

GOVERNING BODY

Arkansas Activities Association Governing Body Meeting Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Wesley Berry, 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 3, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at the Peabody Hotel, Little Rock. Bobby Acklin, Assistant Superintendent of the North Little Rock School District and member of the AAA Board of Directors, gave the invocation.

MINUTES – Minutes of the 2010 Governing Body meeting were unanimously approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rick McLaughlin, Treasurer, 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	Kelvin Hudson, Flippin	District 5	Mickey Billingsley, Bauxite
District 1W	Gary Orr, Rogers	District 6	Dr. Jerry Woods, Forrest City
District 2	Richard Blevins, Augusta	District 7	Dr. Jerry Guess, Camden Fairview
District 3	Mike Smith, Rivercrest	District 8	Thomas Gathen, McGehee
District 4	Barton Hunter, Mountainburg		

SPORTSMANSHIP AND ACADEMIC AWARDS – AAA- Sportsmanship and Academic Award Banners for the 2010-2011 school year were presented to these selected schools.

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

7A	FS Southside	3A	Harding Academy
6A	No nominations	2A	St. Joseph
5A	Vilonia	1A	Mammoth Spring
4A	Heber Springs		

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. Howard Morris served as the Parliamentarian for the voting procedures. Proposals adopted will become effective immediately unless otherwise noted.

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

Proposals and results of voting were as follows.

Proposal #1 — Scholarship (Academics) — PASSED – States that a student who has finished two semesters of the 9th grade must follow all senior high (10-12) academic requirements. (For—252, Against – 1) Effective immediately.

Proposal #2 — Dead Weeks — PASSED – Allows schools that have the only baseball and softball fields in the community to allow the community to use the school fields during the dead period as long as no school teams are playing and no school coaches are coaching the teams. (For – 253, Against – 1) Effective immediately.

Proposal #3 — Athletic Release Form — PASSED – Adds the Athletic Release Form to the AAA Handbook. (For – 251, Against – 0) Effective immediately.

Proposal #4 — Classification of Schools — PASSED – States that when two districts have been annexed and

keep two high schools and one high school does not offer a particular sport and the two schools combine to participate in that sport, the schools must play at the higher classification of the two schools. (For – 165, Against – 4) Effective immediately.

Proposal #5 — Assignment to Conferences — FAILED – Would have assigned the largest 32 schools geographically with consideration given to size disparity to four conferences for regular season play in all applicable sports. For the purpose of determining state champions in such sports, a championship would have been conducted among the largest 16 schools and separately among the next 16 schools. (For – 3, Against – 28)

Proposal #6 — Bowling Championships — FAILED – Would have divided the schools for state championships for bowling into 6 (six) classifications: 7A, 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A/2A, and 1A. (For – 36, Against – 135)

Proposal #7 — Classifications — FAILED – Would have set up classifications as follows:

- A. Class 7A – The largest 16 schools
- B. Class 6A – The next largest 32 schools
- C. Class 5A – The next largest 32 schools
- D. Class 4A – the next largest 48 football schools and all basketball-only schools whose enrollment numbers fall within these
- E. Class 3A – The next 48 football schools and all basketball-only schools whose enrollment numbers fall within these
- F. Class 2A – The next 48 largest schools and the remainder of football schools
- G. Class 1A – The remainder of schools

The proposal further stated that all classifications are a statewide organization not assigned to an activity district, but supervised directly by the AAA Board of Directors. Schools shall be assigned to the activity district compatible with each school's geographic location by county.

(For – 49, Against – 122)

Proposal #8 — Classifications — FAILED – Would have restructured classifications by assigning the largest 32 schools into four conferences of eight schools each. There would have been one state championship in each sport except football. For football only, the top 16 schools by enrollment number would have been assigned geographically into two conferences of eight schools each. The top 16 schools would have had one state championship for football only. The next 16 schools (17-32 by reenrollment number) would have been assigned geographically into two conferences of eight schools each. There would have been one state championship in football only. (For –5, Against – 164)

Proposal #9 – Classifications – FAILED – Would have set up classifications as follows:

- A. Class 6A – The largest 16 schools
 - B. Class 5A – The next largest 32 schools
 - C. Class 4A – The next largest 48 football schools and all basketball-only schools whose enrollment numbers fall within these
 - D. Class 3A – The next largest 48 football schools and all basketball-only schools whose enrollment numbers fall within these
 - E. Class 2A – Basketball – the next 48 largest schools and the remainder of football schools
 - F. Class 1A – the remainder of schools
- (For – 84, Against – 85)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President/Chair

Secretary

Date