

BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES

June 8-9, 2021

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

1. Roll Call
2. Approved Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Voted to give the state office permission to conduct the Regional and State Volleyball Tournament draw.
4. Approved the Financial Report of the 2021 Basketball Tournament Series
5. Approved the Financial Report of the 2021 Wrestling Tournament Series
6. Approved the Report of the 2021 Athletic Directors Conference
7. Approved the Report of the 2021 Cheer Coaches Conference
8. Sportsmanship – Review of the 2020-2021 School Year

This completes the 30th year of the sportsmanship program and we continue to approach this area from many different aspects each year. A full report was given to the Board of Control by the staff in regard to the number of coaches ejected, disciplinary action, unsportsmanlike incidents investigated, etc. In addition, the Board voted to resume the A. F. Bridges Program this upcoming school year. The Board of Control voted to allocate \$27,000.00 for the athletic programs in the 27 schools with each school receiving \$1,000.00.

9. Report of the Finance Committee
10. Approved the Division II Need-Based Financial Aid Final Report
11. Due to the ongoing concerns regarding the Coronavirus, the decision has been made to conduct all state rules meetings, administrator's meetings, and regional meetings the same as last year.
12. Approved the Division I and Division II 2021 State Basketball Tournament Allotments
13. Heard update regarding partnership with the NFHS Network.
14. Heard update regarding the TSSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
15. Heard the TMSAA Championship Events Report. The TMSAA held state championships in Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Track and Field during the 2020-2021 school year.

16. The Board took no action on Williamson County Schools' specific request for an eligibility exception for online students, but adopted a set of policies to allow participation by students enrolled in member online schools.

The Board voted to permit the transfer of a student's athletic record to a district-operated virtual school under the association's existing rules permitting transfers due to school rezoning.

As an emergency action for the current school year, the Board voted to give virtual schools two options to choose from based on how it wishes to conduct its athletic programs. The school (1) may field its own teams, (2) allow their students to participate in any sports at their zoned public school. Virtual schools who are currently members and already participating in cooperative agreements must choose one of the above options for the 2021-22 or make a special request to the Board of Control to continue their cooperative programs.

The Legislative Council will discuss this action at its December meeting and consider whether to make these rules a permanent part of the TSSAA Bylaws or to make changes as it sees fit.

17. Rutherford County Virtual School was approved for TSSAA membership at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. They are a Category 1 school under the jurisdiction of the Rutherford County Board of Education.

18. Voted to reinstate the registration of Joshua Briscoe as a TSSAA official.

19. Voted to approve Region 6AAAA Request to be allowed to keep their same basketball region format as they previously had in the past. The central site format was used when all of the schools were in Region 6AAA.

20. Approved the iLearn Institute at Lenoir City Schools for TSSAA membership. They are a Category 1 school under the jurisdiction of the Lenoir City Schools Board of Education.

21. Voted to remove restrictive probation for Franklin County High School and Shelbyville Central High School for 2021-22 school year.

22. Approved Templeton Academy's request to form a Cooperative Agreement with LEAD Academy.

23. The Board voted to allow schools to return to their normal pre-season as allowed by the TSSAA Calendar.

24. Voted to accept the proposed two-year extension for Division I Basketball and Spring Fling contracts with the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

25. Heard update regarding state championship tickets. The association will continue to use a digital ticketing platform for the sale of all state championship tickets. If tickets are bought for an event online and the cost is \$12, the cost for a cash ticket at the gate will be \$15.

26. The Board voted to select the Smyrna Bowling Center to host the TSSAA State Bowling Championships for the next two years.

27. The Board voted to approve numerous changes regarding the competition format and postseason format in the sport of bowling. Team format will now consist of one game of American 10-pin and five Baker games. Individuals will now qualify for the state tournament by competing in their respective Sectional Tournament. There will be four sections, each of which will be comprised of two regions. The sectional tournament is open and the lanes will be oiled using the same "sport shot" pattern chosen for the state tournament. State qualifiers will be based on total pinfall after six games.

28. The Board heard an update regarding TSSAA insurance premiums.

29. The Board voted to move the Division II wrestling tournament back one week.

30. The Board was updated regarding the pilot program for Girls' Flag Football. The Tennessee Titans are providing grant money for TSSAA to help schools start Girls' Flag Football. Williamson County Schools will pilot the program in the Spring of 2022.

31. The Board was given an update regarding the InsideOut Initiative.

32. Zion Christian Academy withdraws TSSAA Membership. The school administration sent a letter stating their plans to withdraw from the organization the next two years. They are hopeful that they will be able to build interest in their athletic programs and reapply for membership after the classification cycle.

33. The Board approved a four class schedule for the Division I Girls' and Boys' State Basketball Tournaments. Since there was a fourth class added beginning with this school year, the tournament will need to begin on Tuesday of each week instead of Wednesday.

34. Approved Collierville Virtual Academy's Request for TSSAA/TMSAA membership. It is a new virtual school under the jurisdiction of the Collierville Board of Education which is scheduled to open with grades 3-12 at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

35. Denied Lipscomb Academy's request for an exception to the Dead Period.

36. Approved E.B. Wilson High School for TSSAA membership. This is a virtual school under the jurisdiction of the Sumner County Board of Education.

37. Approved VITAL (Virtual Instruction to Accentuate Learning) for TSSAA membership. This is a virtual school under the jurisdiction of the Putnam County Board of Education.

38. Approved Greene Online Academy of Learning for TSSAA/TMSAA membership. This is a virtual school under the jurisdiction of the Greene County Board of Education.

39. Approved Johnson City Virtual Academy for TSSAA/TMSAA membership. This is a virtual school under the jurisdiction of Johnson City Schools.
40. No action was taken on the Greene Online Academy of Learning request regarding cooperative agreements.
41. Litigation Report
42. Approved WCS Online 9-12 for TSSAA membership. This is a new virtual school under the jurisdiction of Williamson County Schools.
43. Approved Jackson Academic Steam Academy for TSSAA/TMSAA membership. This is a virtual school under the jurisdiction of the Jackson Madison County School System.
44. Approved the request of Clarkrange High School and Alvin C. York in the Middle Tennessee sections of Cross Country and Track & Field.
45. Denied Memphis Central High School's request to make an exception and allow all Shelby County schools to start summer practice prior to the end of their school year.
46. Approved Pioneer Virtual Academy for TSSAA membership. This is a virtual school under the jurisdiction of Lawrence County Schools.
47. Approved Roane County Virtual Academy for TSSAA membership. This is a virtual school under the jurisdiction of Roane County Schools.
48. The state office has been informed that Hancock County will not be able to field a football team this year. They have notified all schools that were on their schedule. If the school's that were on their schedule cannot fill the game, they will be awarded a win in the overall standings. If they do fill the game on their schedule, they will take the result of the outcome of the game. The Board voted to allow them to continue to participate in the postseason basketball tournament series.
49. Approved Germantown Online School of Learning for TSSAA membership. This is a virtual school under the jurisdiction of the Germantown Municipal School District.