

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, April 30, 2021

The Board of Directors met virtually on Friday, April 30, 2021 with the following in attendance:

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

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; Craig Nelson, Renwick;

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 Jeff Hines, Paola (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 Jan Hutley, Alma-Wabaunsee (Mid-East); 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); Athletic Director Jerald Van Rheen, Shawnee-Mill Valley (Sunflower); Principal Rob Schneeberger, Oswego (Three Rivers); Principal Sean Spoons, Eureka (Tri-Valley) – *Left meeting early*; 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.

Absent members:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Jerry Flanagan, Louisburg; Mark Richards, Goddard;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Kelly McDiffett, Council Grove (Flint Hills); Principal Kelly Whitaker, Ottawa (Frontier); Principal Greg Koelsch, Smith Center (Mid-Continent); Principal Casey Seyfort, Beloit (North Central A.A.); Assistant Superintendent Michelle Hubbard, Shawnee Mission (Sunflower).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FORMAT

The Board of Directors assembled via virtual platform at 4 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 (52 votes would be required of 69 in attendance).

Following public hearings, discussion and final actions on all agenda items, the Board adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

1. Taylor Obersteadt, Unified Sports and Program Operations Coordinator, Special Olympics Kansas
2. Jenny Diederich, Louisburg

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 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.

PREVIOUS MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Perkins, second by Kastle, to approve the Minutes of the meetings conducted September 16, 2020; November 24, 2020; December 8, 2020; and January 20, 2021. The vote was 69 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.

CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT TIMELINE MODIFIED

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

Art. 1: Amendments to general classification shall not be subject to revision for the first three school years following initial application.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 64 in favor, 5 opposed. Note, as classification issues are subject to **Bylaw XII Classification of Senior High Schools**, this item will be forwarded to the Kansas State Board of Education for final determination.

SIXTH GRADE FOOTBALL PARTICIPATION AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The Western Kansas Liberty League asked the Board of Directors to modify **Rule 8 Middle/Junior High School, (7th, 8th and/ or 9th) Participation in Interscholastic Activities, Section 3, Article 2** by removing the following language:

Art. 2: Middle/junior high (seventh and eighth grade) schools may permit sixth-grade students of the same school system or of an elementary school which lies wholly within an organized middle/junior high school district, to participate in middle/junior high activities other than ~~tackle football~~, boxing and wrestling. Such participation will not adversely affect the eligibility of such students when they become middle/junior high school students.

NOTE: Sixth-grade students shall be subject to the Kansas State Board of Education regulations.

Principal Todd Flinn, Grainfield-Wheatland High School and WKLL representative, asked to withdraw the agenda item from consideration. He provided information to the Board on continuing league efforts to research the modification among schools. Subsequently, this item died for lack of motion and the Board took no action on the item.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH CLARIFIED

A motion was made by Perkins, seconded by Kastle, to modify **Rule 16 Semester Requirements, Section 1, Article 1** by adding the following language:

Art. 1: Once the school determines that a student is promoted from sixth grade, middle school/junior high eligibility begins immediately in the following semester. A student shall not have more than two semesters (the initial year of attendance) of possible eligibility in grade seven and two semesters in grade eight. Once the school determines that a student is promoted from eighth grade, high school eligibility begins immediately in the following semester. A student shall not have more than eight consecutive semesters of possible eligibility in grades nine through twelve, regardless of whether the ninth grade is included in junior high or in a senior high school.

NOTE: If a student does not participate or is ineligible due to transfer, scholarship, etc., the semester(s) during that period shall be counted toward the total number of semesters possible. (See Rule 30-1-1, Seasons of Activities.)

The proposal was approved by a vote of 66 in favor, 4 opposed.

TRACK AND FIELD LANGUAGE UPDATED

A motion was made by Horst, seconded by Marlin, to modify **Rule 42 Track & Field, Section 3, Article 3** by updating the following language:

Art. 3: The recommended order of events in invitational meets will be listed in the March issue of the KSHSAA Activities Journal provided by staff and based upon NFHS T&F Rules.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 69 in favor, none opposed.

UNIFIED BOWLING COMPETITION APPROVED

A motion was made by Rosenhagen, seconded by Perkins, to modify **Rule 45 Bowling (Girls & Boys)** by creating **Section 4** and the accompanying Articles:

Section 4: Unified Activity Regulations (apply to grades 9-12)

Art. 1: Schools are encouraged to schedule as many dual matches as possible. It is recommended these competitions begin after school hours.

Art. 2: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #13 of each calendar year.

Art. 3: Competition shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #15.

Art. 4: When needed, Regional Qualifying Tournaments shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week #19.

Art. 5: The state tournament shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week #20.

Art. 6: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than 4 days of competition during a season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 60 in favor, 8 opposed.

SHOW CHOIR ACTIVITIES APPROVED FOR RANKING

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Harrell, to modify **Rule 46 Music, Section 1, Article 2(a)** as follows:

Art. 2: Kansas music activities hosted by member schools or approved by the Executive Board may be rated and receive oral and/or written critiques but shall not be ranked or receive cash or merchandise awards.

- a. Kansas marching band and show choir activities hosted by member schools or approved by the Executive Board may be ranked, rated and receive oral and/or written critiques as long as the event falls within the guidelines of the KSHSAA mileage limitations. Out-of-state music activities approved by the Executive Board and the out-of-state high school association may be ranked, rated and receive oral and/or written critiques as long as the activity falls within the guidelines of the KSHSAA mileage limitations. (See **Bylaws, Article XIV - Approval of Events.**)

The proposal was approved by a vote of 66 in favor, 0 opposed.

COVID-19 MANDATORY FACE-COVERING END DATE APPROVED

The KSHSAA Board of Directors considered an update on action approved during the November 24, 2020 special meeting which approved the following by a vote of 76-1:

All participants (including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, support staff and all others attending/participating in school activities) shall wear a face covering in the manner it is intended to be worn (for purpose of COVID-19 risk mitigation) while at the event venue and for duration of the event. The only exception is provided for athletes during the time they are competing and for officials during active play.

Note of clarification for spring outdoor activities:

*KSHSAA Executive Board interpretation (March 23, 2021): Any participant (including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, support staff and all others attending/participating in school activities) **outdoors, who is able to maintain a minimum of six feet of social distancing** would not be required to wear a face covering. Adherence to a more restrictive local health authority or school district policy is supported and expected.*

Following the introduction of this issue, there was a motion by Marlin, seconded by Kastle, to amend the adopted language as follows:

The requirement for wearing a face covering terminates with the conclusion of KSHSAA spring championship activities for the 2020-21 school year. After the final KSHSAA spring championship, schools shall continue to adhere to all local risk mitigation policies. The KSHSAA strongly recommends face coverings continue to be worn until the CDC and KDHE indicate this health preservation measure is no longer necessary.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Shaffer, seconded by Schenk, to amend the proposed language as follows:

The requirement for wearing a face covering terminates on May 1, 2021 for all outdoor activities. The mask mandates for indoor activities will end at the end of the spring championships. Schools shall continue to adhere to all local risk mitigation policies.

The modified language recommendation was approved by a vote of 57 in favor, 12 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 (carry-over member)

***BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Mike Kastle, Parsons, USD 503 (two-year term)

***MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** – Principal Matthew Garber, Sabetha (one-year unexpired term)

***CLASS 6A** – Athletic Director Drew Thon, Garden City (one-year unexpired term)

***CLASS 5A** – Athletic Director Ben Sutherlin, Kansas City-Turner (two-year term)

CLASS 4A – Principal Shannon Haydock, Rose Hill (carry-over member)

***CLASS 3A** – Principal Greg Rosenhagen, Cheney (two-year term)

***CLASS 2A** – Principal Tim Bumgarner, Whitewater-Remington (one-year unexpired term)

***CLASS 1A** – Superintendent Roger Perkins, Miltonvale-Southern Cloud, USD 334 (two-year term)

***GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE** – Catherine Smith, Olathe (one-year appointment)

***GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE** – Linda Wiley, Silver Lake (one-year appointment)

2020-21 MEETING DATES APPROVED

Motion by Perkins, second by Kastle, to approve the following Board of Directors' meeting dates for the 2021-22 school year:

Fall:

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 3 p.m.

(hearings, discussion, possible final action)

Thursday, September 16, 2021 (Tentative)

(final action)

Spring:

Friday, April 29, 2022, 3 p.m.

(hearings, discussion, possible final action)

Saturday, April 30, 2021 (Tentative)

(final action)

The vote was 69 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 15, 2021, 3 p.m.

(hearings, discussion, possible final action)

Thursday, September 16, 2021 (Tentative)

(final action)