

**Minutes of
The University Interscholastic League
Legislative Council Meeting
June 16-17, 2015**

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 16, 2015, at the Austin Marriott North Hotel, Round Rock, Texas. The following were present:

Council Members: Kay Waggoner, Richardson ISD, Chair; Jeff Adams, Farmersville ISD; Jo Ann Bludau, Hallettsville ISD; Carol Ann Bonds, San Angelo ISD; Robert Dillard, Munday CISD; Greg Enis, Slidell ISD; Shane Fields, Albany ISD; Cliff Gilmore, Aspermont ISD; Linda Henrie, Mesquite ISD; Mark Henry, Cypress Fairbanks ISD; Shannon Holmes, Hardin-Jefferson ISD; Mary Huckabay, Hull-Daisetta ISD; Robert Jaklich, Victoria ISD; Richard Kilgore, Bruceville-Eddy ISD; Trey Lawrence, Shiner ISD; Joey Light, Abilene Wylie ISD; Russell Marshall, Mabank ISD; Cody Moree, Apple Springs ISD; Todd Morrison, Honey Grove ISD; Johnny Pineda, Raymondville ISD; Greg Poole, Barbers Hill ISD; Alfred Ray, Duncanville ISD; Curtis Rhodes, Needville ISD; Berhl Robertson, Lubbock ISD; Gonzalo Salazar, Los Fresnos ISD; Rod Schroder, Amarillo ISD; Dan Troxell, Kerrville ISD; Jim Waller, Idalou ISD and Kevin Worthy, Royse City ISD.

UIL Staff: Charles Breithaupt, Executive Director; Jeanne Acton, Leo Barnes, Darryl Beasley, Kim Carmichael, Peter Contreras, Mark Cousins, Bree Davis, Susan Doherty, Arlo Flores, Amy Gilbert, Jamey Harrison, Kate Hector, Hannah Higgins, Kevin Jones, Brad Kent, Rebecca Kinz, Jessica Lane, Luis Muñoz, Traci Neely, Rebecca Quinlan, Jana Riggins, Elisabeth Sikes, David Stevens, George Strickland, Ed Stidham, David Trussell, Caroline Walls and Eddie Wolski

Chair Waggoner called the business meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 8:03 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2015. Mark Henry gave the invocation.

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

(B) She announced that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the UIL *2014-2015 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 19-20, 2014 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 Waggoner welcomed everyone in attendance on behalf of the Legislative Council representatives, the UIL staff and the participant schools and member school districts. She then introduced the new members of the Legislative Council: Region I, Conference 5A, Berhl Robertson, Lubbock ISD; Region II, Conference 5A, Kevin Worthy, Royse City ISD and Region I, Conference 2A, Shane Fields, Albany ISD. Dr. Waggoner asked the remaining Legislative Council members to introduce themselves to the audience.

AA. Scheduled Speakers

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

D.W. Rutledge and Joe Martin, Texas High School Coaches Association, thanked the Legislative Council for all they do in representing the children of Texas and commended them for the effort in serving on the council. THSCA offers twenty hours of coaching development bring greater awareness to safety and social issues. THSCA along with Bill Miller and Commissioner of Education, Michael Williams announced the statewide launch of ProtectHer Project. This project is aimed at providing preventative education to eradicate sexual assault and domestic abuse of female students and is the first of its kind in the nation; THSCA will take the lead in implementing it statewide through instructional DVD's. THSCA is also involved with Joe Ehrmann in teaching character based coaching. Mark Henry stated he commends THSCA, Cy-Fair ISD had Joe Ehrmann speak to their coaches, he made a tremendous impact. Joe Martin, Assistant Executive Director, expressed THSCA and coaches concern with preseason practice adjustments on moving the water break into the time that counts. To meet the three-hour rule, coaches were having two ninety-minute practices with a water break in between, with the new regulation there is a potential unintended consequence. First, it reduces the amount of practice time in the coolest part of the day, second it increases practice time in the coolest part of the day and reduces water time, or third it increases practice time in the hottest part of the day. THSCA asks the council to take a closer look at what we are doing for heat related situations in 2015. Greg Poole, chair of the Standing Committee on Athletics, stated this topic has been discussed the past two days. He said we are relying on our Medical Advisory for guidance but will continue to look at the safety verses flexibility for our coaches.

Sam Tipton, Texas Girls' Coaches Association, thanked the Legislative Council and the UIL staff for all they do for this organization, TGCA backs the UIL 100%. TGCA would like the council to consider adding a 1A softball division in the upcoming R&R. These schools can compete at the district level and even may be a district champion but can't compete with the large 2A schools at state. TGCA's second request is consideration of reinstating the tournaments and/or meets when the council deems appropriate.

Bob Dejonge, President of Texas High School Athletic Directors Association, thanked the Legislative Council and stated the Athletic Directors Association appreciates the UIL and recognizes our programs are the best managed in the country. THSADA has a strong professional development and has over 700 members. THSADA has no proposals at this time.

Rick Sherley, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches complemented the council and staff for all the work they do and stands behind them in their decisions. TABC would like to complement the UIL on the Basketball State Tournament move to San Antonio; we've only gotten positive feedback. TABC would like to join with TGCA, when the time is right, in asking for the return of the tournament that was lost 2 years ago.

John Carter, Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association, thanked council for their time and for all they do for the students in the State of Texas. Results from the THSBCA pole request the following: re-evaluate the number of games by allowing teams to go back to the previous game and tournament allotment and ask the UIL staff to continue studying a pilot program for 6A allowing double elimination play in the State Tournament. THSBCA along with TGCA would like UIL to consider adding a 1A Softball and Baseball division. Mr. Carter also asked for flexibility of playing games during STAAR testing. THSBCA would like to see the district champion rewarded by allowing them to choose if the first round is a series or one game.

Stuart Kantor, Texas Track & Field Coaches Association, had no new proposals but asks that council continue to study adding javelin. TTFCFA wants to reiterate lifting the two-race limit on medium and distance runners level of events. NFHS doesn't have this restriction and TAPPS has lifted this restriction as well. TTFCFA organization is conducting surveys on area meets and will be bring the suggestions and concerns to the council.

Cody Huckabay, Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association, TISCA has no new proposals at this time but would like to promote a proposal currently before you increasing the number of state meet swimmers from 16 to 24 in each event. NFHS statistics show swimming in the State of Texas has increased 40% in the last decade.

Bobby Kleinecke, Texas Tennis Coaches Association, stated the work that has been done by this council has allowed us to become one of the top organizations in the nation. We appreciate all the council and UIL do for us. TTCA has no new proposals today. TTCA's membership does support bringing back the tournament that was lost a few years ago when the council saw fit and minimized the number of minimum individuals it takes to have a dual match in tennis.

Jerry Crumpton, Texas Golf Coaches Association, weather has been challenging for golf this year. TGCA would like to see a rotation of courses for the State Golf Tournament. 6A played at Sun City, Legacy Course, Mr. Crumpton stated this is the best playing venue since he has been involved in the tournaments. Texas Golf Coaches Association supports staying in Austin but suggest UIL doesn't announce the locations for each classification until after the regional tournament. This allows for a best fair opportunity.

Kevin Ray, Texas Six-Man Coaches Association, commended council on the work they do for the kids in Texas. The Six-Man Coaches Association had no proposals but fully support the movement from 5 classifications to 6 allowing them to compete at our own size. They know the football playoffs are moving locations, on behalf of their officers, they will move to Abilene for a couple of years but after that prefer to stay in the same location as the other schools.

Ray Baca, Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas, thanked the UIL Staff and the council for allowing him to be here. The coaches are very pleased with the cross-country course adjustment and for the increase in distance for our distance runners. Their association is 100% in favor of allowing the return of the invitational meet we lost.

David Allen, Texas High School Basketball Officials Association, on behalf of 5,000 basketball officials in the State of Texas, he expressed gratitude and appreciation to the council and UIL staff for their work. THSBOA echoes Rich Sherley's comments about the state tournament; the staff did a great job with the transition. THSBOA supports the official's increase that's been presented by the UIL. However, THSBOA had one small revision to that proposal. THSBOA would like to see the junior high structure fee be looked at and pay be adjusted for a 6 minute quarter, 7 minute quarter and 8 minute quarter instead of a flat junior high game fee.

Mike Fitch, Texas Association of Sports Officials, thanked the council and UIL staff. TASO has worked closely with all the coaches associations as we feel they are part of this alliance. In Option A: TASO asks for a \$5.00 across the board increase for officials. Option B proposed 2015-16 game fees: mirrors Option A, with three additional items: 1) in baseball TASO asks that no JV game inning starts after 1 hour and 50 minutes from the time of the first pitch. 2) Basketball, at the Junior High level we propose the fees for the following length of quarters: 6 minute - \$35.00; 7 minute - \$37.50 and 8 minute - \$40.00. 3) Include a fee for development sets in volleyball, requesting a \$10.00 supplemental fee for the developmental set. TASO supports the return of the tournaments that were taken away a few years ago. Jim Waller asked if TASO is asking for any changes in travel. Mike Fitch said at this point, for this year, they are not asking for travel increases. Dr. Breithaupt explained that he believes, most of the council and staff agree officials need to be paid more, however it is a matter of timing. The Legislative Council usually approves new increases in October allowing schools a year to adjust their budgets. To say that the UIL approves an increase is correct but we do have a concern with the timing. Implementing changes in June to go into effect in August are difficult for schools due to the fact that school budgets have already been set.

Ron Baker and Kevin Smith, Wrestling Coaches Association, thanked the council and the UIL for the opportunity to speak. The Wrestling Coaches Association is thankful for the 5A-6A split; participation has really grown in the last few years. Kevin Smith proposed the amendment to Section 1340 (d)(3) by providing an exemption once per year, per team, to the school week rule. This would allow a participant school the opportunity to host or participate in an additional dual meet each wrestling season and allow more flexibility in a team's schedule.

Mark Rothberg, NFHS Network, thanked the council. NFHS Network is the largest untapped market in sports. The 5 concepts are: vision, school broadcast program, NFHS network, consumer experience, and the network value proposition. In five years every high school sporting event in America will have live broadcasts for their fans. The NFHS Network is a partnership between NFHS, the state associations and Play on Sports. NFHS, this year, broadcast over 7,000 state tournament games and championships in 27 sports and activities that featured 70% of all high schools across the country. The network had an amazing start with UIL this year producing playoff and state championship events in tennis, track & field, swimming, baseball, golf, soccer, wrestling and UIL activities such as speech and debate. NFHS Network is excited about the software we have to offer schools in our school broadcast programs.

Sara Nash, Texas Dance Educators, did not attend.

Dr. Brian W Carr, PT, DPT, MS, ATC, LAT, thanked the council and UIL for the opportunity to speak and proposed allowing Doctors of Physical Therapy to be added to the qualified practitioners to assist with sport release and pre-participation physicals. Once doctors release an athlete to a physical therapist, that therapist treats the athlete and when they feel the athlete is ready to begin jogging, the therapist doesn't currently have the authority to release that student, the athlete must go back to the physician to get that release. Physical therapists are the middle man between the physicians and the trainers, he ask that council consider the expertise and education level of physical therapists, which is similar to chiropractors, recognizing therapists as qualified individuals.

Brad Scoggin, Wylie High School boys cross country coach, thanked the council for the opportunity to speak. Proposes that all regional qualifiers, teams and individuals, advancing to the state competition in the sport of boys and girls cross-country receive an award such as medals and or plaques/trophies.

Clint Montgomery, Texas Archery, Executive Director, proposed the formation of a sport competition system for archery teams as a UIL program.

Kari Swayze, did not attend, submitted a proposal asking the Legislative Council to consider changing the rules and consequences for players who are ejected from a competition as a result of unsportsmanlike behavior.

Tolanda Coleman, did not attend but submitted a proposal requesting schools inform students who are eligible for varsity athletics their first year after transferring from a school improvement campus and then decide to attend another school or possibly their home school, they will be ineligible for varsity athletic participation for at least one calendar year.

Brian Walls, Chairman of UIL Swimming and Diving, proposed the Legislative Council include Swimming and Diving in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules section 1204 fee schedule.

Tanza Rawls, proposed the inclusion of charter school attendees granting their students the right to participate in all UIL sporting activities in their respective school zone (or school zone of their choice with open enrollment for out of boundary students) especially if, but not limited to, the charter school of attendance not offering the sport of choice. Dr. Greg Poole, chair of the Athletic Committee stated that even in the UIL if a school doesn't offer a sport the students from that school are not allowed to go to another school district to participate, to afford charter school students this right would be giving them a privilege that even UIL member school students don't have at this time.

Alan Lewis, proposed the essay portion of the social studies contest either be used only as a tiebreaker or be eliminated all together.

Tori Simmons, did not attend but proposed that the UIL add hockey as a sanctioned sport.

Robert O'Connor, did not attend but proposed the Legislative Council consider a 5A split conference as the disparity between school size is too large.

Kathy Kuddes, President, Texas Music Administrators Conference, on behalf of the membership of the Texas Music Administrators Conference she extended sincere thanks and appreciation to the council for the student musicians of Texas. TMAC commends you for moving to the three-judge panel in OAP. They have no topics for consideration at this time.

BB. Speakers Previously Unscheduled

Chairperson Waggoner recognized the following unscheduled speakers.

Chris Conner, Denton ISD and Water Polo Committee, thanked council for the opportunity to present and proposed adding Water Polo as a UIL sanctioned sport. The sport continues to grow in the larger cities in Texas. The survey indicated 154 schools are willing to add water polo; the Water Polo Committee would like to see a single conference added.

Kevin Martin, San Antonio, expressed his concern with the way some coaches fail to support and nominate their athletes in All Star selections. Coaches should have standards of not treating athletes and/or children that way.

(E) Chair Waggoner recessed the public hearing.

Business Meeting (F - K) Continued

F. Standing Committee Meetings

The standing committees convened on Tuesday afternoon to take action on items presented to the Council. The business meeting of the Legislative Council reconvened at 9:03 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Chair Waggoner stated she appreciated being part of this organization; speaking for all council members, we have incredible respect for the UIL, what it stands for and what it does for students across the state. She acknowledged Dr. Breithaupt and his leadership and his unwavering commitment to this organization and to the UIL staff who work diligently on behalf of all students across the state. She thanked the council members in attendance, the speakers that have presented over the past two days, and the athletic directors, teachers and coaches and what they believe in and do for our students.

G. Old Business

Chair Waggoner recognized Jamey Harrison, UIL Deputy Director. Dr. Harrison stated we have a proposal to amend Section 1204 of the Constitution and Contest Rules establishing a fee schedule for swimming and diving. This proposal was passed by the Athletic Committee in October, looked at by the full council, with additional discussion yesterday concerning this amendment we are bringing it back to make sure all language is exactly as you requested. The Swimming and Diving Committee, Swimming and Diving Officials and the UIL Staff worked on this proposal. In the past we had volunteers, with different fee schedules, this would set a fixed amount for swimming officials.

1. Joey Light moved and Linda Henrie seconded the motion to amend Section 1204 of the *Constitution and Contest Rules* to account for required paid officials in Swimming and Diving.

Section 1204(m) of the UIL *C&CR* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2015, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1204 (m) Sports Officials

Swimming and Diving.

Invitational: Defined as 4 or more teams

Number of officials (5)

1-meet referee - diving - \$50/session

1-meet referee - swimming - \$50/session

1-starter - \$25/session

2-stroke/turn officials - \$25/session each

Total cost - \$175.00/session

District:

Number of officials (7)

1-meet referee - diving - \$75/session

1-meet referee - swimming - \$75/session

1-starter - \$25/session

4-stroke/turn officials - \$25/session each

Total cost - \$275/per district per session

Regionals:

Number of officials (10)

1-meet referee - diving - \$100/session

1-meet referee - swimming - \$100/session

1-deck referee - \$50/session

1-starter - \$50/session

2 stroke officials - \$50/session each
4-turn officials - \$50/session each
Total cost - \$600 per session x 2 sessions = \$1200

Travel:

All other allowable expenses may be paid.

Definition of Officials:

All registered officials who have successfully passed the required UIL tests.

Definition of Meet:

4 or more teams

Definition of Session:

Any portion of a meet distinctly separated from other portions by locale, time or type of competition, i.e., preliminaries and finals; morning and evening.

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

The fiscal impact for this proposal will vary according to the number of invitational meets a district hosts per season and the competing district will share the cost of the district fees. The regional host sites are currently paying swimming and diving officials within the framework identified for regional meets.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2015.

Motion passed unanimously.

H. New Business

Policy Committee Reports and Council Action

1. Standing Committee Reports

a. Chair Waggoner recognized Dr. Dan Troxell, Chair of the Academic Committee who thanked the members of the Academic Committee: Johnny Pineda, Raymondville; Jeff Adams, Farmersville; Carol Ann Bonds, San Angelo; Joey Light, Abilene Wylie, Shane Fields, Albany; Greg Enis, Slidell and Thomas Randle, Lamar Consolidated for their work for the students of Texas.

Dr. David Stevens presented the report of the Standing Committee on Academics. He thanked the committee for all their work and thanked the staff for all the great work they do all year. Academics had an exciting state meet this year, we packed everything into one day, to accommodate finals and graduations and began and ended our meet with a flood. Thanks to Johnny Pineda for chairing the Review Advisory Committee this weekend and to Greg Enis for serving on the committee as well as the other members who served. We are going to see exciting and encouraging results from this meeting.

Dr. Troxell thanked Dr. Stevens for his work, he stated Dr. Breithaupt allowed him to be on the interview committee that brought Dr. Stevens to the UIL. Dr. Troxell said it was one of the prouder moments of his career. Dr. Stevens and his staff do an amazing job.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS

Approved The Following Proposals For Consideration in October, effective for the 16-17 school year, if approved by the full Council

- a. Add Congress as a sanctioned UIL Contest.
- b. Add Young Filmmakers Festival as a sanctioned UIL contest.
- c. Amend the Constitution and Contest Rules to allow schools in conferences A and 2A to utilize students enrolled in grade 8 for One-Act Play.

Asking staff to draft specifics on how to implement 8th grade participation to reduce the number of play withdrawals while ensuring schools do not receive an unfair advantage by utilizing 8th grade students.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Authorized the Staff to Reject the Following Proposals**

- a. The essay portion of the social studies contest be used only as a tiebreaker or be eliminated all together.
- b. Add a graphic design, photography, desktop publishing or web graphic contest.
- c. One-Act Play judges should not be residents, former students, and/or teachers from the schools in those regions.
- d. Non-advancing One-Act Plays do not stay for critiques.
- e. Add an investment competition.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Asked the Staff to Monitor the Following Proposals**

- a. Eliminate the sweepstakes points cap for events.
- b. Move the Literary Criticism contest to a different part of the academic conflict pattern.

b. Chair Waggoner recognized Dr. Linda Henrie, Chair of the Music Committee. Dr. Henrie stated she is the current Superintendent of Mesquite ISD and will soon be retiring. She stated it has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the Standing Committee of Music and thanked Dr. Breithaupt, Dr. Harrison and the UIL staff for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. She also recognized Dr. Brad Kent and Richard Floyd for all they have done as well as the Standing Committee on Music's members: Robert Jaklich, Russell Marshall, Richard Kilgore, Kevin Worthy, Gonzalo Salazar, Trey Lawrence and Cody Moree.

Dr. Robert Jaklich, chair of the Music Rules Advisory Committee stated the committee completed their review of the music rules and the Constitution and Contest Rules and have made their recommendations to the UIL Staff, which will be presented to the C&CR Review Advisory Committee in August. On behalf of our Standing Committee on Music and the UIL Staff we would like extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Linda Henrie for her outstanding service and commitment to excellence during her tenure as chair of the Standing Committee on Music. We wish her the best as she begins her retirement this upcoming year.

Dr. Brad Kent thanked the members of the music rules review and advisory committee for their time, expertise and input for the past two days and especially to Cody Moree and Dr. Jaklich for your leadership through this tedious process. Dr. Kent thanked superintendents across the state for their understanding with the difficulty of scheduling this past years Solo and Ensemble Contests; with UT's commencement the UIL was forced to hold the event over two weekends. Dr. Kent thanked his staff and seconded Dr. Jaklich's appreciation for Dr. Henrie and thanking her for her outstanding leadership on the Legislative Council.

c. Chair Waggoner recognized Dr. Greg Poole, Chair of the Standing Committee on Athletics. Dr. Poole stated serving on the Legislative Council is one of the most rewarding committees to serve on. Dr. Poole introduced the Standing Committee on Athletic members: Rod Schroder, who has spent four decades with Amarillo ISD, has done a stellar job for school students and will also be retiring this year just like Dr. Henrie. Other Athletic Standing Committee, members are Alfred Ray, Jim Waller, Curtis Rhodes, James Brewer, Mary Huckabay and Robert Dillard. The Standing Committee on Athletics met and took the following proposals:

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

Approved The Following Proposals For Consideration in October, effective for the 16-17 school year, if approved by the full Council

- a. Removing the current prohibition that limits a student from participation in more than two circular races (400, 800, 1600 or 3200) in Track and Field.

- b. Increasing the number of swimming qualifiers from regional to state from 16 to 24. The top two finishers in each of eight regional meets and the next eight fastest times across the state would advance from regional to state competition. For Diving competition, the top three finishers in each regional meet will advance to the state meet.
- c. A proposal to increase the fees paid to officials in section 1204, \$5 per official across the board. The Athletic Committee and UIL staff wanted it on record that they are in support of higher fees for officials and understand that the Sports Officials Committee of UIL will more than likely bring a proposal for an even larger fee increase for officials in October and are open to that discussion as an alternative to this current action.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Had discussion on a Previously Approved Proposal**

- a. Changes to Preseason Practice Regulations (in regard to water breaks and rest breaks and practice times)– UIL staff and the MAC will provide additional clarification to schools and coaches on the implementation of the changes approved by the Council in October 2014 which go into effect in August of 2015.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Referred These Items To The Sports Officials Committee**

- a. Revisions to section 1204, Officials, regarding junior high basketball length of quarters; junior high volleyball use of ‘developmental’ sets and sub varsity baseball time limits.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Referred These Items To The Policy Committee**

- a. Adding 1A conference for softball and baseball
- b. Giving awards to all regional participants that qualify to the state meet in cross country
- c. 5A split conference in football

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Authorized the Staff to Study The Following Proposals With A Survey**

- a. Use of a double first base in softball
- b. Restoring the tournaments and meets that were removed from season limitations for all high school activities that participate in tournaments and meets.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Authorized the Staff to Study/Monitor The Following Proposals**

- a. Area golf tournaments
- b. 5A and 6A pilot program for double elimination in the first and second round of baseball playoffs
- c. 6A double elimination state baseball tournament structure
- d. Unified sports – staff will meet with Unified representatives and bring additional information and possible proposal to the Committee in October.
- e. Javelin as an event in Track and Field
- f. Pitching limitations in baseball
- g. Punishment for players who are ejected from a contest
- h. Request for flexibility regarding the school week limitation rule for wrestling
- i. District champion incentive for baseball (and other activities)

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

- a. Impose a penalty for football teams that enter the field while the band is still playing

- b. Ban streamers, glitter, etc. from football playoff games
- c. Allow cameras with long lenses in to stadium events
- d. Ban train whistles and horns at all games
- e. Limit off season participation in activities
- f. Allow coaches to appeal officials calls and overturn games
- g. Changes the one coach rule in golf
- h. Mandate golf monitors
- i. Increase soccer game limits for districts with more than 9 teams
- j. Mandate Area track meets instead of leaving up to districts
- k. Allow 6th grade participation in cross country and track and field
- l. Scheduling games during tests
- m. Nominating students for postseason awards such as all-district

Dr. Mark Cousins stated athletics also had a Review Advisory Committee that Dr. Poole chaired; Jim Waller and Curtis Rhodes also served on this committee, thank you gentlemen. This was a great opportunity to review UIL rules and report to the full committee in August, which will have a great impact on our programs and the way they work. Dr. Cousins thanked his staff and the outstanding job they did all year.

Dr. Poole thanked Dr. Cousins and his leadership.

d. Chair Waggoner recognized Dr. Shannon Holmes, Acting Chair of the Standing Committee on Policy. Dr. Holmes began by thanking his fellow committee members: Mark Henry, Alton Frailey, Cliff Gilmore, Jo Ann Bludau, Kay Waggoner, Berhl Robertson and Todd Morrison. Dr. Holmes thanked Dr. Breithaupt, Dr. Harrison, Leo Barnes and Dr. Kevin Jones for their leadership in the Review Advisory Committee.

Dr. Harrison stated there are a number of proposals Dr. Holmes will reference that were passed Tuesday in the review advisory committee. We are going to present some of these today rather than make the October committee meeting unbearable. Dr. Harrison thanked the staff and especially Dr. Breithaupt for his leadership and patience through this difficult but beneficial process.

Dr. Holmes stated the Policy Committee heard 21 proposals that came through the Review Advisory Committee; the following were approved by the committee and will be heard by the full Legislative Council in October.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Passed the following Review Advisory Committee Proposals for Consideration at the October meeting of the Legislative Council.

- a. A proposal to amend Section 1, Name of Organization and Sections 10-15, Membership in League.
- b. A proposal to amend Section 21, Responsibilities of the Superintendent of a Member School District.
- c. A proposal to amend Section 22, UIL Director.
- d. A proposal to amend Section 23, UIL Binding Actions.
- e. A proposal to amend Section 24, UIL Officers.
- f. A proposal to amend Section 25, Legislative Council.
- g. A proposal to amend Section 26, State Executive Committee.
- h. A proposal to amend Section 28, District Executive Committee.
- i. A proposal to amend Section 303, Rules Promulgation Process.
- j. A proposal to amend Section 903, State Meet.
- k. A proposal to amend Section 26, State Executive Committee
- l. Proposals to amend Section 27, Penalties the State Executive Committee Can Impose.
- m. A proposal to amend Section 28, District Executive Committee.
- n. A proposal to amend Section 29(c), Penalties the District Executive Committee Can Impose.
- o. A proposal to amend Section 100, General.
- p. A proposal to amend Section 150, Appeals.
- q. A proposal to amend Section 407-408, Eligibility Burden of Proof.
- r. A proposal to amend Section 466, Review of Waiver Officer's Decision.
- s. A proposal to amend Section 400-440, Eligibility.

- t. A proposal to amend Section 405, Four Year Normal Program.
- u. A proposal to amend Section 466, Age.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Sent the following Review Advisory Committee Proposal back to the Review Advisory Committee for Further consideration and information.

- a. A proposal to amend Sections 480-482, Limitation of Awards.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Referred the following Proposals to the Medical Advisory Committee

- a. Proposals that all high school concussions be reported to UIL and made publicly available.
- b. A proposal to require EKG's for all athletic participants before allowed to play.
- c. A proposal to add Dr.'s of Physical therapy to approved provider list for sports releases.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Instructed the Staff to Study the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to add water polo as a UIL approved sport.
- b. A proposal to create a 1A conference in softball and baseball.
- c. A proposal to create a 5A split conference.
- d. A proposal to award all cross country state qualifiers with a medal or plaques/trophies.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Tabled, Rejected or Took No Action on the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to allow students to play football at neighboring school if their school does not have football.
- b. Proposal to add rugby as a UIL sanctioned sport.
- c. A proposal to allow students with passing grades in semester to be eligible for extra-curricular activities.
- d. A proposal to add powerlifting as a UIL sanctioned sport
- e. A proposal to allow home-school students to participate in UIL activities.
- f. Allow homeschool students to participate in athletics and other extra curricular activities.
- g. A proposal to add archery as a UIL approved sport.
- h. A proposal that intra-school district transfers become eligible immediately.
- i. A proposal to allow charter school students participation in all UIL activities within school zone.
- j. A proposal to add hockey as a UIL approved sport.
- k. An information handout on lacrosse.

2. Dr. Harrison presented the following 2015-2016 Proposed 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	\$1,700.00	\$1,750.00
5A	\$1,600.00	\$1,650.00
4A	\$1,500.00	\$1,550.00

3A	\$1,400.00	\$1,450.00
2A	\$1,300.00	\$1,350.00
1A	\$1,200.00	\$1,250.00
K-8	\$500.00	\$550.00

The Standing Committee on Finance moved and Mary Huckabay second the motion to approve the 2015-16 UIL membership fees.

Motion passed.

3. Dr. Harrison presented the 2015-2016 proposed UIL Budget, which was approved by the UIL Standing Committee on Finance in March and was presented to the Legislative Council for approval at the June meeting.

The Standing Committee on Finance moved and JoAnn Bludau second the motion to approve the 2015-16 UIL Budget. Chair Waggoner asked for discussion. Dr. Poole stated neither the Legislator nor UT give the UIL any money, we need a flush budget at best. Dr. Harrison stated the UIL is in the process of negotiating sponsors to improve revenues.

Motion Passed.

4. Dr. Harrison presented the 2015-2016 Proposed UIL Ticket Price increase, which was approved by the UIL Standing Committee on Finance in March and was presented to the Legislative Council for approval at the June meeting. The proposal increases individual ticket prices by \$2.00 with the exception of Cross County, which will increase by \$5.00, making it comparable to other event ticket prices. Dr. Breithaupt stated that ticket prices have not increased since 2000.

The Standing Committee on Finance moved and Rod Schroder 2nd the motion to approve the 2015-2016 UIL ticket prices. Chair Waggoner asked for discussion. Dr. Robertson asked what the expected projection would be from this increase? Dr. Harrison said it would be a rough increase of 20% depending on weather and several other things.

Motion Passed.

I. Announcements

Dr. Breithaupt thanked the staff and the Legislative Council for their work for the 2014-2015 school year. In October you will be presented the proposals you heard today as well as the proposals that come out of the August RAC committee. You are the UIL; you are the ones who promote through these activities the value of an education. We have a fair and equitable system for all who participate.

Dr. Breithaupt recognized Robert Dillard. Dan Troxell, as chair of the council, appointed him to fill in a one-year slot representing 1A. Mr. Dillard was then elected for four more years but has taken a different job in another conference. Dr. Breithaupt expressed his appreciation of Robert Dillard for his work on the council this past year.

Dr. Breithaupt presented a plaque to Dr. Carol Ann Bonds, San Angelo ISD, who is retiring from the school district. We so appreciate her commitment to the UIL and wished her the best in retirement. He stated it has been a pleasure working with her and thanked her for her expertise.

Dr. Harrison recognized Rod Schroder who has served Amarillo ISD for over four decades, an amazing accomplishment. Rod and his athletic director helped UIL with travel challenges in west Texas for R&R, the UIL appreciated his willingness to serve on this council. We are proud to call him a friend.

Dr. Waggoner stated it is an honor and a privilege to make a presentation to Dr. Linda Henrie. Knowing Dr. Henrie for a long time, Dr. Waggoner stated she couldn't think of an educator that she respects more than Dr. Henrie. She is a great friend, a great peer and a great colleague, a lady of genuine wisdom and character. On behalf

of the council, we appreciate Dr. Henrie and her service to public education and Mesquite ISD. We will miss her and wish her the best.

Dr. Henrie stated it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve on the Legislative Council. Quoting her three-year old granddaughter's philosophy "no hurts, stick together and have fun", Dr. Henrie feels this truly does reflect what this organization is all about.

Dr. Breithaupt presented Dr. Henrie with a commemorative ring for her service representing Section VI (Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado) and Section II on the NFHS board. Dr. Henrie is outstanding and has served us so well. She has been a champion for Texas.

J. Executive Session

Dr. Waggoner announced the Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. and asked everyone but the Legislative Council and UIL Executive Staff to leave the room.

K. Adjournment

The Legislative Council was reconvened at 10:52 and was recessed at 10:53 a.m.

Others in Attendance

Alan Lewis	Ed Warken	Mark Smith
Andy Chester	Grace McDowell	Michael Fitch
Betsy Russell	Jerry Crumpton	Mitch Williams
Bob DeJonge	Jerry Littlejohn	Patrick Henry
Bob Dubey	Joe Martin	Randall Ballew
Bobby Kleinecke	Johanna Denson	Ray Baca
Brad Scoggin	John Carter	Ray Zepeda
Brad Thiessen	Kari Bensed	Rick Sherley
Brian W. Carr	Kathy Kuddes	Ron Baker
Brian Walls	Kevin Greene	Russ Reeves
Chris Cullen	Kevin Martin	Sam Tipton
Chris Feris	Kevin Ray	Scott Zolinski
Clint Montgomery	Kevin Sander	Silvia Salinas
Cody Huckabay	Lee Bridges	Stuart Kantor
D. W. Rutledge	Leslie Slovak	Tanza Rawls
Dane Saucier	Liana Gombert	Teresa Martin
David Allen	Loyd Morgan	Tim Woods
David Johnson	Mark Bail	Vernon Reeves

