

Kansas State High School Activities Association

MINUTES

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



**Special Executive Board Meeting
Held Virtually via ZOOM
Friday, December 11, 2020**

The Executive Board held a special meeting at the request of the Executive Director, on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members participating: President Alan Stein, Shannon Haydock, Jason Herman, Deena Horst, Mike Kastle, Monty Marlin, Roger Perkins, Greg Rosenhagen, Ken Stonebraker, and Bill Faflick, Executive Director. Assistant Executive Directors Cheryl Gleason, Francine Martin, Mark Lentz, Jeremy Holaday, Craig Manteuffel, Rod Garman and Office/Operations Manager Brent Unruh also participated.

KAYE PEARCE RECOGNIZED

As a retired teacher, coach, administrator, and KSHSAA staff member and Executive Director, Mr. Kaye Pearce was remembered and recognized for his faithful service to the Association and to Kansas schools. Mr. Pearce passed away earlier this week.

VIRTUAL COMPETITION APPROVED FOR SPEECH POSTSEASON

The Executive Board received an overview of the Virtual Postseason Speech/Drama Summary provided by staff. It was recommended by KSHSAA staff to move forward with virtual platforms for the 2020-21 speech postseason championships and festivals. Invitational competitions may be conducted in virtual or in-person format. Following discussion, a motion was made to approve the proposal for a virtual postseason platform. The motion passed 9-0.

VIRTUAL COMPETITION APPROVED FOR MUSIC FESTIVALS

The Executive Board received an overview for state music festivals provided by KSHSAA staff. It was recommended to move forward with virtual platforms for the 2020-21 school year. Following discussion, a motion was made to approve the proposal for a virtual music festival platform. The motion passed 9-0.

BASKETBALL POSTSEASON PROTOCOL APPROVED

The Executive Board received options for postseason basketball tournaments calendar, protocol, and format for the 2020-21 basketball season. Both options included four teams advancing to state tournament site. For Classes 4A, 5A, and 6A one option considered retained the traditional seeding of each half of the state, while the other option created groups of four or five with winners advancing to quarterfinals. Classes 1A-DI, 1A-DII, 2A, 3A will follow the format outlined in the KSHSAA Basketball Manual with pods of 6, 7 or 8 teams. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept substate pods, with paired pods playing in state quarterfinals at the highest seed on Monday, March 8 or Tuesday, March 9. The board voted to suspend the third-place games for the 2020-21 postseason. The motion passed 9-0.

In addition, a motion was made to suspend the sportsmanship awards for one year. These awards are usually judged and given in conjunction with the state basketball tournament. With regard to likely limited attendance, a recommendation was made to not give the awards for the 2021 tournament. The motion passed 9-0.

BOWLING POSTSEASON PROTOCOL APPROVED

The Executive Board received information on a pod system format for the 2020-21 bowling postseason tournament. The pod system allows for an adapted two-session regional format with boys and girls from the same school bowling side by side in a morning or afternoon session. Results from morning and afternoon sessions at the same center will be compared to determine team and individual state qualifiers. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the protocol. The motion passed 9-0.

SCHOLARS BOWL POSTSEASON PROTOCOL APPROVED

The Executive Board received a recommendation for a revised postseason scholars bowl tournament protocol and format for the 2020-21 school year. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the protocol which provides for in-person competitions with reduced numbers of schools per site and implementation of COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Protocols. Classes 5A, 3A, 1A (Division I), and 1A (Division II) will participate in regional competition on Monday, February 1, 2021, and classes 6A, 4A, and 2A regional competitions will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2021. Regional competitions will only include six to nine schools at each site. The State Scholars Bowl Championships for all seven classes will take place on Saturday, February 13 with eight schools competing in each classification. The motion passed 9-0.

BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING POSTSEASON PROTOCOL APPROVED

The Executive Board received a recommendation for a revised state championship protocol and format for the 2020-21 Boys 6A and 5-1A Championship Swimming and Diving meets. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the protocol which provides a one-day format with timed-finals in swimming events and eleven rounds in diving. Both boys' state championship meets will be held at the Shawnee Mission School District Aquatic Center with the 6A meet on Friday, February 19, 2021 and the 5-1A meet on Saturday, February 20, 2021. The motion passed 9-0.

WRESTLING POSTSEASON PROTOCOL APPROVED

The Executive Board received a recommendation for a revised postseason protocol and format for the 2020-21 Girls and Boys regional and state championship tournaments. For girls wrestling, it was recommended to allow for two separate divisions, with Division I designated for schools in Classes 6A and 5A and Division II comprised of schools in Classes 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. A motion was made to split girls wrestling into two divisions and the motion passed 9-0.

The revisions for boys and girls wrestling postseason include additional rounds of competition and one day state tournaments. Each round advances the top four finishers in each weight class. One additional substate round is recommended for 5A and 6A boys, and two additional rounds (district and substate) are recommended for both Divisions of girls and for the 4A and 3-1A boys tournaments. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the postseason protocol. The motion passed 9-0.

All protocols will be posted on the KSHSAA website and will be distributed to schools as soon as possible. There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.