

GOVERNING BODY

Arkansas Activities Association Governing Body Meeting Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Rick McLaughlin, President of the Arkansas Activities Association, reported that a quorum was present and called to order the annual meeting of the AAA Governing Body on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 10:30 AM at the Little Rock Convention Center. Gary Hines then gave the invocation.

MINUTES – Minutes of the 2014 Governing Body meeting were unanimously approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Ciesla, 1st Vice President, reported on the overall financial status of the AAA. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

ACTIVITY DISTRICT CITATIONS – Nine AAA Citation awards were presented to recognize individuals who were named by their activity districts as administrators who have had a long standing and distinguished record of involvement and support of school activities programs. Citations were presented to:

<u>Act. Dist.</u>	<u>Citation Recipient</u>	<u>Act. Dist.</u>	<u>Citation Recipient</u>
District 1E	Calvin Mallett, Yellville	District 5	Ron Holt, Malvern
District 1W	Curt Ledbetter, Heritage	District 6	Tom Wilson, Barton
District 2	Russell Hester, Heber Springs	District 7	Ken Marshall, Mena
District 3	Gary Williams, East Poinsett County	District 8	Danny Hazelwood, Watson Chapel
District 4	Jody Jenkins, Ozark		

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS – AAA- Sportsmanship Awards for the 2012-2013 school year were presented to these selected schools.

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

7A	Catholic High School	3A	Drew Central High School
6A	Benton High School	2A	Marmaduke High School
5A	Lakeside High School	1A	Timbo High School
4A	Ashdown High School		

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS – The president recognized retiring board member Gary Williams and thanked him for his service to the association on behalf of the member schools.

PROPOSALS – Proposals to be voted on were mailed to each voting representative in June. The director announced that there would be an explanation of each proposal and that questions and discussion would be permitted prior to voting on each. He further explained that each vote would be taken by a written ballot as provided when the voting delegates checked in for the meeting. Ballots would be counted by the AAA's administrative staff members. Suzanne Bailey served as the Parliamentarian for the voting procedures..

The motion to vote on each proposal as a Do Pass recommendation was approved.

Proposals and results of voting were as follows.

Proposal #1 — Swimming Classifications — FAILED – Would have set three classification for swimming and diving: 7A –6A – 5A and below. (For – 15, Against – 42)

Proposal #2 — Noisemakers — PASSED – States that noisemakers that require an external power source are not allowed at benefit games, regular season events, and . (For – 117, Against – 1) Effective 2015-16 School Year

Proposal #3 — Scholarship — PASSED – States that the second semester 8th grade student and a first semester 9th grade student meet the academic eligibility requirements for junior high by successfully passing four academic classes the previous semester. (For – 206, Against – 1) Effective 2015-16 School Year.

Proposal #4 — Golf Event Limitation – PASSED -- States that golf teams are allowed twelve (12) regular season events of which six (6) may start before 3:30 PM on a school day. (For – 123, Against – 15) Effective immediately.

Proposal #5 — Spring Football Practice – PASSED – States that during AAA Calendar Weeks #37 through the last day of school for students, football schools may select four (4) consecutive weeks for spring football practice for a maximum of ten practices using regulation equipment for full contact drills. The four consecutive weeks selected must be reported to the AAA Office.

1. Practices shall be conducted on weeks days, Monday through Friday for a maximum of 20 hours per school for students in grades 9-11.
2. Practice may not exceed two hours per day total.
3. A maximum of ten practices using regulation equipment for full contact drills for grades 9-11 may be conducted during the designated four-week period.
4. Full contact practices may not occur on back-to-back days.

(For – 130, Against – 0) Effective immediately

Proposal #6 – Invitational Volleyball Tournaments – JV Teams – PASSED – States that junior varsity teams may enter invitational tournaments as replacement teams when an invited school drops out or cannot attend the tournament. The JV team would not count against the varsity team's allotted number of varsity tournaments. (For – 133, Against – 3) Effective 2015-16 School Year

Proposal #7 – Invitational Basketball Tournaments – JV Teams – PASSED – States that junior varsity teams may enter invitational tournaments as replacement teams when an invited school drops out or cannot attend the tournament. The JV teams must be from the host school or a team participating in the tournament. The JV team would not count against the varsity team's allotted number of varsity tournaments. (For -- 194, Against – 5) Effective 2015-16 School Year

Proposal #8 – Football Tied Conference Games – PASSED – States that senior high and junior high conference and non-conference games that end in a tied score shall be extended for the purpose of breaking the tied score. (For – 179, Against – 10) Effective 2015-16 School Year

Proposal #9 – 7-on-7 Tournaments – FAILED – Would have allowed 7-on-7 tournaments which were originally scheduled at the conclusion of the 178 required instructional days but are affected by an extended school year due to inclement weather be played under these restrictions

1. There shall be no missed class time due to traveling or participating in a 7-on-7 event
2. The event must conclude by 8 PM
3. The event can take place on Saturday during the extended school year window with no restrictions.

(For – 56, Against – 130)

Proposal #10 – Football Play-offs – PASSED – States that each conference shall certify their representative to the state play-offs. In all 6A and 7A conferences the top six (6) teams will make the play-offs and be seeded 1-6 based on conference record. The AAA tiebreaker system will be used for all ties.

- A. Play-off Representatives. Conferences shall certify their representatives to the state play-offs by a method accepted by a majority of schools within that classification.
- B. Play-off Dates. First round games for all classes shall be played in calendar week #19.
- C. Play-off Sites. Brackets as adopted by each classification shall be published annually in the AAA's football play-off brochure.

(For – 17, Against – 12) Effective 2016-2017 School Year

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President/Chair

Secretary

Date