

**Minutes of
The University Interscholastic League
Legislative Council Meeting
October 21-22, 2018**

Business Meeting (A - E)

The 78th annual meeting of the Legislative Council of the University Interscholastic League convened at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 21, 2018, at the Courtyard Marriott in Pflugerville, Texas. The following were present:

Council Members: Russell Marshall, Mabank ISD, Chair; Bobby Azam, Andrews ISD; Jo Ann Bludau, Hallettsville ISD; James Brewer, Longview ISD; Keith Bryant, Lubbock Cooper ISD; Art Cavazos, Harlingen CISD; Greg Enis, Slidell ISD; Steve Flores, Round Rock ISD; LaTonya Goffney, Aldine ISD; Mark Henry, Cypress Fairbanks ISD; Roland Hernandez, Corpus Christi ISD; Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD; Mary Huckabay, Hull-Daisetta ISD; Walter Jackson, Brenham ISD; Trey Lawrence, Shiner ISD; Jim McClellan, Sanford-Fritch ISD; Cody Moree, Apple Springs ISD; Kevin Noack, Palmer ISD; Greg Poole, Barbers Hill ISD; Curtis Rhodes, Needville ISD; Thomas Randle, Lamar Consolidated ISD; John Rouse, Rains ISD; Robin Ryan, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD; Gonzalo Salazar, Los Fresnos CISD; Dan Troxell, Leander ISD; Jim Vaszauskas, Mansfield ISD; Jim Waller, Idalou ISD and Kevin Worthy, Royse City ISD.

UIL Staff: Charles Breithaupt, Executive Director; Jeanne Acton; Darryl Beasley; Brandy Belk; Kim Carmichael; Mark Cousins; Susan Doherty; Susan Elza; Arlo Flores; Joseph Garmon; Nakita Guillory; Jamey Harrison; Kate Hector; Kevin Jones; Brad Kent; Becca Kinz; Jessica Lane; Logan Lawrence; A.J. Martinez; Gabe Musella; Lisa Parker; Brian Polk; Jana Riggins; Paula Rodriguez; Chris Schmidt; Elisabeth Sikes; David Stevens; David Trussell & Caroline Walls.

Chair Marshall called the business meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 8:05 a.m. on Sunday, October 21, 2018. He expressed his appreciation to everyone in attendance at these meetings and stated decisions made always inspire and impact students in academics, music and athletics. Mark Henry gave the invocation.

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

(B) He announced that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the UIL *2018-2019 Constitution and Contest Rules*. He appointed Jana Riggins as parliamentarian.

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

(D) The minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting were approved by consensus.

At 8:07 a.m. the business meeting was recessed and the Legislative Council proceeded to its public hearing.

Public Hearing (AA - BB)

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

He welcomed the two new council members: Kevin Noack, Superintendent of Palmer ISD, representing Region 3-Conference 3A and Jim McClellan, Superintendent of Sandford-Fritch iSD, representing Region 1-2A and thanked them in advance for their service. He then asked the council members to introduce themselves.

AA. Scheduled Speakers

Chair Marshall 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.

D.W. Rutledge, Texas High School Coaches Association, Dr. Breithaupt presented D.W. Rutledge with a framed UIL gold medal in recognition of his retirement. Dr. Breithaupt stated D.W. is one of the most successful high school coaches in the history of Texas Football. As a head coach he has been to 7 State Championships in 5A, winning 4 of them. He coached for 17 years at Converse Judson compiling a record of 198 wins, 31 loses and 12 district championships. He was named 'Coach of the Year' 7 times and 'Coach of the Decade' in the 80's and 90's along with being named San Antonio Sportsman of the Year and also won the Tom Landry Award for being a positive role model. He has served on numerous Board of Directors statewide and nationally. He was inducted into the National Football Coaches Hall of Fame and the National High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, in recognition of his outstanding leadership and influence on and off the field. He has been inducted into numerous Texas Football and Texas Coaches Halls of Fame. Judson HS named their football stadium after him. Coach Rutledge Co-Authoring the Character Education Program, "Coaching to Change Lives" as well as introducing and creating the "Texas High School Coaches Educational Foundation."

Dr. Breithaupt said, "D.W. Rutledge has done more for the coaches association, bringing them into the 21st century, than anyone. We are thankful for his dedicated service to the students, coaches and schools of Texas." The audience gave D.W. Rutledge an ovation.

Joe Martin, Texas High School Coaches Association, explained with Dr. Jim Vaszauskas's challenge issued in June to get people out to vote for "Texas Public Schools" THSCA has completed a social media campaign encouraging coaches and teachers to register to vote. THSCA will join the "Vote Purple" campaign by encouraging their members to vote for public schools in the upcoming election.

THSCA proposed adapting rule 1320 (M)(4) of the track & field plan to emulate other individual sports by allowing track and field meets to be conducted Monday through Friday with the following limitations: a) schools utilizing this option are limited to a one-day meet; b) a school or student participating in this type of meet shall not enter another track and field meet during the same school week, Monday through Friday; c) no event shall start after 10:00 p.m.

Glen West, Texas High School Coaches Association, was running late so Joe Martin presented the proposal to allow coaches to "Huddle Up" with their team for a maximum of 2 hours a week outside of their athletic period to teach character development and leadership skills.

Sam Tipton, Texas Girls' Coaches Association, thanked the Legislative Council and expressed appreciation for this governing body. He congratulated J.W. Rutledge on his retirement, he honors their professional relationship but cherishes their friendship. He then recognized his board members and expressed appreciation to Dr. Breithaupt for his vision for Coaches Certification Program (CCP). TGCA had no new proposals.

Rusty Dowling, Texas High School Athletic Directors Association, recognized the AD's in attendance, stated the THSADA supports THSCA's proposal for the "Huddle Up" program. THSADA had no new proposals.

Rick Sherley, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, TABC had no new proposal but fully supports the proposal brought by THSCA's "Huddle Up" program. He thanked Coach Rutledge for the huge part he has played in the education process of coaches.

John Carter, Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association, thanked Coach Rutledge for all he has done. THSBCA had no new proposals but supports THSCA "Huddle Up" proposal.

Stuart Kantor, Texas Track & Field Coaches Association, did not attend. His proposal was to adjust the point scoring at regional meets and the state meet. His proposal was referred to the Standing Committee on Athletics.

Melissa Howard, President, Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association, stated TISCA had no new proposals.

Bobby Kleinecke, Texas Tennis Coaches Association, TTCA has no new proposals. Thanked the athletic staff for what they do for tennis.

Sean Ewing, Texas Association of Golf Coaches, proposed adding an area championship, currently two teams and two individuals advance out of the area championship, they would like to see three teams and three individuals (not on advancing teams) 18 boys and 18 girls. In the area championship you would have 72 boys and 72 girls that advanced from district participating, out of those a total of 3 boys teams and 3 girls teams (18 boys and 18 girls) moving on from regionals to state. There would be a total of 72 boys and 72 girls advancing to the State tournament with three top teams and three individual winners.

He stated TAGC loves having the State Golf tournament at Sun City, the people are great. As a 1988 graduate of Judson, he congratulated Coach Rutledge.

Dr. Breithaupt asked what happens in the smaller conferences when more golfers advance to regionals.

Sean admitted there would be a time issue with tee times and also a course issue. He stated this would only be for 4A-6A, the small conferences are fine with the rule as is.

Terry Crawford, Texas Six-man Coaches Association, thanked D.W. Rutledge for the Leadership Lessons. Texas Six-man Coaches Association had no new proposal; however, they support the “Huddle Up” proposal. Coach Crawford said they have a concern with the Reclassification and Realignment proposal concerning the impact it will have on softball and baseball.

Bill Theodore, Texas Association of Sports Officials, congratulated D.W. Rutledge and thanked him for being such a great friend. TASO still supports the proposal they brought in June and ask that it be brought back for further review. When ISD’s have multiple games at the same time, one administrator isn’t able to cover all activities so TASO is asking for an administrator at each event. They feel this would cut down on incidents, especially at the sub-varsity level and below.

Brian English, Texas Bowling Center Association, proposed adding bowling as a UIL sanctioned sport. He stated 48 states offer some form of bowling. Four states offer varsity bowling for girls and 25 states offer bowling as a club activity.

Dr. Breithaupt asked Mr. English what number of high schools participate in club. Mr. English answered hundreds of thousands across the US. Dr. Breithaupt asked how many club teams there are in Texas. Mr. English stated 170 schools offer club bowling.

Chair Marshall called for a 10-minute break. The meeting resumed at 9:15 a.m.

Rod Sheffield, Texas Education Theatre Association, proposed the removal of the distinctions between cast, crew and alternates allowing for greater flexibility for schools without changing the number of allowed participants.

Alex Lamon, Texas State Archery Association, proposed adding archery as a UIL sanctioned sport. Archery includes traditional and non-traditional athletes. He explained archery meets the UIL objective of enhancing students educational experience by making inter school competition available to a segment of the student population not reached by the run, jump and throw sports.

Karen Searles, Texas Future Dance Educators, has no new proposal. She reported they have had a 75% increase in dance in the past 5 years.

Duke Burge, Diamond D Pyrotechnics; proposed allowing professional pyrotechnic displays during League athletic contests. They will conform with the provisions of Texas Occupations Code Chapter 2154 Regulation of Fireworks & Fireworks Display and 28 TAC §§ 34.800 regarding professional pyrotechnic displays.

Jimmy Krueger, Texas Association of Soccer Coaches; proposed changing the timeline for the first day of practice and the first day of scrimmages; this would make soccer consistent with other sports allowing 10 days between the 1st practice and 1st scrimmage.

Dr. Breithaupt asked if Coach Krueger had presented a calendar to the athletic staff for consideration. Coach Krueger said he will work on the calendar and present it to the athletic staff.

Chris Cullen, TISCA Water Polo, proposed adding water polo as a UIL sanctioned sport. Coach Cullen presented brackets for implementation for a 6A water polo conference. He explained the infrastructure they have in place: Coaches Organization, Local Coaching Committees have experience running events/championships; they have been using UIL guidelines for 10+ years; already have a referee organization in place; they have educational systems including online learning management system for new/experienced coaches, water polo clinics and mentor coaches/programs as well as vendors in place.

Dan Mantz, VEX Robotics, thanked the council for implementing robotics. He requested VEX be added to UIL competitions along with FIRST and BEST. VEX has one million students participating worldwide, 1,910 teams at 674 Texas schools participated in VEX. Mr. Mantz stated that VEX is affordable to all students and schools and allows isolated urban and rural communities to compete together. He stated the FIRST and BEST programs are good however he would like to see VEX be included.

Dr. Graham Sweeney, Superintendent, Boles ISD, proposed allowing the affordable VEX Robotics Program to be recognized in the UIL official competition. He explained more students would be able to participate as it is most cost effective for small schools, allowing them to build more than 2 robots. VEX also funds schools to start the program.

Andy Schaafs, Clear Creek High School, proposed UIL Robotics could evolve, supporting all districts and classes in the state, by using Clear Creek ISD's growth as an example. Clear Creek ISD has had a 90% increase with the VEX platform. Even being close to NASA, with BEST and FIRST they have trouble finding highly technical mentors, so they have created 65 elementary VEX teams and 38 secondary VEX teams that compete for their individual schools similar to an athletic model, not on a district wide team. They petitioned the council to accept VEX.

Juliana Williams, Dallas ISD, proposed adding Drill Team Competition as a UIL sanctioned activity. Drill team is not classified as athletics or fine arts in Dallas ISD and the upper management says an activity must be a UIL sanctioned competition to receive funding, support and transportation for their team. Ms. Williams stated with recognition as a UIL sanctioned event they would finally get recognized for what they do.

Kaleigh Kelley and Leah Huggins, Dallas ISD, proposed adding Drill Team Competition as a UIL sanctioned activity. Hundreds of Drill Team directors would like to have a spirit competition for Drill Team. Creating a UIL competition would allow low socioeconomic districts to participate without having to pay \$6,000 for one competition. It would also allow students to be exposed to other schools and have the opportunity to compete.

Amy Solorio, Dallas ISD, proposed adding Drill Team as a UIL sanctioned activity. UIL provides validity and something our students will look forward to winning. Earning a UIL state championship is by far the highest honor a team can achieve. A competition every other year would be fine.

Denver Crum, Springlake-Earth ISD, Brian Holt, Booker ISD, proposed implementation of a playoff bracket for Class A football similar to the format utilized for Class A baseball. Adding a Class A Division I football playoff bracket would afford Class A schools the opportunity to compete against each other in an equitable playoff bracket.

Dr. Breithaupt asked Superintendent Crum how many schools would be in this division. Superintendent Crum answered, 19 schools play up.

Jacqueline Brown, parent, proposed adding STUNT as a UIL sanctioned activity, not as another division of cheerleading but a standalone female sport. This would include partner stunts, pyramids, basket tosses, group jumps and tumbling as short routines.

Jason Miller, Special Olympics Texas, didn't attend.

Craig Glickman, proposed amending the Transfer for Athletic Purpose to allow members of the high school community where a transfer has been granted eligibility to require a full committee hearing of the DEC to present evidence of a transfer for athletic purpose. These members may be parents of players on teams affected by the transfer, or teachers in the school. His second proposed rule change was to sanction appropriately coaches or administrators who actively recruit or passively accept suspicious transfer without investigation.

Leslie Slovak, Executive Director of Athletics, Richardson ISD, proposed allowing coaches to host one clinic during their season, where they work with kids in grades 6 and below from their attendance zone. Example: a high school basketball team has a clinic during their season on a Saturday to raise money for their program; athletes from this program would provide instruction and help with drills.

Christine Gilbert, didn't attend. Her proposed rule change to abolish No-Pass-No-Play is State law; the council doesn't have authority to overturn the rule.

Lyba Zia, didn't attend. Her proposed rule change to extend the number of days a student may be absent for a post-district school activity, is a decision set by the local school district.

BB. Speakers Previously Unscheduled

Chair Marshall recognized the following unscheduled speaker.

Wendy Sosa, parent, proposed requiring an outside judge to be involved in tryouts for volleyball, soccer etc. She said this would cut back on grievances toward coaches and allow school administrators and community members to help judge tryouts.

(E) Chair Marshall thanked all scheduled and unscheduled speakers, the council enjoyed listening to the proposals and appreciates the passion and the initiative to fight for what you believe in. Chair Marshall recessed the public hearing at 10:32 a.m.

Business Meeting (F - K) Continued

F. Standing Committee Meetings

The standing committees convened on Sunday to take action on items presented to the Council. The business meeting of the Legislative Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 22, 2018. On behalf of the UIL, Chair Marshall welcomed everyone. He expressed appreciation for the inspiration and daily impact on students. Chair Marshall stated it has been an honor to serve as Legislative Council Chair. He thanked Dr. Breithaupt for his leadership, his unwavering commitment to this organization, and to all UIL staff and council.

G. Old Business

Having none we will move to new business.

H. New Business

1. Committee Reports and Council Action

Dr. Breithaupt welcomed the council and guests and thanked the council members for their wisdom and Chair Marshall for his leadership. He expressed appreciation for the excellent presentations that were heard Sunday.

Dr. Breithaupt thanked the Legislative Council, our rule making body, who shapes the future of our organization. This is the 78th October council meeting. In 1940, the University of Texas changed the structure of and allowed the Legislative Council to become the rule making body of the UIL, prior to this the University of Texas made all of the rules through professors and deans. Roy Bedichek, the God Father of the UIL, was the 2nd director of the UIL, during his leadership he led UIL through two world wars, a great depression and continued to support extra-curricular activities by adding football and basketball and then later on music. Mr. Bedichek was adamant about strong rules, tough eligibility rules and giving local control to the schools. Roy Henderson, Athletic Director, wrote "Why High School Football." In the article Bedichek and Henderson collaborated on the statement that high school football, when controlled by the school superintendents, is an educational experience; unless it is an education experience, it is only entertainment. Bedichek understood this couldn't be implemented from Austin, it had to be done at the local level. As we near the 100th year of UIL football and basketball, be prepared to continue to look at changes to the way UIL does business. This council understands the need for monumental shifts.

The University of Texas has been most helpful to the UIL, especially with litigation. Dr. Breithaupt welcomed Dr. Jennifer Maedgen, Sr. Associate Vice President of Division of Diversity & Community Engagement and thanked her for her support and that of the University of Texas.

Dr. Breithaupt thanked and bragged on the council members who have served the council under several different school districts, doing what is best for their schools and several instances where council members fought to move UIL events forward.

UIL appreciates the help of all the associations for helping move our events forward into the 21st century. There were 13 associations who spoke yesterday, and he thanked them for the work they accomplish.

Dr. Breithaupt thanked the UIL staff for all they do and thanked them for their dedication. The work that we accomplish daily, in the office, is due to the leadership skills of Dr. Jamey Harrison. Dr. Breithaupt recognized Darryl Beasley for his new position at the UIL handling compliance through the State Executive Committee. Dr. Breithaupt thanked his direct reports for the dedication and service.

We are going to be discussing how our coaches are allowed to coach their students in the summer. Fifteen years ago, you allowed coaches to begin doing summer conditioning programs, which has worked magnificently. Greg Poole has been a terrific advocate of allowing coaches to coach in the summer, he understands the value of coaches coaching our kids at all times. Because of this Dr. Breithaupt expressed the shift in his thinking, due to the equity issue of many students not being able to afford to be on select/club teams and because of the number of low socio-economic kids, maybe it is time to move forward with a change. The illegal recruiting of kids has also opened his eyes. The NCAA is changing the way recruiting has taken place and is putting it back in the hands of high school coaches. We must look at our rule as collegiate coaches can't come into our state in the summer and work through these high school coaches unless our rules change. Our staff and the coach's organizations have come to the conclusion, it is time for us to change our stance.

The UIL is proud of our Academic and Music staff, Dr. Breithaupt applauds them for their success and the monumental things they accomplish. Dr. Breithaupt stated he is proud to be the Executive Director. He is grateful for the opportunity to have worked at the UIL for 27 years and has seen a lot of changes.

Chair Marshall thanked Dr. Breithaupt.

**(a) Report of the
Standing Committee on Academics**

Chair Marshall recognized Dan Troxell, Chair of the Academic Committee. Dr. Troxell thanked the Academic Standing Committee, Thomas Randle, Lamar Consolidated ISD; Keith Bryant, Lubbock Cooper ISD; Greg Enis, Slidell ISD; Juan Martinez, Clint ISD; Bobby Azam, Andrews ISD; Kevin Noack, Palmer ISD and Jim McClellan, Sanford-Fritch ISD. He thanked Dr. Breithaupt for his leadership, character, the integrity he brings to the UIL and for his friendship. He stated it is an honor to work with Dr. David Stevens, UIL Academic Director. Dr. Stevens thanked Dr. Troxell for his great leadership of the standing committee and thanked his staff. Dr. Stevens reported on academics 46 events and thanked the council for sanctioning Robotics.

Dr. Troxell presented the report of the Standing Committee on Academics.

1. The Standing Committee on Academics moved and John Rouse seconded the motion to amend Section 902(1), *Sunday Participation*, modifying the limit on the number of competitions from two to four that a school may sponsor students and allow school employees to attend in an academic contest similar to ones offered by the UIL that are held on Sunday. UIL competitions will still be prohibited on Sundays.

Section 902(1) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 902: General Regulations

- (l) SUNDAY PARTICIPATION. UIL member schools shall not sponsor students in a UIL contest or an ACADEMIC contest similar to one offered by the UIL on Sunday. Exceptions:
 - (1) UIL ~~area, regional and state~~ competitions may be held on Sunday, due to unavoidable circumstances that cause hardship to participating schools, provided they are approved by THE UIL OFFICE. ~~all of the following:-~~
 - ~~(A) a UIL staff director,~~
 - ~~(B) a majority of superintendents or their designees of the affected schools and~~
 - ~~(C) the meet director.~~
 - (2) School district personnel may instruct high school students and accompany them to school-sanctioned academic competitions held on Sunday that do not count on UIL standing under the provisions listed below.
 - (A) A student shall not represent a UIL member school in more than ~~two~~ FOUR such competitions on Sunday during the school year. **Example:** if a student competes in a tournament scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the tournament counts as one of the two allowable Sunday competitions regardless of whether the student competes on Sunday.
 - (B) The participation of the student, academic coach, sponsor or director shall have prior approval of the superintendent or designated administrator. Students are considered to be representing their school if they are wearing and/or using school equipment or being directed, accompanied, or transported by a school employee or persons on behalf of school personnel.
 - (C) Participation is limited to contests that are sponsored by colleges or universities. EXCEPTION: ROBOTICS

A. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Amendment to Member Schools

Schools who choose to participate in these events, who have not previously participated, may incur expenses related to the event. However, any additional expenses are not related to UIL competition.

B. Legislative Council Consideration Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

Motion passed.

2. The Standing Committee on Academics moved and Keith Bryant seconded the motion to amend Section 1446, *Music Memory*, expanding participation in A+ Music Memory to include grades two, seven and eight.

Section 1446(a)(2) and 1446(c)(2) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1446: MUSIC MEMORY

(a) THE CONTEST.

(2) Contest Format. STUDENTS IN GRADE 2 WILL LISTEN TO AND IDENTIFY SHORT EXCERPTS OF 10 MUSICAL SELECTIONS. ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL COMPONENTS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICT CONSIDERATION. THERE IS NO TIEBREAKER SECTION FOR THE GRADE 2 CONTEST. Students IN GRADES 3 AND 4 WILL COMPLETE A MATCHING SECTION AND will listen to AND IDENTIFY SHORT EXCERPTS ~~approximately 20 seconds~~ of up to 20 musical selections. ~~Students in grades 3 and 4 should be allotted sufficient time to answer the matching portion of the test and to write down the name of the major work, if it is required, and the selection title for the tie breaker. Students in grades 5 and 6 are allotted sufficient time to write down the name of the major work, if it is required, selection title and the name of the composer. No matching portion exists for grades 5 and 6.~~ STUDENTS IN GRADES 5, 6, 7 AND 8 WILL LISTEN TO AND IDENTIFY SHORT EXCERPTS OF UP TO 20 MUSICAL SELECTIONS. SPECIFIC TEST FORMATS FOR GRADES 5, 6, 7 AND 8 MAY DIFFER BY GRADE LEVEL AND MAY INCLUDE TIEBREAKER SECTIONS OR OPTIONAL COMPONENTS FOR DISTRICT CONSIDERATION. THE CURRENT *A+ HANDBOOK* INCLUDES COMPLETE RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS.

(c) CONTEST ADMINISTRATION.

(2) Ties and Points. Ties shall be broken, WHEN APPLICABLE, BY APPLYING THE TIEBREAKER RULES FOR THAT GRADE LEVEL ~~by grading the four tie breaking selections for each tied contestant or team in the same way that the original test was graded.~~ If a tie remains after the tiebreaker has been scored, the tie will stand. If there is a tie for first place, there is no second place. If there is a tie for second place, there is no third place, etc. Points are awarded as specified in Section 1408 (i). Tied individuals or teams split the total points equally for the two or more places in which a tie exists

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

Schools who choose to participate in these events, who have not previously participated, may incur expenses related to the event.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2019.

Motion Passed.

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

- a. A proposal to remove the distinctions between cast, crew and alternates without changing the number of participants in the One-Act Play contest

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS
Authorized the Staff to Monitor the Following Proposal**

- a. A proposal to add VEX robotics to the UIL Robotics Pilot

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

- a. A proposal to change the scoring and number of questions at the Region and State level for the Current Issues and Events contest
- b. A proposal to require the Contest Manager at the One-Act Play contest to post the ranking sheet with the judges' full names within five minutes of the end of awards

Dr. Marshall asked if there were any academic related items the council members wanted to discuss?

Dr. Mark Henry asked what direction UIL is taking with Robotics. Dr. Troxell explained the pilot program was started using FIRST and BEST, this is the first year as a UIL sanctioned event and the committee would like to see how this year goes before looking at adding additional companies. He stated there are more than just three companies in Texas, so for the time being we will stick with FIRST and BEST.

**(b) Report of the
Standing Committee on Music**

Chair Marshall turned the chair duties over to Dr. Thomas Randle while presenting the Standing Committee on Music report. Dr. Randle recognized Russell Marshall, Chair of the Standing Committee on Music. Dr. Marshall thanked the committee members, Kevin Worthy, Royse City ISD; Gonzalo Salazar, Los Fresnos CISD; LaTonya Goffney, Aldine ISD; Arturo Cavazos, Harlingen CISD; John Rouse, Rains ISD; and Roland Hernandez, Corpus Christi ISD. He thanked Dr. Brad Kent, UIL Music Director, and expressed what a special man he is and how great he is with the music students. He thanked Becca Kinz and Dr. Kent for making his job easier. He also expressed his appreciation to Dr. Breithaupt for his outstanding leadership and Dr. Harrison for always taking calls and for his support. He then turned the mic over to Dr. Kent, who thanked Dr. Marshall, his staff and introduced Gabe Musella, the new Assistant

Director of Music. He discussed the challenges of getting Marching Band competitions completed with all the weather challenges.

Dr. Marshall presented the report of the Standing Committee on Music. The Standing Committee on Music voted on and passed the following proposals and took the following actions.

1. The Standing Committee on Music moved and Kevin Worth seconded the motion to Section 1105, *Region Marching Band Contest*, requiring participants in marching band to complete the Medical History/Pre-participation Physical Examination form, similar to that for athletes, prior to participation in any marching band practice.

Section 1105: REGION MARCHING BAND CONTEST

(F) MARCHING BAND PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. UPON ENTERING THE FIRST AND THIRD YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND UPON ANY 7TH OR 8TH GRADE STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN MARCHING BAND, A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN, A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSED BY A STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS, A REGISTERED NURSE RECOGNIZED AS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE BY THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS OR A DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC IS REQUIRED. STANDARDIZED PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORMS, AVAILABLE FROM THE UIL OFFICE AND AUTHORIZED BY THE UIL MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ARE REQUIRED.

(G) MARCHING BAND MEDICAL HISTORY FORM. EACH YEAR PRIOR TO ANY PRACTICE OR PARTICIPATION A UIL MEDICAL HISTORY FORM SIGNED BY BOTH STUDENT AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS REQUIRED. A MEDICAL HISTORY FORM SHALL ACCOMPANY EACH PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND SHALL BE SIGNED BY BOTH STUDENT AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

(remaining sections to be re-lettered)

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

The fiscal impact this amendment will have on schools will vary. Schools may choose to pay for students to receive these physicals, have the students pay for the physicals, or find ways to have the cost of the physicals donated.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Music moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Motion passed.

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

- a. A proposal to require marching band participants to complete the Medical History/Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form

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

- a. A proposal to add field judges for marching contests and also to add an on-field awards ceremony at the area level contest
- b. A proposal to expand the number of prescribed music list committee members from seven to nine
- c. A proposal to expand the number of sight-reading committee members from five to nine

Chair Randle asked if there were any music related items the council members wanted to discuss? Having none he turned the chair back to Dr. Marshall.

(c) Report of the Standing Committee on Athletics

Chair Marshall recognized Greg Poole, Chair of the Athletic Committee. Dr. Poole stated he enjoyed Dr. Breithaupt's comment concerning the League and stated Dr. Breithaupt and Mr. Bedichek were both visionaries and writers. He thanked the standing committee and introduced them: Jim Waller, Idalou 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. Dr. Poole introduced Dr. Susan Elza, UIL Athletic Director and stated she is a great leader and will take us into the future. Dr. Elza thanked Dr. Poole stated he is a unique leader and thanked him for his support. She explained Dr. Poole constantly pushes the department and doesn't allow them to make excuses as to why something can't be done. His leadership is contagious. She shared a quote concerning never allowing excuses "Excuses are the tools of the incompetent". She thanked Dr. Breithaupt and Dr. Harrison for their leadership, thanked her staff and stated we are only as good as our team. She introduced A.J. Martinez and Joseph Garmon UIL's two new assistant athletic directors. Dr. Elza also thanked Sam Tipton and Joe Martin for their help with promoting the Coaches Certification Program. In making coaches better, we are serving kids in a great way.

Dr. Poole presented the report of the Standing Committee on Athletics. It was received by the Council, which took the following actions.

1. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and James Brewer seconded the motion to amend Section 1204 (m) *Flat Fee Schedule and Mileage Reimbursement*, implementing revised fees for wrestling officials.

Section 1204(m) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2019, pending approval by the Commission of Education:

The flat fee schedule posted on the UIL website would have the attached changes to the wrestling flat fee schedule.

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

This proposed amendment would increase costs to those schools paying wrestling officials.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective on August 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Flat Fee Schedule and Mileage Reimbursement

The first dollar amount within each mileage range equals the official's fee plus a flat rate for travel paid for the first game officiated. The second dollar amount would be for each additional game the official works (first game fee + mileage / fee for each additional game). The first dollar amount for the mileage ranges from 91 miles to 120 miles and 121 miles to 150 miles also includes meals. The mileage range is calculated by driving distance from the chapter's center point to the school. Exception: schools that participate at a venue in a different mileage range from the chapter center point than their school address, shall work with the chapter to determine which mileage range fee will be utilized. Disputes between the school and chapter shall be settled by the UIL Executive Director, or designee.

The UIL will determine the online mapping service to be used in making distance and other determinations.

(8) Wrestling, Boys

VARSIY DUAL EVENTS

Competition	# of		(1-30)	(31-60)	(61-90)	(91-120)
Officials Fee						
Dual Meets	1	\$55 \$65	\$70 \$80/ \$55 \$65	\$80 \$90 / \$55 \$65	\$90 \$100/ \$55 \$65	\$115 \$125 / \$55 \$65
Multiple team duals needed	as	\$45 \$52	\$60 \$67/ \$45 \$52	\$70 \$77 / \$45 \$52	\$80 \$87/ \$45 \$52	\$105 \$112 / \$45 \$52
1-day tournament	*	\$175 \$305 each	\$190 \$320/ \$175 \$305	\$200 \$330 / \$175 \$305	\$210 \$340 / \$175 \$305	\$235 \$365/ \$175 \$305
2-day tournament	*	\$210 \$410 each	\$225 \$425/ \$210 \$410	\$235 \$435 / \$210 \$410	\$245 \$445/ \$210 \$410	\$270 \$470/ \$210 \$410

Girls

Competition _____ # of
Officials Fee

Dual Meets	1	< 5 matches/\$25	\$40 / \$25	\$50 / \$25	\$60 / \$25	\$85 / \$25
		> 5 matches/\$50	\$65 / \$50	\$75 / \$50	\$85 / \$50	\$110 / \$50
Multiple team duals needed	as	< 5 matches/dual \$20	\$35 / \$20	\$45 / \$20	\$55 / \$20	\$80 / \$20
		> 5 matches/dual \$45	\$60 / \$45	\$70 / \$45	\$80 / \$45	\$105 / \$45
1-day tournament	*	\$90 each	\$105 / \$90	\$115 / \$90	\$125 / \$90	\$150 / \$90
2-day tournament	*	\$125 each	\$140 / \$125	\$150 / \$125	\$160 / \$125	\$185 / \$125

POST-SEASON VARSITY Playoffs:

Boys 2-Day Regional	\$250 \$475	\$265 \$490/ \$250 \$475	\$275 \$500/ \$250 \$475	\$285 \$510 / \$250 \$475	\$325 \$550/ \$250 \$475
Girls 2-Day Regional	\$165	\$180 / \$165	\$190 / \$165	\$200 / \$165	\$240 / \$165

JUNIOR VARIETY COMPETITION		# OF		(1-30)	(31-60)	(61-90)	(91-120)
DUAL	MEETS		\$55	\$70 / \$55	\$80 / \$55	\$90 / \$55	\$115 / \$55
MULTIPLE TEAM DUALS AS NEEDED			\$45	\$60 / \$45	\$70 / \$45	\$80 / \$45	\$105 / \$45
1-DAY	TOURNAMENT	\$175 \$200		\$190	\$200	\$210	\$235 \$295
*		each		\$215/ \$175 \$200	\$225/ \$175 \$200	\$245/ \$175 \$200	/\$175 \$200
2-DAY	TOURNAMENT	\$210 \$265		\$225 \$240	\$235	\$245	\$270
*		each		\$280/ \$210 \$265	\$290/ \$210 \$265	\$300/ \$210 \$265	\$325/ \$210 \$265

JUNIOR HIGH COMPETITION		# OF		(1-30)	(31-60)	(61-90)	(91-120)
DUAL	MEETS		\$55 \$50	\$70 \$65/ \$55 \$50	\$80 \$75/ \$55 \$50	\$90 \$85/ \$55 \$50	\$115 \$110/\$55 \$50
MULTIPLE TEAM DUALS AS NEEDED			\$45	\$60 / \$45	\$70 / \$45	\$80 / \$45	\$105 / \$45
1-DAY	TOURNAMENT	\$175 \$160		\$190	\$200	\$210	\$235
*		each		\$175/ \$175 \$160	\$185/ \$175 \$160	\$195/ \$175 \$160	\$220/ \$175 \$160
2-DAY	TOURNAMENT	\$210 each		\$225 / \$210	\$235 / \$210	\$245 / \$210	\$270 / \$210
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* See chart in Wrestling Manual for and junior high/middle school fees number of officials and jv

Motion passed.

2. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Robin Ryan seconded the motion amend Sections 1206, *School Practice and Game Restrictions*, expanding summer strength and conditioning. This amendment will also allow for sport specific skill instruction.

Section 1206(h) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective May 1, 2019, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1206: SCHOOL PRACTICE AND GAME RESTRICTIONS

(h) SUMMER STRENGTH/CONDITIONING PROGRAMS & SPORT SPECIFIC SKILL INSTRUCTION. Summer strength and conditioning programs AND SPORT SPECIFIC SKILL INSTRUCTION may be conducted by school coaches for students in grades 7-12 from that coach's attendance zone only under the following conditions.

(1) Sessions may be conducted by school coaches STARTING ON MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION AND ENDING ON A DATE SET FORTH BY THE UIL CALENDAR. SESSIONS MAY BE CONDUCTED only on Monday through

~~Thursday. for six weeks during summer vacation until the second Monday in August and shall be no more than two consecutive hours~~

- (2)(a) A student ~~shall~~ MAY attend no more than one two-hour STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING session, conducted by a school coach or coaches, per day. Schools shall take administrative care to prohibit an athlete from working with one school coach for two hours and a separate school coach for another two hours.
 - (b) A STUDENT MAY ATTEND NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS PER WEEK OF SPORT SPECIFIC SKILL INSTRUCTION, CONDUCTED BY A SCHOOL COACH OR COACHES, WITH A ONE HOUR MAXIMUM IN ANY ONE GIVEN DAY.
- (3)(2) Sessions conducted by school coaches shall include only students who are incoming seventh graders or above.
 - (4)(3) Sessions shall include only strength and conditioning instruction, ~~and exercises, AND SPORT SPECIFIC SKILL INSTRUCTION. Sport specific skill instruction is prohibited. Sports specific equipment (balls, dummies, spacer dummies, sleds, contact equipment) is prohibited. FOOTBALL CONTACT/RESTRICTED EQUIPMENT IS PROHIBITED. Specific groupings of athletes by sport or position is prohibited~~
 - (5)(4) School shirts, shorts and shoes may be provided by the school.
 - (6)(5) Attendance shall be voluntary. Coaches shall not require athletes to attend in order to try out for or participate in any UIL sport. Attendance records shall be kept, however students shall not be required or allowed to make up missed days. Students may work out on their own, without direction of the school coach.
 - (7)(6) Fees, if any, shall be established and approved by the superintendent and collected by the school. The Texas Education Code requires school districts to adopt procedures for waiving fees charged for participation if a student is unable to pay the fee, and the procedures should be made known to the public. Fees for all other students shall be paid by the students and/or their parents.
 - (8)(7) Any payment for conducting strength and conditioning sessions to school coaches who instruct students from their attendance zone shall be from the school and no other source.

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

This proposed amendment should have minimal fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective on May 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Motion passed.

3. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and JoAnn Bludau seconded the motion to amend Section 1208, *Athletic Regulations*, creating a trial program requiring schools in Conference 6A to report concussion incidents for all sports to the Contex quality improvement project for the 2019-2020 school year.

Section 1208 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2019, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

(DD) CONCUSSION INCIDENT REPORTING. FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR ONLY, UIL MEMBER SCHOOLS IN CONFERENCE 6A ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT CONCUSSION INCIDENTS FOR ALL SPORTS TO THE CONTEX DATA SYSTEM.

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

This amendment should have minimal fiscal impact to member schools as UIL will provide online resources to assist schools with this process.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective on August 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Motion passed.

4. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Cody Moree seconded the motion to amend Section 1208, *Athletic Regulations*, requiring schools to create venue specific Emergency Action Plans for their venues that will host UIL athletic practices and competitions.

Section 1208 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2019, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

(CC) EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS. UIL MEMBER SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A VENUE SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP) FOR EACH VENUE UTILIZED FOR UIL ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND/OR COMPETITIONS.

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

This proposed amendment should have minimal fiscal impact to member schools as UIL will provide online resources to assist schools with this process.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective on August 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Motion passed.

5. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Art Cavazos seconded the motion to amend Section 1208, *Athletic Regulations*, requiring schools to report catastrophic injuries, as defined by the National Center of Catastrophic Sports Injury Research (NCCSIR), that occur during UIL practices and/or competitions.

Section 1208 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2019, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

(AA) CATASTROPHIC INJURY REPORTING. UIL MEMBER SCHOOLS SHALL FILE REPORTS OF CATASTROPHIC INJURIES, AS DEFINED BY THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR CATASTROPHIC SPORTS INJURY RESEARCH (NCCSIR), THAT OCCUR DURING UIL PRACTICES AND/OR COMPETITIONS UTILIZING THE ONLINE REPORTING FORM AVAILABLE ON THE UIL WEB SITE.

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

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

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective on August 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Motion passed.

6. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Bobby Azam seconded the motion to amend Section 1208, *Athletic Regulations*, and Section 1310, *Team Tennis*, allowing Conference 3A teams to compete in Conference 4A for Team Tennis.

Section 1208(a)(3) and Section 1310(b) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2019, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

(a)(3) Only schools in Conferences 4A, 5A and 6A are eligible to participate in UIL team tennis. EXCEPTION: 3A SCHOOLS WHO SIGN UP AS NOTED ABOVE FOR PARTICIPATION IN TEAM TENNIS WILL BE PLACED IN A 4A DISTRICT FOR COMPETITION.

Section 1310: TEAM TENNIS PLAN

(b) DIVISIONS. There shall be the following divisions: Conference 6A, 5A and 4A. CONFERENCE 3A MAY COMPETE FOR FULL HONORS IN CONFERENCE 4A.

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

The only fiscal impact of this proposed amendment would be the costs for Conference 3A schools opting to compete in Conference 4A Team Tennis.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective on August 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Motion Passed.

7. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and Kevin Worthy seconded the motion to amend Section 1220, *Baseball Plan*, allowing district champions to have the choice of a single elimination or two-out-of-three series in the first round of the playoffs.

Section 1220(f)(2) and Section 1280(g)(2) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2019, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1220: BASEBALL PLAN

(f) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (2) Playoffs. Playoffs may be single elimination or two-out-of-three from bi-district to state. If neither method is mutually agreeable, a coin flip shall determine play-off format. EXCEPTION: IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PLAYOFFS ONLY, THE DISTRICT CHAMPION WILL HAVE THE CHOICE OF A SINGLE GAME OR TWO-OUT-OF-THREE SERIES.

Section 1280: GIRLS' SOFTBALL PLAN

(g) POST SEASON PLAYOFFS.

- (2) Playoffs. Playoffs may be single elimination or two-out-of-three from bi-district to state. If neither method is mutually agreeable, a coin flip shall determine play-off format. EXCEPTION: IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PLAYOFFS ONLY, THE DISTRICT CHAMPION WILL HAVE THE CHOICE OF A SINGLE GAME OR TWO-OUT-OF-THREE SERIES.

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

This proposed amendment should have minimal fiscal impact to member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Athletics moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Motion Passed.

8. The Standing Committee on Athletics moved and LaTonya Goffney seconded the motion to amend Section 1400. *Junior High*, allowing school districts to be involved with enrichment/intervention programs below the seventh grade which could involve athletic activities.

Section 1400 (b) (3) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective immediately, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1400: JUNIOR HIGH (SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES)

(b) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS.

- (3) No Interscholastic Athletic Competition Below Seventh Grade. No interscholastic athletic competition is allowed in any conference for teams in the sixth grade and below. This does not apply to annual inter-school elementary field days. ~~assuming there is no awarding of place ribbons or determination of team champions.~~ THIS RULE WOULD NOT PROHIBIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM BEING INVOLVED IN THE FACILITATION OF AN ENRICHMENT / INTERVENTION PROGRAM WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT INCLUDE ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES INVOLVING STUDENTS FROM THEIR OWN SCHOOLS. EXCEPTIONS: Certain athletic exceptions allow sixth grade students to participate. See (2) above and Section 1478.

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

Any cost to schools would result from a choice on the local level to become involved in these types of enrichment / intervention programs.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

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

Motion Passed.

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

- a. A proposal to allow schools to facilitate elementary school athletics
- b. A proposal to require schools to create a venue specific Emergency Action Plan
- c. A proposal to require schools to report catastrophic injuries that occur during UIL practices and/or competitions
- d. A proposal to revise wrestling fees for officials
- e. A proposal to expand summer strength and conditioning
- f. A proposal to require 6A schools to report concussion incidents to the ConTex quality improvement project
- g. A proposal to allow Conference 3A teams to compete in Conference 4A for Team Tennis
- h. A proposal to allow district champions to have the choice of a single elimination or two-out-of-three series in the first round of the playoffs for softball and baseball

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

- a. 4A and below home field advantage for football
- b. Allow volleyball coaches to coach their seniors in club play after their eligibility has expired
- c. Change the first day for scrimmages for the soccer season
- d. Revise the area track rules
- e. Update the school week limitation for JH and HS track and field
- f. Two-hour character development for coaches
- g. Add area round to the golf playoff structure

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
To Survey the Following Proposals**

- a. Require game administrators at all events

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
Referred the Following to the Football Rules Committee

- a. Eliminate the chop block in football

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

- a. Increase the number of games for middle school basketball.
- b. Cross Country qualifying structure
- c. Double elimination tournament for softball and baseball at the state tournament
- d. Remove the playback at tennis regionals and advance three to state
- e. Allow fireworks from professionals in an adjunct site at UIL events
- f. Ban train horns at football games
- g. Reduce the amount of practice outside of the school day
- h. Track and field scoring
- i. Allow professional fireworks at UIL events
- j. 1A 11-man football playoff bracket
- k. Allow administrator or outside community member to be involved in tryouts

(d) Report of the
Standing Committee on Policy

Chair Marshall recognized Jim Vaszauskas, Chair of the Policy Committee. Dr. Vaszauskas recognized and thanked the members of the Standing Committee on Policy: Mark Henry, Cypress Fairbanks ISD; Jo Ann Bludau, Hallettsville ISD; Todd Morrison, Honey Grove ISD; Aaron Hood, Robert Lee ISD; Steve Flores, Round Rock ISD and Walter Jackson, Brenham ISD. Dr. Vaszauskas went on to express how important UIL and UIL activities have been in his life, giving him confidence, as a student, coach and superintendent and the guidance he received through coaches and their organizations. He stated: "Outside of my wife and my children, every great thing that happened to me came through UIL". He introduced Dr. Jamey Harrison, UIL Deputy Director, who thanked the Legislative Council on the well run and smooth committee meetings. Dr. Harrison stated in the 8 years he has been at the UIL he has worked with great chairs such as Mark Henry and Shannon Holmes and the trend of great leaders continues with Dr. Vaszauskas. He then talked about the exceptional accomplishments of the UIL staff, how fortunate UIL is to have such amazing members on the Legislative Council, State Executive Committee, Waiver Review Board, Sports Officials Committee and the Medical Advisory Committee.

Dr. Vaszauskas presented the report of the Standing Committee on Policy. It was received by the Council, which took the following actions.

- 1. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Steve Flores seconded the motion to amend Section 902, *General Regulations*, Section 1102, *General Regulations* and Section 1208, *Athletic Regulations* of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules*. This proposal requires schools to report any time an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is utilized in conjunction with a UIL event, practice or competition.**

Sections 902, 1102 and 1208 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows effective August 1, 2019, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

Section 902: GENERAL REGULATIONS

- (N) AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) USE REPORTING. UIL MEMBER SCHOOLS SHALL FILE A REPORT AFTER AN AED IS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY UIL EVENT, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION, UTILIZING THE ONLINE REPORTING FORM AVAILABLE ON THE UIL WEB SITE.

Section 1102: GENERAL REGULATIONS

- (L) AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) USE REPORTING. UIL MEMBER SCHOOLS SHALL FILE A REPORT AFTER AN AED IS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY UIL EVENT, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION, UTILIZING THE ONLINE REPORTING FORM AVAILABLE ON THE UIL WEB SITE.

Section 1208: ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

- (BB) AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) USE REPORTING. UIL MEMBER SCHOOLS SHALL FILE A REPORT AFTER AN AED IS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY UIL EVENT, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION, UTILIZING THE ONLINE REPORTING FORM AVAILABLE ON THE UIL WEB SITE.

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

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

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Motion Passed.

2. The Standing Committee on Policy moved and Kevin Noack seconded the motion to amend the Reclassification and Realignment Policies for the 2020-2022 alignment period and implement the changes recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on Reclassification, established by the Legislative Council.

Reclassification and Realignment Policies for the 2020 – 2022 alignment period would be amended as attached effective August 1, 2019, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education.

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

The changes as proposed should have no fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment to be effective August 1, 2019, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Conference and District Assignment Policies and Procedures
2020-21 and 2021-22 Realignment

The policies and procedures for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Reclassification and Realignment process have been updated since the last Realignment process so please read carefully. Below you will find information on how to determine and report your school's enrollment, including students in alternative education schools/programs, conference and district placement, and the appeal process. As always, if you have any questions regarding any step in the Realignment process, please contact UIL.

GENERAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

The League office shall obtain enrollment data in grades 9-12 for participant schools and verify the enrollment submissions.

Schools shall be assigned to a conference on the basis of enrollment on a date from the October prior to an even numbered year.

Enrollment Calculation Formulas

1. Fulltime students, students receiving an average of four (4) hours or more of instruction per day, shall be counted as one (1) student each. Students attending school less than fulltime, students receiving less than four (4) hours of instruction per day, shall be counted as a half (1/2) student each.
2. Schools with four (4) high school grades (9-12), or three (3) high school grades (10-12) which can easily determine the ninth graders the school will receive, shall calculate enrollment as follows:
 - a. Enrollment = Grades 9 + 10 + 11 + 12
 - b. For schools wishing to play Conference A football, see *II UIL Conferences, A. Conference Makeup(3b)* below.
3. Schools with three (3) high school grades (10-12) which cannot easily determine the ninth graders the school will receive shall calculate enrollment as follows:
 - a. Enrollment = Grades (10 + 11 + 12) x 1.33
4. Schools with only grades 11-12 which cannot easily determine the tenth graders the school will receive shall calculate enrollment as follows:
 - a. Enrollment = Grades (11 + 12) x 2
5. New schools
 - a. New schools opening or entering competition in the first year of an alignment period shall have their conference assignment determined by the following:
 - i. Opening or entering with one (1) grade: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 2.
 - ii. Opening or entering with two (2) grades: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 1.33.
 - iii. Opening or entering with three (3) grades: Enrollment (projected or actual) multiplied by 1.33.
 - iv. Opening or entering with four (4) grades: Enrollment (projected or actual)
 - b. New schools opening or entering competition in the second year of an alignment shall have their conference assignment determined (for varsity activities in which they participate) by the enrollment (projected or actual) with which they open.
 - c. 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 period, will have their conference assignment determined based on their projected enrollment for the coming school year.

6. Students in Alternative Schools

For purposes of UIL Reclassification and Realignment, generally, alternative schools are schools without defined attendance zones. 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, multiple school district cooperative schools, or other ISD schools that do not have defined attendance zones from which they draw their students.

Whether or not an alternative school/program has its own Texas Education Agency (TEA) Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) code is, for UIL enrollment reporting purposes, not relevant when determining the school at which a student should be counted. All students enrolled in a school district should be counted at a participating UIL member school.

- a. **UIL Member Alternative Schools**
 - i. Alternative schools that are participating member schools in UIL will have all of their students count toward the enrollment at the member alternative school.
 - ii. Member alternative schools, which allow students to return to a traditional school to compete in a division of UIL activities, must list all of those students who return to a traditional school for participation on the Alternative School Student Eligibility Form. Each of those students shall count in the alternative school enrollment and the traditional school enrollment at which the student participates.
- b. **Non-member Alternative Schools**
 - i. Alternative schools that are not participating member schools in UIL are required to report students toward the enrollment 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.
- c. For school districts with only one traditional high school, the enrollments for any alternative schools will be added to the traditional high school's enrollment for determining the conference assignment for the traditional high school.

7. Single gender schools shall double the total number students enrolled in grades 9-12.

UIL CONFERENCES

Conference Makeup

1. Conference 6A shall consist of a minimum of 220 schools and a maximum of 250 schools participating in football, not including schools choosing to opt up to 6A.
2. Conferences 2A through 5A shall consist of a minimum of 200 schools, to the best extent possible, such that the enrollment ratio in grades 9-12 between the largest school and the smallest school in that conference is approximately 2.0.
3. Conference A shall consist of all schools with an enrollment of 104.9 or lower.

- a. Schools with 104.9 or fewer students may choose to participate in Conference A (six-man) football, or to play in Conference 2A (eleven-man football) but remain in Conference A for other applicable activities.
- b. Schools ~~who want to participate~~ PARTICIPATING in Conference A football ~~may submit enrollment figures with any of the following combinations of grades:~~ MUST SUBMIT ENROLLMENTS FOR GRADES 9-12. IF THIS ENROLLMENT FIGURE IS OVER 104.9, SCHOOLS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE A FOOTBALL CAN CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE A FOOTBALL IF, USING ONE OF THE CALCULATION METHODS BELOW, AN ENROLLMENT OF LESS THAN 105 IS ACHIEVED. ALTERNATIVE CALCULATION METHODS ARE:
 - i. ~~Grades 9-12~~ GRADES 8-11
 - ii. Grades 7-10
 - iii. Grades 9-10 doubled.

THESE SCHOOLS WOULD BE 2A IN ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES BASED ON THEIR 9-12 ENROLLMENT.

Conference Determination

With the exceptions below, schools shall be placed into conferences in even numbered years based on enrollment.

Schools will not be changed in conference because of gaining or losing enrollment after the enrollment submissions are verified. Schools gaining or losing enrollment because of consolidation, where two (2) or more schools are combined, may have their conference and district assignments changed during the two-year alignment period.

1. Charter Schools

- a. Charter schools may be reassigned to a higher conference if actual enrollment is larger than the submitted enrollment projections.
- b. Charter Schools shall not be assigned to a football district unless they provide evidence to UIL staff that they have participated previously.
- c. ~~Charters schools located within THE BOUNDARIES OF a school district with three (3) or more high schools shall be assigned to the same conference as the high school in that school district with the lowest enrollment, unless the charter school's enrollment qualifies it for a higher conference.~~
 - i. A charter school elevated in conference under this rule shall receive an automatic appeal to UIL staff related to conference assignment.
 - ii. A CHARTER SCHOOL MAY BE ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT CONFERENCES FOR DIFFERENT DIVISIONS OF UIL ACTIVITIES. UIL DIVISIONS ARE ACADEMICS, MUSIC AND ATHLETICS
 - iii. Decisions of UIL staff may be appealed to the District Assignment Appeals Committee.

2. Alternative Schools

For purposes of UIL Reclassification and Realignment, generally, alternative schools are schools without defined attendance zones. 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, multiple school district cooperative schools, or other ISD schools that do not have defined attendance zones from which they draw their students.

- a. For school districts with multiple traditional high schools, non-disciplinary alternative schools that are participating members in UIL shall be placed in the same conference as the traditional high school in that school district with the largest enrollment.
 - i. A NON-DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL ELEVATED IN CONFERENCE UNDER THIS RULE SHALL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC APPEAL TO UIL STAFF RELATED TO CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENT.
 - ii. A NON-DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL MAY BE ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT CONFERENCES FOR DIFFERENT DIVISIONS OF UIL ACTIVITIES. UIL DIVISIONS ARE ACADEMICS, MUSIC AND ATHLETICS
 - iii. DECISIONS OF UIL STAFF MAY BE APPEALED TO THE DISTRICT ASSIGNMENT APPEALS COMMITTEE.
 - ~~b. Exceptions to the above may be made when agreed upon by all participating schools and approved by the District Assignment Appeals Committee.~~
3. A new school may be assigned to a conference, based on enrollment, on a non-honors basis in football for one (1) two-year alignment period.
 4. Any school may request to be elevated one (1) conference, or one (1) division for football, provided notification is submitted to the League office simultaneously with enrollment figures.

Conferences for Activities

1. There shall be six (6) conferences for the following activities:
 - a. Cross Country, Football, Basketball, Music, Academics, Golf, Tennis, and Track and Field.
 - b. Conferences A-5A Football schools shall be further divided into two divisions, Division 1 for the larger schools in each conference, Division 2 for the smaller schools in each conference.
2. There shall be five (5) conferences for the following activities:
 - a. Volleyball, Baseball and Softball.
3. There shall be three (3) conferences for the following activities:
 - a. Team Tennis and Soccer.
4. There shall be two (2) conferences for the following activities:
 - a. Swimming/Diving and Wrestling.

UIL DISTRICTS

Districts within Conferences

1. Number of Districts
 - a. With the exception of academics, wrestling, Conference A-5A football, and in activities that do not have enough schools, there shall be thirty-two (32) districts.
 - b. For Conferences A-5A football, there shall be sixteen (16) districts each for Division 1 and Division 2.

District Assignments

1. Factors for Grouping Schools into Districts

- a. Schools shall be placed into football districts in even numbered years. Schools shall be placed into districts annually for all other activities.
 - b. Except in urban areas, geographically contiguous schools shall be placed into districts of no more than ten (10) schools, unless approved by the District Assignment Appeals Committee.
 - c. There shall be no attempt to perpetuate or avoid “old rivalries.”
 - d. Socioeconomic factors are not considered.
 - e. A school may be placed in different districts for different activities to alleviate travel burdens.
 - f. Multiple High School Districts
 - i. School districts with eleven (11) or more schools in the same conference shall have its schools assigned to two (2) or more UIL districts, unless requested otherwise by the superintendent and approved by the UIL Executive Director. Any UIL district resulting from this division with seven (7) or fewer schools may have additional schools assigned to the UIL district by the League office.
 - ii. School districts with seven (7) or fewer schools in the same conference shall have its schools assigned to the same UIL district. Other schools may be assigned to this UIL district by the League office.
 - iii. School districts with schools in different conferences may opt to have one (1) or more of its schools elevated one (1) conference to have its schools assigned to the same UIL district.
2. Changes to Districts
- a. If there is a clerical error in assignment, or if a school has been omitted, UIL staff is authorized to correct the error or omission and will notify effected districts of the correction.
 - b. Appeals to District Assignment
 - i. For the first level of appeal, a school may seek to change its district assignment by receiving ~~unanimous consent of all~~ A MAJORITY VOTE FROM THE schools in both the assigned district and the district to which the school desires to be assigned.
 - ii. If a school is unsuccessful in the first level of appeal, the school may appeal their district assignment to the District Assignment Appeals Committee. All schools will be notified of the deadline for this appeal.
3. Numbering of Districts
- a. District numbering begins in the north or west and culminates in the southern part of the state.
 - b. Schools may be assigned to different regions for different activities.

OTHER RELATED POLICIES

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.

3. 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.

Motion Passed.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Passed the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to require schools to report any time an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is utilized in conjunction with a UIL event, practice or competition
- b. A proposal to amend the Reclassification and Realignment Policies for the 2020-2022 alignment

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Authorized the Staff to Monitor the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to add water polo as a UIL sanctioned activity
- b. A proposal to add Olympic Style weightlifting as a UIL sanctioned activity
- c. A proposal for 6A split conference in football

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICY

Denied, Rejected, or Took No Action on the Following Proposals

- a. A proposal to add disc golf as a UIL sanctioned activity
- b. A proposal to add sports medicine as a UIL sanctioned activity
- c. A proposal to add a competitive Stomp Season for Step Teams as a UIL sanctioned activity
- d. A proposal to add rowing as a UIL sanctioned activity
- e. A proposal to allow students who attend a magnet school that offers UIL sports the opportunity to participate in a sport offered at their zoned school
- f. A proposal to add boys' volleyball as a UIL sanctioned activity
- g. A proposal to keep the reclassification and realignment policies the same for Class A schools for the 2020-2022 alignment
- h. A proposal to add bowling as a UIL sanctioned activity
- i. A proposal to add archery as a UIL sanctioned activity
- j. Proposals to add drill team as a UIL sanctioned activity
- k. A proposal to add STUNT as a UIL sanctioned activity
- l. A proposal to allow parents to request a DEC hearing regarding student-athlete transfer eligibility
- m. A proposal to abolish the No-Pass, No-Play rule
- n. A proposal to extend the amount of days a student may be absent for a post-district activity
- o. A proposal to allow girls to try out for, and if selected, compete on any boys' team or in individual sports compete against boys, whether or not there is a corresponding girls' team or individual competitio

I. Election of Officers for 2018-19

Dr. Mark Henry nominated the following slate of officers for 2018-19: Thomas Randle as Chairperson; Curtis Rhodes as First Vice Chair and JoAnn Bludau as Second Vice Chair.

Jim Vaszauskas seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

J. Announcements

Chair Marshall turned the floor over to Dr. Breithaupt. Dr. Breithaupt presented Mary Huckabay, Superintendent of Hull-Daisetta, with a framed gold medal for her years of service on the Legislative Council. Superintendent Huckabay is retiring at the end of the school year. We congratulate her and wish her the best in retirement. Superintendent Huckabay thanked Dr. Breithaupt and the council for the wonderful experience of serving on the council. She said this has been an incredible part of her life.

Dr. Breithaupt asked Dr. Harrison and Dr. Marshall to assist in the presentation of Shannon Holmes awards. Dr. Holmes was presented, as chair of the council, with a framed gold medal as well as an award. Dr. Breithaupt took the coaching job at Hardin-Jefferson High School and there met Shannon Holmes, an all-state basketball player, who played alongside Jamey Harrison. Dr. Holmes is much more than a basketball player, his leadership is a testament to the type of person he is. Dr. Holmes was a phenomenal athlete and always exemplifies outstanding character. Shannon is incredible. He thanked him for his service as a business manager and superintendent. Dr. Holmes left Hardin-Jefferson ISD, where he has worked for the past 17 years and since 2005 as superintendent. On September 4th, Dr. Holmes took over as Executive Director of The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATEP). We wish Dr. Holmes the best.

Dr. Holmes thanked Dr. Breithaupt and everyone at the UIL and stated this is a world class organization because of Dr. Breithaupt and his staff, Dr. Holmes expressed appreciation for all the UIL does.

Dr. Breithaupt, presented Russell Marshall, as chair of the council, with a framed gold medal as well as an award. We certainly appreciated Dr. Marshall's willingness to step in and fill the role as chair of the council following Dr. Holmes resignation. We can't even begin to tell you what Dr. Marshall has done for public education in his 38 years of service. Dr. Marshall has been on our council for 8 years and has chaired the Standing Committee on Music. Dr. Marshall runs superintendent searches all over this state and has helped many of you get your jobs. Dr. Marshall is retiring next June, the UIL will miss his support and influence in the educational system.

Chair Marshall thanked everyone and stated he was honored to serve as chair. He said he was previously talking to Dr. Henry and stated that in the many roles they serve as superintendents, there isn't anything that brings the feeling of accomplishment and true service to the education community than serving on this committee. Great men and women need to step forward and serve. He thanked everyone who has supported him and his family along the way. He stated he is not going away, he will continue to be a strong supporter of public education and the UIL. Thank you so much to Dr. Breithaupt and Dr. Harrison for their support.

Dr. Robin Ryan stated about 28 years ago, as a 28-year-old coach, he was name defensive coordinator by their head coach. The head football coach also made a great decision in hiring Greg Enis to come onto the staff as the defensive savant. Greg is a quiet and tremendous leader, he didn't tell anyone but today is his last day as superintendent. He has meant so much to so many kids across the State of Texas. Dr. Ryan expressed appreciation of Greg's friendship and leadership. Congratulations to Greg and his well-deserved retirement and for spending his last day as superintendent here with the UIL.

Dr. Breithaupt explained UIL didn't know Greg Enis was retiring, or we would have recognized him with the others. He invited Greg back to a later meeting to be recognized. Thank you, Greg for your service, you have been prenominal.

K. Adjournment

Chair Marshall recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

