

Kansas State High School Activities Association

Minutes

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



Board of Directors
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
Friday, May 1, 2020

The Board of Directors met virtually on Friday, May 1, 2020 with the following in attendance:

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

GOVERNOR AT-LARGE APPOINTEES – Pam McComas, Topeka;

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Matt McCabe, Buhler; Bob Dietz, Smith Center; Tom Bruno, Auburn-Washburn; Mike Kastle, Parsons; Stacy Obringer-Varhall, Blue Valley;

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – Bert Lewis, Fort Scott; 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; Superintendent Mindy Bruce, Andale-Renwick; 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 Rick Blosser, Nickerson (Central Kansas); Principal Greg Rosenhagen, Cheney (Central Plains); Principal Dylan Dronberger, Victoria (Central Prairie); Principal Brett Potts, Overland Park-Blue Valley West (Eastern Kansas); Principal Amy Murphy, Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest (Eastern Kansas); Athletic Director Mark Huppe, Lenexa-St. James Academy (Eastern Kansas); Principal Kelly McDiffett, Council Grove (Flint Hills); Principal Jeff Hines, Paola (Frontier); Principal Kelly Whittaker, Ottawa (Frontier); Principal Brad McCormick, Scott City (Great West Activities Conference); Assistant Superintendent Gil Alvarez, Wichita (Greater Wichita); Principal Cara Ledy, Wichita-South (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); Principal Geoffrey Markos, Kansas City-J.C. Harmon (Kansas City-Atchison); Athletic Director Matt Renk, Atchison (Kansas City-Atchison); Principal Shane Clark, Olpe (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; Superintendent Dale Adams, Udall (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 Mark Meyer, Gardner-Edgerton (Sunflower); Principal Myron Graber, Lawrence-Free State (Sunflower); Assistant Superintendent Michelle Hubbard, Shawnee Mission (Sunflower); Principal Rob Schneeberger, Oswego (Three Rivers); Principal Sean Spoons, Eureka (Tri-Valley); Principal Dean Dalinghaus, Frankfort (Twin Valley); Principal Ed West, Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights (United Kansas Conference); Athletic Director James Vanek, Leavenworth (United Kansas Conference); Principal Martin Straub, Hays (Western Athletic Conference); Athletic Director Drew Thon, Garden City (Western Athletic Conference); Superintendent Steve Raymer, Cheylin (Western Kansas-Liberty); Principal Scott Boden, Goessel (Wheat State); Principal Michelle Olson, Kansas City-Bishop Ward (Independent Schools);

KSHSAA STAFF – Executive Director, Bill Faffick; 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.

Absent were:

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Toby VanCleave, Galena (CNC); Principal Eric Hofer-Holdeman, Wichita-Northwest (Greater Wichita).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FORMAT

The Board of Directors assembled via virtual platform at 3 p.m. Friday evening for hearings, discussion, and final action on agenda items and Executive Board elections.

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. By a vote of 70-1, the Board approved adding the May 1, 2020 addendum items A-D to the agenda as items 12.A-12.D. By a vote of 62-9, the Board approved adding the May 1, 2020 addendum items E-F to the agenda as items 12.E and 12.F.

Following public hearings, discussion and final actions on all agenda items, the Board adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers wishing to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Bill Faflick, Executive Director, called roll, presented remarks on the Association's financial position, and updated the members of the Board of Directors on business and policy matters of the Association.

SEPTEMBER 2019 MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Kastle, second by Lewis, to approve the Minutes of the meeting conducted September 18, 2019. The vote was 69 in favor, 2 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.

TENNIS CLASSIFICATIONS TO BE ASSIGNED FOR CALENDAR YEAR

A motion was made by Hubbard, seconded by Vanek, to modify **Rule 5 Classification of Senior High Schools, Section 2, Article 1** by adding the following exception:

Exception: Classifications, for the purpose of determining boys and girls tennis assignments, shall be based on the total enrollment as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment and will be for the two tennis seasons (boys and girls) in the calendar year following the classification.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 67 in favor, 4 opposed.

LANGUAGE UPDATED FOR ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY DEVICES

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Perkins, to modify **Rule 14 Bona Fide Student, Section 1, Article 3** to include the following language:

Art. 3: A student who uses any form of tobacco, Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (*ENDS) devices, illegal drugs,

alcoholic beverages, etc., at school events is not in good standing.

***Note:** ENDS is defined to be any device that delivers a vaporized solution (including nicotine, THC or any other substance) by means of cartridges or other chemical delivery systems. This includes, but may not be limited to, any electronic cigarette, vape pen, hookah pen, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or personal vaporizer.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 71 in favor, none opposed.

NON-VARSITY LEVEL FOR TRANSFERS FROM NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS

Motion by Graber, seconded by Renk, to modify **Rule 18 Transfer, Section 1, Article 4** as follows:

Art. 4: TRANSFER FROM NON-MEMBER SCHOOL—Students who transfer from a school which is not a member of the KSHSAA or an Association of any state as recognized by the National Federation of State Associations, may be declared eligible at the non-varsity level by the Executive Board. (*Process Form ~~T-E~~ T-E/P*—Send a copy of it and a letter of request for eligibility to KSHSAA, identifying the non-member school.)

The proposal was approved by a vote of 63 in favor, 8 opposed.

TENNIS RULE UPDATED

A motion was made by McCormick, seconded by Morrissey, to modify **Rule 41 Tennis, Section 2, Article 5(c)** to read as follows:

Art. 5: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight days of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of regional, sub-state and state tournaments.

- Two dual meets may be substituted for one day of tournament competition provided no loss of instructional time would take place for competition and/or travel.
- Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller events as possible. It is recommended these events start after school hours.
- On those days when school time is used, only two four matches or tournaments may start prior to 3 p.m. C.T.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 65 in favor, 6 opposed.

SPIRIT COMPETITION LANGUAGE UPDATED

A motion was made by Rosenhagen, seconded by Lewis, to update **Rule 48 Spirit and Spirit Competition Groups, Section 1, Article 6(a)** as follows:

- a. Spirit competition groups attending in-state festivals, workshops or clinics during the school year may be rated and receive oral and/or written critiques, but shall not be ranked.

Exception: Participating school teams may be ranked in KSHSAA designated statewide event for respective spirit activities.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 69 in favor, 2 opposed.

COVID-19 RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED

In response to the COVID-19 impact on school activities, the Executive Board maintained a continual review process to provide additional items for the Board of Directors. These items are designed to modify existing rules in an effort to mitigate some negative aspects arising from this public health issue and the eventual resumption of interscholastic activities. As mentioned previously in the minutes, all items were approved to be included on the agenda for tonight's meeting. The recommendations and Board of Director votes for the items are below. Each item is for the 2020-21 school year only.

Motion by Reed, seconded by Lane, to approve items A through D as recommended.

A. Rule 7 – Physical Examination Parental Consent

Recommendation: No Recommendation. With a recommendation from the Kansas SMAC to maintain current system and continue to monitor the situation, there is no recommendation for change to the required PPE to be conducted after May 1, 2020, for all athletic participants per Rule 7-1-1. This item will be re-evaluated in the first week of June.

B. Rule 18 – Transfer

Recommendation: No Recommendation. Maintain the planned implementation date for the transition from 18 weeks to one year as designated by BOD adoption (Sept. 2019). Note: this rule change is for High School only.

C. Rule 9 – Moratorium

Recommendation: Suspend for Summer 2020. No matter when "summer" begins (no earlier than June 1), we propose the rule change to modify the summer moratorium rule by suspending the restrictions detailed in Rule 9-1-5 for the summer of 2020.

D. Rule 10 and Rule 30 (combined for action as both deal with coach and athlete restrictions)

Rule 10–Qualifications of Coaches (Athletic, Spirit, Scholars Bowl, Debate and Speech) and Music Directors

Recommendation: Set aside relevant components of Rule 10, Section 1, Article 6 and 8 restricting football, volleyball, and basketball coaches/coaches' aides to restrictions detailed below.

Rule 30 – Seasons of Activities

Recommendation: Set aside relevant components of Rule 30, Section 1, Article 6 and 7 restricting student/coach contact to restrictions detailed below.

Recommendation for Summer 2020 Guidelines

When permitted by your community's local health authorities AND your school district administration, while following all group gathering restrictions and social distancing expectations, school employed coaches may begin their summer programs with their prospective student participants no earlier than June 1. As always, participation by a student in the summer program is voluntary. Similarly, schools may choose what, when, and how often programs are available to their students. The following conditions apply for any summer activity taking place in a school facility and/or under the guidance of a school employee:

1. The first calendar week (minimum five days of conditioning) of a summer activity program for any sport are limited to a maximum of three hours of physical activity per student per day. Physical activity includes any warm-up, stretching, conditioning and weight-lifting activities. Organized competition sanctioned by an outside organization or between students from different schools shall not take place during this time.
2. Beginning the second calendar week (minimum five days of conditioning) of a summer activity program, cumulative physical activity time as defined in #1 should not exceed five hours per student per day. Organized competition sanctioned by an outside organization or between students from different schools shall not take place during this time.
3. Students may begin organized competition under the guidance of their school coaches beginning the third week of a summer activity program.
4. One-week school coach team camps may begin after the ten-day acclimatization period detailed in 1 and 2 above and take place through August 15.
5. Traditional fall school practices begin, and Handbook restrictions resume, on August 17, 2020.

*Additional Recommendations for basketball

6. Basketball coaches may not hold team camp or work with their players between August 3 and August 16 as that time is dedicated to final fall season preparations.

**Additional Recommendations for Football

7. Football must complete three calendar weeks of conditioning (minimum 15 days of conditioning)
 - a. During the first week, focus on strength and conditioning; limited individual football specific drills are allowed
 - b. During the second week, strength and conditioning continues; football related non-contact drills are permitted
 - c. During the third week, strength and conditioning continues; football related drills permitted; intra-squad 7-on-7 or 5-on-5 permitted; one-week coaches camp permitted (helmet only)

8. Following conditioning period defined in number 7 and through August 3, the following may be conducted:
 - a. Coaches working with their athletes in football related activities
 - b. 7 on 7 competitions
 - c. 5 on 5 competitions
 - d. Coaches one-week team camp (helmet only)
 - e. Strength and conditioning continues
9. From August 3 through August 15, the following may be conducted:
 - a. Coaches working with their athletes in football related activities
 - b. Coaches one-week team camp (helmet only)
 - c. Strength and conditioning continues
10. One team vs team camp, including college contact camp, is permitted for this summer; must be conducted by third party; maximum of two days; may be conducted any time after the 15 day conditioning period until August 15

These recommendations are based upon an anticipated practice start date of August 17 for fall sports; if there is a delay in the start, the calendar of recommendations may be modified.

The recommendations for items A through D were approved by a vote of 48 in favor, 23 opposed.

Motion by Herman, seconded by Briggs, to approve item E as recommended.

E. Scholarship Rule 13

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic students are at an academic disadvantage. Virtual learning and academic growth has been inhibited due to lack of computer hardware, poor bandwidth, absence of home supervision, and students having to take care of younger siblings.

Per KSHSAA policy, current 6th and 8th graders will have immediate academic eligibility for the fall semester of the 2020-21 school year. Current seventh graders will not have this same opportunity. The Covid-19 pandemic has prevented some of these students from reaching their academic potential and should not be withheld from KSHSAA activities for something that is beyond their control.

Note: At least one neighboring activity association granted relief of the academic standards for the fall semester of 2020-21 due to the unprecedented challenges that students have experienced.

Recommendation - Kansas school districts shall be granted local control to determine the academic eligibility standards for 7th grade students who will participate in activities at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year by setting aside **Rule 13 Scholarship Requirements Section 1, Article 3(a) and Section 3, Article 1(a)** for first quarter/semester only of the 2020-21 school year.

The recommendation for item E was approved by a vote of 51 in favor, 20 opposed.

Motion by Seyfort, seconded by Thon, to approve an amended item F as follows:

F. Recommendation - Kansas school districts shall be granted local control to determine the academic eligibility standards for 7th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grade students who will participate in activities at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. This allowance would be a one semester district determination for participation during the Fall Semester of 2020.

The amended recommendation for item F was approved by a vote of 52 in favor, 19 opposed.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

Executive Board elections were held. Newly elected (designated by an *) and carryover current members are listed below:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – Deena Horst, Salina (two-year appointment)

BOARD OF EDUCATION – Mike Kastle, Parsons, USD 503 (carry-over member)

***MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** – Principal Alan Stein, Hill City (two-year term)

***CLASS 6A** – Principal Jason Herman, Olathe North (two-year term)

CLASS 5A – Athletic Director Ken Stonebraker, Salina-South (carry-over member)

***CLASS 4A** – Principal Shannon Haydock, Rose Hill (two-year term)

CLASS 3A – Principal Greg Rosenhagen, Cheney (carry-over member)

***CLASS 2A** – Principal Monty Marlin, Sublette (two-year term)

CLASS 1A – Superintendent Roger Perkins, Miltonvale-Southern Cloud, USD 334 (carry-over member)

2020-21 MEETING DATES APPROVED

Motion by Dietz, second by Koelsch, to approve the following Board of Directors' meeting dates for the 2020-21 school year:

Fall:

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 3 p.m.

(hearings, discussion, possible final action)

Thursday, September 17, 2020 (Tentative)

(final action)

Spring:

Friday, April 30, 2021, 3 p.m.

(hearings, discussion, possible final action)

Saturday, May 1, 2020 (Tentative)

(final action)

The vote was 68 in favor, none opposed. Meeting dates were approved.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the KSHSAA Board of Directors will be held at the KSHSAA office at 601 SW Commerce Place in Topeka on:

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 3 p.m.
(hearings, discussion, possible final action)

Thursday, September 17, 2020 (Tentative)
(final action)