

Part VII: History of IHSAA

The first attempt to organize the high schools of Indiana in a single organization for the purpose of handling athletic activities was made in a meeting of the Northern Indiana Teachers' Association held at Richmond in April, 1903. At this time there was a conference of high school principals, and the conference ended with a body of suggested rules and regulations, called the Richmond Agreement. Due to the fact that there was no central organization having executive power, the Richmond Agreement did little more than point the way toward something better.

Principal J. B. Percy, of Anderson, issued a call for a meeting of high school principals interested in a state athletic organization for December 5, 1903. At this meeting, a provisional constitution was adopted. At a similar meeting on December 29, 1903, a final constitution was adopted and a Board of Control of three members was chosen to administer the affairs of the IHSAA.

The first Board of Control was made up of Principal George W. Benton, Shortridge High School, Indianapolis; Superintendent Lotus D. Coffman, Salem; and Principal J. T. Giles, Marion. These men thought and planned well, and we are enjoying the fruits of their vision.

There were fifteen high schools belonging to the IHSAA, March 1, 1904. The membership had a gradual growth through the years, and now includes almost all of the high schools in the state. The peak membership of eight hundred twenty (820) was reached in 1942, the year that private, parochial and institutional schools were admitted to the Association.

In the beginning, one member of the Board of Control served as Secretary but it soon became very evident that this office furnished enough work for a special man. It was also seen that the future of the organization demanded that the office of Secretary be made more permanent than the office of Board Member. Accordingly, at the annual meeting in 1906, the office of Permanent Secretary was established, and Principal J. T. Giles of Marion was chosen by the principals to be the first Permanent Secretary. Principal Giles resigned on December 26, 1912 and Principal Isaac E. Neff, South Bend, was chosen by the principals to succeed him. Principal Neff resigned March 15, 1913, and the Board of Control appointed Principal Arthur L. Trester from Alexandria to serve as Permanent Secretary until the next annual meeting in December, 1913. At this meeting, Principal Trester was chosen by the principals as Permanent Secretary.

The Board of Control consisted of three members, chosen by the principals in their annual meetings, until the annual meeting of October 27, 1916. At this meeting, it was decided to divide the state into five districts for administrative and representative purposes, and that each district should have one representative on the Board of Control, chosen by mail ballot from his own district by the principals of his district.

In September, 1925, by a referendum vote, the principals passed a legislative body proposal calling for four members from each of the five (5) IHSAA districts. The five members of the Board of Control, serving ex officio, and the fifteen other members elected by the principals in a mail vote constituted this legislative body. Prior to this plan, all legislation was done at the annual meeting or by referendum voting by mail. This Legislative Body of twenty members passed on all proposals submitted by the high school principals. It was the law making body of the Association. The plan was considered an advance in state administration and legislation in athletic activities.

On December 13, 1930, the Legislative Body considered and passed without a dissenting vote the provisions for an Athletic Council. The plan in full continued the five IHSAA districts in the state and arranged for five representatives on the Athletic Council from each district by classes determined by enrollments in the high schools, thus making the Athletic Council a body of twenty-five members representing all sizes of high schools and all districts of the state at all times and elected by the high school principals in the membership. A provision was included for the selection of a 5-man Board of Control from the membership of the Athletic Council by the members of the Athletic Council. The Athletic Council took over the duties of the former Legislative Body and was considered the law making body of the Association.

The title "Permanent Secretary," established in 1906, was changed to "Commissioner of High School

Athletics" in October, 1929, by the Legislative Body, and the Commissioner was granted the powers and duties belonging to a Commissioner of Athletics. Mr. Trester continued to serve as Commissioner until the date of his death, September 18, 1944. The Board of Control designated Superintendent Morris E. McCarty of Lafayette to serve as Acting Commissioner. In December, 1944, Principal L.V. Phillips of Vincennes was chosen Commissioner to take office January 1, 1945. In 1944, the Board of Control was given authority to employ an Assistant Commissioner. Robert S. Hinshaw, Director of Athletics at Rushville High School, was chosen in November, 1945, to take office December 10, 1945 to become the first Assistant Commissioner of Athletics for the IHSAA. In July, 1961, Herman F. Keller of Evansville Bosse High School became the second Assistant Commissioner of Athletics after the death of Mr. Hinshaw. On the retirement of L.V. Phillips, July 31, 1962, the Board of Control selected Phil N. Eskew, Superintendent, Huntington Public Schools, as the third Commissioner of Athletics. The Board conferred the title of "Honorary Commissioner" on L.V. Phillips. On August 1, 1969, Ward E. Brown, Principal of Crawfordsville High School, was selected as Assistant Commissioner to work with Mr. Eskew and Mr. Keller, and on January 1, 1972, Miss Patricia L. Roy of East Gary was selected as Director of Girls Athletics for the Association. Mr. Keller retired as Assistant Commissioner on August 1, 1973 and was succeeded by Charles F. Maas, Athletic Director from Arlington High School, Indianapolis. On July 1, 1974, Miss Sue Parrish of Yorktown became the first Assistant Director of Girls Athletics.

Due to the additional Association sponsored sports and the need for more space, the Board of Directors purchased 2.57 acres of land just northwest of 91st and Meridian Streets on August 6, 1975 for the purpose of building the new IHSAA Headquarters. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the 20,000 square foot office building were held April 6, 1976 and the date of occupancy was April 4 and 5, 1977. A formal building dedication and open house was held on Sunday, October 16, 1977 with approximately 500 people in attendance.

On April 26, 1976, the IHSAA was incorporated. Certain corporate laws necessitated limiting the length of staggered terms of elected representatives to three years. Renaming of the Athletic Council as Board of Directors and renaming the Board of Control as Executive Committee followed, along with changing the school classifications from five to three, reducing the number of members on the Board of Directors from 25 to 15 and increasing the number of members on the Executive Committee from 5 to 10.

On November 13, 1992, the Board of Directors voted to add a minority seat/s to the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. This By-Law amendment commences with the December, 1993 election. The minority seats shall be filled by a minority from each of the three classes, with selections rotated through each of the five districts thus increasing the Board of Directors from 15 to 18 members and the Executive Committee from 10 to 12 members when the rotation is completed in 1997.

Phil N. Eskew retired on June 30, 1976 and effective July 1, 1976, Ward E. Brown, Assistant Commissioner, became the fourth Commissioner; the title of "Commissioner Emeritus" was bestowed upon Phil N. Eskew; and C. Eugene Cato, former Superintendent, Jay County Schools, became Assistant Commissioner.

Mildred M. Ball of East Chicago Washington High School was appointed Assistant Commissioner to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Assistant Director of Girls Athletics Sue Parrish. Titles of Director and Assistant Director of Girls Athletics were officially changed to Assistant Commissioner effective July 1, 1977.

Ward E. Brown retired as Commissioner on June 30, 1983 and effective July 1, 1983, C. Eugene Cato, Assistant Commissioner, became the fifth Commissioner. Ray Craft, former Principal of Shelbyville High School, became the new Assistant Commissioner on July 1, 1983.

On November 18, 1983, the Executive Committee approved employing a Sports Information Director to assist in communications with the news media. Bob Williams, former sportswriter for the Indianapolis Star, was appointed to fill this position and began his duties on July 1, 1984.

Charles F. Maas, Assistant Commissioner since August 1, 1973, passed away after a long illness on November 27, 1984. Robert B. Gardner, former Principal of Milan High School, was selected to fill this vacancy and began his duties on February 18, 1985.

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Bob Williams retired as the first Sports Information Director on June 30, 1994. Jim Russell, sports-writer for the Indianapolis News, was appointed to fill this position and began his duties on July 1, 1994.

On January 13, 1995, C. Eugene Cato retired as Commissioner. On October 13, 1994, the Executive Committee appointed Robert B. Gardner as the next Commissioner. He began his duties on January 13, 1995. Blake Ress, former Principal of Martinsville High School, was named the new Assistant Commissioner on December 16, 1994.

On April 29, 1996, the Board of Directors voted 12-5 to implement multiple classes for tournament play in team sports beginning in the 1997-98 school year. Twenty principals in each of the five IHSAA legislative districts signed petitions calling for a referendum on the multiple class tournament adoption by the Board of Directors. The referendum vote was held with all ballots to be received by September 16, 1996. The action of the Board of Directors was upheld by the principals in a vote of 220 in favor and 157 opposed.

On December 12, 1997, after 20 years of service, Assistant Commissioner Mildred Morgan Ball announced her retirement, effective June 30, 1997. On March 21, 1997, Theresa Wynns, Principal, Creston Middle School, Indianapolis, and long-time IHSAA licensed official, was appointed as the new Assistant Commissioner and began her duties on July 1, 1997.

On February 19, 1999, after 27½ years of service, Assistant Commissioner Patricia Roy announced her retirement, effective June 30, 1999. Sandy Searcy, Girls Athletic Director and Swimming Coach at Bloomington North High School was appointed as the new Assistant Commissioner on May 3, 1999, and began her duties on July 1, 1999.

On March 27, 2000, after 15 years of service, including 5½ as Commissioner, Robert B. Gardner announced his resignation to become Chief Operating Officer of the Indianapolis-based National Federation of State High School Associations. On April 10, 2000, the Executive Committee appointed Assistant Commissioner Blake Ress as the next Commissioner. He began his duties July 1, 2000. On June 16, 2000, Bobby Cox, Athletic Director at Carmel High School was named as the new Assistant Commissioner. He also began his duties July 1, 2000.

In May of 2000, the Association's Board of Directors adopted language regarding a "Case Review Panel" enacted by the Indiana General Assembly as an alternative to legal action when a party disagrees with the Association's final decision. The Case Review Panel is comprised of nine individuals, including the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction or his/her designee who would serve as the Panel's chairperson.

At its annual meeting in April of 2001, the Board of Directors voted to reduce the number of legislative districts from five to three effective with the 2001-02 school year. A restructuring of the Board's makeup also ensued with the number of high school classifications increasing from three to four thus ensuring representation of each competition class. The Board of Directors will continue to have 18 seats, with six seats being filled by two females, two minorities and two urban school representatives.

On December 7, 2001, after 7½ years of service, Sports Information Director Jim Russell announced his resignation to become Executive Director of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, whose national headquarters are based locally. On January 10, 2002, Jerry Baker, with his recognizable television voice that has been associated with IHSAA football and basketball tournaments since 1978, was named Sports Information Director.

On December 1, 2004, after nearly three years of service, Baker announced his resignation from his post. On December 16, Commissioner Blake Ress announced that Jason Wille, the IHSAA's Assistant Sports Information Director and an employee of 9½ years, was named Sports Information Director.

On January 26, 2005, Commissioner Ress announced the hiring of Joe Gentry as Communications Director, a new position in the Association's Office. Gentry joined the IHSAA after a 17-year career as Sports Information Director for the University of Indianapolis.

At its May 1, 2006 meeting, the IHSAA Board of Directors approved adding a 19th seat to its body reserved for a private school representative. The seat would be filled beginning with the 2007-08 school year.

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Gentry resigned his post as Communications Director in September, 2006 to return to his alma mater as Butler University's Director of Sports Marketing and Corporate Sponsorships.

Ress announced the hiring of Chris Kaufman as Communications Director on November 28, 2006. Kaufman joined the Association Office after a 16-year career at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, the last eight as the school's Director of Marketing and Communications.

On February 21, 2008, Associate Commissioner Ray Craft announced his retirement effective June 30, 2008. Craft was appointed Assistant Commissioner in July, 1983, and later promoted to Associate Commissioner in 1994. He also served on the IHSAA Board of Directors from 1980-83 while Principal at Shelbyville High School.

On April 28, 2008, Phillip E. Gardner, Principal at Wes-Del High School and a member of the IHSAA Board of Directors, was selected by the Executive Committee to serve as an Assistant Commissioner filling the vacancy left by Craft. Gardner joined the Association Office after serving 14 years as Principal at Wes-Del (1994-2008) and previously was Principal at Cowan for seven years (1987-94). As a member of the Board of Directors, Gardner had one of the longest tenures in Association history having served continuously since 1990. He was elected president of that group in 1995-96 and also elected chairman of the Executive Committee in 1999-00 and 2002-03.

The primary purpose of the organizers of the IHSAA, to manage and to foster high school athletics on a high plane, has been upheld as an ideal through the life of the IHSAA. New and advanced steps have been taken whenever conditions made them necessary. In the beginning, the Association concerned itself largely with track and football. As time went on it became increasingly evident that the IHSAA should assume the initiative for a well-balanced athletic program to meet the needs of all schools and all students desiring to participate in athletics. The Association now sanctions 10 different sports for boys and 10 different sports for girls. Seasons culminate with State Championships in all 10 sports for boys and all 10 sports for girls.

A study of the persons who have served on the Executive Committee (formerly Board of Control) through the years will show clearly that the activities of the IHSAA have been in good hands. The titles and addresses are given as they were when the members served. A complete list of former members follows:

(Key: * Deceased; † Year served as Chairman)

NOTE: years prior to 1947 were calendar years.

*Abbott, M. J., Prin., Bedford, 1919-20, 21†
*Adams, Douglas V. Prin., Michigan City Rogers, 1981-82, 82-83, 84-85, 85-86, 86-87, 87-88
*Adams, John, Coach, Vincennes, 1925-26, 27†
*Adamson, George T., Sandborn, 1952-53
*Albaugh, C. F., Prin., LaFontaine, 1925-26, 27†
*Albright, Otto, Prin., Cayuga, 1949-50, 54-55, 59-60†, 64-65, 66-67
*Allman, H. B. Supt., Angola, 1922-23, 24†
Alspaugh, Nancy, Prin., Manchester, 2004-05, 05-06, 06-07, 07-08, 08-09
Amerson, Bill, Prin., Jeffersonville, 2004-05, 05-06
*Ammerman, K. V., Indpls. Manual Training, 1920-21, 22†, 37, 42
Amrhein, Ray C., Supt., Brookville, 1974-75
*Anderson, Roger L., Prin., Sandcreek (Greensburg), 1965-66†
*Aylesworth, Wallace, Prin., Portage Twp., Gary, 1953-54
Babcock, James, Prin., Paoli, 1992-93, 93-94, 95-96, 96-97†
*Baird, Lee O., County Supt., Muncie, 1924-25, 26†
*Baker, Floyd H., Asst. Prin., North Webster, 1962-63
*Baker, Wyant E., Prin., Vincennes Lincoln, 1973-74
Barnett, Linda, A.D., Clinton Central, 2000-01, 01-02, 02-03, 03-04
Barrett, Randy, Prin., Brown County, 2002-03; Supt., Eastern Greene 03-04, 04-05, 06-07, 07-08
Bastin, John, Asst. Prin., Centerville, 1970-71

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*Beabout, H. Ralph, Prin., Plymouth, 1945, 50-51†
 *Benedict, H. C., Supt., Vevay, 1949-50, 54-55
 *Benton, George W., Prin., Indpls. Shortridge, 1904†, 05-07
 Blackburn, Mike, A.D., Northwestern, 1996-97, 97-98, 99-00, 2000-01
 *Blemker, Earl E., Supt., Covington, 1962-63
 *Boardman, Thomas, Prin., Coesse, 1942-43
 *Boyd, E. C., Supt., Clinton, 1946-47†, 52-53†, 57-58
 Breck, Bill, Prin., Franklin, 1972-73, 77-78, 78-79
 *Breck, J. W. O., Prin., Shelbyville, 1942, 47-48
 *Brown, Ward E., Prin., Crawfordsville, 1967-68
 Bunda, Dennis, A.D., Calumet, 2002-03, 03-04, 04-05
 Burdsall, Orvis, Prin., Alexandria-Monroe, 1973-74†, 78-79, 79-80†, 82-83, 83-84, 85-86, 86-87
 *Busenburg, F. L., Columbus, 1921-22, 23†
 *Caldwell, Shelly M., Prin., Lancaster Central (Bluffton), 1949-50
 *Callaway, Russell C., Prin., Jamestown, 1945
 *Campbell, Arthur, Supt., Anderson, 1937
 *Carson, C. C., Supt., Pendleton, 1920
 Casbon, Curtis, Prin., Morgan Township, 2001-02, 02-03
 *Case, William T., South Knox (Monroe City), 1975-76
 *Chastain, Loren, Prin., Muncie Central, 1952-53, 57-58†
 Cline, Hubert M., A.D., Prairie Heights (LaGrange), 1964-65
 *Coffman, Lotus D., Supt., Salem, 1904, 05†, 06-07
 *Costello, Leo J., Supt., Loogootee, 1955-56, 60-61†
 Cox, Dale E., A.D., LaVille (Lakeville), 1976-77
 Cox, Steve, Prin., Beech Grove, 2008-09
 Craft, Ray, Prin., Shelbyville, 1981-82, 82-83
 Crafton, Dale, Prin., New Washington, 1996-97, 97-98, 99-00, 2000-01†
 *Crawley, Marion L., A.D., Lafayette Jefferson, 1959-60
 *Croninger, F. H., Prin., Fort Wayne, 1940
 Cunningham, Dan, Prin., Owen Valley, 1999-00, 2000-01, 01-02
 *Curry, William R., Supt., Mooresville, 1972-73†
 Daugherty, Wayne, A.D., Switzerland County (Vevay), 1976-77
 Davis, George R., Asst. Supt., Northwestern (Kokomo), 1967-68
 *Davis, Keith, Prin., North Liberty, 1976-77, 77-78
 *Davis, Lester D., Prin., Warsaw, 1963-64†
 *Davis, Maurice N., Prin., Fort Wayne Snider, 1970-71†
 Day, Charles E., Prin., Liberty Center, 1954-55, 59-60
 Day, Robert E., Prin., Harrison (West Lafayette), 1974-75, 78-79, 79-80
 Delagrange, Jacob J., Prin., New Haven, 1977-78, 78-79†, 83-84, 84-85†, 86-87, 87-88, 89-90, 90-91
 DeLong, Phillip, Prin., Castle, 2006-07, 07-08, 08-09
 *Denny, W. A., Prin., Anderson, 1915-17†, 19
 DeSantis, Frank, A.D., Bremen, 1995-96, 96-97, 98-99
 Diagostino, Jim, Prin., Tri-West Hendricks, 2008-09
 *Dick, Harold M., Prin., Bunker Hill, 1953-54
 Dillow, Priscilla, Asst. A.D., Ben Davis, 1995-96, 96-97, A.D., 98-99, 99-00
 *Dold, James W., Prin., Washington Twp., 1968-69, 73-74, 77-78, 78-79
 *Dubois, Hubert A., Supt., Oak Hill (Converse), 1958-59
 DuBois, Roland L., Prin., Fairmount, 1956-57
 *Dunbar, Elmer G., Prin., Bedford, 1969-70
 Early, James L., Prin., South Bend Jackson, 1970-71

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*Elabarger, A. L., Prin., Waynetown, 1918
 Elder, Don, Prin., Monroe Central (Parker), 1980-81, 81-82
 Eller, Dennis, Prin., Rochester, 1997-98, 98-99†, 2000-01, 01-02
 *Elliott, C. H., Butler, 1952-53
 *Eppley, G. G., Prin., Francesville, 1922-25, 26†
 Erne, Judson S., Prin., Columbus, 1962-63, 67-68†
 Erwin, Cecil R., Benton Central (Oxford), 1971-72
 *Eskew, Phil N., Prin., Wabash, 1951-52
 *Eve, Lee L., Prin., South Whitley, 1936-37†
 Falls, Robert, A.D., Michigan City, 2007-08, 08-09
 Faulkens, Robert, Prin., Indianapolis Crispus Attucks, 2008-09
 Feist, Jim, Prin., Eastern (Pekin), 2001-02, 02-03, 03-04, 04-05
 *Fellmy, W. S., Prin., Edwardsport, 1931-32, 33†, 34-35, 36†, 41
 Fike, Elbert L., Asst. Supt., North Montgomery, 1970-71
 Ford, Phillip, A.D., Jay County, 2006-07, 07-08, 08-09
 *Fortner, J. Ord, Prin., West Terre Haute, 1926-27, 28†
 Fortner, Knofel E., Supt., West Washington, 1970-71
 *French, John M., Prin., LaPorte, 1939
 *Fribley, E. F., Prin., Auburn, 1935-36
 Fulford, James D., Prin., Owen Valley (Spencer), 1968-69†, 81-82, 82-83, 84-85, 85-86, 87-88, 88-89
 *Funk, James O., Prin., Huntington (Roanoke), 1969-70
 Gambaiani, Larry, Supt., Rockville, 1985-86, 86-87, 88-89, 89-90†, 91-92, 92-93; Asst. Supt., M.S.D. Washington Twp., 1995-96, 96-97
 Gardner, Phillip E., Prin., Cowan, 1992-93, 93-94; Wes-Del, 95-96, 96-97, 97-98, 98-99, 99-00†, 2001-02, 02-03†, 03-04, 04-05, 05-06, 06-07, 07-08
 Gardner, Robert B., Prin., Milan, 1983-84, 84-85
 Genet, Rebecca, Teacher, Perry Central, 1997-98, 98-99
 *Giles, J. T., Prin., Marion, 1904-06†
 *Gilroy, J. F., A.D., Gary, 1921
 *Gorman, Fred R., A.D., Indpls. Technical, 1934-35†, 36, 41
 *Gridley, James, A.D., Rushville, 1968-69
 Griffith, Bill, Prin., Harding, 1992-93, 93-94, Churubusco, 95-96, 96-97
 Grove, Tim, Prin., North Knox, 2008-09
 *Hallett, Herman, Prin., New Richmond, 1931-34
 Hammel, John F., Coach, Angola, 1972-73
 *Haworth, C. V., Prin., Kokomo, 1913† -14-15†
 *Heath, Ralph, Prin., Daleville, 1950-51
 *Henwood, Maynard, Prin., New Haven, 1965-66
 Herbert, David J., Supt., Mitchell, 1980-81, 81-82
 Herzog, Guenther, Prin., Fort Wayne Concordia, 1980-81, 81-82†
 Hettler, W. James, A.D., Fairfield (Goshen), 1978-79, 79-80
 *Higgins, Eugene O., Supt., Greenfield, 1939
 *Hill, Howard M., Prin., Winchester, 1940-41†
 Hilton, Charles, A.D., Richmond, 1976-77, 77-78
 *Hines, Floyd A., Supt., Cambridge City, 1944
 *Hines, L. N., Supt., Hartford City, 1908-10†
 *Hinshaw, Robert S., A.D., Rushville, 1938, 43
 *Hobbs, Lawrence, Prin., Sheridan, 1948-49, 53-54
 Hoskins, Phil, Prin., Fairfield, 2001-02, 02-03, 03-04, 04-05, 05-06, 06-07, 07-08, 08-09†
 Howe, Daniel G., Prin., Fort Wayne North Side, 1985-86, 86-87, 88-89, 89-90
 Howell, Ken, Prin., Blue River Valley, 2008-09

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*Hubner, Norman J., A.D., LaPorte, 1964-65, 69-70†
 Huddleston, Eugene, Prin., Straughn, 1961-62, 66-67
 *Hull, J. Fred, Supt., Kentland, 1927-28, 29†
 *Hurley, Charles, Prin., Jennings County (North Vernon), 1984-85, 85-86, 87-88, 88-89†, 90-91, 91-92
 Hurst, Loyd R., County Supt., Greencastle, 1958-59
 Jerrels, Jed, Prin., North Daviess, 2006-07, 07-08, 08-09
 *Johnson, Harold S., Prin., Huntington, 1960-61
 *Johnson, R. C., Prin., Rochester, 1918-19, 20†
 *Johnson, R. W., Prin., Bluffton, 1917-18
 *Johnson, William, Asst. Prin., Bedford-North Lawrence, 1976-77, 77-78
 *Jones, Harry A., Prin., Clarksville, 1951-52
 *Jones, Robert G., Prin., Huntsville (Modoc), 1946-47, 51-52†, 56-57†
 Jones, Warren, Supt., Michigan City, 1979-80, 80-81
 *Julian, Roy B., Prin., Southport, 1923-24, 25†, 31-34
 Kaser, David, Prin., South Bend Washington, 1994-95, 95-96, 97-98
 Keenan, Sue, Asst. A.D., Lakeland, 1999-00
 *Keller, Herman F., Coach, Evansville Bosse, 1953-54†, 58-59
 *King, Hubert, Prin., Knightstown, 1918
 Knauff, Myron C., Asst. Supt., Valparaiso, 1967-68, 72-73
 *Knouff, C. W., Prin., Wabash, 1907-09
 LaGrange, Joe, Prin., Perry Central (Leopold), 1987-88, 88-89, 90-91, 91-92
 *Lambert, Robert, Prin., Columbus, 1930-31, 32†
 *Leffell, James, Supt., Warsaw, 1919-21
 Leffler, J. Michael, Asst. Supt., Pike (Indpls.), 1976-77, 77-78
 Lehman, Doyle, Supt., Adams Central (Monroe), 1976-77, 77-78†, 81-82, 82-83
 Liechty, R. M., Asst. Prin., Honey Creek (Terre Haute), 1965-66, 71-72†
 *Lind, Charles B., Prin., Switz City, 1946-47
 *Lloyd, Harold A., Prin., Bedford, 1948-49
 Loehr, Elmer H., Prin., Huntingburg, 1954-55, 59-60
 *Logan, Wm. M., Prin., Pittsboro, 1955-56
 Logsdon, Al, Prin., Heritage Hills, 1998-99, 99-00
 *Longenecker, Glen, Prin., Syracuse, 1957-58
 Lonzo, Lee, Asst. Prin., Carmel, 2001-02, 02-03, 03-04, 04-05†, 05-06, 06-07
 Mahan, Robert M., Supt., North Harrison (Ramsey), 1977-78, 78-79
 *Manhart, C. D., Prin., Petersburg, 1939-44
 Mapes, Patrick, Prin., Delta, 2000-01, 01-02, 02-03, 03-04, Asst. Supt., 04-05, 05-06†
 Marks, John, Prin., Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, 2007-08, 08-09
 *Martin, L. S., Prin., Muncie, 1929
 Mayrose, Jack, Prin., Staunton, 1979-80, 80-81
 *McCarty, Morris E., Supt., Lafayette, 1944†
 *McClure, J. H., Fort Wayne South Side, 1950-51
 *McCullough, H. T., Asst. Prin., Crawfordsville, 1956-57†, 61-62
 *McElroy, F. D., Prin., Hammond, 1917
 McGlothlin, Lowell E., Prin., Holland, 1967-68, 72-73
 *McMurray, Floyd I., Supt., Thorntown, 1929-30, 31†
 *McNeely, Dale, Prin., Cannelton, 1993-94, 94-95
 *McSwane, Harold, Prin., Fort Wayne, 1947-48†
 *Miller, Amzie, Prin., New Prairie (New Carlisle), 1975-76, 82-83, 83-84, 85-86, 86-87
 *Miller, Claude, Prin., Jasper, 1940
 Miller, Herman E., County Supt., Jeffersonville, 1965-66

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*Miller, Kenneth D., Prin., North Putnam (Roachdale), 1969-70, 74-75
 *Miller, Lloyd W., Prin., Auburn, 1961-62, 66-67†
 *Miller, R. B., Prin., Hammond, 1949-50†, 54-55
 *Minnear, E. V., Prin., Garrett, 1941, 46-47
 Mitchell, Max L., Prin., Fremont, 1974-75
 *Mohler, J.A., Prin., Scottsburg, 1935
 *Montgomery, E.W., Prin., Mount Vernon, 1912-14†
 *Moorhead, William H., Prin., South Ripley (Versailles), 1975-76, 76-77, 77-78, 78-79, 79-80, 80-81
 *Mourer, Harry H., Prin., Greenfield, 1930
 *Mutterspaugh, Emerson, North Montgomery, 1975-76
 Myers, Robert L., Supt., Knightstown, 1969-70
 Necessary, Michael, Prin., Winchester, 1997-98, 98-99, 2000-01, 01-02
 *Neff, Isaac E., Prin., South Bend, 1910-12†
 Neidig, Paul, A.D., Evansville Central, 2004-05, 05-06, 06-07†, 07-08, 08-09
 *Newgent, Harold, Coach, Lawrenceburg, 1931-33, 34†
 Niemeyer, Harry D., Prin., West Lebanon, 1950-51
 *Nixon, Harry, County Supt., Portland, 1927-28, 29†
 Noble, Pam, A.D., Connersville, 2001-02, 02-03, 03-04, 04-05, 05-06, 06-07, 07-08, 08-09
 Noblitt, Don, Prin., Jasper, 1982-83, 83-84, 85-86, 86-87†
 *Northrop, M. H., Prin., Fort Wayne North Side, 1945
 *O'Neill, Leo C., A.D., Jasper, 1964-65
 *Page, Lester, Prin., Loogootee, 1971-72
 *Park, Fred F., Prin., Bluffton, 1971-72
 Parker, Lanny, Prin., Wapahani (Selma), 1986-87, 87-88, 89-90
 *Parker, Lester M., Prin., Royal Center, 1961-62†
 *Paschen, Everett, Prin., Spencerville, 1948-49
 Penrod, Geoff, A.D., Columbia City, 2003-04, 04-05, 05-06, 06-07, 07-08, 08-09
 *Phillips, G. Warren, Prin., Hebron, 1937-38, 39†, 40†
 *Phillips, L.V., Prin., Vincennes, 1943
 Pinkerton, Larry, Prin., Plymouth, 1988-89, 89-90, 91-92, 92-93†, 94-95, 95-96
 Pitman, Herman E., Prin., North Harrison (Ramsey), 1986-87, 87-88, 89-90, 90-91
 Pittman, James, Prin., Vincennes Lincoln, 1997-98, 98-99
 *Posey, Elmer, Prin., Freelandville, 1922-23, 24†
 Powell, Michael, Prin., Mississinewa, 1998-99, 99-00, 2001-02, 02-03, 03-04, 04-05
 *Prage, Herman M. J., Prin., Lanesville, 1947-48
 Pruitt-Green, Karyle, Prin., Triton Central, 1997-98
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