

KPSAA Work Session Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 2023

9am-10am

Warehouse Conference Room

I. Call to Order

President Settlemyer called the work session to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call:

Present: Jesse Settlemyer, Kyle McFall, Megan Smith, Vaughn Dosko, Dan Beck, Tim Daugharty, Shannon Dwyer, Jenna Fabian, Tyler Krekling

Absent: Doug Hayman

Name	Title	Role/Location
Jesse Settlemyer	High School Representative (2025)	President / KCHS
Kyle McFall	Activities Representative (2024)	Vice-President / Kenai Alt
Megan Smith	Parent Representative (2026)	Secretary / Kenai Middle
Vaughn Dosko	Executive Secretary	Principal Kenai Middle
Dan Beck	Secondary Administrator (2024)	Member / KCHS
Tim Daugharty	Board of Education Representative	Member
Shannon Dwyer	Representative at Large (2024)	Member / Skyview Middle
Jenna Fabian	Elementary Representative (2025)	Member / NNS Elem
Doug Hayman	K-12 Representative (2024)	Member / Connections
Tyler Krekling	Middle School Representative (2025)	Member / Homer Middle
Mary Blossom	Admin. Secretary (non-voting)	Administrative

III. Approval of September 28, 2023 Work Session Agenda

Motion: Jenna

Second: Kyle

Amendments: None

Approved, unanimous

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Title IX – Gender Equity Language scheduled for Action at ASAA’s October meeting

Enclosures:

1. ASAA Article 7, Section 1 - Compliance with Title IX
2. KPSAA HS Handbook - Appendix M

Vaughn shared the State Board of Education voted almost unanimously to allow transgender boys (bio girls) to play in boys athletics, and to not allow transgender girls (bio

boys) to participate in girls athletics. ASAA most likely will move at the high school level to have a Girls' Division and an Open Division. ASAA Executive Director Billy Strickland spoke at the Region III meeting earlier this month and said he anticipates a lawsuit and a probable stay as the case works through a court decision.

What kind of language does the KPSAA board want in place when ASAA approves the new policy? The Open division would allow for any gender, whereas the Girls' division is for biological girls only. ASAA plans to hold to the birth certificate in terms of a student's gender. Is that the standard this board is going to use?

Travel is another issue to be addressed. If a transgender boy is playing in the Open division, does a female chaperone have to travel, and who is paying for the added expense? What is the directive for overnight trips and sleeping arrangements? The board sees what could be a major expense involved at the high school level. The decision has to be definitive.

Vaughn believes the preference would be to let ASAA roll out their language first and we would work off of that. The board also needs to adopt language that works at the middle school level as well. He shared recently attending a meeting at D/O with lawyers from the ACLU in attendance regarding a transgender boy wanting to participate at the MS Cross Country Running Borough meet this weekend and run as a boy. District administration made the decision to allow this. The recommendation from the district attorney was "why not" because the middle school level is not very competitive. Vaughn told the board this presents a lot of unknowns, especially without any language in place.

Discussion concluded with the board agreeing to wait for ASAA and the likely court stay. The next KPSAA meeting is scheduled for Nov. 7 and the Region III meeting is Nov. 13, just prior to the start of basketball season. During the upcoming executive board meeting following this work session, the board may consider moving the November meeting to after the Nov. 13 Region III meeting. Points to consider, what is the district's direction going to be for transgender travel, chaperones, sleeping arrangements, uniforms, etc.? The board recognizes the importance of having this spelled out. The board also feels a work session will likely be necessary in November, and to be prepared for that.

V. Adjournment

President Settlemyer adjourned the work session at 10:02 a.m.