

Kansas State High School Activities Association

Minutes



Board of Directors
Topeka, KSHSAA Office
Thursday, April 24, 2025

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

The Board of Directors met in the office of the KSHSAA on Thursday, April 24, 2025, with the following in attendance:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Michelle Dombrosky, Olathe;

GOVERNOR AT-LARGE APPOINTEES – Delvin Strecker, Salina; Linessa Frazier, Topeka; RJ Wilson, Lenexa; David Abel, Wichita;

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Perry McCabe, McPherson; George Stover, Lyons; Sue Bolley, Topeka; Rod Koons, Hillsboro; Gina Knapp, Blue Valley; Rob Vohs, Louisburg; Mark Richards, Goddard; Shelby Green, Douglass;

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – KASBC - Ryan Burrows, Satanta; KIAAA - Shane Backhus, McPherson; KMEA - Jamie Minneman, Assaria; KSCA - Eric Skoglund, Olathe Northwest;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Curt Graves, Tescott; Principal Mark Bloustine, Paola; Principal Cort Haynes, Maize South; Principal Connie Redic, Wichita-Curtis;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Eric Cooper, Clearwater (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Assistant Principal Laura Scaglione, Andover (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Athletic Director Russell Baldwin, Derby (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Athletic Director John Coslett, Towanda-Circle (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Principal Adam Hurla, St. Marys (Big East); Athletic Director Bobby Taul, Topeka-Hayden (Centennial); Principal Jared Kirkpatrick, Haven (Central Kansas); Principal Scott Dunham, Douglass (Central Plains); Principal Jon Webster, La Crosse (Central Prairie); Principal Brandy Stanley, Frontenac (CNC); Athletic Director Kelli Kurlle, Overland Park-Blue Valley North (Eastern Kansas); Principal Jay Doornbos, Council Grove (Flint Hills); Principal Cody Witte, Tonganoxie (Frontier); Principal Matt Sims, Colby (Great West Activities Conference); Principal Sara Richardson, Wichita-East (Greater Wichita); Principal Travis Rogers, Wichita-South (Greater Wichita); Principal Chris Bloomer, Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel (Greater Wichita); Principal Donald Raymer, Marion (Heart of America); Principal Wyatt Williams, Attica (Heart of the Plains); Principal Nate Schmitt, Lakin (Hi-Plains); Principal Jared Barker, Prairie Village-Kansas City Christian (Kaw Valley Conference); Principal Tammy Baird, Madison (Lyon County); Principal Latisha Williams, Atchison (Meadowlark); District Athletic Director Sam Simmons, Kansas City (Meadowlark); Principal Greg Koelsch, Smith Center (Mid-Continent); Principal Casey Seyfert, Beloit (North Central A.A.); Principal Ben Smith, Abilene (North Central Kansas); Principal Larry Mills, Horton (Northeast Kansas); Principal Jeremy Holloway, Oberlin-Decatur Community (Northwest Kansas); Principal Jodi Grover, Burlington (Pioneer); Principal Kevin Weber, Howard-West Elk (South Central Border); Principal Travis Stalford, Coffeyville-Field Kindley (Southeast Kansas); Principal Travis Powell, Greensburg-Kiowa County (SPIAA); Principal Jay Novacek, Olathe West (Sunflower); Principal Todd Dain, Shawnee Mission South (Sunflower); Assistant Principal Mike Gillman, Lawrence (Sunflower); Principal James Renfro, Cherryvale (Tri-Valley); Principal Cory Jensen, Hanover (Twin Valley); Principal Alan Penrose, Kansas City-Turner (United Kansas Conference); Athletic Director Michelle Mages, DeSoto (United Kansas Conference); Athletic Director Kerri Miles, Liberal (Western Athletic Conference); Principal Paul Prew, Palco (Western Kansas-Liberty). Principal Trevor Siebert, Lost Springs-Centre (Wheat State); Superintendent Geoff Andrews, Diocese of Salina (Independent Schools);

KSHSAA STAFF – Executive Director, Bill Faflck; Assistant Executive Directors Mark Lentz, Jeremy Holaday, Rod Garman, Kyle Doperalski, Sarah Smith, and Megan Hagaman; Director of Operations Brent Unruh; Director of Officials Scott Goodheart; and Staff Member Mindy Nichol.

Absent were:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Michelle Dombrosky, Olathe;

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – KCA - Jeri Brummett, St-George-Rock Creek;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Superintendent Kellen Adams, Leavenworth; Principal Stacey Chatmon, Kansas City-Carl B. Bruce;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Gennifer Booth, Junction City (Centennial); President Andy Tylicki, Lenexa-St. James Academy (Eastern Kansas); Principal Jeremy Long, Downs-Lakeside (Northern Plains); Executive Director of Secondary Education Heather Peeke, Gardner-Edgerton (Sunflower); Principal Russ Cramer, Arma-Northeast (Three Rivers); Principal Martha Mendoza, Dodge City (Western Athletic Conference).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FORMAT

The Board of Directors assembled at the office of the KSHSAA in Topeka, Kansas at 3 p.m. Thursday evening for hearings, discussion, and final action on agenda items and Executive Board elections.

President Casey Seyfert informed members should they wish to add an item to the agenda it could be done provided three-fourths of those present agreed. (49 votes would be required of 65 in attendance).

Following public hearings, discussion and final actions on all agenda items, the Board adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Fafllick, Executive Director, called roll, presented remarks relative to the state of the Association and updated the members of the Board of Directors on business and policy matters of the Association.

PUBLIC FORUM

Athletic Director Jason Feil, Bennington High School, spoke on item 10, modification of **Rule 35**, relative to football classification.

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.

PREVIOUS MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by S. Richardson, second by D. Strecker, to approve the Minutes of the meetings conducted September 18, 2024. The vote was 65 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF EVENTS MODIFIED FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion was made by D. Abel, seconded by D. Raymer, to **Temporarily Suspend Section 3 of Bylaw XIV – Approval of Events** which indicates the following:

Any contest or activity under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA sponsored by an outside agency which is on the approved list of the National Association of Secondary School Principals shall be considered automatically approved.

The NASSP has discontinued the service of approving events. At this time, no other agency or process has been identified to provide this service. The motion would allow staff to utilize the roster of all events historically approved by the NASSP and attended by KSHSAA member schools to be approved for the next school year.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 65 in favor, 0 opposed.

SEASONS OF ACTIVITIES RULE 30 LIMITS APPROVED

A motion was made by A. Penrose, seconded by T. Dain, to modify **Rule 30, Seasons of Activities, Section 1, Article 9** to read:

Art. 9: Beginning Monday of SCW #7, the following practice rules apply to football, boys and girls cross country, fall season soccer, girls volleyball, girls gymnastics, fall season tennis and fall season golf. These rules apply for each student until their first interscholastic competition or Monday of SCW #9, whichever is later.

g. Beginning Monday of SCW #7, dual sport athletes are permitted to participate in practices for both sports on the same day, on consecutive days of the week, but combined practice time may not exceed three hours per day until the student has participated in five days of practice for each sport. After five

days of practice in each sport, the student may practice up to a combined five hours per day on an every-other-day basis until their first interscholastic competition or Monday of SCW #9, whichever is later.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 64 in favor, 1 opposed.

BASKETBALL RULE 33 COMPETITION BEGINNING CHANGES

A motion was made by A. Hurla, seconded by J. Doornbos, to modify **Rule 33, Basketball (Girls & Boys), Section 2, Articles 2 & 9** to read:

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to ~~Thursday~~ Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #22.

Art. 5: No student may participate in more than 20 games, including those games played in tournaments.

- a. Regardless of the tournament format, the maximum number of games played in a season, exclusive of KSHSAA postseason competition, shall be 20 games.
- b. Invitational tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams (See Rule 33-1-3). EXCEPTION: In league tournaments involving nine or more teams, those teams who must play a contest to qualify for the eight-team bracket may find themselves playing four in lieu of three games in that tournament. As a result, they would be allowed 21 in lieu of 20 games during the season.
- c. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board, varsity invitational and league pre-season tournaments shall be held:
 - (1) Early season—A league pre-season tournament involving all league member schools may be held during Standardized Calendar Week #22. Invitational varsity tournaments shall be held during Standardized Calendar Weeks #23 or #24. Standardized Calendar Week #24 is for girls' tournaments only, if not held during Standardized Calendar Week #23.
 - (2) Mid-Season—Invitational varsity tournaments shall be held during Standardized Calendar Weeks #29 or #30. Standardized Calendar Week #30 is for girls' tournaments only, if not held during the first week.
- d. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board, league and/or non-varsity tournaments shall be held at least two weeks prior to the postseason tournament series.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 64 in favor, 1 opposed.

FOOTBALL RULE 35 PARTICIPATION LIMITS ADJUSTED

A motion was made by D. Raymer, seconded by S. Richardson, to modify **Rule 35, Football (Boys), Section 2, Article 3** to read:

Art. 3: The Executive Board shall arrange for a district system of playoffs for three Classes (3A, 2A and 1A) in 11-Player, as well as for two championships in 8-Player football (two divisions). Classes 6A, 5A and 4A will not be placed in districts. For 8-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of ~~100~~ 120 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. For 6-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 55 students in grades 9, 10 and 11.

Following a friendly amendment by T. Powell, the language modification was adjusted as follows:

Art. 3: The Executive Board shall arrange for a district system of playoffs for three Classes (3A, 2A and 1A) in 11-Player, as well as for two championships in 8-Player football (two divisions). Classes 6A, 5A and 4A will not be placed in districts. For 8-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of ~~100~~ 110 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. For 6-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of ~~55~~ 65 students in grades 9, 10 and 11.

A friendly amendment by J. Webster to split the two modifications into two votes was denied. Following discussion, the updated proposal was approved by a vote of 47 in favor, 18 opposed.

ESPORTS RULE 54 CREATED AS NEW KSHSAA ACTIVITY

A motion was made by R. Baldwin, seconded by A. Penrose, to create **Handbook Rule 54, Esports (Girls & Boys)** and modify language of **Rule 10, Qualification of Coaches**, to include eSports as a KSHSAA activity as follows:

Rule 54 - Esports (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Students representing member schools in interscholastic Esports activities are required to meet the same qualifications as those representing their school in all other interscholastic activities (i.e. grades, transfer scholarship, etc.; refer to **Rules 12-19**).

Art. 2: Esport coaches shall meet the requirements of **Rule 10 – Qualifications of Coaches** (Athletic, Spirit, Scholars Bowl, Speech, and Music Directors)

Art. 3: Schools are encouraged to schedule as many dual matches as possible. It is recommended these competitions begin after school hours.

Art. 4: Competition may be virtual or in-person.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations (apply to grades 9-12)

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #21.

Art. 2: Competition shall begin no earlier than Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #22.

Art. 3: Regionals, when needed, will be held prior to the State Tournament. Regionals will be conducted as in-person competitions.

Art. 4: The state tournament shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week # 30. The state tournament will be conducted as in-person competitions.

Art. 5: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than 9 days of competition for any unique game during a season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

Art. 6: No school may participate in more than 12 days of competition for any unique game during the season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

Art. 7: In order to be eligible for regional tournaments, a student must participate in a minimum of one competition date as an “in-person” participant.

Art. 8: The Executive Board has the authority to revise the participation regulations and to establish regulations for outside tournament competitions.

Art. 9: Competitions outside of the designated school season are considered club activities.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (apply to grades 7-8)

Art. 1: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight days of competition for any unique game during a season.

Art. 2: No school may participate in more than 10 days of competition for any unique game during the season.

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

None

The following change will be made to the Rule heading only.

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

The proposal was approved by a vote of 65 in favor, 0 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 – Jim Porter, Fredonia (carry-over member)

BOARD OF EDUCATION* – Shelby Green, Douglas USD 396 (two-year term)

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL – Principal Connie Redic, Wichita-Curtis (carry-over member)

CLASS 6A – Principal Sara Richardson, Wichita-East (carry-over member)

CLASS 5A* – Principal Alan Penrose, Lansing HS (two-year term)

CLASS 4A – Principal Eric Cooper, Clearwater (carry-over member)

CLASS 3A* – Principal Jay Doornbos, Council Grove (two-year term)

CLASS 2A – Principal Don Raymer, Marion (carry-over member)

CLASS 1A* – Principal Cory Jensen, Hanover (two-year term)

AT-LARGE (SUPERINTENDENT)* – Superintendent Geoff Andrews, Diocese of Salina (one-year appointment)

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE (CD 2)* – Linessa Frazier, Topeka (one-year appointment)

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE (CD 3)* – RJ Wilson, Lenexa (one-year appointment)

2025-26 MEETING DATES APPROVED

Motion by C. Redic, second by J. Porter, to approve the Board of Directors' meeting dates for the 2025-26 school year. The dates are as follows:

Fall:

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 3 p.m.

(hearings, discussion, final action)

Thursday, September 18, 2025 (Tentative)

(final action)

Spring:

Thursday, April 23, 2026, 3 p.m.

(hearings, discussion, final action)

Friday, April 24, 2026 (Tentative)

(final action)

The vote was 65 in favor, 0 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 17, 2025, 3 p.m.

Thursday, September 18, 2025 (Tentative)

The meeting was adjourned at by a unanimous voice vote at approximately 5:15 p.m.