

Kansas State High School Activities Association Minutes

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

Board of Directors Special Meeting Held Virtually via ZOOM Tuesday, November 24, 2020

The Board of Directors met virtually on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 with the following in attendance:

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

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; Jerry Flanagan, Louisburg; Mark Richards, Goddard; Craig Nelson, Andale;

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 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 Morrisey, 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 Kelly McDiffett, Council Grove (Flint Hills); Principal Jeff Hines, Paola (Frontier); Principal Kelly Whittaker, Ottawa (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 Greg Koelsch, Smith Center (Mid-Continent); Principal Jan Hutley, Alma-Wabaunsee (Mid-East); Principal Casey Seyfort, Beloit (North Central A.A.); 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); Assistant Superintendent Michelle Hubbard, Shawnee Mission (Sunflower); Athletic Director Jerald Van Rheen, Shawnee-Mill Valley (Sunflower); Principal Rob Schneeberger, Oswego (Three Rivers); Principal Sean Spoons, Eureka (Tri-Valley); 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, and Rod Garman; Office/Operations Manager Brent Unruh and Staff Member Mindy Nichol.

No Board members were absent to begin the meeting. Two members were not able to participate in the entire meeting due to technical issues or other commitments.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FORMAT

The Board of Directors assembled via virtual platform at 3 p.m. Friday evening for hearings, discussion, and final action on agenda items.

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.

Following discussion and final actions on all agenda items, the Board adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS

Bill Faflick, Executive Director, called roll and presented remarks on behalf of the Association staff regarding agenda item history.

WAIVER OF 10-DAY WRITTEN MEETING NOTICE

Motion by Horst, second by Kastle, to waive **Bylaw Article IV, Section 11** requiring a 10-day written meeting notice. The vote was 77 in favor, 1 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 to written rule language.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following speakers addressed the Board of Directors:

1. Craig Holtzen, Parent, Louisburg
2. Superintendent Kellen Adams, USD 413, Chanute
3. Dr. Sean Wheeler, MD, Overland Park
4. Jeff Pierce, Parent, Eudora
5. Arianne Seidl, Teacher, Solomon
6. Jenny Diederich, Parent, Louisburg
7. Dryden Cosens, Student, Fort Scott
8. Dr. David Smith, MD, Overland Park

AGENDA ITEM ORDER REARRANGED

Motion by J. Hines, seconded by K. Whittaker, to move the special meeting agenda items 10 and 11 from originally scheduled agenda order to be discussed and determined prior to agenda item 5. Following discussion, the proposal was approved with 50 in favor, 28 opposed.

WINTER ACTIVITIES REGULAR SEASON ATTENDANCE LIMITS ADJUSTED

Motion by J. Herman, seconded by M. Graber, to implement the following guideline for all member schools:

For the period of January 29, 2021 through the remainder of the winter activity regular season and postseason for the 2020-21 school year, attendance shall be limited to allow for appropriate distancing for the facility and in accordance with local admission and attendance policies.

An amendment was made by J. Hines, seconded by M. Straub to amend the item striking the language "January 29, 2021 through the remainder of". The amendment was approved by a vote of 61 in favor, 16 opposed.

The new written language is as follows:

For the period of ~~January 29, 2021 through the remainder of~~ the winter activity regular season and postseason for the 2020-21 school year, attendance shall be limited to allow for appropriate distancing for the facility and in accordance with local admission and attendance policies.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 70 in favor, 7 opposed.

FACE COVERINGS GUIDELINE DURING ALL WINTER ACTIVITIES APPROVED

Motion by M. Marlin, seconded by T. Bumgarner, to implement the following guideline for all member schools:

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.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 76 in favor, 1 opposed.

WINTER MORATORIUM NO PRACTICE DATES EXTENDED

Motion by M. Kastle, seconded by K. Griffin, to revise ***Rule 9 Moratoriums, Section 1 Winter Moratorium***, for the 2020-21 school year only:

Art. 1: The Executive Board shall establish a ~~consecutive five-day period (including December 25)~~ period from December 23 through January 3, 2021 where there shall be no school practice or interscholastic contests or activities.

An amendment was proposed by D. Wilson to include language stating “practices can begin on January 4, 2021 with competition beginning on January 15, 2021”. This motion dies for lack of second.

The original proposal was approved by a vote of 42 in favor, 35 opposed.

EXTENDED COMPETITION MORATORIUM DATES APPROVED FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Motion by S. Haydock, seconded by T. Bumgarner, to make changes to ***Rule 9 Moratoriums, Section 1 Winter Moratorium*** for the 2020-21 school year only:

Art. 1: The Executive Board shall establish a consecutive five-day period (including December 25) where there shall be no school practice or interscholastic contests or activities. For the 2020-21 school year, there will be no interscholastic competitions for high school teams from December 1, 2020 through January 14, 2021. (Exception: Competitions may still be held virtually during this time frame only for the activities of debate, scholars bowl and swimming & dining.)

An amendment was proposed by J. Herman, seconded by D. Wilson, to strike the date of December 1 and change it to December 23. The amendment was approved by a vote of 44 in favor, 33 opposed.

An amendment was proposed by J. Van Rheen, seconded by B. Sutherlin, to strike the date of January 14 and change it to January 7. The amendment was approved by a vote of 41 in favor, 35 opposed.

The new written language is as follows:

Art. 1: The Executive Board shall establish a consecutive five-day period (including December 25) where there shall be no school practice or interscholastic contests or activities. For the 2020-21 school year, there will be no interscholastic

competitions for high school teams from December 23, 2020 through January 7, 2021. (Exception: Competitions may still be held virtually during this time frame only for the activities of debate, scholars bowl and swimming & diving.)

A request was made by J. Hines to hold a brief recess before voting on amended motion. The chair decided to conduct vote prior to requested recess. J. Hines appealed this decision of the chair and was seconded by K. Whittaker. The appealed decision for a recess failed, 22 in favor, 54 opposed.

The proposal as amended was approved by a vote of 53 in favor, 23 opposed.

EXTENDED COMPETITION MORATORIUM DATES APPROVED FOR JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Motion by R. Perkins, seconded by R. Schneeberger, to make the following changes to *Rule 9 Moratoriums, Section 1 Winter Moratorium* for the 2020-21 school year only:

Art. 1: The Executive Board shall establish a consecutive five-day period (including December 25) where there shall be no school practice or interscholastic contests or activities. For the 2020-21 school year, there will be no interscholastic competitions for junior high/middle school teams from December 1, 2020 through January 14, 2021.

An amendment was proposed by J. Briggs, seconded by B. Simmelink to strike the written dates of December 1 and January 14 and change them to December 23 and January 7. The amendment was approved by a vote of 69 in favor, 8 opposed.

The new written language is as follows:

Art. 1: The Executive Board shall establish a consecutive five-day period (including December 25) where there shall be no school practice or interscholastic contests or activities. For the 2020-21 school year, there will be no interscholastic competitions for junior high/middle school teams from December 23, 2020 through January 7, 2021.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 70 in favor, 7 opposed.

HIGH SCHOOL SPECTATOR LIMITS ADJUSTED

Motion by G. Rosenhagen, seconded by M. Kastle to implement the following rule change for member high schools during the 2020-21 school year only:

For the period of January 15 through January 28, 2021, no spectators will be admitted/allowed for the KSHSAA sponsored interscholastic high school activities of basketball, bowling, scholars bowl, swimming & diving, and wrestling.

An amendment was proposed by J. Herman, seconded by R. Schneeberger to strike the written dates of January 15 and change it to December 1. The amendment was approved by a vote of 51 in favor, 26 opposed.

An amendment was proposed by S. Reed, seconded by M. Straub to strike the language “no spectators” and revise to “no more than 2 spectators per student participant”. The amendment was denied by a vote of 29 in favor, 46 opposed.

The new written language is as follows:

For the period of December 1, 2020 through January 28, 2021, no spectators will be admitted/allowed for the KSHSAA sponsored interscholastic high school activities of basketball, bowling, scholars bowl, swimming & diving, and wrestling.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 50 in favor, 26 opposed.

A motion was made by S. Reed, seconded by J. Hines, requesting a roll call vote. The request was denied 16 in favor, 60 opposed.

JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECTATOR LIMITS ADJUSTED

Motion by K. Stonebraker, seconded by R. Perkins, to implement the following rule for member junior high/middle schools for the 2020-21 school year only:

For the period of January 15 through January 28, 2021, no more than two spectators per student participant will be admitted/allowed for the KSHSAA sponsored interscholastic middle school activities of basketball, bowling, and wrestling in accordance with local admission and attendance policies.

An amendment was proposed by R. Schneeberger, seconded by T. Baird, to strike the written date of January 15 and change it to December 1. The amendment was approved by a vote of 61 in favor, 14 opposed.

An amendment was proposed by C. Smith, seconded by C. Jones, to strike the language “no more than two spectators per student athlete” and “in accordance with local admission and attendance policies”. A friendly amendment was made to add the activity scholars bowl. The amendment was approved by a vote of 51 in favor, 23 opposed.

The new language is as follows:

For the period of December 1, 2020 through January 28, 2021, no spectators will be admitted/allowed for the KSHSAA sponsored interscholastic middle school activities of basketball, bowling, scholars bowl, and wrestling.

The amended proposal was approved by a vote of 53 in favor, 23 opposed.

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHOOL LIMITS ADJUSTED

Motion by M. Kastle, seconded by T. Bumgarner, to implement the following rule for member schools for the 2020-21 school year only:

Winter sports interscholastic activity programs shall not sponsor nor participate in large in-person invitational tournaments during the 2020-21 school year. For the purpose of this rule, this includes any MS/JH event with more than three schools on site concurrently; no more than four high schools on site concurrently for basketball; and wrestling being limited to no more than 8 teams or 112 individual participants.

An amendment was proposed by J. Briggs, seconded by D. Thon, to strike the language for “three schools” and replace it with “four schools”. The amendment was approved by a vote of 60 in favor, 11 opposed.

An amendment was proposed by D. Dalinghaus, seconded by R. Morrisey, to strike the language “on site” and replace it with “playing”. The amendment was approved by a vote of 61 in favor, 11 opposed.

The new language is as follows:

Winter sports interscholastic activity programs shall not sponsor nor participate in large in-person invitational tournaments during the 2020-21 school year. For the purpose of this rule, this includes any MS/JH event with more than four schools playing concurrently; no more than four high schools playing concurrently for basketball; and wrestling being limited to no more than 8 teams or 112 individual participants.

The amended proposal was approved by a vote of 59 in favor, 15 opposed.

NO MODIFICATION TO BASKETBALL COMPETITION LIMITS

Motion by S. Haydock, seconded by K. Stonebraker, to modify **Rule 33 Basketball, Section 2, Article 4** in order to limit the number of games for a high school player and team to a maximum of 13 games for the 2020-21 school year, exclusive of postseason games.

An amendment was proposed by R. Schneeberger to change the maximum number of games to 17. The amendment died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by S. Reed, seconded by M. Hubbard, to amend the proposal by changing the maximum number of games to 20. The amendment was approved by a vote of 65 in favor, 6 opposed.

The amended proposal was approved by a vote of 66 in favor, 7 opposed.

NO CHANGES MADE TO WINTER ACTIVITY COMPETITION LIMITS

Motion by M. Kastle, seconded by R. Morrisey, to take no action on items 14, 15, and 16 on the agenda.

The three items as written would have made the following changes:

Modify **Rule 40 Swimming & Diving, Section 2, Article 4** to limit the number of meets for a high school athlete to 6 competitions, exclusive of the state meet, for the 2020-21 school year.

Modify **Rule 44 Wrestling, Section 2, Article 6** to reduce participation to a maximum of 12 events and no more than 20 competition points for each high school athlete for the 2020-21 school year, exclusive of postseason competition.

Modify **Rule 45 Bowling, Section 2, Article 3** to limit the number of days of competition for a high school athlete to 8 days, exclusive of regional and state tournaments, for the 2020-21 school year.

The motion to take no action on these items was approved by a vote of 69 in favor, 2 opposed.

MUSIC POSTSEASON MODIFICATION PASSES

Motion by R. Perkins, seconded by B. Jones, to modify **Rule 46 Music, Section 2, Article 1** during the 2020-21 school year only as follows:

Art. 1: The Executive Board shall be responsible for establishing and arranging a ~~two-level concept (regional and state)~~ one-level concept (state) for piano, solos and small ensembles, and a one-level concept (state) for all large groups and classifications.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 68 in favor, 5 opposed.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the KSHSAA Board of Directors will be held on:

Friday, April 30, 2021, 4 p.m.
(hearings, discussion, final action)