

**Minutes of  
The University Interscholastic League  
Legislative Council Meeting  
June 13, 2017**

**Business Meeting (A - E)**

The summer meeting of the Legislative Council of the University Interscholastic League convened at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at the Austin Marriott North Hotel, Round Rock, Texas. The following were present:

Council Members: Jim Waller, Idalou ISD, Chair; Jeff Adams, Farmersville ISD; Bobby Azam, Andrews ISD; Jo Ann Bludau, Hallettsville ISD; Kevin Brown, Alamo Heights ISD; Arturo Cavazos, Harlingen CISD; Greg Enis, Slidell ISD; Shane Fields, Albany ISD; Steve Flores, Round Rock ISD; LaTonya Goffney, Lufkin ISD; Shannon Holmes, Hardin-Jefferson ISD; Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD; Mary Huckabay, Hull-Daisetta ISD; Walter Jackson, Brenham ISD; Richard Kilgore, Bruceville-Eddy ISD; Trey Lawrence, Shiner ISD; Russell Marshall, Mabank ISD; Cody Moree, Apple Springs ISD; Todd Morrison, Honey Grove ISD; Greg Poole, Barbers Hill ISD; Curtis Rhodes, Needville ISD; Berhl Robertson, Lubbock ISD; Robin Ryan, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD; Dan Troxell, Leander ISD; Karl Vaughn, White Deer ISD; Jim Vaszauskas, Mansfield ISD and Kevin Worthy, Roysse City ISD.

UIL Staff: Charles Breithaupt, Executive Director; Jeanne Acton, Leo Barnes, Darryl Beasley, Brandy Belk, Kim Carmichael, Mark Cousins, Bree Davis, Susan Doherty, Susan Elza, Arlo Flores, Nakita Guillory; Jamey Harrison, Kate Hector, Hannah Higgins, Kevin Jones, Brad Kent, Rebecca Kinz, Jessica Lane, Luis Muñoz, Traci Neely, Lisa Parker, Brian Polk, Jana Riggins, Chris Schmidt, Elisabeth Sikes, David Stevens, George Strickland, David Trussell, Caroline Walls, Eddie Wolski and Zane Zientek

Chair Waller called the business meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 8:03 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Dan Troxell gave the invocation.

(A) Chair Waller announced that a quorum of the Legislative Council was present.

(B) He announced that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the UIL *2016-2017 Constitution and Contest Rules*. Jana Riggins was appointed 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 October 16 & 17, 2016 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)**

Chair Waller welcomed everyone in attendance on behalf of the Legislative Council representatives, the UIL staff and the participant schools and member school districts. He then introduced the new members of the Legislative Council: Region I, Conference 6A, Jim Vaszauskas, Mansfield ISD and Region IV, At Large Member, Arturo Cavazos, Harlingen CISD. Chairman Waller asked the remaining Legislative Council members to introduce themselves to the audience.

**AA. Scheduled Speakers**

Chair Waller 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.

**Joe Martin, Texas High School Coaches Association**, thanked the Legislative Council for representing the children of Texas and commended them for serving on the council. THSCA proposed: #1) allowing all incoming freshman football players in classifications 1A-6A to begin fall practice on the first Monday in August. Currently freshman are at a disadvantage with six fewer practice days, they are the largest number of athletes and need the greatest amount of practice time along with the reps to develop proper techniques and skills. #2) remove the “pilot” program from 6A and add 5A to the rule for the first round of playoffs only, the higher district finish will determine whether the game is played on the actual home field or mutually agree to play the game at a neutral site. If the opponents have the same district finish, resulting in a tie, the two teams flip a coin or agree on a neutral site.

**Lee Grisham, Texas Girls’ Coaches Association**, thanked the Legislative Council and the UIL staff for all they do for this organization, TGCA has no new proposal. TGCA thanked the council for giving back the games/tournaments.

**D.W. Rutledge, Executive Director of THSCA and Sam Tipton, Executive Director of TGCA**, spoke of the collaborative effort the UIL staff and the coaches’ association displayed pertaining to safety issues. The directors shared their organizations proactive approaches to safety through their development of coaches.

**Rick Sherley, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches** expressed appreciation and support of the basketball coaches in the return of the tournaments.

**Rusty Dowling, Executive Director of Texas High School Athletic Directors Association**, THSADA had no proposals but stated THSADA will offer certification, at their summer clinic, for duties and responsibilities of athletic administrators.

**John Carter, Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association**, thanked the council for the return of the games and stated the implementation of the pitch count went smoothly. THSBCA proposed instating a pilot program for baseball, mirroring the program that exists for football playoffs, in which the higher seed gets an advantage for finishing at the top of their district. THSBCA would like to consider three different possibilities: 1) if the two teams cannot agree on the type of series to play, the lower seed may only flip the higher seed for one option. (one vs. two of three or home field advantage) 2) the higher seed determines where the first-round scenario will be played (home field advantage), 3) The higher seed will get the home field advantage.

**Joey Cantu, President of Texas Tennis Coaches Association**, TISCA had no new proposals and thanked the council for the return of the tournament, the new playoff format and reported that in adding 3A (now 4A) three years ago, there are now between 110-120 teams in that division.

**Mike Fitch, Executive Director of TASO**, thanked UIL for helping to get HB 1075 passed requiring officials to have back ground checks every three years; for the return of the tournaments; for the assistance in checking bats at the state softball and baseball tournaments and for the proposal to add tournament fees to Section 1204. TASO had no new proposals.

**Melissa Howard and Mike Waldman, TISCA Water Polo**, thanked the council for allowing 24 qualifiers for each event at the state meet in 5A and 6A. Proposed the UIL add a 1A-4A division in swimming and diving; hold the state meet the weekend prior to the 5A-6A meet or host it the same weekend but at a different site. Water polo continues to grow, Austin College – Sherman has added it as a collegiate sport. TISCA would like to see UIL consider adding water polo as a sanctioned sport.

**Terry Crawford, Texas Six-Man Coaches Association**, had no new proposal but thanked the council for adding 1A softball and baseball.

**Rod Sheffield, Chair of the UIL Theatre Advisory Committee**, thanked the UIL Staff and council for allowing local communities to determine what is appropriate in their productions. The Theatre Advisory Committee had no new proposals.

**Eddie Hopkins, Texas High School Basketball Officials Association**, complemented the UIL with the selection of San Antonio for the basketball state tournaments. Mr. Hopkins thanked Bryan Davis, Bill Theodore and the Sports Officials Committee for the proposal on travel reimbursement. He stated the officials’ organization is

concerned with the problem of fights in games, THSBOA would like to see rules implemented, much like NJCA & NCAA, leaving the bench would be an automatically two-game suspension.

**Greg Glickman, Law Offices of S. Craig Glickman**, proposed the following: #1) members of the high school community, where a transfer student has been granted eligibility, may require a full committee hearing of the DEC to present evidence of a transfer for athletic purposes. These members may be parents of players on the teams affected by the transfer, or teachers in the school, #2) Coaches or administrators who actively recruit or passively accept suspicious transfers without investigation would be sanctioned appropriately.

**Steve Baxter, parent of former high school basketball player**, due to a student transferring into his son's school and taking the starting position in front of his son, Mr. Baxter proposed amending Section 443 to include the following: "Members of the high school community where a transfer has been granted eligibility may require a full committee hearing of the DEC to present evidence of a transfer for athletic purposes. These members may be parents of the players on teams affected by the transfer, or teachers in the school".

Dr. Poole stated this is an important issue. He asked if Mr. Baxter felt the coach from the descending school has a vested interest? Mr. Baxter stated many coaches feel this is normal.

**Matthew Hilinski**, notified the UIL office he would not be attending the meeting.

**Corbin Schnuriger**, failed to attend the meeting. His proposed rule change, pertaining to prompting of actors from off stage, was referred to the Standing Committee on Academics.

**Gary Dunn**, failed to attend the meeting. His proposed changes pertaining to middle school basketball was referred to the Standing Committee on Athletics.

**Adam Vackar, Philip Perry and Jakob Patino**, failed to attend the meeting. Their proposed rule changes to add ping pong as a UIL sport was referred to the Standing Committee on Athletics.

**Rory McKenzie**, failed to attend the meeting. His proposed rule changes, pertaining to LD debate and altering the Sunday Rule, was referred to the Standing Committee on Academics.

**Lorenzo Menendez**, failed to attend the meeting. His proposed rule change allowing military students immediate eligibility when orders change was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy.

**Juan De Los Santos**, failed to attend the meeting. His proposed rule change to add disc golf as a UIL sport was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy.

**Darsie Malynn**, failed to attend the meeting. Her proposed rule change to add fencing as a UIL sanctioned sport was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy.

**Raymond Leeper**, failed to attend the meeting. His proposed rule change to allow only one varsity team per high school in district golf meets was referred to the Standing Committee on Athletics.

Chairman Waller called for a fifteen-minute break at 9:00 and then resumed the meeting at 9:15.

**Cassie Cranshaw, Callisburg High School**, proposed changing the UIL Cross-Examination Debate ballot by defining speaker points as they appear on the UIL Lincoln-Douglas debate ballot. She stated there is no uniformity or definition given to judges for how to award speaker points within the state of Texas.

**Nelson Kortis**, failed to attend the meeting. His proposed rule change to adjust summer workouts to 24 workout days was referred to the Standing Committee on Athletics.

**Susan Girard, Lake Travis band parent**, proposed high school bands should not be allowed to conduct "mini-camps" the week before or during finals. This proposal was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy.

**Samantha Daviss**, notified the office she would be unable to attend. Her proposal to add the sport of Skeet/Trap/Sport Clays as a UIL sport. Her proposal was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy.

**Willie Blackmon**, failed to attend the meeting.

**Brad O’Furey**, proposed amending Section 360 stating: no student otherwise eligible under Subchapter M of the Constitution and Contest Rules shall be denied because of disability, race color, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, religion or national origin, the equal opportunity to try out for and, if selected, participate in the Academic, Music and Athletic Plan contest offered by the member school districts. Additionally, he would like a new subsection (i) added to Section 360 stating A STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE SEX LISTED ON THEIR SCHOOL RECORDS. A STUDENT WHOSE GENDER IDENTITY IS DIFFERENT THAN THE SEX LISTED ON THE STUDENT’S REGISTRATION RECORD MAY PARTICIPATE IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THEIR GENDER IDENTITY, along with additional conditions. He also proposed to add (j)(k) to Section 360 pertaining to CHANGING AREAS, TOILETS AND SHOWERS and HOTEL ROOMS.

**Gordon Thomas, Superintendent of Woodson ISD**, proposed changing the criteria of eligibility consideration for an over-age student waiver, outside of those who are special education or 504 students.

### **BB. Speakers Previously Unscheduled**

Chairman Waller recognized the following unscheduled speakers.

**Corrin Reaves**, proposed adding girls’ lacrosse as a UIL sanctioned sport, this proposal was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy.

**Anthony Howe**, proposed requiring all UIL members to allow parents in their member districts the opportunity to OPT-OUT of pre-participation exams. This proposal was referred to the Standing Committee on Policy.

**Madison Frazier, Student**, proposed allowing overage students, who don’t fall under special education or 504, consideration of eligibility.

**Mark Sherman, Woodson HS student**, proposed mandating gymnastic coaches follow the same safety protocols as other UIL coaches.

**Wendy Gumbert, Texas Regional Paralympic Sport, proposed adding:** 1) 200-meter wheelchair racing 2) seated throwing of the discus events for wheelchair division of UIL track and field.

**Darlene Hunter, Texas Regional Paralympic Sport and Seth Bosquez, Student at San Antonio O’Conner**, proposed adding the 100, 200, long jump and discus events for ambulatory athletes with physical disabilities. Seth Bosquez stated he has competed in events and is an High School All-American, his peers weren’t aware of his success since UIL doesn’t sanction ambulatory events.

**Mark Pickell, Texas Theatre Adjudicators & Officials**, thanked the UIL and council and applauded their effort with the OAP contest. He suggested to strengthen the contests, UIL should partner with Texas Theatre Adjudicators and Officials to produce stronger contest managers.

**Rafael McDonnell, Resource Center, Dallas**, requested UIL look at Section 360 again. According to some UIL members, Section 360 is working fine, he suggested UIL look at news coverage which indicates it isn’t working fine. Banning all PED’s isn’t based on science. Mr. McDonnell stated UIL’s current policy is flawed but agrees doctors should be the decision makers in determining the health of athletes. He stated the best thing to do is to allow all students to compete and continue to review the policy of transgender athletes.

Chair Waller recessed the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. and took the Legislative Council into Executive Session. Chair Waller reconvened the Legislative Council at 10:42.

### **Business Meeting (F - K) Continued**

## **F. Standing Committee Meetings**

The standing committees convened on Tuesday morning to act on items presented to the Council. The business meeting of the Legislative Council reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

## **G. Old Business**

Chair Waller recognized Jamey Harrison, UIL Deputy Director. Dr. Harrison discussed the concussion data collection platform in which the Council authorized UIL to work with UT Southwestern and Texas Institute of Brain Injury and Repair. Our expectation and hope was to get this implemented quickly but there were some software problems that delayed progress. We had hoped to come to you this meeting requesting that you make participation by school mandatory however we don't have enough of a sample size, so we will continue with optional school participation. We have several suspected cases entered in the database, unfortunately parents haven't been giving their emailed consent to study their athletes case, so UIL will be looking at other means of contacting parents. We will plan to come to you in October or June with our request to make participation mandatory.

## **H. New Business**

### **Policy Committee Reports and Council Action**

#### **1. Standing Committee Reports**

**a.** Chair Waller recognized Dr. Dan Troxell, Chair of the Academic Committee and Dr. David Stevens, UIL Director of Academics. Dr. Troxell thanked the members of the Academic Committee: Thomas Randle, Lamar Consolidated ISD; Jeff Adams, Farmersville ISD; Shane Fields, Albany ISD; Greg Enis, Slidell ISD; Juan Martinez, Clint ISD; Bobby Azam, Andrews ISD and Jim Vaszauskas, Mansfield ISD for their work for the students of Texas.

Dr. Troxell thanked Dr. Stevens for his work. The Standing Committee on Academics met and took the following proposals:

#### **THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**

#### **Referred the Following Proposal to the Standing Committee on Policy for future consideration in October**

- a.** An amendment to add Copy Editing as a sanctioned UIL contest.

#### **THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS**

#### **Authorized the Staff to Monitor The Following Proposals**

- a.** A proposal to eliminate and/or modify the Sunday Rule.
- b.** A proposal to make the structure of Lincoln-Douglas Debate the same as Cross-Examination Debate.
- c.** A proposal to change the Cross-Examination Debate ballot by defining speaker points as they appear on the UIL Lincoln-Douglas debate ballot.

**b.** Chair Waller recognized Dr. Russell Marshall, Chair of the Music Committee and Dr. Brad Kent, UIL Director of Music. Dr. Marshall introduced the Standing Committee on Music members: Richard Kilgore, Bruceville - Eddy ISD; Kevin Worthy, Royse City ISD; Gonzalo Salazar, Los Fresnos CISD; LaTonya Goffney, Lufkin ISD; Karl Vaughn, White Deer ISD; Kevin Brown, Alamo Heights ISD and Arturo Cavazos, Harlingen ISD.

Dr. Russell Marshall thanked Dr. Brad Kent, Becca Kinz and George Strickland and the board. The Standing Committee on Music met and took the following actions:

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

A proposal to prohibit high school marching bands from conducting mini-camps the week before or during finals.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MUSIC discussed the following proposals, which will receive further consideration at the next legislative council meeting in October:**

- a. A policy proposal to further define the roles and responsibilities of a DEC and its equivalent, which is a Region Executive Committee in music.
- b. A policy proposal to require pre-participation physicals for marching band students.
- c. A music proposal to move conference 2A to even years for advancement to the state marching band contest.

c. Chair Waller recognized Dr. Greg Poole, Chair of the Standing Committee on Athletics and Dr. Susan Elza, UIL Athletic Director. Dr. Poole introduced the Standing Committee on Athletic members: Jim Waller, Idalo ISD; Curtis Rhodes, Needville ISD; James Brewer, Longview ISD; Mary Huckabay, Hull-Daisetta ISD; Trey Lawrence, Shiner ISD; Robin Ryan, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD and Cody Moree, Apple Springs ISD. The Standing Committee on Athletics met and took the following proposals:

**1. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Curtis Rhodes seconded the motion to set the fee schedule pay of officials that are selected to work state championship contests in team sports.**

Section 1204(m) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

According to section 1204 (m) of the Constitution and Contest Rules:

(m) FEE SCHEDULE.

(1) *Baseball.*  
Each Game Per Official

**Playoffs:**

Bi-District	\$80
Area	\$90
Quarter-Finals	\$100
Regional Semi-Finals	\$110
Regional Finals	\$120
STATE TOURNAMENT	\$130

(2) *Basketball.*  
Each Game Per Official

**Playoffs:**

Bi-District	\$75
Area	\$85
Quarter-Finals	\$95
Regional Semi-Finals	\$105
Regional Finals	\$105
STATE TOURNAMENT	\$130

- (4) *Soccer.*  
Each Game Per Official

**Playoffs:**

	Referee	AR	Total
Bi-district	\$70	\$60	\$190
Area	\$80	\$65	\$210
Sectional	\$85	\$70	\$225
Quarter-Finals	\$100	\$80	\$260
Regional Semi-Finals	\$125	\$85	\$295
Regional Finals	\$125	\$85	\$295
<b>State Tournament</b>	<del>\$125</del> 130	<del>\$85</del> 90	<del>\$295</del> 310

- (5) *Softball.*  
Each Game Per Official

**Playoffs:**

Bi-District	\$80
Area	\$90
Quarter-Finals	\$100
Regional Semi-Finals	\$110
Regional Finals	\$120
STATE TOURNAMENT	\$130

- (7) *Volleyball.*  
Each Game Per Official

**Playoffs:**

Bi-District	\$70
Bi-District- Line Judges	\$50
Area	\$80
Area - Line Judges	\$50
Quarter-Finals	\$90
Quarter Finals - Line Judges	\$50
Regional Semi-Final	\$100
Regional Semi Final - Line Judges	\$60
Regional Finals	\$100
Regional Finals - Line Judges	\$60
STATE TOURNAMENT	\$130
STATE TOURNAMENT LINE JUDGES	\$70

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

This proposal has fiscal impact to schools that participate in team sport state championships.

**B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**2. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Robin Ryan seconded the motion to amend Section 1204 (c)(1), Registration and Eligibility of Sports Officials, UIL Constitution and Contest Rules in regards to criminal background checks.**

Section 1204(c)(1) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1204(c)(1), Registration and Eligibility of Sports Officials, *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*.

In order to officiate a UIL varsity contest a sports official must:

- (1) be registered with the UIL in the sports being officiated, and annually provide the UIL with directory information and, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, submit to a criminal background check;

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

This amendment would have no financial impact on UIL member schools.

**B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass the amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS  
Passed the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to create a state pay structure for officials
- b. A proposal for background checks of officials

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS  
Authorized the Staff to Create a Study Committee**

- a. Coaching outside the school year

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS  
Approved the Following in Concept for Approval in October**

- a. Remove pilot language from football home field advantage program and add 5A

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS  
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposal**

- a. Increase the number of games for middle school basketball
- b. Allow only one varsity team to compete at district golf meet
- c. Allow incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders to begin fall practice on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in August
- d. Higher seed advantage for 6A and possibly lower conferences in baseball
- e. Change summer workouts to 24 days



- f. Penalties for ejections
- g. Mileage reimbursement for officials
- h. Addition of 4A and under Swimming and Diving

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS  
Referred the Following to the Policy Committee**

- a. Allow parents to appeal another student's eligibility to the DEC or SEC
- b. Adopt IOC performance enhancing drug policies
- c. Addition of Water Polo as a sanctioned event

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS  
Denied, Rejected, or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. Three additional events for the adaptive track and field meet
- b. Awarding points for adaptive track and field events
- c. Creating an ambulatory event pilot program for track and field
- d. Create an area golf meet
- e. Replay in athletic events
- f. Reduce the number of teams going into the postseason
- g. One champion per conference in football
- h. Eliminate divisions in 1A/2A football
- i. Change basketball quarters from 12 to 15 minutes
- j. Post district competition in middle school athletics
- k. Golf monitors in the regional meet
- l. Mandate score keepers in golf
- m. Allow students to participate at a different middle school if there is no team
- n. Change the state basketball venue

Dr. Poole thanked Dr. Elza for her leadership and thanked Traci Neely for her years at the UIL.

d. Chair Waller recognized Dr. Shannon Holmes, Chair of the Standing Committee on Policy and Dr. Jamey Harrison, UIL Deputy Director. Dr. Holmes began by thanking his fellow committee members: Mark Henry, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD; Jo Ann Bludau, Hallettsville ISD; Berhl Robertson, Lubbock ISD; Todd Morrison, Honey Grove ISD; Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD; Steve Flores, Round Rock ISD and Walter Jackson, Brenham ISD. Dr. Holmes thanked the Policy Standing Committee.

Dr. Holmes stated the Standing Committee on Policy met and took the following actions:

**1. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Kevin Worthy seconded the motion of a** split conference alignment for 5A Football, the creation of a sixth conference in Marching Band and reinstates regulations regarding single high school ISDs that have an alternative campus without its own attendance zone.

The UIL Reclassification and Realignment Policies would be amended as follows effective for the 2018-2020 alignment, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

**Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures  
2018-19 and 2019-20 Realignment**

1. The League office shall obtain enrollment data on participant schools (grades 9-12).
2. The League office shall verify the enrollment figures submitted by the schools.
3. Conference AAAAAA should consist of a minimum of 220 schools and a maximum of 250 schools participating in football, NOT INCLUDING SCHOOLS CHOOSING TO OPT UP TO AAAAAA;

Conferences AA through AAAAA should consist of a number of schools such that the enrollment ratio in grades 9-12 between the largest school and the smallest school is approximately 2.0. There should be at least 200 schools each in Conferences AA and AAAAA. Conference A shall consist of all schools that are not in Conferences AA-AAAAA.

4. Schools with an enrollment of 104.9 or lower may choose to participate in Conference A football (six-man football) or may opt to play in Conference AA football (eleven-man football) but remain in Conference A for other applicable activities (see #6 below). Schools desiring to participate in Conference A football may submit enrollment figures by any one of the following combinations of grades: grades 9, 10, 11 and 12; grades 8, 9, 10 and 11; grades 7, 8, 9 and 10; or grades 9 and 10 doubled.
5. Any school may request to be elevated one conference, provided notification is submitted to the League office simultaneously with enrollment figures.
6. Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and AAAAA schools will be further divided by enrollment figures for football (see (d) below). Then map pins are used to represent all schools in a conference and both divisions of Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and AAAAA football. Schools are placed into districts keeping the following criteria in mind:
  - a. Group geographically contiguous schools in groups of no more than ten, unless approved on appeal to the District Assignment Appeals Committee. Schools in a district in urban areas may not always be contiguous.
  - b. Except in academics, wrestling and Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and AAAAA football, there are 32 districts to facilitate the playoff procedures (except in activities that do not have enough schools).
  - c. Multiple-high school districts with more than one school in the same conference will have those schools assigned as follows.
    - (1) Multiple High School Districts with 11 or More Schools in the Same Conference: A multiple high school district with 11 or more schools in the same conference shall have its schools assigned to two or more UIL districts, unless requested otherwise by the ISD superintendent and approved by the UIL executive director. Any UIL district resulting from this division with seven or fewer schools from the same ISD in it may have additional schools assigned to the UIL district by the League office.
    - (2) Multiple High School Districts with Seven or Fewer Schools in the Same Conference: A multiple high school district with seven or fewer schools in the same conference shall have its schools assigned to the same UIL district. Other schools may also be assigned to this UIL district by the League office.
    - (3) Multiple High School Districts with Schools in Different Conferences: A multiple high school district 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.
    - (4) Multiple High School Districts with schools in more than one conference, one of which is a non-disciplinary alternative school. (see examples of these schools below). A multiple high school district with schools in more than one conference, one of which is a non-disciplinary alternative school, shall have the non-disciplinary alternative school placed in the same conference as the high school in that school district with the largest enrollment. Examples of non-disciplinary alternative schools: drop-out prevention and drop-out recovery schools, credit recovery schools, schools of choice, ISD charter schools, high school equivalency (GED) programs, career and technical education campuses, early college campuses, T-STEM campuses, men's/women's leadership academies etc.
    - (5) EXCEPTION: Exceptions to the above may be made when agreed upon by all participating schools and approved by the District Assignment Appeals Committee.
  - d. Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and AAAAA Football: Conference A, AA, AAA, AAAA and AAAAA football schools will be divided into large schools (Division 1) and small schools (Division 2), through the state championship event, with 16 districts in each division.
  - e. There will be six (6) Conferences in the following activities: Cross Country, Football, Basketball, MUSIC and Spring Meet (Academics [including One-Act Play], Golf, Tennis and Track and Field). There will be five (5) Conferences in the following activities: Music, Volleyball, Baseball and Softball. There will be three (3) Conferences in the following activities: Team Tennis and Soccer. There will be two (2) Conferences in the following activities: Swimming/Diving and Wrestling.

7. There shall be no attempt made to perpetuate or avoid "old rivalries." Socioeconomic and ethnicity factors are not considered.
8. A school may be placed in different districts for different activities to alleviate extreme travel situations.
9. If there is a clerical error in assignment or if a school has been omitted, the staff is authorized to correct the error or omission. Schools in both districts will be notified of the correction.
10. A school may change districts with the unanimous consent of all schools in both districts. This is the first level of appeal.
11. If the first level of appeal is denied, schools may appeal their district assignment to the District Assignment Appeals Committee. All schools will be notified of the deadline for this appeal.
12. A school may be disqualified from district honors for up to two years in that sport for contracting games prior to finalizing the reclassification and realignment by all UIL appeal committees. Athletic schedules will not be considered official until approved by the superintendent of the member school district.
13. Schools may play their first football game the last Thursday in August. Beginning practice dates will remain the same for all conferences. Schools will be limited to no more than ten regular season games.
14. Schools shall be assigned to football districts only in even-numbered years.
15. A new school may be assigned on a non-honors basis in football for one two-year assignment period based on their enrollment.
16. Charter Schools.
  - a. Charter schools may be reassigned to a higher conference if actual enrollment is larger than enrollment projections.
  - b. Charter schools shall not be assigned to a football district unless they have provided evidence to the UIL staff that they have participated previously.
  - c. Unless its enrollment qualifies it for a higher conference, a charter school shall have its classification determined by placing it in the conference of the lowest enrolled school from the ISD in which the charter school is physically located.
    1. This rule is applicable to charter schools located within an ISD consisting of three (3) or more high schools.
    2. Any charter school that is elevated in conference under this rule will receive an automatic appeal to UIL staff regarding their conference assignment. Additionally, any charter school who chooses may appeal the decision of UIL staff to the District Assignment Appeals Committee.
17. Schools gaining or losing students by consolidation, where two (2) or more schools are combined, may have their conference and district assignments changed during the two-year alignment period.
18. Schools will not be changed because of loss or gain within a district during growth or decline in membership after enrollment figures are certified.
19. Schools may be in different regions in different activities.
20. District numbering begins in the north or west and culminates in the southern part of the state.
21. Schools which are assigned to an athletic district and fail to participate may be suspended by the State Executive Committee in the germane activity, see section 27 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

#### FORMULAS

A participant school shall be classified for assignment to a conference on the basis of enrollment on a date from the previous October. The formulas used to determine enrollment shall be:

1. Schools with four high school grades (9-12) or three high school grades (10-12) which will receive incoming tenth graders from specific, identifiable schools:

$$\text{Enrollment} = \text{Grades } 9 + 10 + 11 + 12$$

2. Schools with only grades 10-12 when it cannot easily be determined which schools the ninth graders will attend as tenth graders:

$$\text{Enrollment} = \text{Grades } (10 + 11 + 12) \times 1.33$$

3. Schools with only grades 11-12 when it cannot easily be determined which schools the tenth graders will attend as eleventh graders:

$$\text{Enrollment} = \text{Grades } (11 + 12) \times 2$$

4. New schools:

Schools opening or entering competition in the first year of an alignment period will have their conference placement determined by the following procedure:

- a. Opening or entering with 1 grade: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 2
- b. Opening or entering with 2 grades: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 1.33
- c. Opening or entering with 3 grades: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 1.33
- d. Opening or entering with 4 grades: Enrollment (projected or actual)

Schools opening or entering competition in the second year of an alignment period will have their conference placement determined (for varsity activities in which they participate) by the enrollment (projected or actual, with no multiplier applied) with which they open.

Existing schools affected by the opening of a new school (which will open or did open in the first or second year of an alignment) will have their conference placement determined based on their projected enrollment for the coming school year.

5. **Counting students in 'alternative schools'**. Alternative schools include (but may not be limited to): discipline alternative education programs, juvenile justice alternative education programs, juvenile detention centers, county jails, drop-out prevention and drop-out recovery schools, credit recovery schools, schools of choice, ISD charters, high school equivalency (GED) programs, career and technical education campuses, early college campuses, T-STEM campuses, men's/women's leadership academies, or other ISD schools that do not have defined attendance zones from which they draw their students.

**IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH ONLY ONE HIGH SCHOOL OPENS A SECOND HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE SAME ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES AS ITS PRIMARY HIGH SCHOOL, THE ENROLLMENT OF BOTH SCHOOLS WILL BE COMBINED TO DETERMINE CONFERENCE PLACEMENT FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Alternative schools where the students remain enrolled in their original school and are counted in the enrollment of that school should not be counted more than once.

Alternative schools that are participating member schools in UIL will have all of their students counted toward the enrollment at the alternative school.

Member schools that allow students attending non-disciplinary alternative schools to participate in UIL activities at their school must count any such student toward their enrollment figures.

Alternative schools that are not participating member schools in UIL are required to report students toward the enrollment figures of the 'traditional' school each student would have attended based on the residence of the parents of said student or to the school the student would attend by ISD policy if they were not enrolled in the alternative school.

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

This recommendation would not have a fiscal impact on member schools.

**B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective for the 2018-2020 alignment, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**2. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Richard Kilgore seconded the motion to clarify the Executive Director's authority to appoint hearing officers and other positions as needed.**

This amendment makes clear the Executive Director's authority to make certain appointments and includes this appointment authority in the list of the Executive Director's other duties.

Section 22 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 22: UIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- (a) APPOINTMENT. The President of The University of Texas at Austin appoints a person to serve at his or her pleasure as the Executive Director of the UIL. The Executive Director is an employee of The University of Texas at Austin.
- (b) SUPERVISION. The Executive Director of the UIL is supervised by the Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement of The University of Texas at Austin.
- (c) RESPONSIBILITIES. The Executive Director of the UIL has the responsibility:
  - (1) to serve as the chief administrative officer of the UIL;
  - (2) to employ, in accordance with all applicable employment policies of The University of Texas at Austin, all UIL staff and consultants;
  - (3) to issue annual plans for playoffs;
  - (4) to reschedule contests (See Section 382);
  - (5) to seek support for the UIL by obtaining, subject to The University of Texas at Austin policy, beneficial sponsorships and other forms of support;
  - (6) to negotiate media and other contracts concerning rights and assets owned and/or controlled by UIL that are in accord with The University of Texas at Austin policy and give the best value to the UIL;
  - (7) to prepare the annual budget for the UIL and submit for approval within the regular process of The University of Texas at Austin;
  - (8) TO APPOINT HEARING OFFICERS AND MAKE VARIOUS AD-HOC COMMITTEE AND OTHER UIL APPOINTMENTS AS NECESSARY AND CONSISTENT WITH THE UIL CONSTITUTION AND CONTEST RULES; AND
  - (9) to take such other, further, and reasonable actions that are necessary or desirable under and consistent with:
    - (A) the binding actions taken by the Legislative Council or the State Executive Committee or other UIL bodies authorized to take binding actions on behalf of the UIL;
    - (B) the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules;
    - (C) the rules of the State Board of Education;
    - (D) the policies of The University of Texas at Austin; and
    - (E) the law.

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

This proposed amendment should have no significant fiscal impact on member schools.

**B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**3. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Walter Jackson seconded the motion to clarify the appeal structure for Reclassification and Realignment.**

This proposal would recognize that not all alignments are released at the same time and clarifies the provisions under which a school can choose to opt up or appeal to a higher conference and the potential impact of that decision.

Section 354 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 354: FIRST APPEAL: DISTRICT REASSIGNMENT BY AGREEMENT

SUBJECT TO SECTION 355 (B) BELOW FOR RELEASE OF THE FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL ALIGNMENTS, if within one month after the district assignments have been released FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES, a school that is not satisfied with its assignment obtains the unanimous written approval by the superintendents of the schools in the district to which it was assigned and of the schools in the district to which it wants to be assigned, and the contiguous relationship of all of the schools involved is not disturbed by the proposed reassignment, the school is entitled to be reassigned as it proposed. A school may appeal to be assigned to a district within a higher conference than that to which its membership qualifies it ~~only under extreme travel conditions~~, and if the appeal is granted, it will be assigned to the higher conference for all UIL activities; EXCEPTION: MUSIC. A school shall not appeal to be assigned to a district within a lower conference than that to which it is assigned. The school shall promptly inform the Executive Director of the proposed reassignment, furnishing the supporting statements. If the Executive Director finds that the school is entitled to be reassigned, the Executive Director shall reassign the school as it proposed and shall notify all the other schools and school districts concerned of the district reassignment.

Section 355: DISTRICT ASSIGNMENT APPEALS COMMITTEE

- (a) APPEAL COMMITTEE. The chair of the Legislative Council shall appoint from the Legislative Council the members of the District Assignment Appeal Committee and designate a chair.
- (b) REQUEST. Within 10 days after the conference and district assignments have been released, a school whose first appeal was denied by the sending and/or receiving district may request a review of the district assignment by filing its request and a supporting statement with the District Assignment Appeal Committee and informing in writing the superintendent and principals of the schools in the district to which it was assigned and in the district to which it wishes to be assigned.
- (c) RULES. The Committee shall adopt and publish rules of procedure to be followed in the reviews.
- (d) REVIEW. Upon receipt of a timely request for review, the Committee shall set the date for the review and inform the applicant school and the schools in the affected districts of the time and place of the review. Parties may provide oral testimony.
- (e) MEMBER INVOLVED. If a member of the Committee is involved in the appeal, that member shall abstain from deliberations and voting, and the chair of the Legislative Council shall appoint a member of the Council to sit in that member's place.
- (f) GROUND FOR CONFERENCE REVIEW. The only ground for review of conference assignment is an error in the enrollment basis. It is not considered an error in enrollment when a school wants to revoke its decision to be elevated one conference after the deadline for making this decision has passed. Schools shall not appeal to be assigned to a smaller conference based on evidence that they submitted figures that were too high, unless original documents verifying the error(s) are presented to the UIL staff prior to the release of the cutoff figures. A charter school that is physically located within the boundaries of an independent school district with three or more high schools, and is placed in a conference higher than the one for which

its enrollment qualifies it, may appeal its conference assignment according to the UIL reclassification and realignment policies.

- (g) DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE. The Committee shall make a decision in writing within two days after the review. The Executive Director shall promptly inform the applicant school and the schools in the affected districts of the decision.

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

There would be no fiscal impact to member schools with this amendment

**B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**4. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Berhl Robertson seconded the motion to clarify participation opportunities for students attending non-disciplinary alternative schools.**

Existing rules and interpretations already allow for this participation. This amendment would add a paperwork process to document that participation with the school, District Executive Committee and the UIL office.

Section 406 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 406: FULL-TIME DAY STUDENT

A person is considered a full-time day student if that person:

- (a) is enrolled and attends classes in a member school for which the current year's membership fee has been paid, or is enrolled in the ninth grade or tenth grade on a campus separate from the high school, and who will, by school district policy and not by choice, attend a specific high school (See Official Interpretation 05-09-01, Appendix I);
- (b) is enrolled in the number of courses required by state law and by rules of the State Board of Education; and
- (c) is in compliance with written transfer and admission policies of the local school district.
- (d) Subject to local school district discretion, students attending non disciplinary 'alternative' schools such as magnet or ISD charter schools within the same independent school district that do not offer UIL participation opportunities, may be in compliance with this section and eligible to participate in the division (Academics, Athletics, Music) of UIL activities not offered at the non disciplinary 'alternative' school. A student's eligibility under these circumstances would be at the school the student would attend based on the residence of the parent's of the student and/or the school the student would attend by school district policy if they were not enrolled in the non disciplinary 'alternative' school.
- (e) A STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN UIL ACTIVITIES AT A MEMBER SCHOOL UNDER (D) ABOVE OR OFFICIAL STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTERPRETATION 10-03-12 OR 00-09-13 COULD DO SO BY COMPLETING AND FILING THE NON-DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION FORM WITH THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL, DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE UIL OFFICE PRIOR TO SAID PARTICIPATION.

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

There would be no fiscal impact to member schools with this amendment

**B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**5. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Karl Vaughn seconded the motion to amend Section 443(e), Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF), *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* by removing the requirement for a parent to sign the PAPF in front of a school administrator or notary public, and would amend the PAPF by only requiring a District Executive Committee (DEC) hearing if the previous school coach or administrator marked “yes” on number six in Section III of the PAPF.**

UIL is currently creating an electronic version of the PAPF that parents will be able to complete online. This new digitized process of completing a PAPF would make getting a school administrator or notary public to sign the PAPF difficult. Also, a DEC hearing is currently required if the previous school coach or administrator marks any of the six questions in Section III “yes.” A DEC hearing could still be held if any of the six questions are marked “yes,” but this amendment would only require a DEC hearing if number six in Section III of the PAPF was marked “yes.”

Section 443 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

I. Section 443(e) PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF):

- (e) PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF). An individual is presumed to have changed schools for athletic purposes if he or she participated with his or her former school in any UIL athletic contest or practice in grades eight through twelve during any previous school year until:
  - (1) the student’s parents change their residence to the new school or attendance zone; (See Section 442(g) for a student who changes residence with a separated parent);
  - (2) the superintendent (or designated administrator) and principal and/or coach of the previous school sign a PAPF stating that the student was not recruited to the new school and did not change schools or attendance zones for athletic purposes;
  - (3) the superintendent (or designated administrator) of the new school signs a PAPF stating that the student was not recruited and is not changing schools for athletic purposes;
  - ~~(4) the parents sign a PAPF either in front of the new school’s administrator or a notary public that they reside in the new school district or attendance zone and the change was not made for their child’s athletic purposes; and~~
  - (5) the District Executive Committee approves the completed PAPF.

NOTE: The District Executive Committee is not bound to determining only the status of students who participated at another school the previous or current year, as it relates to changing schools for athletic purposes.

II. PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM: PAGE 2, SECTION III.

III. LAST SCHOOL OF PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE: Section III must be completed for any new student in grades 9-12 who has ever participated in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, team tennis, tennis, track and field, volleyball or wrestling in grades 8-12 at another school in the United States or Mexico before they are eligible to participate at the varsity level at the new school. Please check the appropriate responses below. ~~If any of the questions in this section~~ QUESTION SIX ~~are~~ is marked ‘Yes’ a full hearing of the District Executive Committee (DEC) is required in the new district.

- 1. Was there any conflict or dissatisfaction between the student, his/her parents, and the athletic/academic supervisors at the school?



2. Was this student recruited to attend another school or was any undue influence exerted upon this student or family to change schools?
3. Did this student quit an athletic activity or program while enrolled in your school? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.
4. Was this student ever suspended or removed from your school athletic program? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.
5. Would the student be prohibited from participation in athletics had they not changed schools? If yes, attach explanation to DEC.
6. Based on your knowledge of the student and their circumstances, is this student changing schools for athletic purposes?

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

This proposal has no fiscal impact to schools.

**B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**6. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Jeff Adams seconded the motion to Amendment Section 465 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules requiring all foreign exchange students to apply for a parent residency waiver by no later than the district certification deadline for the sport(s) in which the student wishes to participate.**

All foreign exchange students need a parent residency waiver; this amendment would just impact the timing of when they may apply. The amendment would establish a date certain by which all foreign exchange students must seek a waiver. Waiting until after the district certification to seek a waiver makes the timelines more difficult to manage as the playoffs have already started and creates questions within the district regarding eligibility. This deadline would also avoid the problems that can arise from playing an ineligible player should the waiver be denied and an appeal be necessary.

Section 465 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 465: DECISION BY WAIVER OFFICER

- (a) DECISION. Within 14 days after the Waiver Officer determines that the application is complete, the Waiver Officer shall upon the basis of the application and written statements decide whether the waiver should be granted and the applicant declared eligible.
- (b) BASIS FOR DECISION.
  - (1) Residence Rule, Sections 403 (f) and 442.
    - (A) International Baccalaureate Program. The waiver of the residence requirements of a student who changes schools to enroll in the International Baccalaureate Program may be granted unless the District Executive Committee has determined the student changed schools for athletic purposes.
    - (B) Other Waivers of Parent Residence Rule. If the Waiver Officer finds that the circumstances that caused the student to be ineligible were caused by involuntary and/or unavoidable action such that the Waiver Officer could not reasonably expect the student to comply with the rules, the Waiver Officer shall grant the waiver.
  - (2) Four Year Rule, Sections 400 (g) and 408. If the Waiver Officer finds that the circumstances that caused the student to be ineligible were caused by involuntary and/or unavoidable action such that the Waiver

Officer could not reasonably expect the student or the parents to comply with the rule, and if those same circumstances caused the student to miss an entire season's participation in an activity, the Waiver Officer shall grant the waiver.

- (3) Foreign Exchange Students. The waiver of the residence requirement of a foreign exchange student may be granted under the following conditions:
  - (A) a copy of the student's J-1 visa and certification papers from the approved CSIET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel) United States Foreign Exchange Program accompanies the waiver form;
  - (B) the exchange student has not completed four years of high school attendance and/or graduated from high school;
  - (C) the exchange student has not received advanced training (defined as training which is above and beyond that which is normally provided in Texas public schools) in the germane activity prior to arriving in Texas, such as pre-Olympic training, being nationally ranked or having similar status in a sport, or participation on a national team;
  - (D) the exchange student has not been placed with a host or a school based on athletic interests or abilities, whether initiated or caused by a student, a natural or host parent, a school, a program or any other interested party; and
  - (E) the exchange student meets all other University Interscholastic League eligibility rules.
  - (F) A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT MUST APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE AN APPROVED WAIVER BEFORE THE DISTRICT CERTIFICATION DEADLINE.
- (4) Age Rule, Sections 403 (b) and 446.
  - (A) If the Waiver Officer finds that the student meets the requirements set forth in Section 463, the Waiver Officer shall grant the waiver.
  - (B) The decision of the Waiver Officer shall be final.
- (5) The waiver is granted for specific athletic activities. If students wish to participate in an athletic activity other than the specific one(s) for which they were originally granted a waiver, such requests shall be presented by the school to the District Executive Committee which shall grant or deny the request. Notifying the Waiver Officer for each subsequent sport is not required.
- (6) Ignorance of the rules is not a basis for granting a waiver.
- (c) NOTIFICATION. The Waiver Officer shall promptly send a copy of the decision to the applicant, superintendent, principal and the chair of the District Executive Committee.
- (d) EFFECT OF DECISION. If the Waiver Officer decides that the applicant is eligible, the student may participate in a UIL contest until the Waiver Review Board issues a change in eligibility status by overturning the waiver.

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

This proposed amendment should have no significant fiscal impact on member schools.

**B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion passed.**

**7. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Todd Morrison seconded the motion to amend Section 469 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules eliminates a foreign exchange students' ability to request and receive a retroactive waiver.**

All foreign exchange students must have a parent residency waiver in order to be eligible to participate in varsity sports. To allow a foreign exchange student to play a complete season without a school seeking a waiver for them is grossly negligent at best. The possibility of a retroactive waiver lends an air of uncertainty to a foreign exchange student's eligibility and the contests that he or she has participated in.

Section 469 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 469: RETROACTIVE WAIVER

- (a) WHO MAY APPLY. If a District Executive Committee has determined that a student, WHO IS NOT A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT, BUT who is OTHERWISE ineligible according to Section 400 (g) or 403 (f) has participated in a varsity contest, and the District Executive Committee and the superintendent of the school the student attends jointly request a retroactive waiver, the Waiver Officer shall review the facts of that case.
- (b) APPLICATION PROCEDURE. The application must be in writing on the UIL Application for Waiver form, and signed by the superintendent, the chair of the District Executive Committee, the student and a parent or guardian if the student is under 18.
- (c) REVIEW PROCEDURE. The information shall be presented to the Waiver Officer who shall decide whether the waiver should be granted and the applicant declared eligible.
- (d) EFFECT OF DECISION. In granting a waiver, the Waiver Officer may determine that the student's eligibility is retroactive to any date during the current school year, so long as the student has been continually eligible under all rules other than the rule being waived since that date. If the Waiver Officer denies the waiver, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Waiver Review Board. The appeal must be accompanied by a \$700 payment to be applied to the filing fee. The filing fee is the actual expense incurred in convening the waiver review board. The balance of the fee shall be billed to the school or parent after expenses are calculated.
- (e) Exception to Above Procedure. The UIL Waiver Officer can rule on a retroactive waiver, after the season in question is complete, without consent from a District Executive Committee when the request comes from a parent and has no bearing on the district race. The application fee is \$700.

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

This proposed amendment should have no significant fiscal impact on member schools.

**B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date**

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**8. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Shane Fields seconded the motion to create a pilot program to allow an exception to Section 868(c), BROADCASTS OF UIL EVENTS, UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.**

This amendment would create a one year exception to Section 868(c) by authorizing the UIL to approve the Friday night live telecast of a maximum of two regular season football games on Friday, September 1, 2017. Both schools involved in any game to be broadcast must consent before being broadcast.

Section 868 of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2017, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 868: BROADCASTS OF UIL EVENTS

- (c) LIVE FOOTBALL TELECAST LIMITED. UIL member schools shall not permit the live telecast of a regular season football game on a Friday night. Live telecasts and other types of live broadcasts of UIL football post-regular season games shall be permitted if provided for in a UIL broadcast rights contract.

2017 EXCEPTION: UIL IS ALLOWED AN EXCEPTION TO SECTION 868(C) TO AUTHORIZE THE BROADCAST OF A MAXIMUM OF TWO LIVE FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

**A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools**

This proposal may have a minimal fiscal impact to the schools involved in the broadcast.

***B. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date***

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2017, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

**Motion Passed.**

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY  
Passed the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to amend the Reclassification and Realignment Policies for the 2018-2020 alignment.
- b. A proposal to clarify the Executive Director's authority to make certain appointments.
- c. A proposal to clarify the appeal structure for Reclassification and Realignment.
- d. A proposal to clarify the participation opportunities for students attending non-disciplinary alternative schools.
- e. A proposal to amend the Previous Athletic Participation Form (PAPF).
- f. proposal to require all foreign exchange students to apply for a parent residency waiver by no later than the district certification deadline for the sport(s) in which the student wishes to participate.
- g. A proposal to eliminate a foreign exchange student's ability to request and receive a retroactive waiver.
- h. A proposal to create a pilot program that allows UIL to approve one Friday night live telecast of a regular season football game or games.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY  
Authorized the Staff to Study the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to grant a right of appeal to student athletes affected by transfers who are granted eligibility.
- b. A proposal to change the over-age date from September 1 to August 1.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY  
Authorized the Staff to Continue to Monitor the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to add Water Polo as a UIL sanctioned sport for 5A and 6A.
- b. A proposal to change the enrollment numbers used for calculation of realignment numbers for high schools.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY  
Tabled, Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals**

- a. A proposal to add Gymnastics as a UIL sanctioned sport.
- b. A proposal to allow home school students to participate in UIL activities.
- c. A proposal to forbid the use of performance enhancing drugs of any kind.
- d. A proposal to change the rule of only 3 medals allowed per school, per event.
- e. A proposal to add hockey as a UIL sanctioned sport.
- f. A proposal to add disc golf as a UIL sanctioned sport.
- g. A proposal to add ping pong as a UIL sanctioned sport.
- h. A proposal to grant immediate eligibility to children whose parent is Military and has a Permanent Change of Station (PCS).
- i. A proposal to add fencing as a UIL sanctioned sport.
- j. A proposal to add skeet shooting as a UIL sanctioned sport.
- k. A proposal to change the criteria for an over-age student waiver.
- l. A proposal to amend Section 360 to include gender identity participation.
- m. A proposal to add lacrosse as a UIL sanctioned sport.
- n. A proposal to allow parents to opt out of Pre-Participation Exams.
- o. A proposal to allow 2A soccer to play up to the next available classification.

p. A proposal to allow indoor track and field.

2. Kim Carmichael presented the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget and UIL Membership Fees that were approved by the UIL Standing Committee on Finance in March and was presented to the Legislative Council for approval at the June meeting.

Conference	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
6A	\$1,800.00	\$1,900.00
5A	\$1,700.00	\$1,800.00
4A	\$1,550.00	\$1,600.00
3A	\$1,450.00	\$1,500.00
2A	\$1,350.00	\$1,400.00
1A	\$1,250.00	\$1,300.00
K-8	\$550.00	\$600.00

Cody Moree moved and Russell Marshall second the motion to approve the 2017-18 UIL Budget, membership fee increase and fee increases. Chair Waller asked for discussion, there was none.

**Motion Passed.**

#### **I. Announcements**

Dr. Breithaupt thanked the staff and the Legislative Council for their work for the 2016-2017 school year. He announced the council will meet Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **K. Adjournment**

The Legislative Council was recessed at 2:55 p.m.

