

## **BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES**

**August 16, 2021**

**Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Voted to authorize the Executive Director to select sites and make plans for conducting regional and state tournaments or meets in golf, tennis, cross country, track and field, baseball, softball, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, and bowling.
4. Approved the Financial Report of Baseball
5. Approved the Financial Report of Softball
6. Approved the Financial Report of Soccer
7. Approved the Financial Report of Track and Field
8. Approved the Financial Report of Tennis
9. Approved the Spring Fling Financial Report
10. Approved the Auditor's Report of the 2020-21 School Year
11. Approved the 2021-2022 TSSAA Budget
12. Reviewed the list Cooperative Programs Approved during the 2020-2021 School Year
13. Approved the Marketing Program Update
14. Heard update on the Student Services/The Right Team
15. Voted to continue to pay the \$35 membership into the National Federation Coaches' Association for the state Coach of the Year winners for the NFHS Coaches Award Program.  
  
There are awards given for coaches of the year (male and female) from each state, section, and at the national level, as well as a contributor of the year.
16. Approved the report on Officials' Basketball Camps
17. Approved Financial Aid for tuition-receiving schools for the 2021-2022 school year

18. Heard update regarding the Administrators' Meetings Schedule for 2021-2022. The meetings will be provided to schools online through the portal.
19. Heard Technology Update
20. Heard update regarding the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
21. The Board approved the proposed Division II-A Brackets for all sports except football for the next two-year cycle.
22. The Board voted to reschedule the Board of Control and Legislative Council meetings that are normally held on the Tuesday and Wednesday the week of the Division I boy's state basketball tournament. With the addition of a new classification in Division I and added day to the tournament schedule, the Board voted to combine the January and March board meetings to be held on February 7. The Legislative Council meeting will be held on April 5, 2022 in conjunction with the TIAAA conference.
23. Reviewed the Regional Meetings schedule.  
  
East: Mon. November 1<sup>st</sup> – Hardin Valley Academy, 1:00 Eastern  
Middle: Tues. November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ensworth High School, 10:00  
West: Wed. November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Liberty Technology Magnet High School, 10:00
24. Liberty Creek High School was approved for TSSAA Membership. The school is located in Gallatin under the Sumner County Board of Education. It is scheduled to open at the start of the 2022-23 school year and is requesting to join at that time. Their estimated enrollment is 750 students in grades 9 through 12. They will have to play an independent football schedule the first year since it will be the last year of our current classification cycle. They will be placed in Division I, Class 3A, Region 5, District 9 in baseball, basketball, and softball; Class AA, Region 6, District 11 in volleyball; Class AA, Region 5, District 9 in soccer; Class AA, Middle Section in track and field; Class A-AA, Region 5 in cross country; Class A, Region 8 in golf and tennis; Class A, Region 5, District 10 in wrestling; Region 3 in girls' wrestling; and Region 5, District 11 in bowling.
25. Approved the request from Pope John Paul II High School to remain in the Western Region in wrestling.
26. Heard presentation from Special Olympics Tennessee in regards to how we can grow the Unified Champions program to include more schools and increase participation in the Unified Sports currently offered. The Board approved a contracted position for a staff member to work with TSSAA specifically to expand Unified Sports. The position would be funded through a grant.
27. Denied the appeal of the suspension of registration for official, Mr. Freddie Currie, Jr.
28. Voted that the price for Sectional Tickets for all sports and football playoffs will be \$8 if purchased as a digital ticket through GoFan and \$10 if purchased at the gate with cash.

We need to discuss how the Board wants our schools to handle sectional ticketing prices since we are going to stay with our digital ticket format. The staff will explain the situation.

29. The Board voted to extend the policy that was passed last year in regards to games not taking place due to COVID-19:

If a school has to postpone a game due to COVID-19, the two schools have the option to make up the contest at a later date. If this cannot be worked out, the opposing team will receive a win for seeding purposes. The team that has to postpone due to COVID-19 cases does not receive a loss. In football, if the game is not made up and the team that cannot play to due to COVID-19 is the visiting team, they would remain the visiting team the following year.

The policy will be extended for all sports throughout the 2021-22 school year.

30. Chattanooga Preparatory School was approved for TSSAA Membership. It is under the Hamilton County Board of Education and has 65 students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. They plan to add a grade each year. They plan to offer football, boys' basketball, boys' cross country, boys' track and field, and soccer. They will not be placed in a Region in football since contracts have been set for the next two years. They will play an independent schedule until we reclassify. They will be placed in Division I, Class A, District 5, Region 3 in basketball and soccer; Class A-AA, Region 3 in cross country; and Class A, East Section in track and field.
31. Memphis School of Excellence Cordova High School was approved for TSSAA Membership. They are under the Shelby County Board of Education. The school is starting the 9<sup>th</sup> grade this year with an estimated enrollment of 90 students. They plan to request a cooperative agreement with Memphis School of Excellence – Winchester. This would be possible in all sports except football because Memphis School of Excellence – Winchester already co-ops with Wooddale High School in football.
32. The Board approved Pickett County High School's request to be removed from the football playoffs the next two years and it not affect their participation in the basketball postseason series.
33. The Board voted to table whether or not to satellite all District/Region basketball games with the higher seed a host until the November meeting.
34. Approved the TSSAA Officials' fee schedule for the next three years
35. Knoxville Christian School Rescinds TSSAA Membership
36. Eagleton College & Career Academy was approved for membership. It is a TMSAA member school in Blount County which is planning to add a grade each year beginning with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade this school term. They plan to only participate at the junior varsity level in all sports the next two years and request a cooperative agreement with Samuel Everett School of Innovation. They have also submitted a letter outlining the challenges a cooperative agreement will

cause and are seeking the Board to consider an exception for one student at Samuel Everett.