

2023 Kansas Statutes

72-7114. High school activities association; board of directors, executive board, appeal board; articles and bylaws; reports; classification system; executive director and personnel; application of open meetings law and open records law. (a) Any association with a majority of the high schools of the state as members and the purpose of which association is the statewide regulation, supervision, promotion and development of any of the activities defined in K.S.A. 72-7117, and amendments thereto, and in which any public high school of this state may participate directly or indirectly shall:

- (1) On or before September 1 of each year make a full report of its operation for the preceding calendar year to the state board of education. The report shall contain a complete and detailed financial statement under the certificate of a certified public accountant.
 - (2) File with the state board a copy of all reports and publications issued from time to time by such association.
 - (3) Be governed by a board of directors which shall exercise the legislative authority of the association and shall establish policy for the association.
 - (4) Submit to the state board of education, for its approval or disapproval prior to adoption, any amendments, additions, alterations or modifications of its articles of incorporation or bylaws. If any articles of incorporation, bylaws or any amendment, addition or alteration thereto is disapproved by the state board of education, the same shall not be adopted.
 - (5) Establish a system for the classification of member high schools according to student attendance.
 - (6) Be subject to the provisions of the Kansas open meetings law.
 - (7) Be subject to the provisions of the open records law.
- (b) (1) The board of directors shall consist of not less than 60 members as follows:
- (A) At least eight directors shall be members of boards of education, elected by local boards of education. At least two of such directors shall be elected from each congressional district of the state;
 - (B) at least two directors shall be representatives of the state board of education, appointed by the state board;
 - (C) (i) directors who are representatives of the senior high schools which are affiliated with a league shall be elected by the league;
 - (ii) the senior high schools which are not affiliated with a league shall be represented by at least one director;
 - (D) at least four directors shall be representatives of the middle/junior high schools, elected by the middle/junior high schools;
 - (E) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by athletic administrators;
 - (F) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by coaches;
 - (G) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by speech communications educators;
 - (H) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by music educators; and
 - (I) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by scholars' bowl coaches.
- (2) The directors appointed by the state board of education from the public at-large prior to July 1, 2014, whose terms are set to expire after July 1, 2014, may continue to serve on the board of directors until such director's term expires. Upon the expiration of the term of any such director, the governor shall appoint a successor member of the board of directors. In the event of a vacancy or the expiration of the term of any director appointed by the governor, the governor shall appoint a successor member of the board of directors. Any person appointed by the governor shall not be employed by any school affiliated with a league in the Kansas state high school activities association, nor shall such person be a member of the state board of education. The governor shall be provided a list of those directors appointed pursuant to subsection (b)(1). The governor shall make appointments pursuant to this subsection in order to attain, when necessary, and insofar as possible, representation of ethnic minority

groups and both genders on the board of directors and to ensure that a resident from each congressional district is appointed to the board of directors.

(3) All directors are limited to six consecutive years of service.

(c) (1) An executive board which shall be responsible for the administration, enforcement and interpretation of policy established by the board of directors shall be elected by the board of directors from its membership, provided that a director shall serve at least one year as a member of the board of directors prior to being elected to the executive board.

(2) At least two members of the board of directors elected to the executive board shall be directors appointed by the governor under subsection (b)(2), provided such directors are eligible for election to the executive board under this subsection. Members of the executive board elected pursuant to this paragraph shall only be eligible to serve on the executive board during the second, fourth and sixth years of such director's term.

(3) Insofar as possible, membership on the executive board shall be representative of ethnic minority groups, both genders, and all geographical areas of the state.

(d) An appeal board which shall be responsible for conducting hearings provided for in K.S.A. 72-7118, and amendments thereto, shall be elected as provided in this subsection. The appeal board shall consist of eight members. The membership of the appeal board shall include four members who are board of education members, elected by the boards of education of the member schools of the association; and four members who are school administrators, elected by the member schools of the association. No member of the board of directors shall be eligible for election to membership on the appeal board. All members of the appeal board are limited to six consecutive years of service.

(e) The executive board is authorized to employ an executive director and such other personnel as may be necessary to the exercise of the powers and the performance of the functions and duties of the board of directors, the executive board, and the appeal board. The executive director and all other personnel, except custodial, clerical or maintenance personnel, employed by the executive board pursuant to this subsection, shall file written statements of substantial interests, as provided by K.S.A. 46-248 through 46-252, and amendments thereto.

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