

**Minutes of
The University Interscholastic League
Legislative Council Meeting
October 17-18, 2010**

Business Meeting (A - E)

The 70th annual meeting of the Legislative Council of the University Interscholastic League convened at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at the Hilton Downtown, Austin, Texas. The following were present:

Council Members: Rick Reedy, Chair; James Brewer; Curtis Culwell; Darrell Floyd; John Folks; David Foote; Alton Frailey; Cliff Gilmore; Jamey Harrison; Lynn Heflin; Linda Henrie; Mark Henry; Jerry Hunkapiller; Joe Oliver; Johnny Pineda; Greg Poole; Thomas Randle; Curtis Rhodes; Jerry Roy; Todd Schneider; Pam Seipp; Carl Taylor; David Vinson; Jim Waller and Eddie White

UIL Staff: Charles Breithaupt, Executive Director; Jeanne Acton; Darryl Beasley; Phyllis Broz; Veronica Cantu; Peter Contreras; Mark Cousins; Bree Davis; Treva Dayton; Susan Doherty; Richard Floyd; Sheila Henderson; Brooke Keeler; Kelly McCollum; Luis Muñoz; Traci Neely; Cliff Odenwald; Jana Riggins; Kim Rogers; Chris Schmidt; Elisabeth Sikes; Di Smith; Ed Stidham; Tony Timmons; David Trussell & Eddie Wolski

Chairman Reedy called the business meeting of the 70th annual meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 8:04 a.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2010. Mark Henry gave the invocation.

(A) Chairman Reedy announced that a quorum of the Legislative Council was present. (B) He announced that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the UIL 2010-2011 *Constitution and Contest Rules*. He appointed Jana Riggins as parliamentarian.

(C) The printed agenda was adopted by consensus. (The lettering and numbering of the paragraphs of the minutes follow the order of the agenda.)

(D) The minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting were approved by consensus.

At 8:10 a.m. the business meeting was recessed and the Legislative Council proceeded to its public hearing.

Public Hearing (AA - BB)

Chairman Reedy welcomed everyone in attendance on behalf of the Legislative Council representatives, the UIL staff and the participant schools and member school districts.

AA. Scheduled Speakers

Chairman Reedy asked speakers to limit their remarks to five minutes. He said the meeting was open, questions could be asked, and members of the Council or staff would be recognized to speak. He recognized the following people who made proposals (summarized from oral and written comments) to the Council.

Ray Ewell, Texas High School Bowling Club, Austin High School, asked that Council provide high school students the opportunity to represent their school and community in the sport of bowling.

Kimiko Cartwright, Texas High School Bowling Club, attended meeting but did not speak.

Darren Allman, Athletic Director Eanes ISD, requested the UIL look into using instant replay in the football state championships in Class 5A and possibly other classifications.

Clifton Tierney, Bandera ISD, Soccer Coach, requested that the UIL add a 3A conference in soccer.

Joe Barnet, Texas High School Athletic Directors Association, President, had no proposals for the Council but commended the UIL for trying to end the lawsuit filed by TASO and for the diligence in following the new plan and their diligence in paying officials. THSADA appreciates all the UIL has done.

Larry Reid, 6-Man Coaches Association, had no new proposals but appreciates the support of their previous proposals that were presented in June. Mr. Reid expressed 6-Man Coaches Associations continued support of UIL.

D.W. Rutledge, Texas High School Coaches Association, attended meeting but did not speak.

Sam Tipton, Texas Girls Coaches Association, after polling TGCA's girls cross country member coaches, TGCA asks the UIL to keep the cross country distance for girls at two (2) miles instead for the proposed increase of three (3) miles at the district, regional and state competitions. TGCA supports the proposal that the Texas High School Baseball Association will be presenting. TGCA stands shoulder to shoulder with the UIL concerning the November 1st registration of officials.

Brandon Martin, Lake Dallas High School Soccer Coach, proposed changing the current tiebreaker procedure in soccer to penalty kicks, which he feels would be safer and would help in reducing injuries.

Willie Blackmon, Indoor Track & Field, did not attend meeting.

Rick Sherley, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, Thanked the Council and the UIL staff for all their efforts. TABC appreciates the extended coaching boxes and TABC has no new proposals.

Tom Kennedy, Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas, asked the Council to move the cross country racing distance for girls at district, regional, and the state championship meets to the 5K distance from the current 3200 meter distance. CCCAT surveyed the female athletes coached by its members regarding race distance and stated that the majority of the respondents of 4A & 5A classifications prefer 3 miles over 2 miles.

Rex Sanders, Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association, proposes that baseball be allowed to exchange one tournament for three games instead of two. Mr. Sanders stated that Texas Girls Coaches Association is in complete support of this proposal. THSBCA is in total support of UIL registering officials.

Ruben Vargas, Vernon High School, Texas Tennis Coaches Association, 1st Vice President, proposes that the UIL add an area tournament, which would qualify four teams from each district to advance to post season. TTCA also proposes that area tournaments be added for all sports not just tennis.

Tim Calhoun, Texas Tennis Coaches Association, President, did not make a proposal, but supports the proposal by Ruben Vargas.

BB. Speakers Previously Unscheduled

Chairman Reedy recognized the following unscheduled speakers.

Mike Eaton, Texas High School Wrestling Coaches Association, proposed the current UIL wrestling single class system (5A) be split into two divisions (5A, 4A and below) to allow for fair and adequate participation representative of the participation levels. In the 2010 state tournament, 80% of the state placers came from 5A schools which only represented 53% of the schools represented.

Rick Keith, Alpine ISD, proposed the distance for girls cross country races be changed from 2 miles to 5,000 meters for district, regional and state meets. Mr. Keith indicated that several West Texas superintendents he talked to weren't aware that the UIL had conducted a poll concerning this issue. Most West Texas Coaches he has talked to support the 5K and feel it will attract participation.

Barbara Ixba, Lake Travis High School, Speech & Debate Coach, asked the Council to consider allowing the use of laptop computers in the preparation room for extemporaneous speaking contest as this would a) be more

of a real world experience, b) environmentally friendly and c) economically feasible. The maintaining of information would be much easier on computers as well as less expensive when flying to events as each tub weighs approximately 50 pounds and costs the schools \$50.00 to ship.

Erik Lane, TASCO, has no new proposals but supports Cliff Tierney's proposal for the 3A soccer conference. The coaches association is in favor of keeping the current tiebreaker in place until further study can be done.

(E) Chairman Reedy recessed the public hearing.

Business Meeting (F - K) Continued

F. Standing Committee Meetings

The standing committees convened on Sunday to take action on items presented to the Council. The business meeting of the Legislative Council reconvened at 9:03 a.m. on Monday, October 18, 2010.

G. Old Business

Executive Director's Report. Charles Breithaupt, Executive Director, expressed appreciation for the work of the Legislative Council members. He also thanked the UIL staff members for their service. Dr. Breithaupt reported that the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation Scholarship fund has given \$24 million dollars in TILF scholarships since its inception. This past year TILF presented 400 new scholarships, to Texas students who will be attending Texas schools.

H. New Business

1. Committee Reports and Council Action

(A) Standing Committee on Academics

Chairman Reedy asked Curtis Culwell to fill in for him as chairman so Dr. Reedy could serve as Academic Chair.

Chairman Culwell recognized Academic Committee Chair Rick Reedy who stood in for the current chair of Academics Charles Butcher. Dr. Reedy introduced Treva Dayton, UIL Academic Director, who recognized her staff and reported on the UIL academic department.

Committee Chair Reedy recognized his fellow committee members and thanked them for their work. He then presented the report of the Standing Committee on Academics. It was received by the Council, which took the following actions.

1. The Standing Committee on Academics moved and Lynn Heflin seconded the motion to add a verification period for all journalism contests.

Section 1024, Section 1025, Section 1026 and Section 1027 (g) and (h) on pages 128, 129 and 130 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1024: FEATURE WRITING CONTEST

(H) UNOFFICIAL RESULTS. UNOFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT SHALL BE POSTED AND VERIFIED AT ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION. CONTESTANTS AND COACHES SHALL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO IDENTIFY CONTESTS PAPERS BEFORE OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED. THIS TIME IS DESIGNED TO VERIFY IDENTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT, NOT A TIME TO QUESTION THE DECISION OR RANKING THAT A STUDENT HAS RECEIVED. JUDGING DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND MAY NOT BE QUESTIONED DURING THE VERIFICATION PERIOD.

(I) OFFICIAL RESULTS. AFTER THE VERIFICATION PERIOD, RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS OFFICIAL RESULTS. NO QUESTIONS MAY BE RAISED AFTER THIS POINT.

Section 1025: NEWS WRITING CONTEST

(G) UNOFFICIAL RESULTS. UNOFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT SHALL BE POSTED AND VERIFIED AT ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION. CONTESTANTS AND COACHES SHALL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO IDENTIFY CONTESTS PAPERS BEFORE OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED. THIS TIME IS DESIGNED TO VERIFY IDENTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT, NOT A TIME TO QUESTION THE DECISION OR RANKING THAT A STUDENT HAS RECEIVED. JUDGING DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND MAY NOT BE QUESTIONED DURING THE VERIFICATION PERIOD.

(H) OFFICIAL RESULTS. AFTER THE VERIFICATION PERIOD, RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS OFFICIAL RESULTS. NO QUESTIONS MAY BE RAISED AFTER THIS POINT.

Section 1026: EDITORIAL WRITING CONTEST

(G) UNOFFICIAL RESULTS. UNOFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT SHALL BE POSTED AND VERIFIED AT ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION. CONTESTANTS AND COACHES SHALL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO IDENTIFY CONTESTS PAPERS BEFORE OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED. THIS TIME IS DESIGNED TO VERIFY IDENTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT, NOT A TIME TO QUESTION THE DECISION OR RANKING THAT A STUDENT HAS RECEIVED. JUDGING DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND MAY NOT BE QUESTIONED DURING THE VERIFICATION PERIOD.

(H) OFFICIAL RESULTS. AFTER THE VERIFICATION PERIOD, RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS OFFICIAL RESULTS. NO QUESTIONS MAY BE RAISED AFTER THIS POINT.

Section 1027: HEADLINE WRITING CONTEST

(g) UNOFFICIAL RESULTS. UNOFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT SHALL BE POSTED AND VERIFIED AT ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION. CONTESTANTS AND COACHES SHALL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO IDENTIFY CONTESTS PAPERS BEFORE OFFICIAL RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED. THIS TIME IS DESIGNED TO VERIFY IDENTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT, NOT A TIME TO QUESTION THE DECISION OR RANKING THAT A STUDENT HAS RECEIVED. JUDGING DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND MAY NOT BE QUESTIONED DURING THE VERIFICATION PERIOD.

~~If the district chooses to have a verification period, then results of the headline contest will be unofficial until students and/or coaches have had a chance to examine their contest entries. Results will not be announced until after the verification period, if conducted, is completed and questions resolved. A verification period is neither mandated nor recommended by the UIL.~~

(h) OFFICIAL RESULTS. AFTER THE VERIFICATION PERIOD, RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS OFFICIAL RESULTS. NO QUESTIONS MAY BE RAISED AFTER THIS POINT.

~~If during the verification period errors of count are not brought to the attention of the contest director, then the results shall be read as the Official Results. This verification is a time to check the accuracy of count only. All letters (upstyle and downstyle), symbols, punctuation marks and spaces shall be counted as one. When all questions have been resolved, the results shall be announced as Official Results. No questions shall be raised after this point.~~

Motion passed unanimously.

2. The Academic Committee moved and John Folks seconded the motion to restrict the total number allowed and the number of school days missed for One-Act Play festivals and non UIL One-Act Play contests.

Section 1033 (b) (3) (C) on page 130 of the UIL C&CR will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1033: Theatre

(b) CONTEST ENTRY PROCEDURES

(3) Faculty Director.

- (C) Directors shall not accept nor solicit aid in the preparation of the play, or in coaching the actors, or in designing props, makeup, costumes, scenery, lighting or in directing the contest play. ~~A critic judge may be used at a contest or festival so long as three or more casts participate at the~~

~~same site on the same day. At non UIL contests or festivals, companies are restricted to no more than two sessions with the same clinician/critic judge per school year. Each session shall include a performance of the play and may not exceed two hours. Violations of this rule may result in the school and/or director being subject to the full range of penalties outlined in Sections 27 and 29.~~

- (i) A CRITIC JUDGE MAY BE USED AT A CONTEST OR FESTIVAL SO LONG AS THREE OR MORE CASTS PARTICIPATE AT THE SAME SITE ON THE SAME DAY. EACH SESSION SHALL INCLUDE A PERFORMANCE OF THE PLAY AND SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO HOURS.
- (ii) COMPANIES ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF FOUR SESSIONS AT NON-UIL ONE-ACT PLAY CONTESTS OR FESTIVALS.
- (iii) NO MORE THAN THREE SESSIONS AT NON-UIL ONE-ACT PLAY CONTESTS OR FESTIVALS ARE PERMITTED DURING SCHOOL DAYS.
- (iv) COMPANIES ARE RESTRICTED TO NO MORE THAN TWO SESSIONS WITH THE SAME CLINICIAN PER SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. The Academic Committee moved and Greg Poole seconded the motion to allow critiques when using panel judging in One-Act Play to clarify the selection process for judges.

Section 1033 (d) (3) on page 115 of the UIL *C&CR* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1033: Theatre

(d) CONTEST PLANNING PROCEDURES AND JUDGING

(3) *Judging.*

- (A) *Selection of Judges.* All one-act play contests shall be adjudicated only by judges selected from the current Accredited List of Critic Judges, unless the League approves AN exception for valid reasons. JUDGES FOR AREA, REGION AND STATE CONTESTS SHALL BE SELECTED FROM THOSE DESIGNATED AS AREA AND REGIONAL JUDGES IN THE CURRENT UIL ACCREDITED LIST OF CRITIC JUDGES. The list is on the UIL web site.
- (B) *JUDGING.* JUDGING SHALL BE BY AN ODD NUMBER OF JUDGES OR BY A SINGLE CRITIC JUDGE. A CRITIQUE OF EACH PLAY SHALL BE PRESENTED ORALLY TO ALL ENTRIES AND INTERESTED AUDIENCE MEMBERS AFTER THE CONTEST MANAGER HAS ANNOUNCED RESULTS OF THE CONTEST.

~~(i) *Critic Judging.* It is recommended that one critic judge be used to adjudicate each one act play contest. The judge shall prepare a critique on each play and present it orally to all interested entries and audience members, as advised by the contest manager. The critique shall not be presented until after the contest manager has announced results of the contest.~~

~~(ii) *Panel Judging.* If three or more judges are used, the judges shall sit apart during the contest. They shall arrive at a decision without conferring with one another or any other person. If panel judging is used, the League Ranking Plan for judging the One Act Play Contest shall be the only one used by the judges and tabulated by the contest manager in determining the results of the contest. Individual judge's ballots and the panel tabulation form shall be posted immediately following tabulation. Approximately 15 minutes shall be allowed for only directors and administrators to question tabulation errors. Members of the panel shall not be allowed to give an oral or written critique or otherwise evaluate~~

~~the plays or contestants after the contest. Schools contacting members of a panel requesting an oral or written critique shall be in violation of Section 1034.~~

(C) *Responsibility for Selection of Judges.* ~~The judge for the~~ JUDGES FOR zone or district contest CONTESTS shall be selected by the district executive committee; judges for area contests shall be selected ~~from those designated as area and regional judges in the current accredited list of critic judges~~ by the contest managers of these contests; and judges for the regional and state contest shall be selected AND ASSIGNED by ~~the Texas Educational Theatre Association Adjudicators Organization and approved by~~ the State Theatre Director. A judge should not be selected that would result in any entry being evaluated by the same judge twice in the same year.

~~(D) Instruction to Judges.~~ Before the contest begins, the contest manager will give to the judge or judges copies of the judging materials. The contest manager will fully explain them and other contest procedures insofar as they concern the judging, decisions and the critique. ~~The contest shall not begin until the contest manager has performed this duty faithfully.~~

~~(E)~~ (D) *Decision of the Critic Judge or Judges.* The decision of the critic judge or judges is final.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. The Academic Committee moved and Alton Frailey seconded the motion to allow speakers the option of using laptop computers, tablet computers and other electronic retrieval devices in the extemporaneous speaking contest preparation room. Devices would be used for the purpose of storing and retrieving their source materials.

Section 1004 (d) (4) and 1005 (d) (4) on pages 136 and 137 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1004: EXTEMPORANEOUS INFORMATIVE SPEAKING

(d) CONDUCTING THE CONTEST.

(4) *Restrictions in Preparation Room.* To assist in preparing the speech, the speaker may use magazines, newspapers, journals and other published source materials and copies made by a copier in compliance with copyright laws, as long as the material cannot be considered an outline of a speech. Any source material resembling the outline of a speech shall not to be used by the speaker in preparing the contest speech. Prepared notes, extemp speeches, debate evidence handbooks and briefs are not allowed. Published material from computer online data services may be used. The URL source of the published downloaded material should be included. Typed or hand-written materials may not be taken into the preparation room, except in the form of an index file which has been prepared by the student for the sole purpose of convenience in finding references to specific topics. ~~Computers and other electronic retrieval devices shall not be taken into the preparation room.~~ SPEAKERS MAY USE LAPTOP AND TABLET COMPUTERS, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC RETRIEVAL DEVICES IN THE PREPARATION ROOM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES PUBLISHED IN THE UIL INFORMATIVE AND PERSUASIVE SPEAKING HANDBOOK AND OTHER OFFICIAL UIL PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LEAGUE OFFICE, AND ON THE UIL WEB SITE. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THESE RULES IN ADVANCE OF THE CONTEST.

Section 1005: EXTEMPORANEOUS PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

(d) CONDUCTING THE CONTEST.

(4) *Restrictions in Preparation Room.* To assist in preparing the speech, the speaker may use magazines, newspapers, journals and other published source materials, and copies made by a copier in

compliance with copyright laws, as long as the material cannot be considered an outline of a speech. Any source material resembling the outline of a speech shall not be used by the speaker to prepare the contest speech. Prepared notes, extemp speeches, debate evidence handbooks and briefs are not allowed. Published material from computer online data services may be used. The URL source of the published downloaded material should be included. Typed or hand-written materials may not be taken into the preparation room, except in the form of an index file which has been prepared by the student for the sole purpose of convenience in finding references to specific topics. ~~Computers and other electronic retrieval devices shall not be taken into the preparation room.~~ SPEAKERS MAY USE LAPTOP AND TABLET COMPUTERS, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC RETRIEVAL DEVICES IN THE PREPARATION ROOM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES PUBLISHED IN THE UIL INFORMATIVE AND PERSUASIVE SPEAKING HANDBOOK AND OTHER OFFICIAL UIL PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LEAGUE OFFICE, AND ON THE UIL WEB SITE. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THESE RULES IN ADVANCE OF THE CONTEST.

Motion passed unanimously.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
asked the staff to study the following:**

1. Amend Section 1033 (c) (2) (J) and Section 1033 (d) (2) (B) of the *Constitution and Contest Rules* to allow official site timekeepers to provide access to the official time by a competing school's designated crew member once a show exceeds 35 minutes in total running time.
2. Permit One-Act Play alternates to be in the dressing room along with the cast, crew and directors on the eligibility list.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
took no action on the following:**

1. Review the content, interpretation, and current UIL play approval process.
2. A proposal that One-Act Play contests should not be able to be held or hosted by the same school every year. There should be no limit to how many years in a row you can host.
3. A proposal that the current system of selecting wildcard teams from the regional level in the Computer Science contest can be changed to allow more wildcard teams to advance.
4. In the Computer Applications contest award "team" points to the highest scoring teams but not advance the teams.

Chairman Culwell asked if any member of the Council wished to present any other academic related proposals.

There being none Chairman Culwell thanked Dr. Reedy and the other members of the Academic Committee for the report.

Dr. Reedy returned to chair the Council.

(B) Standing Committee on Music

Chairman Reedy recognized Committee Chair John Folks. Dr. Folks introduced Richard Floyd, UIL Music Director, who briefed the Council on the UIL music program.

Committee Chair John Folks recognized his fellow committee members and thanked them for their work. He then presented the report of the Standing Committee on Music. It was received by the Council, which took the following actions.

2. The Music Committee moved and Thomas Randle seconded the motion to add a brief band and orchestra director's study period to the sight-reading contest sequence.

Section 1111 (e) and (f) on pages 155 and 156 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1111: SIGHTREADING ORGANIZATION CONTEST AND MUSIC READING EVALUATION

(e) PROCEDURES FOR ORCHESTRA SIGHTREADING COMPETITION.

(1) PRIOR TO THE INSTRUCTION PERIOD THE DIRECTOR WILL BE GIVEN A PERIOD OF THREE MINUTES TO STUDY THE SIGHT-READING MUSIC SCORE.

(f) PROCEDURES FOR BAND MUSIC READING EVALUATION.

(1) PRIOR TO THE INSTRUCTION PERIOD THE DIRECTOR WILL BE GIVEN A PERIOD OF THREE MINUTES TO STUDY THE SIGHT-READING MUSIC SCORE.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. The Music Committee moved and Curtis Culwell seconded the motion to prohibit the use of recording devices in the sight-reading room.

Section 1111 (a) (7) on page 155 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be added as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1111: SIGHTREADING ORGANIZATION CONTEST AND MUSIC READING EVALUATION

(a) PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS.

(7) *USE OF RECORDING DEVICES.* THE USE OF RECORDING DEVICES DURING A GROUP'S SIGHT-READING PERFORMANCE IS PROHIBITED.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. The Music Committee moved and James Brewer seconded the motion to stipulate that the vocal sight-reading music be closed during warm-up.

Section 1111 (g) (4) on page 157 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1111: SIGHTREADING ORGANIZATION CONTEST AND MUSIC READING EVALUATION

(g) PROCEDURES FOR CHORAL SIGHTREADING COMPETITION.

(4) *First Reading.* At the completion of the instruction period THE MUSIC WILL BE CLOSED and choral groups will be given the tonic chord, in broken chord style. THE MUSIC WILL THEN BE OPENED and sung without piano accompaniment and using the group's preferred method of sight-reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. The Music Committee moved and Mark Henry seconded the motion to stipulate that the orchestra and band sight-reading music be turned face down during warm-up.

Section 1111 (g) (4) and (f) (3) on page 156 and 157 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1111: SIGHTREADING ORGANIZATION CONTEST AND MUSIC READING EVALUATION
e) PROCEDURES FOR ORCHESTRA SIGHT-READING COMPETITION:

(4) Warm-up and Tuning. Immediately ~~after~~ FOLLOWING the instruction period and prior to the sight-reading performance THE SIGHT-READING MUSIC WILL BE TURNED FACE DOWN. Each performing group may THEN play or sing a brief warm-up consisting of one of the following:

(f) PROCEDURES FOR BAND MUSIC READING COMPETITION:

(3) *Warm-up and Tuning.* Immediately ~~after~~ FOLLOWING the instruction period and prior to the performance THE SIGHT READING MUSIC WILL BE TURNED FACE DOWN. Each performing group may THEN play or sing a brief warm-up consisting of one of the following:

Motion passed unanimously.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC
took no action on the following:**

1. Suggested 9 hour minimum time elapse between performance and next rehearsal.
2. No skirting on the 8 hour rule.
3. Suggested every year SMBC for all classifications (2 proposals).
4. SMBC/AMBC Judge Suggestions.

(C) Standing Committee on Athletics

Chairman Reedy recognized Committee Chair Jerry Roy. Dr. Roy introduced Cliff Odenwald, UIL Athletic Director, who briefed the Council on the UIL athletic program.

Dr. Roy recognized his fellow committee members and thanked them for their work. He then presented the report of the Standing Committee on Athletics. It was received by the Council, which took the following actions.

1. The Athletic Committee moved and Todd Schneider seconded the motion to allow schools to have their first soccer scrimmage after the five-day holiday restriction in December.

Section 1207 (c) on page 190 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1270: SOCCER PLAN

- (c) DATES FOR PRACTICE AND GAMES. There shall be no school soccer practices for a contestant or team before or after school from the first day of school until the first Monday after Thanksgiving, and after the date for certifying district representatives, except for teams that have not been eliminated in the playoffs. See Official Calendar for practice and playing dates, and certification deadlines. SCHOOLS SHALL NOT SCRIMMAGE UNTIL COMPLYING WITH THE Holiday restrictions in accordance with Section 1206 ~~are applicable~~.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. The Athletic Committee moved and Joe Oliver seconded the motion to allow all players to participate in the team playoff in golf.

Section 1260 (f) (2) and (g) (4) on page 189 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1260: GOLF PLAN

- (f) TIES.
(2) *Team Ties*. Team ties shall be broken by the 5 ~~[-4]~~ players with the best scores on the final 18 holes being involved in the playoff of additional hole or holes until the tie is broken.
- (g) PLAYOFF STRUCTURE.
(4) *Ties*. In case of a tie, the FIVE ~~[four]~~ players with the best scores on the final 18 holes will be involved in the playoff.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. The Athletic Committee moved and Jim Waller seconded the motion to alter practice requirements for high school football.

Section 1250 (b) (5) (B) on page 185 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1250: FOOTBALL PLAN

- (b) DATES AND OFF-SEASON REGULATIONS.
- (5) *Fall Practice, Beginning Dates*.
- (B) In Conferences A, 2A, 3A and Six-Man, practice shall begin no earlier than first Monday in August. In Conferences 4A and 5A, practice shall begin no earlier than the second Monday in August. Exception: If Conference 4A or 5A schools forego the 18 days of spring training, they may begin workout days the following August as delineated for Conferences 3A, 2A, A and Six-Man. No interschool scrimmages shall be allowed until after a period of at least SIX ~~SEVEN~~ days of contact football. ~~(Exception: A school may participate in a scrimmage after six (6) days of contact practice activities if either team participating in the scrimmage conducted spring training and plays a zero [0] week game.)~~

Motion passed unanimously.

4. The Athletic Committee moved and Carl Taylor seconded the motion to allow three games to be substituted in place of tournament in high school baseball and softball.

Sections 1220 (b) (4) and 1280 (c) (4) on page 181 and 191 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(b) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.

- (4) *Substituting Games for Tournaments.* THREE ~~Two~~ games may be substituted in place of a tournament. If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, a total of ~~23~~ 26 games may be played.

Section 1280: GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAN

(c) NUMBER OF GAMES, TOURNAMENTS AND SITES.

- (4) *Substituting Games for Tournaments.* THREE ~~Two~~ games may be substituted in place of a tournament. If a team or student does not play in any invitational tournaments, a total of ~~23~~ 26 games may be played.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. The Athletic Committee moved and Curtis Rhodes seconded the motion to remove the degree of difficulty requirement for girls and boys in diving.

Sections 1290 (i) on page 194 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1290: SWIMMING PLAN

- (i) ~~DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY. In diving, there shall be a degree of difficulty requirement for girls and for boys on six optional dives. This rule applies to divers advancing from the regional to the state meet. The requirement for each year will appear in the Coaches Manual.~~

Motion passed unanimously.

6. The Athletic Committee moved and Eddie White seconded the motion to remove the exception for schools to utilize officials not registered with UIL in wrestling and clarify mileage payments for officials in the non-metro plan.

Section 1204 (b) (1) and (l) (1) (B) on pages 169 and 170 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1204: OFFICIALS

- (b) REGISTRATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS FOR UIL CONTESTS. UIL member schools shall use officials registered with the UIL in all varsity contests. If non-UIL registered officials are to be used for any varsity contests, the involved schools must receive prior approval from the UIL Director of Athletics.

Exceptions:

- (1) In individual sports (cross country, golf, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis, track and field ~~and wrestling~~) schools may select and use non-UIL registered referees for contests.

(l) MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.

- (1) Officials shall be paid travel reimbursement according to the metro or non-metro plan based on a crew.

- (B) *Non-metro* -portal to portal (ROUND TRIP) officials shall be reimbursed one car AT THE STATE RATE ~~55 cents per mile~~, two cars AT 75% OF THE STATE RATE ~~41 cents per mile~~, or three cars AT 60% OF THE STATE RATE ~~33 cents per mile~~ (A \$10 riders fee will only be paid to officials exceeding three person crews). CONSULT THE UIL WEB SITE OR THE SPORT SPECIFIC COACHES MANUAL FOR MORE DETAILS.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. The Athletic Committee moved and Darrell Floyd seconded the motion to alter the current UIL Concussion Management Protocol based upon the recommendation of the UIL Medical Advisory Committee.

Section 1208 (z) and 1478 (m) on pages 179 and 247 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

- (z) CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL. At all UIL athletic activities (including practices and contests), schools ~~will~~ SHALL implement and follow the concussion management protocol as indicated by THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS. ~~The Management Of Concussion In Sports Public Education Campaign, in regard to grades of concussion, management recommendations and return to play.~~

Section 1478: SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE ATHLETIC PLAN

- (m) CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL. At all UIL athletic activities (including practices and contests), schools ~~will~~ SHALL implement and follow the concussion management protocol as indicated by THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS. ~~The Management Of Concussion In Sports Public Education Campaign, in regard to grades of concussion, management recommendations and return to play.~~

Motion passed unanimously.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
asked the staff to study the following:**

- (1) The addition of an area track meet for all conferences.
- (2) Adding instant replay to football state championship game.
- (3) The addition of an area tournament for team tennis, which qualifies four teams advancing from each district.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
denied or took no action on the following:**

- (1) Adding four teams to the playoffs with the first place team having home field advantage.
- (2) Change the baseball starting date.
- (3) Changing the rule in baseball playoffs to an automatic three games series unless both coaches agree on one game.
- (4) Changing the state baseball tournament format to a double elimination tournament.
- (5) Delay the start of the high school soccer season two to four weeks.
- (6) Prohibit schools from requiring cheerleaders to provide goodie bags to athletes and coaches.
- (7) Require schools to play all students on a team at least half of the game.

- (8) Limit Saturday practices.
- (9) Alter the age rule.
- (10) Alter the residence rule.
- (11) Alter the date for issuing equipment for junior high football.
- (12) Alter the playoff format for baseball.
- (13) Proposal concerning tiebreakers in soccer.
- (14) Increasing the distance to three miles for cross-country for girls.
- (15) Allow all students to participate on a team.
- (16) Allow schools to participate in national high school football championship contests.

Chairman Reedy asked if any member of the Council wished to present any other athletic proposals.

John Folks stated that in talking with the schools in his district, they favor increasing the girls cross-country distance from 2 miles to 5K. With Texas and Oklahoma being the only two states that haven't implemented the distance of 3 miles along with the fact that most polls show Conference 5A is in favor of the increased distance, Dr Folks proposed the Legislative Council consider changing the distance for cross country girls Conference 5A to 5K. James Brewer 2nd the proposal. Greg Poole, a member of the Athletic Committee, explained that this issue was discussed in great detail and stated that after much discussion the Athletic Committee decided that such a monumental change should only be made with a clear cut desire from Superintendents. At this time the committee didn't feel that the UIL Superintendent Survey showed a clear-cut desire to increase the distance therefore without clearer support for the change this would not be good precedence. Darrell Floyd stated that there was some justification for including Conference 4A. Dr. Breithaupt suggested that this might be better conducted with a spring survey and then by taking the survey results to the June Athletic Committee. Greg Poole expressed concern with the council setting precedence in splitting conferences with this decision. Dr. Folks amended his proposal and asked the UIL to conduct a spring cross-country survey for 4A and 5A Superintendents concerning changing the distance for girls cross-country from 2 miles to a 5K for Conference 4A and 5A in district, regional and state meets. James Brewer 2nd the motion. Dr. Reedy asked for a vote: 22 members voted in favor of the superintendent survey, two members abstained.

Dr. Folks then asked the Legislative Council to not shut the door on adding bowling as a UIL activity but to take it under consideration.

(D) Standing Committee on Policy

Chairman Rick Reedy recognized Curtis Culwell, Chair of the Policy Committee. Dr. Culwell introduced Mark Cousins, UIL Policy Director, who gave a brief overview of new developments in the area of policy.

Dr. Culwell introduced his fellow committee members and thanked them for their work. He presented the report of the Standing Committee on Policy. It was received by the Council, which took the following actions.

1. The Policy Committee moved and Alton Frailey seconded the motion to provide an exception to the UIL rule that prohibits schools from allowing students to enroll in more than one Physical Education and/or athletic class. This amendment would also strike language that is no longer applicable.

Section 1206 (e) on page 172 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2011, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1206: SCHOOL PRACTICE AND GAME RESTRICTIONS

- (e) ATHLETIC/PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES. ~~Schools will not be required to grant local credit in physical education for student athletes who have completed two units of physical education credit toward state graduation requirements.~~ Student athletes shall not be enrolled in more than one physical education and/or athletic class whether or not they are receiving credit. EXCEPTIONS (WITH LOCAL SCHOOL

APPROVAL): PE CLASS: ADVENTURE/OUTDOOR EDUCATION; PE SUBSTITUTES: JROTC, CHEERLEADING, DRILL TEAM, MARCHING BAND

Motion passed unanimously.

2. The Policy Committee moved and Thomas Randle seconded the motion to establish an initial set of contest rules to conduct a Chess Puzzle Solving pilot event in the A+ Academic program for grades 2-8.

The following will be adopted as the initial set of rules for the pilot of Chess Puzzle Solving in the A+ Academics program for grades 2-8. As a pilot event, these rules will NOT be included in the C&CR, and UIL staff will be authorized to adjust the rules as needed during the pilot period.

a) REPRESENTATION

- (1) *Contestants.* Students in second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades who are eligible under sections 1400 and 1405 may enter this contest.
- (2) *Divisions.* This contest will consist of three divisions, (second and third; fourth and fifth; and sixth through eighth). With the approval of the district executive committee, a district may have separate divisions for each grade.
- (3) *Individual Competition.* For each division, each participant school may enter as many as three contestants in the district meet.
- (4) *Team Competition.* If the district has elected to include team competition, the combined scores of the three contestants in each division from a school shall constitute the school's team score. A team shall have three contestants compete to participate in a team competition.

b) NATURE OF CONTEST

- (1) *Summary.* The study of chess teaches analytical thinking, pattern recognition and creativity, which in turn improve student performance in reading, writing, history, geography and math.
- (2) *Contest format.* Students will take a 30-minute objective test containing approximately 20 checkmate puzzles. Answer formats may include fill-in-the-blank, multiple choice and/or true/false.
- (3) *Test.* The League will make available one test for each division for fall/winter district meets, and one test for each division for spring district meets.

c) CONTEST ADMINISTRATION

- (1) *Personnel.* All personnel in the contest may be coaches of participating students.
 - (A) *Contest Director.* The contest director will be in charge of running the contest and resolving any problems that arise. The director may appoint an assistant director.
 - (B) *Timekeeper.* The contest director will serve as official timekeeper and will give only a start and stop signal.
 - (C) *Graders.* At least three graders should be familiar with the instructions for grading and contest rules. The contest director may recruit more than three graders.
- (2) *Time.* For all divisions, contestants will be given 30 minutes to answer all test questions.
- (3) *Materials.*
 - (A) *Provided by UIL.* Copies of test, answer key and answer sheets.
 - (B) *Provided by school or student.* Pens or pencils.
 - (C) *Other.* No other materials or notes may be used in the contest.

d) CONDUCTING THE CONTEST.

- (1) *Numbering contestants.* Distribute copy of the test to the contestants, instructing them not to open test until the start signal is given. As roll is called, instruct students to write their assigned number in the space provided on the answer sheets.
- (2) *Clear Room.* Contestants and coaches should be informed of the time and place of the verification period. Coaches who are not assigned a specific duty in administering the contest should be dismissed from the contest room before contest begins.
- (3) *Testing.* Inform contestants that answers must be recorded on the answer sheets. Answers must be written in algebraic chess notation. Students may write or mark on the puzzle sheets.
- (4) *Test Collection.* When the stop signal has been given, ask all contestants to put their pens/pencils down. Collect all tests.

- e) GRADING.
- (1) *Briefing Graders.* Brief graders on the procedure to be used for grading and explain scoring process.
 - (2) *Criteria.* The test is graded objectively.
 - (3) *Scoring.* Each test should be independently scored twice, and papers contending to place should be scored a third time. Award three points for each correct answer. There shall be no deduction of points for incorrect or unanswered questions.
 - (4) *Ties.* No ties will be broken in either the individual or the team component. If there is tie for first place, there is no second place. If there is a tie for second place, there is no third place.
 - (5) *Points.* Points are awarded through sixth place. Team points are awarded through third place. See section 1408 (i). Tied contestants or teams split the total points equally for the two or more places in which the tie exists.
- f) VERIFICATION PERIOD. The contest director should designate a time and place for a 15-minute verification period, at which time contestants and/or coaches are given the opportunity to view their test papers with official keys. Unofficial results should be posted. Questions should be directed to the contest director, whose decision will be final.
- g) OFFICIAL RESULTS. After the verification period has ended and all test papers have been collected, the contest director shall announce the official results. Official results, once announced, are final.
- h) RETURNING MATERIALS. No materials from the fall/winter district contest may be returned to contestants before January 31. No materials from the spring district contest may be returned to contestants before Saturday prior to Memorial Day.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. The Policy Committee moved and Linda Henrie seconded the following changes to Reclassification and Realignment Policies.

UIL Reclassification and Realignment Policies would be amended as follows, effective for the 2012 – 2014 alignment, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures

2. ~~Students who are officially designated as having multiple disabilities may be excluded from the enrollment figures submitted for reclassification purposes.~~
6. Any school may request to be elevated one conference ~~for extreme travel or in multiple high school districts of eight or more schools~~, provided notification is submitted to the League office simultaneously with enrollment figures.
7. After determining the enrollment cut-off figures, Conference A schools will be further divided by enrollment figures for spring meet activities and basketball. Then map pins are used to represent all schools in a conference and both divisions of Conference A. Schools are placed into districts keeping the following criteria in mind:
 - c. Multiple-high school districts with more than one school in the same conference will have those schools assigned as follows.
 - (3) Multiple High School Districts with Schools in Different Conferences: A multiple high school district ~~of eight or more schools~~ may opt to have one or more of its schools elevated one conference if it wants its schools to be assigned to the same UIL district.

In addition, in an effort to increase transparency in the process, the staff will develop procedures for releasing to the public the selections made by each school regarding reclassification and realignment such as: whether they will play varsity football and basketball, whether they will play 6-man or 11-man football, whether they chose to ‘opt up’ etc. The staff will also develop a process by which the enrollment figures submitted for each school as well as the number of grades for each will be reviewed by the submitting school for verification purposes.

Motion passed unanimously.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Asked the staff to study the following:

- (1) Creating 2 conferences in wrestling.
- (2) Adding 3A Soccer.
- (3) The Ad Hoc Committee on Reclassification and Realignment consensus regarding Charter Schools and their ability to draw students from wide geographical boundaries, with no limitations on their total enrollment, and schools that have selective admissions policies.
- (4) The Ad Hoc Committee on Reclassification and Realignment consensus regarding officially designating the current Conference 1A Division 2 Basketball and the 1A Six-man Football Division as Conference A and rename each of the remaining conferences to reflect this designation.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Asked the staff to place the following on referendum ballot:

The Policy Committee moved and Jim Waller seconded the motion to place the following on a Referendum Ballot, with a favorable recommendation, for Conference 1A only:

- (1) Expanding the small school/big school designations for the Track and Field alignment to include regional and state levels of competition.

Motion passed unanimously.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

denied or took no action on the following:

- (1) A proposal to alter academic eligibility requirements for the first six weeks of the school year.
- (2) A proposal to alter the playoff format in football.
- (3) A proposal to alter the full time student rule.
- (4) A proposal to alter the age rule.
- (5) A proposal to add Lacrosse as a UIL activity.
- (6) A proposal to add Bowling as a UIL activity.
- (7) A proposal to add Indoor Track as a UIL activity.
- (8) Multiple proposals to alter reclassification and realignment policies.

Chairman Reedy asked if any member of the Council wished to present any other policy proposals. There being none, Chairman Reedy thanked Dr. Culwell and the other members of the Policy Committee for their report.

H. New Business, continued

2. Members' New Business

Chairman Culwell asked Council members for new business. There was none.

I. Election of Officers for 2010-11

Curtis Culwell as Chair of the Nominating Committee, nominated the following slate of officers for 2010-11: Linda Henrie as Chairperson, Alton Frailey as First Vice Chair and David Foote as Second Vice Chair. Jerry Roy seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

J. Announcements

Curtis Culwell welcomed new Legislative Council members: Cliff Gilmore, Aspermont ISD, Jerry Hunkapiller, Millsap ISD, Jamie Harrison, Bridge City ISD and Karen Garza, Lubbock ISD to the Legislative Council and expressed his appreciation to all Legislative Council members for their dedicated service.

Curtis Culwell presented a plaque to outgoing Chairman Reedy and expressed gratitude on behalf of the Council for his service.

K. Adjournment

The meeting was recessed at 10:40 a.m. for executive session.

At 11:30 a.m. the committee went back into open session. Dr. Reedy stated that no action or vote was taken during executive session and announced the meeting adjourned.

Others in Attendance

Ray Baca, Canyon	Charles Lincoln, Crowley
Donna Benotti, Cypress	Jerry Littlejohn, Frisco
Cody Bridwell, Savannah	Debra Manley, Pittsburg
Steve Buck, Midland	Lesa Master, North Richland Hills
Michael Bullington, Houston	Cliff McCurdy, Argyle
Kevin Carter, Colony	Karen Miller, Austin
Cecil Clift, Austin	Ronny Mullins, Prosper
Jerry Comalander, San Antonio	Koby Otto, Amarillo
Marmion Dambrino, Houston	Wes Overton, Midland
Johanna Denson, Waco	Larry Peil, Cypress
Bill Davis, League City	Lynn Pool, Austin
Bryan Davis, Sudan	Curtis Rhodes, Needville
Bob Dubey, Richardson	D. W. Rutledge, San Marcos
Michael Fitch, Austin	Deon Samuel, Houston
Gil Garza, San Antonio	Rodney Saveat, Beaumont
Rodney Gee, Lorena	Hondo Schneider, Midland
Willa Gipson, North Richland Hills	Vince Sebo, Houston
Toby Goodwin	Kirk Thor, Mansfield
Lee Grisham, Wimberley	Ed Warken, Houston
Ron Jackson, Beaumont	
Ray Kenjura, Magnolia	
Keith Kilgore, Sugar Land	
Richard Kilgore, Eddy	
Alex Koulovatos, Burkburnett	
David Kuykendall, Frisco	