

**MSHSAA – Public/Non-Public Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2022, MSHSAA Office**

Committee members in attendance were Darren Shaffer, Adam Taylor, Teron Sharp, Jen Brooks, Chris Arand, Ashley McMillian, Jeff Mingus, Drew Lohnes, and Kerri Morris. Jennifer Rukstad conducted the meeting.

After introductions, Rukstad reviewed the history and purpose of advisory committees and reviewed the agenda.

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes for the November 19, 2019 meeting (via conference call). McMillian motioned, Lohnes seconded.

Arand discussed the issue he had submitted regarding By-Law 3.1.10.d – Boundaries for Enrollment. Rukstad answered questions from Arand and others clarifying the by-law. No recommendations were made.

The committee discussed the championship factor and two main issues. Both had been submitted by Arand. The first issue was the 6-year window for retaining championship factor points, and the second was the cap on the number of classes a school could advance at two. Rukstad explained the AD Advisory had recommended to the Board of Directors that data collection and analysis should begin in 2023 so that recommendations could be ready by 2024. For the most part, the committee agreed six years was likely too long, though two years seemed not long enough. There were concerns out of the St. Louis area regarding any change to the window would not be favored by most public schools, due to the perception of many about the dominance of a few schools.

The discussion led to concerns over financial transparency in non-public schools. After much discussion,

Brooks motioned and Schaffer seconded: The Board of Directors investigate the possibility of a random audit of the financial disclosure information annually by non-public schools. Motion passed 9-0.

Taylor motioned and Lohnes seconded: The data surrounding championship factor and the six-year look-back window be collected and made public. Motion passed 9-0.

Arand motioned and Morris seconded: Change the six-year look-back to four years. Motion failed 2-7.

Arand motioned and Shaffer seconded: Remove the cap on the number of classes a school can move up. Motion passed 8-1.

Meeting was adjourned. Lohnes motioned and Arand seconded.

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- Y 1. Recommend the Board of Directors investigate the possibility of a random audit of the financial disclosure information annually by non-public schools. (9-0)

Rationale: The perception that self-reported financial disclosures leave room for non-compliance among some non-public schools.

- Y 2. Recommend the data surrounding championship factor and the six-year look-back window be collected and made public. (9-0)

Rationale: As the AD Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors consider any adjustments to the system, it will be important for the whole membership to have access to whatever data is considered.

- N 3. Recommend removing the cap on the number of classes a school can move up. (8-1)

Rationale: There is no reason a school should be limited on their advancement of classification if they continue to earn championship points in higher classes.