

Missouri State High School Activities Association

Middle Level Advisory Meeting

December 6, 2023

10:00 a.m.

HISTORY OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The MSHSAA Board of Directors in the late 1950's was concerned with comments from coaches, music and speech directors indicating they had little voice in the administration and regulations of the respective activities they directed in their schools. To address this issue, the Board was to appoint advisory committees for music and speech to assist the executive director and Board of Directors in planning and administering the various activities.

The MSHSAA Constitution, after a vote of the member schools, included provisions for music and speech advisory committees. However, specific procedures for implementing the committee recommendations were not addressed. In 1959 the Music Advisory Committee was the first to become active and met with the executive director to review the regulations applied to music festivals and to make recommendations to the Board via the executive director for improvements in the program.

Shortly after the Music Advisory Committee became active the Speech Advisory Committee followed suit. The first significant recommendation was to include all speech activities, rather than debate only, under the jurisdiction of the MSHSAA.

The hard work and promising recommendations made by these two advisory committees prompted the Board of Directors to establish similar advisory committees in each activity under the MSHSAA jurisdiction. As new activities have been added or expanded, advisory committees have continued to be developed to meet this growth.

PURPOSE OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The advisory committees serve to provide increased communication from the "grass roots" level between the MSHSAA member schools and the MSHSAA Board of Directors. The committees shall act in an advisory capacity with the MSHSAA Board of Directors reserving the right to accept, reject or amend committee recommendations.

**MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

I. Old Business

A. Welcome and Introductions

New Members: Jason Michel, Taylor O'Laughlin, Landi Quinlin, Bobby Simily, Cody Wright

B. Review Role of Advisory Committees

C. Approval/Vote - Minutes from December 5, 2018 Meeting (Via Conference Call)

D. Report of Board of Directors Action on 2018 Committee Recommendations

II. New Business

A. MSHSAA Bylaws

1. BL 3.30.3 – Adding number of allowable contests in MS Football (Van Ee)
2. BL 4.3.3 – Increasing the number of allowable events in Speech/Debate/Theater from 5 to 10 (SDT Advisory)

B. MSHSAA Board Policy

1. Championship Factor – Reduce window from 6 years to 2 years for points accumulation (Arand)
2. Championship Factor – No cap in number of Classes moving up based on points (Arand)

C. NFHS Business

None

D. Miscellaneous

1. MS Softball Pitching Mound Distance (O'Laughlin)
2. Diabetic Athletes and Accommodations for Pumps/Corrections during contests (O'Laughlin)
3. MS Track & Field Entry Amounts (O'Laughlin)
4. Online Rules Reviews and Part 2 tests – geared more toward MS (Jones)

E. Outgoing Committee Members: None

Eligible for Reappointment:

Taylor O'Laughlin (NE), Landi Quinlin (NW)

Agenda Amendments: If items are added to the agenda at the meeting, the agenda must be amended via a motion, second and majority vote, in order to discuss and take action.

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