

KHSSL BOARD MEETING 4/21/18

Meeting called to order at 10:25 AM.

Board members present: Daniel Hamm, Michael Robinson, Rachel Page, Chuck Stamper, Lisa Edmunds, Amy Vaughan, Jennifer Dunnaway, Katy Cecil, Ryan Brown, Mary Allen, Dustin Combs.

Board Members Absent: Steve Meadows, Janet Martin, and Beth Randolph

Old business is postponed until our regular Summer meeting.

With regards to the grievance filed by Dupont manual high school, reviewed the KHSSL handbook pages 66 and 67

**27. Grievances. A grievance committee shall be formed to address grievances at the State Championship. The committee shall be comprised of the board members present and the Executive Director.**

**a. The process will begin with a discussion with the director about grievance from the school filing the grievance.**

**b. If needed, a submission of written grievance to grievance committee comprised of director and board members present. If this does not satisfy the school filing the grievance.**

**c. The person may submit the written grievance to the entire board as a whole, possibly, taking place after the conclusion of the state tournament**

The grievance was unable to be handled at the tournament because we were unaware until the written grievance was received after the tournament.

The Board noted that the handbook only specifically addresses grievances for the Speech tournament speech and will need to be edited to include Debate.

The Board reviewed the KHSSL Constitution, noting that the constitution is the primary document to be considered and handling the grievance

Article 4 –

**Section 2: The Board shall establish League regulations and contest rules exclusively. The policies of the League shall be determined by the Board of Directors as representatives of their constituents.**

Article 7

**Section 5: The judge's decision in any contest may not be reversed by the Director; neither shall any contest be re-run.**

***Section 7: The Grievance Committee and the League Director will resolve any complaints in regard to contests on the regional or state level with appeals being handled by the Board of Directors.***

The grievance was filed by Dupont Manual High School regarding the seeding of the 2018 State Debate tournament. Seeding was incorrect in Varsity Lincoln Douglas, Novice Lincoln Douglas, and Varsity Public Forum. The correct students advanced but the students were incorrectly paired in elimination brackets.

Ms. Page explained the bracketing procedures. In September, 2017, the handbook was amended to establish the tie-breaking procedure modeled after the National Forensic Association

The reason for the error was confirmed after consulting with Tabroom officials. The round type was set as a "Run-off" when it should have been sent as an "Elimination" round. Because of that, the seeding was randomly assigned by the computer program instead of correctly paired based on win/loss records.

The grievances were entered into record and the tabroom error was acknowledged. Seven schools were impacted. We are not able to re-run the competition per the constitution.

The Debate Tournament Director, Rachel Page, suggested that we in order to protect students who were incorrectly seeded as well as students who competed in the debates:

That the official placement should be the higher of the two – the students' preliminary standings prior to the error or their final placement after debating.

Some student standings may be elevated but none will be reduced.

Motion officially made by Rachel Page:

For the 2018 State Debate Tournament- Varsity Lincoln Douglas, Novice Lincoln Douglas, and Varsity Public Forum – the students' official placement would be the higher of the two – their preliminary seeding or their final placement at the tournament- in response to the grievance filed by DuPont Manual High School.

The motion was seconded by Lisa Edmonds.

Daniel Hamm added an amendment that we should also adjust sweepstakes based on results adjustment and award co-placement as needed without abrogating results at the tournament.

Sweepstakes points were recalculated based on the amended placements and we found that while some point totals would be different, it would not affect the teams' final standings.

The motion was unanimously approved by the board. Rachel will oversee redistribution of student awards and Katy Cecil order trophies.

After the official meeting was completed, students present were given the opportunity to speak. They expressed their appreciation for the work done by the board and the many volunteers who run the state tournament as well as their satisfaction with the Board's final recommendation.

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