

Kansas State High School Activities Association

Minutes



Board of Directors
Topeka, KSHSAA Office
Thursday, April 23, 2026

**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 23, 2026, with the following in attendance:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Beryl New, Topeka; Jim Porter, Fredonia;

GOVERNOR AT-LARGE APPOINTEES – Keith Hauser, Norton; Linessa Frazier, Topeka; RJ Wilson, Lenexa;

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Perry McCabe, McPherson; Sue Bolley, Topeka; Gina Knapp, Blue Valley; Rob Vohs, Louisburg; Shelby Green, Douglass;

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – KASBC - Ryan Burrows, Satanta; KIAAA – Chris Asmussen, Wichita USD 259; KMEA – Damian Johnson, Eudora; KSCA - Eric Skoglund, Olathe Northwest;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Superintendent Kellen Adams, Leavenworth; Principal Mark Bloustine, Paola; Principal Cort Haynes, Maize South; Principal Relyn Strom, Topeka-Robinson; Principal Patric Jackson, Wichita-Stucky;

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, Circle (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Principal Adam Hurla, St. Marys (Big East); Athletic Director Bobby Taul, Hayden (Centennial); Principal Chad Baalman, Halstead (Central Kansas); Principal Scott Dunham, Douglass (Central Plains); Principal Jon Webster, La Crosse (Central Prairie); President Andy Tylicki, St. James Academy (Eastern Kansas) (*late arrival*); Athletic Director Kelli Kurle, 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 Travis Rogers, Wichita-South (Greater Wichita); Principal Sara Richardson, Wichita-East (Greater Wichita); Principal Chris Bloomer, Kapaun Mt. Carmel (Greater Wichita); Principal Donald Raymer, Marion (Heart of America); Principal Wyatt Williams, Attica (Heart of the Plains); Principal Ryan Kisner, Southwestern Heights (Hi-Plains); Head of School Jared Barker, Kansas City Christian (Kaw Valley Conference); Principal Bob Risch, Waverly (Lyon County); District Athletic Director Sam Simmons, Kansas City USD 500 (Meadowlark); Principal Jhon Haehn, Plainville (Mid-Continent); Principal Terry Moeckel, Minneapolis (North Central A.A.); Principal Larry Mills, Horton (Northeast Kansas); Principal Jeremy Long, Lakeside (Northern Plains); Principal Jeremy Holloway, Decatur Community (Northwest Kansas); Principal Kate Gronquist, Prairie View (Pioneer); Principal Kevin Weber, West Elk (South Central Border); Principal Kurt Seiler, Independence (Southeast Kansas); Principal Luke Ritchie, Minneola (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, Lansing (United Kansas Conference); Athletic Director Michelle Mages, DeSoto (United Kansas Conference); Superintendent Khris Thexton, Great Bend USD 428 (Western Athletic Conference); Athletic Director Monica Vega, Liberal (Western Athletic Conference); Principal Trevor Siebert, Centre (Wheat State); Superintendent Geoff Andrews, Diocese of Salina (Independent Schools).

KSHSAA STAFF – Executive Director, Bill Faflick; 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:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Rod Koons, Hillsboro; Mark Richards, Goddard;

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – KCA - Jeri Brummett, Rock Creek;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Curt Graves, Tescott;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Gennifer Booth, Junction City (Centennial); Principal Beau Sarwinski, Galena (CNC); Principal Latisha Williams, Atchison (Meadowlark); Principal Ben Smith, Abilene (North Central Kansas); Executive Director of Secondary Education Heather Peeke, Gardner-Edgerton (Sunflower); Superintendent Russ Cramer, Northeast USD 246 (Three Rivers); Principal Adam Wigington, Cheylin (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. Thursday evening for hearings, discussion, and final action on agenda items and Executive Board elections.

President Alan Penrose informed members should they wish to add an item to the agenda it could be done provided three-fourths of those present agreed. (47 votes would be required of 62 in attendance).

Following public hearings, discussion and final actions on all agenda items, the Board adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Faflick, 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

The following individuals spoke in person during open public forum:

Moratoriums Item #9 – Fr. Daniel Duling, Cheney; and Angie Bittner, Clearwater.

Flag Football Item #14 – Briana Redic, Wichita East; Tal'iah Baker, Wichita East; DeSe'a Hall, Wichita West; Nariah Harris, Wichita West; Alola Reilly, Wichita Northwest; Isabel Broce, Osawatomie; Ashlynn Cantu, Osawatomie; Emma Prasko, Osawatomie; Anastasia Gamblin, Osawatomie; Luke Shanno, Prairie Village; Kate Mikuls, Mill Valley; Carrie Kurth, Maize South; Karlie Harden, Maize South; Addison Retana, Wichita North; Adyson Bires, Olathe West; Weston Moody, Wamego; Crystal Ford, Olathe; Kayson Matthews, Olathe; Lara Krug, Fairway; Kennedy Foster, Kansas City; Sheila Sickay, Kansas City; Krishna Lee, Kansas City; Abby Brown, Ottawa.

The following individuals submitted open public forum written testimony prior to the meeting:

Moratoriums Item #9 – Dallas Holloway, Osage City; Adam Jarvis, Olathe; Luke Moore, Hiawatha; Nathan Blasi, Wichita; Kenny & Michelle Linson, El Dorado; Fred Rosas, Maize; Fr. Daniel Duling, Cheney;

Cross Country Item #12 – Kandy Williams, Wamego; David Williams, Wamego; Adam Jarvis, Olathe;

Flag Football Item #14 – Kevin Neenan, Roeland Park; Connie Redic, Wichita Southeast.

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 L. Frazier, second by S. Richardson, to approve the Minutes of the meetings conducted September 17, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

500-MILE RULE WAIVED FOR SELECT VIRTUAL COMPETITIONS*

A motion was made by E. Skoglund, seconded by K. Adams, to **modify Section 2 of Bylaw XIV – Approval of Events** by adding the following language:

For interstate events involving virtual competition (including, but not limited to, Esports, Debate, and Speech/Drama), the 500-road mile rule shall be interpreted based upon the actual distance students travel to the location from which they will participate in the contest. If students will compete from a location within Kansas, the 500-road mile limit shall not apply, regardless of the location of the host institution.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 62 in favor, 0 opposed.

*Note, KSHSAA **Bylaw Article XVI – Amendments, Section 1** details any Bylaw amendment requires two levels of approval. First, approval by the Board of Directors, and then approval by the Kansas State Board of Education. Following this vote of affirmation by the BOD, the item was sent to the State Board of Education for inclusion on their agenda at an upcoming meeting.

APPROVAL OF EVENTS MODIFIED FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion was made by S. Green, seconded by S. Richardson, 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 62 in favor, 0 opposed.

ADDITIONAL MORATORIUMS CONSIDERED

A proposal was brought before the Board to modify **Rule 9, Moratoriums, Section 1**, by adding three new sections. Each section was addressed on their own merits.

Modify Rule 9, Moratoriums, Section 1, by adding the following language:

EASTER MORATORIUM

Art. 6: The Executive Board shall establish a consecutive four-day period (including Easter Sunday) beginning at 6 p.m. on the Thursday before Easter running through the duration of Easter Sunday where there shall be no school practice or interscholastic contests or activities. This moratorium impacts fine arts, and all school activities including spirit activities.

a. There shall be no inter school activities.

b. There shall be no staff members present for any interscholastic activities.

c. There shall be no staff members present for any interscholastic activity practice in activities under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA

Art. 7: There shall be no group interscholastic activity practice either on or outside school premises under supervision of school employees.

Art. 8: Music groups may perform, provided there is no practice in the school facilities and their performance is locally and on a volunteer basis only.

Art. 9: Trips by school activity students or groups are permissible, provided the students do not participate physically in any activity related to inter-school activities.

The proposal failed for lack of a motion.

A motion was made by A. Hurla, seconded by R. Vohs, to **modify Rule 9, Moratoriums, Section 1**, by adding the following language:

SUNDAY MORATORIUM

Art. 10: There shall be no athletic practices or competitions, off-season conditioning, informal basketball shooting, working out on wrestling mats, "optional" practice, etc. of any type or gives the appearance of, in any facility on all Sundays. Athletic activities of this nature may not be held under the supervision of a school staff member, volunteer, parent or player in school-owned or non-school facilities. This means a moratorium on all school-sponsored athletic activities on all Sundays.

This moratorium does not impact fine arts or spirit activities.

The proposal was denied by a vote of 4 in favor, 58 opposed.

Modify Rule 9, Moratoriums, Section 1, by adding the following language:

WEDNESDAY EVENING MORATORIUM

Art. 11: After 6 p.m. on all Wednesdays from September until the end of April, when school is in session that day, there shall be no practices, off-season conditioning, informal practice, working out in school-owned facilities or non-school facilities. Athletic activities of this nature may not be held under the supervision of a school staff member in non-school facilities. This means a moratorium on all school sponsored athletic activities during the time noted above.

Gymnasiums or fields shall not be open to the students during Wednesday Evening Moratorium for the purpose of shooting baskets, working out with weights, etc. outside of school hours. Noon hour and physical education classes are considered part of the school day.

This moratorium impacts fine arts, and all school activities including spirit activities.

The proposal failed for lack of a motion.

LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION MADE FOR RULE 10, QUALIFICATIONS OF COACHES

A motion was made by E. Cooper, seconded by J. Holloway, to **modify Rule 10, Qualifications of Coaches, Section 1, Articles 5-8** per the following detail:

Art. 5: During the school year, but outside the season of a sport, coaches/coaches' aides may not coach in practice or competition those students they will be coaching the following year in that sport. For the purposes of this rule, the school year is defined to be Labor Day through the Friday preceding Memorial Day.

Art. 6: Beginning with the Saturday before Memorial Day, through Sunday of SCW #3, ~~football, volleyball, and basketball~~ coaches/coaches' aides are permitted to coach athletes from their school squad.

- a. Supervise use of indoor/outdoor facilities by athletes in their sport.
- b. Beginning Monday of SCW #3 and ending Sunday of SCW #5, football, volleyball, boys soccer, and basketball coaches/coaches aides may only work with individual students or a single group (no more than 3 students in basketball, 4 students in volleyball, 6 students in 11-Player football, 5 students in 8-Player football, 4 students in 6-player football, and 6 students in boys soccer) provided instruction is on a voluntary basis, and requested by the student(s). Such instruction must occur at a time separate from supervised sessions defined in (a).

Art. 7: Coaches/coaches' aides other than football, volleyball, basketball, and boys soccer are not subject to the restrictions outlined in Article (6.b).

Art. 8: Beginning Sunday of SCW #5 through and including Sunday of SCW #7, only voluntary weight training and conditioning is permitted for girls tennis, girls golf, cross country, volleyball, boys soccer, football, and basketball all-school-athletic teams. No fall season school team practices shall be permitted until Monday of SCW #7.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 62 in favor, 0 opposed.

SEASONS OF ACTIVITIES, RULE 30, MODIFIED FOR CONSISTENCY

A motion was made by D. Raymer, seconded by RJ Wilson, to **modify Rule 30, Seasons of Activities, Section 1, Articles 7-8** per the following detail:

Art. 7: No school-organized spring or summer practice or school-organized summer camps shall be permitted. (See Rule 20-1-1 ~~e-f~~, Awards.)

- a. Beginning SCW #48 the Saturday before Memorial Day through Sunday of SCW #3, coaches may coach teams in non-school competitions and/or conduct workouts or practices or conduct a one-week camp (per sport) for his/her players only (team camps must conclude by Saturday of SCW #2). Only students enrolled at the school may attend these coach organized activities.
- b. The school shall not be involved other than to approve the use of facilities, dates and to be assured by the coach there will be no violations of KSHSAA rules and/or regulations.
- c. Member schools, and the coaches and coaches' aides they employ, may not sponsor, and/or organize contact football camps. (See Rule 10-1-6, Qualifications of Coaches, and Rule 35-1-5, Football)
- d. School uniforms or player equipment may not be used.

Exception: Use of school owned football helmets in non-school football activities is permitted with prior approval of the school's administration.

- e. If school facilities (gymnasium, fields, balls, bats, etc.) are used, the coach must lease them per board of education policy.
- f. No coach(es) or other school representative(s) may directly or by implication, direct a student to attend these coach organized activities as a condition for team membership.
- g. A student shall not receive pay or expenses for working at a camp involving a sport in which he/she participates.

h. The camp program shall not include any type of competition with teams or another camp.

Art. 8: School coaches in ~~girls tennis, girls golf, cross country, volleyball, boys soccer, football, and basketball~~ ~~all KSHSAA sponsored sports~~ may hold only voluntary weight training and conditioning beginning Sunday of SCW #5 through and including Sunday of SCW #7. No ~~fall season~~ school team practices shall be permitted until Monday of SCW #7.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 62 in favor, 0 opposed.

CROSS COUNTRY POSTSEASON DATES TO REMAIN UNCHANGED

A motion was made by L. Ritchie, seconded by C. Jensen, to **modify Rule 34, Cross Country, Section 2** per the following detail:

Move Regional Cross Country from Saturday of SCW 16 to Thursday and Friday of SCW 17 (details provided below) and move State Cross Country from Saturday of SCW 17 to Saturday of SCW 18.

The years that the 1A-3A-5A classes play State Volleyball pool play on Thursday of SCW 17 and 2A-4A-6A classes play State Volleyball pool play on SCW 17, the Regional Cross Country meet for 1A-3A-5A classes would run on Friday of SCW 17, and Regional Cross Country 2A-4A-6A classes would run on Thursday of SCW 17.

Rationale: This change would alleviate the burden of Regional Cross Country and Sub-State Volleyball, as well as State Cross Country and State Volleyball being held on the same weekends.

The proposal was denied by a vote of 4 in favor, 58 opposed.

SAND GREENS GOLF SUNSET AS KSHSAA POSTSEASON ACTIVITY

A motion was made by J. Porter, seconded by T. Dain, to **modify Rule 36, Golf (Girls & Boys)**, to remove **Article 5** and renumber subsequent Articles as follows:

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

~~**Art. 5:** There shall be one Class in the sand greens regional and state tournaments in the spring.~~

Art. ~~5~~ 6: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight days of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

- a. Two dual matches, either nine or 18 holes, may be substituted for one day of the allowed eight days of competition provided no loss of instruction time would take place for competition and/or travel.
- b. Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller events as possible. It is recommended these events start after school hours.
- c. On those days when schooltime is used, only two matches or tournaments may start prior to 12 p.m. CST and additional matches or tournaments may start no earlier than 1 p.m. CST.

Art. ~~6~~ 7: Following up to 36 holes of medal play in state tournaments, championships shall be awarded.

Art. ~~7~~ 8: The Executive Board has the authority to revise the participation regulations and to establish regulations for outside tournament competition.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 61 in favor, 1 opposed.

FLAG FOOTBALL SANCTIONED AS NEW KSHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP ACTIVITY

A motion was made by S. Richardson, seconded by S. Simmons, to add **Handbook Rule, Flag Football (Girls)** as a KSHSAA activity with language as follows:

Rule – Flag Football (Girls)

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

Art. 1: Competition shall not begin prior to Wednesday of Standardized Calendar Week #9. (See Rule 30-1-8(a-g), Seasons of Activities).

- a. Credit shall be given for a day's practice whether or not it is on a school day.
- b. Each individual player shall participate in at least nine (9) days of practice with the team prior to participating in a game taking place prior to Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year. Each athlete shall participate in a minimum of five (5) days of practice with the team prior to participating in any game taking place on or after Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year.
- c. Dual sport fall season student-athletes competing prior to Monday of SCW 13, may use up to three (3) cross country or volleyball practices to count towards the Flag Football minimum practice requirement.
- d. The majority of the squad members shall participate in each practice session before it is considered a day of training.
- e. The opening date for flag football practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. The players must have a minimum of one day of rest/recovery during any week (Sunday-Saturday), beginning Monday of SCW #7 through SCW #21. Only injury treatments are permitted on a rest/recovery day.

Art. 2: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than four players from a flag football squad from the same school may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than four players from a flag football squad on the same outside team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high flag football, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Art. 3: No games shall be played except those scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the competing schools or the Executive Board.

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

Art. 1: All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

The flag football season shall close with the KSHSAA tournament series culminating with Standardized Calendar Week #15, providing at least 24 schools are participating in postseason flag football.

Art. 2: A team shall not participate in less than 6 games and no more than 10 games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series.

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

Art. 1: Each middle/junior high school team is limited to a maximum of six (6) games during one season.

Depending on the placement of the rule in the KSHSAA Handbook, subsequent renumbering of rules may be necessary. The proposal was approved by a vote of 61 in favor, 1 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 (two-year term)

BOARD OF EDUCATION – Shelby Green, Douglas USD 396 (carry-over member)

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL* – Superintendent Kellen Adams, Leavenworth (two-year term)

CLASS 6A* – Principal Jay Novacek, Olathe West (two-year term)

CLASS 5A – Principal Alan Penrose, Lansing HS (carry-over member)

CLASS 4A* – Principal Eric Cooper, Clearwater (two-year term)

CLASS 3A – Principal Jay Doornbos, Council Grove (carry-over member)

CLASS 2A* – Principal Donald Raymer, Marion (two-year term)

CLASS 1A – Principal Cory Jensen, Hanover (carry-over member)

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE (CD 1)* – Keith Hauser, Norton (one-year appointment)

AT-LARGE* – Principal Relyn Strom, Topeka-Robinson (one-year appointment)

2026-27 MEETING DATES APPROVED

Motion by D. Raymer, second by G. Andrews, to approve the Board of Directors' meeting dates for the 2026-27 school year. The dates are as follows:

Fall:

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 3 p.m. *(for hearings, discussion, final action)*

Thursday, September 17, 2026 *(tentative for final action)*

Spring:

Thursday, April 22, 2027, 3 p.m. *(for hearings, discussion, final action)*

Friday, April 23, 2027 *(tentative for final action)*

The vote was 62 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 16, 2026, 3 p.m.

Thursday, September 17, 2026 *(tentative)*

The meeting was adjourned at by a unanimous voice vote at approximately 6:22 p.m.