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## FHSAA Public Liaison Advisory Committee Meeting September 24, 2018 2 p.m.

### A. Roll Call and Sign-In

#### Members Present:

Senator Dennis Baxley  
Kurt Browning  
Chris Cowart  
Dean Ledford (via phone)  
Lyle Livengood  
Jeffrey Malloy  
Richard Myhre  
Marty Pallman  
Mike Ridaught  
Christopher Stanfield  
Kevin Stanfield  
Al Summers

#### Notes:

Brenda Dickinson was on a cruise in Canada and could not attend due to a lack of signal.

Thomas McGlinn (on behalf of Capt. Robert Fine) attempted to attend via phone but could not due to a miscommunication from the FHSAA regarding the new dial-in number.

Rep. Jake Raburn did not attend.

#### Others Present:

Lynn Stanfield (Mother of Christopher Stanfield)  
Josh Wilson (FHSAA Media Advisory Committee)

#### FHSAA Staff in Attendance:

Frank Beasley, Director of Athletics  
Justin Harrison, Associate Executive Director for Athletic Services  
Kyle Niblett, Public Relations Specialist  
Jamie Rohrer, Assistant Executive Director for Administrative Services  
Sara Rodrigues, Administrative Services Intern  
Brandi Waters, Associate Executive Director for Financial Services

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## **B. Welcome and Announcements**

Mr. Niblett welcomed the new members for the 2018-19 school year and mentioned the opening on the committee for a principal (racial minority).

## **C. Adoption of April 29, 2018 Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes and saw no issues with them. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

(Motion: Browning, 2nd: Baxley, Motion approved 12-0)

## **D. Adoption of 2017-18 PLAC Annual Report**

The committee reviewed the annual report and saw no issues with it. A motion was made to approve the annual report as presented.

(Motion: Baxley, 2nd: Livengood, Motion approved 12-0)

## **E. New Business**

1. Election for Chair and Vice-Chair
  - a. Mr. Pallman was voted 2018-19 FHSAA PLAC Chairperson  
(Motion: Cowart, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Baxley, Motion approved 12-0)
  - b. Mr. Ridaught was voted 2018-19 FHSAA PLAC Vice-Chairperson  
(Motion: Browning, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cowart, Motion approved 12-0)
2. Finalize Public Hearing Dates For Sectional Appeal Hearings
  - a. Members decided who would represent the committee at the upcoming appeals committee meetings. The schedule was decided as follows:
    - i. Section 1 – Nov. 6, 2018 – Richard Myhre
    - ii. Section 2 – Nov. 7, 2018 – Mike Ridaught
    - iii. Section 3 – Dec. 6, 2018 – Kurt Browning
    - iv. Section 4 – TBA – Chris Cowart

## **F. Discussion of PLAC Correspondence from May 1-Sept. 23, 2018**

1. Cheerleading Roster
  - a. Mr. Niblett explained the cheerleading team was not competitive and thus did not involve the FHSAA. The parent was satisfied with the response and Senator Baxley mentioned it was handled appropriately.
2. House Bill 7029
  - a. Sen. Baxley said the outcomes of legislation are never fully known until after, and it is never finished (“One long conversation.”). He asked the committee to be realistic about the world we live in: more individual choices, instant gratification and instant information. The Senator finished by saying we live in a much more competitive environment and students are much more aware of it. We’re not going back to the way it used to be.

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- b. It was recommended that perhaps the state mandate a time frame during the year where decisions must be made on transferring. This would be optimal to maintain order academically.
3. Swimming Eligibility
  - a. Mr. Niblett reiterated that if you attend a member private school and your sport isn't offered, you cannot just play that sport at any other member school. FHSAA policy cannot supersede state statute.
4. New Sports
  - a. Mr. Niblett reminded the committee how sports are added to the FHSAA and how there are no current recognized sports.
  - b. Mr. Livengood commented on how West Port High School picked up sand volleyball and they love it.
5. Officiating
  - a. Mr. Summers, an official himself, discussed the proper protocol for officials when fans become rowdy.
  - b. The committee then discussed the statewide and nationwide shortage in officials. Mr. Livengood informed the committee there are soccer games in Marion County that administrators cannot find officials for and how in the last five years he has yet to see a new varsity official under 30 years of age. He called it "one of the five biggest concerns the Association is facing."
  - c. Sen. Baxley recommended a taskforce on pursuing a recruiting strategy for new officials and that other than recruiting volunteers, the state might have to professionalize it and budget for it.
  - d. Summers closed by saying officials associations need to recruit better throughout the state.
6. Classification Proposal
  - a. Mr. Niblett explained that the email was partially irrelevant due to the changes in the proposal presented to the Board of Directors Sept. 23. Mr. Myhre asked for a recap of the revised classification proposal. Mr. Beasley from the FHSAA office provided a recap and answered questions, noting the goal of the proposal is to change with the times and grow athletics in the state of Florida. Mr. Stanfield asked if those against using MaxPreps rankings have alternative. Chairperson Pallman said no.

## **G. Roundtable Discussion**

Sen. Baxley said as an organization, the FHSAA has made giant leaps forward in creating a culture of openness and input. He remarked that years ago, the culture was closed with the FHSAA's attitude being, "We're the Gods, we make the rules." He closed by saying he believes there is a sense across the state of an intentional culture shift from the recent FHSAA changes that are very powerful and reflect the adjustments the FHSAA has made to be more inclusive, participatory and transparent.

## **H. Adjourn**

(Motion: Summers, 2nd: Livengood, Motion approved 12-0)