennifer Feldkamp, Parent, Lincoln
40. Steven Crum, City Council Member, Haysville
41. Joyce Wallace, Parent, Coffeyville
42. Erin Atteberry, Parent, Larned
43. Jayci Cosens, Parent, Fort Scott
44. Lyn Cheney, Parent, Rexford
45. Jennifer Blandi, Parent, Leawood
46. Grace Schieferecke, Caitlin Beets, Leah Williams, Sara Schieferecke, and Molly Freisburg;
Students, Eudora High School
47. Theresa Johnson, Parent, Minneapolis

SPECTATOR LIMITS ADJUSTED

Pursuant to KSHSAA Handbook **Bylaw VIII, Section 3**, the KSHSAA Board of Directors was asked to receive and consider the following recommendation from the KSHSAA Appeal Board at their December 4, 2020 hearing:

Because masks are already required for attendance at KSHSAA events, and because the science tells us that proper mask wearing and social-distancing effectively mitigate the risk of transmitting COVID-19, and because we believe that for several reasons, parents should attend their children's activities, we propose the KSHSAA Board of Directors be reconvened for the purposes of reconsidering the decisions to prohibit spectators at high school and junior high/middle school events through January 28, 2021 with a recommendation to allow for attendance of one or two parents/guardians per athlete.

A motion was made by M. Marlin, seconded by M. Graber to implement the following rule change for member schools during the 2020-21 school year only:

Effective Thursday, December 10 through January 28, 2021, interscholastic activities will allow for attendance of one or two parents/guardians per athlete.

Following discussion, an amendment was made by J. Hines, seconded by K. Whittaker, to strike the language "one or two parents/guardians per athlete" and revise to say "up to two parents/guardians per participant(s) family as allowed by local board of education or health department". The amendment was approved by a vote of 51 in favor, 27 opposed.

An amendment was proposed by T. Bumgarner, seconded by J. McNiece, to strike the date "Thursday, December 10" and revise to "January 12". The amendment was denied by a vote of 28 in favor, 50 opposed.

An amendment was proposed by M. Garber, seconded by S. Spoons, to strike the language "parents/guardians" and the word "family" and revise to say "family members". The amendment was denied by a vote of 10 in favor, 68 opposed.

An amendment was proposed by J. Briggs, seconded by M. Straub, to strike the date "Thursday, December 10" and revise to "December 14". Following a failed friendly amendment to revise the date again to "December 8" the amendment was denied by a vote of 33 in favor, 45 opposed.

The new written language is as follows:

Effective Thursday, December 10 through January 28, 2021, interscholastic activities will allow for attendance of up to two parents/guardians per participant(s) family as allowed by local board of education or health department restrictions.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 54 in favor, 24 opposed.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the KSHSAA Board of Directors will be held on:

Friday, April 30, 2021, 4 p.m.
(hearings, discussion, final action)