

Kansas State High School Activities Association

MINUTES

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



Board of Directors
KSHSAA Board Room
Wednesday, September 15, 2021

The Board of Directors met virtually on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, with the following in attendance:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Deena Horst, Salina;

GOVERNOR AT-LARGE APPOINTEES – 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; Brian Geary, Olathe; Rob Vohs, Louisburg; Craig Nelson, Renwick;

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; Principal Matthew Garber, Sabetha; Principal Justin Howe, Olathe-Oregon Trail; Principal Cort Haynes, Maize South; Athletic Director Justin Briggs, Dodge City-Comanche;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Shannon Haydock, Rose Hill (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Principal Amanda Grier, Andover Central (Ark Valley/Chisholm Trail); Athletic Director Curtis Klein, Maize 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 Bobby Taul, Topeka-Hayden (Centennial); Athletic Director Matt Westerhaus, Junction City (Centennial); Principal Greg Rosenhagen, Cheney (Central Plains); Principal Jon Webster, La Crosse, Victoria (Central Prairie); Principal Toby VanCleave, Galena (CNC); President Andy Tylicki, Lenexa-St. James Academy (Eastern Kansas); Athletic Director Kelli Kurler, Overland Park-Blue Valley North (Eastern Kansas); Principal Kelly McDuffett, Council Grove (Flint Hills); Principal Jeff Hines, Paola (Frontier); Principal David Blochlinger, Goodland (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 Tim Bumgarner, Whitewater-Remington (Heart of America); Principal Brent Shaffer, Kiowa-South Barber (Heart of the Plains); Principal Paul Zuzelski, Syracuse (Hi-Plains); District Athletic Director Tammie Romstad, Kansas City (Kansas City-Atchison); Principal David Schenk, Olathe-Heritage Christian (Kaw Valley Conference); Principal Doug Hes, Hartford (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); Superintendent Roger Perkins, Miltonvale-Southern Cloud (Northern Plains); Principal David Morrow, St. Francis (Northwest Kansas); Principal Stacy Reed, Burlington (Pioneer); Principal Shane Burns, Deerfield (Santa Fe Trail); Principal Ron Levan, South Haven (South Central Border); Principal Travis Stalford, Coffeyville-Field Kindley (Southeast Kansas); Principal Travis Powell, Greensburg-Kiowa County (SPIAA); Principal Myron Graber, Lawrence-Free State (Sunflower); Principal Jay Novacek, Olathe West (Sunflower); Assistant Principal Marilyn Chrisler, Shawnee-Mill Valley (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); Principal Ashley Kappelmann, Liberal (Western Athletic Conference); Athletic Director Drew Thon, Garden City (Western Athletic Conference); Principal Nick Owen, Solomon (Wheat State); Principal Kenny Waddell (Independent Schools);

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

Absent were:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Jim McNiece, Wichita;

GOVERNOR AT-LARGE APPOINTEES – Delvin Strecker, Salina;

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES – Mark Richards, Goddard;

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Brandon Simmelink, McPherson;

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES – Principal Dustin Wilson, Larned (Central Kansas); Principal Kelly Whitaker, Ottawa (Frontier); Principal Mary Stewart, Kansas City-Wyandotte (Kansas City-Atchison); Principal Brad Jones, Oskaloosa (Northeast Kansas); Assistant Superintendent Michelle Hubbard, Shawnee Mission (Sunflower); Principal Todd Flinn, Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell (Western Kansas-Liberty).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FORMAT

The Board of Directors assembled at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday evening for an orientation session, discussion and final determination on Agenda items.

Following public hearings, discussion and voting of all agenda items, the Board adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Faflick, Executive Director, called roll, presented remarks on the Association's financial position, 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. One speaker registered and addressed the Board:

Horton High School Principal Larry Mills came before the Board to speak on behalf of students who have been declared academically ineligible for this semester due to challenges encountered while dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic during the spring 2021 semester. He and his school requested the Board think about waiving academic rules once again as was previously done in the fall of 2020 to allow for local schools to have more control over eligibility.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA

President Roger Perkins advised members an item could be added to the agenda provided three-fourths of those present (68) agreed. (51 votes would be required.)

- A motion was made by E. Hofer-Holdeman, second by S. Richardson, to add an agenda item from the Greater Wichita Athletic League. The request was to modify **rule 30-1-5** to add an exception for adaptive activities to be allowed for shared coaches by school.

The motion to add the item passed (68-0) and the item was added to the agenda.

- N. Owen, on behalf of the Wheat State League moved, with a second by M. McCabe, to add an additional item containing a one-year exception to **rules 14-1-1** and **14-1-2** to allow for foreign exchange students who graduated in their home country. This exception would only be for those who were originally going to be in the U.S. last school year but had their travel changed due to COVID-19.

The additional item failed (40-28) and it was not added to the agenda

- A motion was made by Matt Garber, second J. Hines, to add to the agenda a one year waiver for rule **18-1-4 transfer from non-member school**. The waiver would provide varsity eligibility for transfer students who attended a home school or virtual school situation during the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-19 concerns and subsequently, are returning to their original KSHSAA member school for this 2021-22 school year.

The motion to add the item passed (53-15) and the item was added to the agenda.

APRIL 30, 2021 BOD MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

M. Kastle moved, second by D. Wilson, to approve the Minutes of the April 30, 2021, Board of Directors meetings. The motion passed (68-0).

All agenda items passed 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 existing handbook rules

6-PLAYER FOOTBALL APPROVED FOR POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

A proposal was made to change the language for **Rule 11, Athletic Officials, Section 2, Article 1** as follows:

With the possibility for more than 24 member KSHSAA schools participating in 6-player competition for the 2022-24 cycle, and the possibility for less than 64 schools participating in 8-player competition, a proposal was made to modify the language of **Rule 5, Classification of Senior High Schools, Section 2, Article 1; Rule 10, Qualifications of Coaches, Section 1, Article 6;** and **Rule 35, Football, Section 1, Article 2 and Section 2, Article 1 & 3** as follows:

Rule 5 Classification of Senior High Schools

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: All member senior high schools shall be divided into six Classes—6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Class 6A shall include the thirty-six (36) high schools with the largest enrollments; Class 5A the next thirty six (36); 4A the next thirty-six (36); 3A the next sixty-four (64); 2A the next sixty-four (64); and Class 1A, the remainder.

FOOTBALL EXCEPTION: Classifications, for the purpose of determining district football assignments, shall be based on the total enrollment in the school's ninth, tenth and eleventh grades as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment. (*Exception: See Note in Article 3 below for football classification procedure for USD #207 and USD #453.*)

For the purpose of district football, utilizing this exception, member schools will be classified as follows:

Class 6A: 32 largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 5A: 32 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 4A: 32 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 3A: 48 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 2A: 48 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 1A: All other member schools playing 11-Player football until the number of participating schools fall below 24 schools, at which time the remaining schools will be combined with the schools in Class 2A.

8-Player: participating schools will be assigned to two separate Divisions, as established by the Executive Board, unless the number of schools participating in a division falls below 24 schools.

6-Player: participating schools will be assigned as established by the Executive Board.

NOTE: For 8-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 100 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. For 6-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 55 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. (See **Rule 35-2-3, Football.**)

Schools not requesting a football district assignment will have their position filled in each category by the next school moving up in enrollment.

Rule 10 Qualifications of Coaches

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

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 and basketball coaches/coaches' aides may, 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, and 5 students in 8-Player football and 4 students in 6-player football) 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).

Rule 35 Football (Boys)

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

Art. 2: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than six players from 11-Player squads, and five players from 8-Player squads and four players in 6-Player football squads from the same school may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than six players from 11-Player squads, and five players from 8-Player squads and four players in 6-Player football squads on the same outside team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high football, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: All practices and games shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular-season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall be represented in a game with any outside teams or group until it has had 14 days of practice prior to (and not including) the first scheduled day of competition. No senior high school shall be represented in a scrimmage with any outside teams or group until it has had 10 days of practice prior to (and not including) the scrimmage. Each individual player shall participate in at least nine days of practice before their scrimmage. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. *(See Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities).*

No scrimmage shall be played except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

a. The 6-Player season shall close the week of Thanksgiving (SCW #21) and no games may be played later than Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #21, unless approved by the Executive Board.

a-b. The 8-Player season shall close the week of Thanksgiving (SCW #21) and no games may be played later than Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #21, unless approved by the Executive Board.

b-c. The 11-Player season shall close the week of Thanksgiving (SCW #21) and no games may be played later than Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #21, unless approved by the Executive Board.

Art. 3: The Executive Board shall arrange for a district system of playoffs for three Classes (3A, 2A and 1A) in 11-Player, as well as for two championships in 8-Player football (two divisions). Classes 6A, 5A and 4A will not be placed in districts. For 8-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 100 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. For 6-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 55 students in grades 9, 10 and 11.

In October of odd years, district assignments will be established for the subsequent two-year periods (even/odd), etc. *(See Rule 5-2-1, NOTE, Classification of Senior High Schools.)*

a. If a new school becomes a reality during the two-year assignment period already established, that school shall not participate in postseason play until the next opportunity for assignment.

NOTE: A new school may form a cooperative team with one other existing school in the same USD.

b. If two or more schools consolidate after the two-year assignments are made and the resulting school has a change in its classification, it will be considered a new school and shall be eligible to compete in postseason play. The Executive Board will decide which district assignment will be assumed by the new school. The other district(s) will have a bye.

c. If a school with an 11-Player district assignment decides to participate in 8-Player football after the two-year assignments are made, that school would be considered a new 8-Player school and shall not be eligible to compete in postseason play. It will be given an 8-Player district assignment the next time assignments are made.

EXCEPTION: If an existing assigned school should withdraw from a district, the Executive Board may assign a new school to take its place for the remainder of the assigned period.

d. If a school with an 8-Player district assignment decides to participate in 6-Player football after the two-year assignments are made, that school would be considered a new 6-Player school and shall not be eligible to compete in postseason play. It will be given a 6-Player district assignment the next time assignments are made.

EXCEPTION: If an existing assigned school should withdraw from a district, the Executive Board may assign a new school to take its place for the remainder of the assigned period.

Following discussion, a motion was made by M. Kastle, seconded by T. Bumgarner, to amend the language in **Rule 5-2-1** as follows:

Rule 5 Classification of Senior High Schools

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: All member senior high schools shall be divided into six Classes—6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Class 6A shall include the thirty-six (36) high schools with the largest enrollments; Class 5A the next thirty six (36); 4A the next thirty-six (36); 3A the next sixty-four (64); 2A the next sixty-four (64); and Class 1A, the remainder.

FOOTBALL EXCEPTION: Classifications, for the purpose of determining district football assignments, shall be based on the total enrollment in the school's ninth, tenth and eleventh grades as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment. (*Exception: See Note in Article 3 below for football classification procedure for USD #207 and USD #453.*)

For the purpose of district football, utilizing this exception, member schools will be classified as follows:

Class 6A: 32 largest member schools playing 11-Player football

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Class 4A: 32 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 3A: ~~48~~ 40 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

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Class 1A: All other member schools playing 11-Player football until the number of participating schools fall below 24 schools, at which time the remaining schools will be combined with the schools in Class 2A.

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6-Player: participating schools will be assigned as established by the Executive Board.

NOTE: For 8-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 100 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. For 6-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 55 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. (See Rule 35-2-3, Football.)

Schools not requesting a football district assignment will have their position filled in each category by the next school moving up in enrollment.

The amended language was approved (38-30).

A motion was then made by T. Bumgarner, second by B. Shaffer, to approve the rule changes (as amended). The vote was 68 in favor, none opposed.

LANGUAGE UPDATED FOR SOCCER RULE

A proposal was made to modify **Rule 38, Soccer, Section 1, Article 2** as follows:

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 a boys soccer contest.

EXCEPTION: Girls participating in the state basketball tournament may participate with fewer than 9 days of practice.

Following discussion, D. Thon moved to approve the rule modification as proposed, second by M. Graber.

The vote was 68 in favor, none opposed.

SEASONS OF ACTIVITIES RULE 30 UPDATED

Following addition to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting, a proposal was made to modify **Rule 30, Seasons of Activities, Section 1, Article 5(a)** as follows:

Art. 5: Interschool scrimmages (practices) in all activities shall be prohibited (**Exception**, see Rule 35, Football).

- a. Schools may not hold interschool scrimmages (practices) in athletics, (**Exception**, see Rule 35, Football) 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.

During a scrimmage there can be no score kept and no clock. Use of officials is permitted. Should one or more game elements (score or time) be involved, it would no longer be a scrimmage, but must count toward the number of contests allowed during the season. Intrasquad scrimmages, games among teammates, even with score, time and/or officials used would not be considered a game.

In Gymnastics, Swimming and Diving and Track and Field (pole vault and adaptive activities only) schools who employ the same coach or share facilities and equipment, may practice together and not be in violation of the prohibition on interschool scrimmage.

EXCEPTION: When combined with an interscholastic athletic event, it is permissible to conduct interschool scrimmages. (Illus: Fifth quarter in football and sixth quarter in basketball, etc. where the intent is to provide those not participating significantly in the interscholastic competition to have an opportunity to participate informally under modified game conditions.) Participation in a modified game condition (fifth quarter/6th quarter), as described above, would not count toward the four- or six-quarter limitation.

Following discussion, E. Hofer-Holdeman moved to adopt the rule change, second by S. Richardson.

The vote was 68 in favor, none opposed.

ONE-YEAR WAIVER FOR TRANSFER RULE 18 PASSED

Following addition to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting, a proposal was made to set aside for the 2021-22 school year **Rule 18, Transfer, Section 1, Article 4** for any student who meets the following criteria:

1. Returns to the member school where they last attended OR
2. Would be eligible at the member school where they last attended but has made a bona fide move and is attending a new school no later than September 1, 2021.

Following discussion, J. Hines moved to accept the rule waiver immediately, second by J. Seuser.

The vote was 62 in favor, five opposed.

Staff will review transfers previously approved for the 2021-22 school year under **Rule 18-1-4** to determine if any student(s) should be notified of a change to their eligibility status.

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:

Friday, April 29, 2021, 3 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 30, 2021, 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:

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| Monday, October 18, 2021 | Topeka, KSHSAA Office |
| Tuesday, October 19, 2021 | Salina-Smoky Hill Education Service Center |
| Wednesday, October 20, 2021 | Oakley High School |
| Thursday, October 21, 2021 | Dodge City District Office |
| Monday, October 25, 2021 | Blue Valley USD 229 Hilltop Facility |
| Tuesday, October 26, 2021 | Maize High School |
| Wednesday, October 27, 2021 | Fort Scott High School |

