

KSHSAA sets committee to look at classifications

At its May 1, 2015, meeting, the Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) approved establishing a committee to study the overall classification system used by the Association. Based on the directive of the Board, the first meeting of the 13-person committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at the KSHSAA offices.

The initial charge to this committee is to review the recent history of the KSHSAA classification system as well as the statutory and bylaw requirements governing the system and methods used in its determination. The committee is to identify and discuss factors that come into play when classifying schools in the state association, including identifying demographic and geographic factors. Ultimately, this committee has been tasked with not only examining the current classifications, but with identifying alternatives, and developing recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board.

Knowing the task is considerable, no specific reporting deadline has been set. The goal for the initial meeting is to develop plans for future meetings and determine effective strategies to gain a sense of where member schools stand on this issue (i.e., surveying member schools, regional meeting discussions, etc.).

Mike Kastle and Bill Faflick have accepted the Executive Board's invitation to serve as co-chairs of this committee. Both will be voting members. Great attention has been paid to assemble a committee whose membership reflects the geography of the entire state, schools of all sizes, and people of diverse educational experience with credibility among the member schools.

A brief biography of each committee member follows.

Tim Brady (Olathe Public Schools)

Tim currently serves as the district director of athletics and activities for the Olathe Public Schools. He has served Kansas schools for 33 years, including 28 years as a school administrator. He previously served as middle and high school athletic director, middle school principal, and high school principal in the Gardner Edgerton School District. Tim has served on the board of directors for KASSP, KIAAA, and KSHSAA as well as a member of the KSHSAA Appeals Board.

Charlotte Davis (Kansas City Public Schools, retired)

Charlotte served 38 years in the Kansas City, Kansas, public schools, teaching elementary physical education before moving to J.C. Harmon High School where she coached volleyball, basketball, and track, in addition to teaching physical education. She then spent five years as activities director at Washington High School before serving 17 years as the assistant principal and athletic director at Wyandotte High School. In her final two years in education, Charlotte directed all middle school and high school athletic programs in the Kansas City, Kansas public schools before retiring.

David Ediger (Cimarron High School)

David currently serves as assistant principal and activities director at Cimarron High School. He previously served as athletic director and taught physical education and health at Meade High School. He began his teaching/coaching career at Ashland High School. During his career, David has served as head coach for girls' and boys' basketball, boys' tennis and golf, as well as assistant football and track coach. David is currently president of the Hi-Plains League, served on the KSHSAA Board of Directors and has been active in the KIAA.

Bill Faflick (Wichita Public Schools)

Currently assistant superintendent of secondary schools for the Wichita Public Schools, Bill has spent three decades in service to the district he grew up in. He taught mathematics and served as head cross country and track coach at his alma-mater Wichita Southeast before serving as the school's athletic director. He was later named director of athletics for the Wichita Public Schools and executive director of the Greater Wichita Athletic League. Bill has been an active member of the KIAA, serving one term as president. Bill has served as a member of the KSHSAA Board of Directors and Executive Board, including one term as president. He has also served the KSHSAA through participation in strategic planning, the Public/Private Study Committee, as a member of the Hall of Fame Committee, and meet director for the KSHSAA state track & field championships.

Britton Hart (Emporia High School)

Currently principal at Emporia High School, Britton earlier served as assistant principal/athletic director at Emporia High school. He previously held the position of assistant principal/athletic director at LaCygne-Prairie View High School after teaching technology education and serving as head track coach at Olathe North High School. He represents the Centennial League on the KSHSAA Board of Directors and was elected as the Class 5A representative on the KSHSAA Executive Board for 2015-16.

Mike Hubka (Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege High School)

Currently associate principal/athletic director at Bishop Miege High School, Mike began his career in education, teaching and coaching at Sharon, Kan. Upon closure of Sharon High School, he moved within the district to Medicine Lodge High School, where he served 24 years as teacher, coach, then athletic director and principal. After serving as principal for one year at Goodland High School, he moved into his current position at Bishop Miege. Mike has served as an officer for both the Central Plains League and the Eastern Kansas League, and has held positions on the KSHSAA Board of Directors and Executive Board.

Mike Kastle (Southern Coffey County, retired)

Now retired after serving Kansas schools for 45 years, Kastle's career included serving as a teacher and coach at Cuba-Hillcrest and Winona-Triplains where his administrative career began. He then served as principal and superintendent/principal for a total of 26 years in Ransom before assuming the superintendent/principal position for the LeRoy/Gridley (Southern Coffey County) for 10 years. Currently residing in Parsons, Mike is league commissioner for the Three Rivers League and will soon assume like duties for the CNC League. He has served on the

KSHSAA Appeals Board, Board of Directors and Executive Board, serving as President. He has also served on several KSHSAA committees including the Governance Committee, Football Study Committee, and chaired the initial Facilities Study Committee which eventually led to the construction of the current offices of the KSHSAA. Mike is a 2015 inductee into the KSHSAA Hall of Fame.

Greg Koelsch (Smith Center High School)

Greg is currently the principal at Smith Center Junior/Senior High School. He began his teaching career in Logan, Kan., teaching science and serving as athletic director and coach. Following the completion of his masters' degree in education administration, he has spent the past 10 years as the building principal at Smith Center Junior/Senior High School, and this past year he assumed the added responsibilities of junior high athletic director.

Bob Mellen (Clearwater High School)

Currently the principal/athletic director at Clearwater High School, Bob previously taught and coached at Clearwater High and Middle Schools as well as Valley Falls High School. He has been involved with athletic and activities programs for the past 32 years. He is active in the KIAAA and the NIAAA, currently serving on the KIAAA Board of Directors and was selected as the 2014 KIAAA State Athletic Director of the Year. Bob is also an active member of the KASSP and the NASSP, and is a former KASSP State Assistant Principal of the Year. Currently serving as secretary of Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League council, he represents the AVCTL on the KSHSAA Board of Directors.

Greg Rosenhagen (Cheney High School)

Greg is currently serving as principal at Cheney High School after one year as assistant principal/athletic director. Prior to his tenure at Cheney, he served as assistant principal/athletic director, then principal/athletic director at Conway Springs High School. He previously taught and served as athletic director as well as assistant coach for football, basketball and track at Valley Center High School. Greg began his teaching/coaching career at Buhler High School. He then taught and coached at Garden Plain before moving to Valley Center.

Alan Sheets (Belleville-Republic County High School)

Currently principal at Republic County High School, Alan's entire career in education has been in Belleville, Kan., where he first taught and coached at Belleville High School, now at Republic County Junior/Senior High School. He has taught government, psychology and world history while coaching high school and junior high football, high school cross country, junior high and high school boys' and girls' basketball, junior high and high school track, and softball before moving into school administration.

Carol Swenson (McPherson Public Schools, retired)

Carol served Kansas schools 32 years as a teacher, coach and administrator. He began his career at Washington, Kan., High School, where he taught math and started the cross

country program. He then moved to McPherson, Kan., where he taught math and coached track and field at both the junior and high school levels. Carol served as athletic director his final three years at McPherson Junior High, then later served as assistant principal/activities director at McPherson High School for 10 years. At McPherson High School, he was part of the initial discussions regarding the formation of the now four-division, Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League. Since his retirement Carol has served the KSHSAA in a variety of ways including Hall of Fame Committee, state basketball statistics coordinator/media supervisor, state wrestling media coordinator, editor of KSHSAA state track & field meet and state basketball tournament histories, site representative for state basketball and over 40 years as field events announcer for the state track & field meet.

Paul Zuzelski (Syracuse High School)

Presently the principal of Syracuse Junior-Senior High School, Paul has served the KSHSAA as an official since his days as a college student, working football, basketball and baseball at all levels, including several at the state championship play-off level. He also has served as KSHSAA Area Basketball Supervisor in southwest Kansas. Paul taught and coached at two Kansas colleges where he recruited in high schools of all sizes. Prior to his tenure at Syracuse, Paul was the junior/senior high principal at Bucklin where he also served as the athletic director for one year. After three years in Bucklin, he assumed his present position at Syracuse. For the past six years Paul has represented the Hi-Plains League on the KSHSAA Board of Directors, and this past year represented Class 2A on the KSHSAA Executive Board.

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