

Kansas State High School Activities Association

MINUTES

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



Board of Directors
Topeka, KSHSAA Office
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

The Board of Directors met in the office of the KSHSAA on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, with the following in attendance:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Deena Horst, Salina; Jim Porter, Fredonia;

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Sue Bolley, Topeka; Mike Kastle, Parsons; Gina Knapp, Blue Valley; Mark Richards, Goddard;

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – Shane Backhus, McPherson; Jamie Minneman, Assaria; Mike Harris, Wichita-Southeast;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Curt Graves, Tescott; Superintendent Kellen Adams, Leavenworth; Principal Cort Haynes, Maize South; Athletic Director Justin Briggs, Dodge City-Comanche; 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 Justin Seuser, Buhler (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Principal Nathan Bauman, Sabetha (Big Seven); Principal Gennifer Booth, Junction City (Centennial); Athletic Director Bobby Taul, Topeka-Hayden (Centennial); Principal Jared Kirkpatrick, Douglass (Central Kansas); Principal Scott Dunham, Douglass (Central Plains); Principal Jon Webster, La Crosse (Central Prairie); President Andy Tylicki, Lenexa-St. James Academy (Eastern Kansas); Athletic Director Kelli Kurle, Overland Park-Blue Valley North (Eastern Kansas); Principal Jay Doornbos, Council Grove (Flint Hills); Principal Jeff Hines, Paola (Frontier); Principal Matt Bayer, Scott Community (Great West Activities Conference); Principal Eric Hofer-Holdeman, Wichita-Northwest (Greater Wichita); Principal Chris Bloomer, Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel (Greater Wichita); Principal Donald Raymer, Marion (Heart of America); Superintendent Betsy McKinney, Fairfield (Heart of the Plains); Principal Paul Zuzelski, Syracuse (Hi-Plains); Principal David Schenk, Olathe-Heritage Christian (Kaw Valley Conference); Principal Tammy Baird, Madison (Lyon County); Principal Greg Koelsch, Smith Center (Mid-Continent); Principal Adam Hurla, St. Marys (Mid-East); Principal Casey Seyfert, Beloit (North Central A.A.); Principal Ben Smith, Abilene (North Central Kansas); Principal Larry Mills, Horton (Northeast Kansas); Principal Jeremy Long, Downs-Lakeside (Northern Plains); Principal Patrick Graham, Santa Fe Trail (Pioneer); Superintendent K.B. Criss, Dexter (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 Marilyn Chrisler, Shawnee-Mill Valley (Sunflower); Athletic Director Mike Gillman, Lawrence (Sunflower); Principal Rob Schneeberger, Oswego (Three Rivers); Principal James Renfro, Cherryvale (Tri-Valley); Principal Cory Jensen, Hanover (Twin Valley); Principal Alan Penrose, Kansas City-Turner (United Kansas Conference); Principal Martha Mendoza, Dodge City (Western Athletic Conference); Athletic Director Kerri Miles, Liberal (Western Athletic Conference); Principal Trevor Siebert, Lost Springs-Centre (Wheat State); Superintendent Geoff Andrews, Diocese of Salina (Independent Schools);

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

Absent were:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Matt McCabe, Buhler; George Stover, Lyons; Rob Vohs, Louisburg; Shelby Green, Douglass;

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – Ryan Burrows, Satanta; Stan Boggs, Dodge City;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Mark Bloustine, Paola;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Brandy Stanley, Frontenac (CNC); Principal Sara Richardson, Wichita-East (Greater Wichita); Principal Lacy Warren, Atchison (Meadowlark); District Athletic Director Sam Simmons, Kansas City (Meadowlark); Principal Jeremy Holloway, Oberlin-Decatur Community (Northwest Kansas); Athletic Director Rick Byers, Kansas City-Turner (United Kansas Conference); Principal Bryant Briggs, Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell (Western Kansas-Liberty).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FORMAT

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

President Justin Seuser advised members an item could be added to the agenda provided three-fourths of those present (60) agreed (45 votes would be required). No additions were requested.

Following public hearings, discussion and voting of all agenda items, the Board adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Faflick, Executive Director, called roll, presented remarks on the Association's financial position and other items 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

The opportunity for public comment on KSHSAA issues was provided. The following individuals spoke on the listed agenda items:

- Pat Butler, Athletic Director, Olathe West High School – Modification of Baseball and Softball Rules.
- Heath Gerstner, Baseball Coach, McPherson High School – Modification of Baseball Rule.

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

Note: Words or phrases which appear underlined in the following sections indicate the changes which were made.

CLASS 6A REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Due to the resignation of former Board of Directors member Drew Thon, Garden City, a vacancy required the members in Class 6A elect a new representative on the Executive Board. During the orientation breakout session, an election was conducted and Principal Eric Hofer-Holdeman of Wichita-Northwest High School was selected to serve the unexpired term.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

M. Kastle moved, second by K. Adams, to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2023, Board of Directors meetings. The motion passed (59-0).

BASEBALL TEAM COMPETITION NUMBER EXPANDED

A motion was made by T. Dain, seconded by A. Penrose, to modify Rule 32, Baseball, Section 2, Article 4 as follows:

Art. 4: No varsity team shall participate in more than twenty-six games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only twenty of those games may involve the loss of instructional time. No team (at any non-varsity level) shall participate in more than twenty games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only ten of twenty non-varsity playing dates may involve school time. A student may participate in twenty-six games of interschool competition during the season, exclusive of the state championship series.

Note: A student who participates in more than twenty-six games during the season is ineligible until reinstated by the Executive Board.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 42 in favor, 17 opposed.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENTS EXPAND NUMBER OF DAYS

A motion was made by P. Zuzelski, seconded by T. Dain, to modify **Rule 36, Golf (Girls & Boys), Article 3** as follows:

Art. 3: The state tournament

- a. Girls – Shall be held on Monday and Tuesday, insofar as possible, of Standardized Calendar Week #16. Regionals, when needed, will be held the previous week.
- b. Boys – Shall be held on Monday and Tuesday, insofar as possible, of Standardized Calendar Week #47. Regionals, when needed, will be held the previous week.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 59 in favor, 0 opposed.

INACCURATE GOLF LANGUAGE REMOVED

A motion was made by M. Kastle, seconded by D. Strecker, to modify **Rule 36, Golf (Girls & Boys)** by removing **Article 6** as follows:

Art. 6: The Executive Board may schedule summer tournaments, if a sufficient number of schools enter summer competition.

c. ~~A school shall not participate during the school year and in summer competition.~~

d. ~~A school shall declare its choice in advance.~~

The proposal was approved by a vote of 59 in favor, 0 opposed.

SOFTBALL TEAM COMPETITION NUMBER EXPANDED

A motion was made by L. Wiley, seconded by T. Dain, to modify **Rule 39, Softball, Section 2, Article 5** as follows:

Art. 4: ~~No varsity team shall participate in more than twenty-six games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only twenty of those games may involve the loss of instructional time. No team (at any non-varsity level) shall participate in more than twenty games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only ten of twenty non-varsity playing dates may involve school time. A student may participate in twenty-six games of interschool competition during the season, exclusive of the state championship series.~~

Note: A student who participates in more than twenty-six games during the season is ineligible until reinstated by the Executive Board.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 48 in favor, 11 opposed.

RULE UPDATES PER KANSAS LEGISLATION

Mr. Faflick led a discussion with Board members on Kansas legislation made at the end of the last legislative session that impacted KSHSAA rules and procedures.

The first piece of state legislation discussed was House Bill 2238 or the 'Fairness in Women's Sports Act' regarding transgender student eligibility. It was determined no additional rule modifications were necessary at this time by the Board of Directors as the policy adopted following this legislation remains appropriate.

The second piece of legislation, House Substitute for Senate Bill 113, introduced challenges to **Rule 18 Transfer**. In response, two exceptions to **Rule 18, Transfer, Section 1, Article 4** were introduced and discussed in an effort to provide consistent application of transfer eligibility for students transferring from non-member school under specific circumstances. Both of these exceptions provide the possibility of varsity eligibility for the student. The current language detailed in the KSHSAA Handbook 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/P—Send a copy of it and a letter of request for eligibility to KSHSAA, identifying the non-member school.)

Following discussion, a motion was made by K. Adams, seconded by J. Webster to modify **Rule 18, Transfer, Section 1, Article 4** by adding the following exception:

Exception: A non-member school student may be granted varsity transfer-eligibility upon return to the member school most recently attended.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 59 in favor, 0 opposed.

A motion was then made by C. Seyfert, seconded by D. Strecker to modify **Rule 18, Transfer, Section 1, Article 4** by adding the additional exception:

Exception: A student participating on a member school team while attending a non-member school may be granted varsity transfer-eligibility upon enrollment at that member school.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 59 in favor, 0 opposed.

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:

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 3 p.m.

(hearings, discussion, final action and Executive Board elections)

Friday, April 26, 2024, 9 a.m.

(tentative – depending on agenda length)

Before adjourning, board members were reminded of the upcoming Regional Administrator and Board of Education meetings to be held across the state in October. Board members were encouraged to attend the meetings to be held on the following dates at the listed locations:

Monday, October 16, 2023	Topeka, KSHSAA Office
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	Salina South High School
Wednesday, October 18, 2023	Oakley High School
Thursday, October 19, 2023	Dodge City USD 443 District Office
Monday, October 23, 2023	Blue Valley USD 229 Hilltop Facility
Tuesday, October 24, 2023	Maize South High School
Wednesday, October 25, 2023	Fort Scott High School