

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
Thursday, April 27, 2023

The Board of Directors met in the office of the KSHSAA on Thursday, April 27, 2023, with the following in attendance:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Deena Horst, Salina;

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Matt McCabe, Buhler; Bob Dietz, Smith Center; Sue Bolley, Topeka; Mike Kastle, Parsons; Sharon Mitchell, Spring Hill; Rob Vohs, Louisburg; Mark Richards, Goddard; Shelby Green, Douglass;

ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES – Ryan Burrows, Satanta; Stan Boggs, Dodge City; Shawn Steiner, Dodge City; Mark Gard, Coffeyville-Field Kindley; Mike Harris, Wichita Southeast;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Steve Oliver, Wabaunsee; Superintendent Kellen Adams, Chanute; Principal Cort Haynes, Maize South;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Shannon Haydock, Rose Hill (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Assistant Principal Laura Scaglione (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Athletic Director Russell Baldwin, Derby (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Athletic Director Justin Seuser, Buhler (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Principal Rod Wittmer, Holton (Big Seven); Athletic Director Bobby Taul, Topeka-Hayden (Centennial); Principal Dustin Wilson, Larned (Central Kansas); Principal Scott Dunham, Douglass (Central Plains); Principal Jon Webster, La Crosse (Central Prairie); Principal Toby VanCleave, Galena (CNC); 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 Sara Richardson, Wichita-East (Greater Wichita); Principal Ben Mitchell, Wichita-Southeast (Greater Wichita); Principal Donald Raymer, Marion (Heart of America); Principal Brent Shaffer, Kiowa-South Barber (Heart of the Plains); Principal David Schenk, Olathe-Heritage Christian (Kaw Valley Conference); Principal Tammy Baird, Madison (Lyon County); Principal Lacy Warren, Atchison (Meadowlark); District Athletic Director Tammie Romstad, Kansas City (Meadowlark); Principal Adam Hurla, St. Marys (Mid-East); Principal Casey Seyfert, Beloit (North Central A.A.); Principal Larry Mills, Horton (Northeast Kansas); Superintendent Roger Perkins, Miltonvale-Southern Cloud (Northern Plains); Principal David Morrow, St. Francis (Northwest Kansas); Principal Patrick Graham, Santa Fe Trail (Pioneer); Principal Ron Levan, South Haven (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 Jessica Bassett, Lawrence (Sunflower); Assistant Principal Marilyn Chrisler, Shawnee-Mill Valley (Sunflower); Principal Todd Dain, Shawnee Mission South (Sunflower); Principal Rob Schneeberger, Oswego (Three Rivers); Principal Sean Spoons, Eureka (Tri-Valley); Principal Cory Jensen, Hanover (Twin Valley); Principal Alan Penrose, Kansas City-Turner (United Kansas Conference); Athletic Director Rick Byers, Kansas City-Turner (United Kansas Conference); Athletic Director Drew Thon, Garden City (Western Athletic Conference); Principal Bryant Briggs, Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell (Western Kansas-Liberty); Principal Nick Owen, Solomon (Wheat State); Principal Kenny Waddell (Independent Schools);

KSHSAA STAFF – Executive Director, Bill Faflick; Assistant Executive Directors Francine Martin, Mark Lentz, Jeremy Holaday, Craig Manteuffel, Rod Garman, Annie Diederich and Kyle Doperalski; Office/Operations Manager Brent Unruh and Staff Member Mindy Nichol.

Absent were:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Jim McNiece, Wichita;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Athletic Director Justin Briggs, Dodge City-Comanche; Principal Connie Redic, Wichita-Curtis;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Rebecca Morrissey, Topeka (Centennial); Principal Paul Zuzelski, Syracuse (Hi-Plains); Principal Greg Koelsch, Smith Center (Mid-Continent); Principal Ben Smith, Abilene (North Central Kansas); Superintendent Tyson Eslinger, Deerfield (Santa Fe Trail); Principal Ashley Kappelman, Liberal (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 Roger Perkins informed members should they wish to add an item to the agenda it could be done provided three-fourths of those present agreed. (50 votes would be required of 66 in attendance).

Following public hearings, discussion and final actions on all agenda items, the Board adjourned at 6:40 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 individual provided written comments to the Board of Directors:

1. Chad Ralston, Liberal

The following individuals spoke to the Board of Directors at the meeting:

1. Whitney McGinnis, Maur Hill Mount Academy
2. Phil Baniewicz, Maur Hill Mount Academy
3. Pat Butler, Representing Olathe West and the Sunflower League

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 Kastle, second by Mitchell, to approve the Minutes of the meetings conducted September 14, 2022. The vote was 64 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF EVENTS MODIFIED FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion was made by Strecker, seconded by Harris, 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 is discontinuing 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. Staff will identify and recommend a new protocol prior to the April 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 66 in favor, 0 opposed.

SPIRIT COMPETITION GROUPS GRANTED EXCEPTION FOR CLASSIFICATION

A motion was made by Romstad, seconded by Richardson, to modify **Rule 5, Classification of Senior High Schools, Section 2, Article 1** by adding the following exception at the end of the existing Handbook rule:

Spirit Competition Groups Exception: Classifications for the purpose of creating Spirit Competition Group assignments shall be based on the total enrollment in the school's ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment from the previous school year.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 66 in favor, 0 opposed.

MUSIC CLASSIFICATION SIZES ADJUSTED

A motion was made by Gard, seconded by Kastle, to modify **Rule 5, Classification of Senior High Schools, Section 2, Article 1** by adding the following exception at the end of the existing Handbook rule:

Music Exception: Classifications for the purpose of creating Music assignments shall be based on the total enrollment in the school's ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment. Due to facility size for State Solos and Small Ensembles all music classification assignments will be made according to the following, Class 6A shall include the thirty-two (32) high schools with the largest enrollments; Class 5A the next thirty-two (32); 4A the next fifty-six (56); 3A the next sixty-four (64); 2A the next sixty-four (64); and Class 1A, the remainder.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 66 in favor, 0 opposed.

PHYSICAL EXAM PROVIDERS UPDATED FOR STATE LAW

A motion was made by Abel, seconded by Haydock, to modify **Rule 7, Physical Examination Parental Consent, Section 1, Article 1** as follows:

Art. 1: No student is eligible to represent any school in interschool athletics, spirit or spirit competition groups until there is on file with the superintendent or principal, a statement certifying that the student has passed an adequate physical examination and is physically fit to participate in interschool athletics, spirit or spirit competition groups. The statement must be signed by any of the following licensed health care providers: (i) a physician; (ii) a chiropractor; (iii) a physician assistant (PA) who has been authorized to perform this examination by their state's law and licensing body ~~a Kansas licensed supervising physician~~; or (iv) an advance practice registered nurse (APRN) who has been authorized to perform this examination by their state's law and licensing body ~~a Kansas licensed supervising physician~~. This statement shall also be signed by a parent or legal guardian, stating the student has permission to participate.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 66 in favor, 0 opposed.

TRANSFER LANGUAGE MODIFIED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A motion was made by Mills, seconded by Warren, to modify **Rule 18, Transfer, Section 1, Articles 12 & 14** as follows:

Art. 12: INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS —

- a) A student from a foreign country on an F-1 or J-1 Visa who attends a member school as the result of participation in a foreign exchange academic program which has been approved by the Executive Board, and on the provision of the student meeting and which student meets all other eligibility requirements, shall not be considered a transfer student during his or her first academic year of attendance. Such a student is eligible for full, varsity level participation during the first year of academic attendance if Form FES found online at www.kshsaa.org is completed, filed with the Executive Director and approved before participation.
- b) Should a student from a foreign country on an F-1 or J-1 Visa attend a member school as the result of participation in a foreign exchange academic program for, but not as the result of participation in a foreign exchange academic program approved by the Executive Board, or attend a second academic year, regardless of the length of attendance in the first academic year, that student shall, for purposes of this rule, be treated as all other students who change schools. If there is not an accompanying move on the part of the students' parents, the student will be ineligible for interschool extracurricular activities for one calendar year for grades 9-12, eighteen weeks for grades 7-8, beginning with the first day of his or her attendance.
- c) A student from a foreign country on an F-1 or J-1 Visa who attends a member school as the result of enrollment in the member schools' residential boarding program, shall be considered a transfer student during his or her first academic year of attendance, but may apply for transfer eligibility by submitting Form T-E found online at www.kshsaa.org on behalf of each student, showing eligibility status and a record of participation in interschool activities.

Art. 14: BOARDING SCHOOLS — An international student who transfers for the first time to a residential boarding program at a member school, provided the school is not a specialized athletic academy/boarding school, and who lives in the residential dormitory of the member school, may be eligible for full, varsity level participation on the provision of the student meeting all other eligibility requirements. A boarding school which has a significant number of foreign students enrolled, may play soccer in the fall and/or spring seasons without the one calendar year for grades 9-12, eighteen weeks for grades 7-8 waiting period being enforced for these foreign students. Such a team may not compete in a KSHSAA postseason tournament.

- a) A student who has been attending a non-member boarding school, provided it is not a specialized athletic academy/boarding school, and living in its residential boarding facility, may be eligible upon the student's first transfer to a residential boarding program at a member school, provided the transfer does not involve undue influence, is not for athletic reasons, and on the provision of the student meeting all other eligibility requirements.
- b) For purposes of Article 14, a boarding school is defined as a school that provides a residential community setting for students in which a full range of boarding services are provided (dormitory counselors, 24 hours a day supervision,

a social program, 3 meals a day, etc.). Homestay or host family programs are not considered a boarding school and do not meet the requirement for student eligibility under Rule 18, Section 1, Article 14.

The proposal was approved by a vote of 65 in favor, 1 opposed.

TEAM TRYOUT PERIOD NOW CONSIDERED PART OF SEASON

A motion was made by Kastle, seconded by Strecker, to modify **Rule 30, Seasons of Activities, Section 1** by adding the following new **Article 3**:

Art. 3: Following a change in schools, a student is not eligible at the new school if he/she tries out for a team at a former school, does not make the competitive team roster, and subsequently transfers to a new school seeking eligibility for the same activity in the same season.

(Subsequent Articles are to be renumbered sequentially.)

The proposal was approved by a vote of 35 in favor, 31 opposed.

JAMBOREES FOR TEAM SPORTS APPROVED

A motion was made by Thon, seconded by Jensen, to modify **Rule 30, Seasons of Activities, Section 1, Article 5** to allow for jamborees in the activities of baseball, basketball, soccer softball and volleyball. Also modify **Rules 32, 33, 38, 39, and 43** by adding new articles as follows:

Rule 30 - Seasons of Activities

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

Art. 5: Interschool scrimmages (practices) in all activities shall be prohibited (Exceptions, Rule 32 – Baseball, Rule 33 – Basketball, Rule 35 – Football, Rule 38- Soccer, Rule 39 – Softball, Rule 43 - Volleyball).

- a) Schools may not hold interschool scrimmages (practices) in athletics, (Exceptions, see Rule 32 – Baseball, Rule 33 – Basketball, Rule 35 – Football, Rule 38- Soccer, Rule 39 – Softball, Rule 43 - Volleyball) scholars bowl or debate. Interschool is defined as middle/junior school with another middle/junior school and senior high school with another senior high school. This does not eliminate scrimmages between alumni and the school team.

Rule 32 - Baseball (Boys)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 5: 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.

Rule 33 – Basketball (Boys and Girls)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 3: 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.

(Subsequent Articles are to be renumbered sequentially.)

Rule 38 – Soccer (Boys and Girls)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 3: 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. (For fall soccer, see Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities). Each individual player playing in the fall season shall participate in at least five days of practice (prior to, and not including the scrimmage) before their permitted 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.

(Subsequent Articles are to be renumbered sequentially.)

Rule 39 – Softball (Girls)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 4: 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.

(Subsequent Articles are to be renumbered sequentially.)

Rule 43 – Volleyball (Girls)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 3: 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. (See Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities). 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.

(Subsequent Articles are to be renumbered sequentially.)

The proposal was approved by a vote of 56 in favor, 9 opposed.

FALL PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS ADJUSTED

A motion was made by Seuser, seconded by Thon, to modify **Rule 30, Seasons of Activities, Section 1, Article 8** to amend practice requirements for students in fall activities beginning practice after a certain date. Also modify **Rules 34, 35, and 38** with clarifying language for those fall activities starting prior to or following SCW 13:

Rule 30 - Seasons of Activities

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

Art. 8: Beginning Monday of SCW #7, the following practice rules apply to football, boys and girls cross country, fall season boys soccer, girls volleyball, girls gymnastics, fall season girls tennis and fall season girls golf:

Rule 34 - Cross Country (Girls & Boys)

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

Art. 1: Each athlete shall participate in twelve (12) days of practice with the team prior to participating in a meet taking place prior to Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year. Each athlete shall participate in a minimum of seven (7) days of practice with the team prior to participating in any meet taking place on or after Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year (See Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities). Credit shall be given for a day's practice whether or not it is on a school day.

Art. 2: Dual sport fall season student-athletes competing prior to Monday of SCW 13, may use up to three (3) football or soccer practices to count towards the cross country minimum practice requirement.

Rule 35 - Football (Boys)

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 30-1-8ae, 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 twelve (12) 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 seven (7) 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 before their first game.
- c. Dual sport fall season student-athletes competing prior to Monday of SCW 13, may use up to three (3) cross country or soccer practices to count towards the Football minimum practice requirement.

Rule 38 - Soccer (Girls & Boys)

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

Art. 1: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than six players (excluding seniors) from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than six squad members (excluding seniors) shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high soccer, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Art. 2: No member school shall participate in a boys soccer contest until it has had (9) nine days of team practice, prior to and not including the first scheduled day of competition. (See Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities). a. Each athlete shall participate in (9) nine days of practice with the team prior to participating in any fall a boys soccer contest 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 fall season soccer contest taking place on or after Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year. (See Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities).

a. Dual sport fall season student-athletes competing prior to Monday of SCW 13, may use up to three (3) cross country or football practices to count towards the Fall Soccer minimum practice requirement.

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

BASEBALL PITCHING DRILLS BEFORE SEASON APPROVED

A motion was made by Dain, seconded by Novacek, to modify **Rule 32, Baseball (Boys), Section 2, Article 1.** A motion was made by Novacek, seconded by Chrisler, to amend the language by indicating the change would be for classes 6A and 5A only. The amendment failed, 3 in favor, 63 against. A new motion was made by Hines, seconded by Novacek, to amend the additional language by adding the phrase for pitching drills only. The amendment was approved 52 in favor, 13 against. The amended language reads as follows:

Art. 1: Practice shall not be held prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35. Starting Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #31, school coaches may work with their students two times per week, over a four-week period, for no more than 1.5 hours per session for pitching drills only.

The amended proposal was approved by a vote of 51 in favor, 15 opposed.

BASEBALL SEASON COMPETITION LIMITS REMAIN

A motion was made by Dain, seconded by Novacek, to modify **Rule 32, Baseball (Boys), Section 2, Article 4.** The modified language is written as follows:

Art. 4: Varsity squads No team (at any level) shall participate in no more than twenty-six ~~twenty~~ games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only thirteen ~~ten~~ of twenty-six ~~twenty~~ playing dates may involve school time. Sub-varsity squads shall participate in no more than twenty games. 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.

A motion was made by Novacek, seconded by Chrisler, to amend the language by indicating the change would be for classes 6A and 5A only. The amendment failed, 2 in favor, 63 against. The original proposal was denied by a vote of 32 in favor, 33 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 – Deena Horst, Salina (carry-over member)

***BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Mike Kastle, Parsons, USD 503 (two-year term)

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL – Athletic Director Justin Briggs, Dodge City-Comanche (carry-over member)

CLASS 6A – Athletic Director Drew Thon, Garden City (carry-over member)

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

CLASS 4A – Athletic Director Justin Seuser, Buhler (carry-over member)

***CLASS 3A** – Principal Sean Spoons, Eureka (two-year term)

CLASS 2A – Principal Paul Zuzelski, Syracuse (carry-over member)

***CLASS 1A** – Principal Travis Powell, Greensburg-Kiowa County (two-year term)

***AT-LARGE (SUPERINTENDENT)** – Superintendent Kellen Adams, Leavenworth (one-year appointment)

***AT-LARGE (MINORITY & CD3)** – Athletic Director Rick Byers, Kansas City-Turner (one-year appointment)

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE – Linda Wiley, Silver Lake (one-year appointment)

2023-24 MEETING DATES APPROVED

Motion by Kastle, second by Thon, to approve the following Board of Directors' meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year:

Fall:

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 3 p.m.
(hearings, discussion, possible final action)

Thursday, September 14, 2023 (Tentative)
(final action)

Spring:

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 3 p.m.
(hearings, discussion, possible final action)

Friday, April 26, 2024 (Tentative)
(final action)

The vote was 59 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 13, 2023, 3 p.m.

Thursday, September 14, 2023 (*Tentative*)

