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OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR 2010 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OHSAA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

RESULTS:

831 SENT
587 RECEIVED
11 INVALID

(Ballots were counted by Dr. Daniel B. Ross, Commissioner, Dr. Deborah B. Moore, Associate Commissioner for Eligibility, Molly Downard, Executive Administrative Assistant, Angie Lawler, Administrative Assistant, Kim Zaborniak, Administrative Assistant and Jeremy Froehlich, Athletic Director, Brookhaven High School.)

BALLOT FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OHSAA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (GRADES 9-12)

NOTE: ALL ISSUES HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR REFERENDUM BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Complete Text and Comments pertaining to each referendum issue were distributed at the Athletic Discussion Meetings and can be viewed at www.ohsaa.org

<u>FAVOR</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>	
<u>545</u>	<u>42</u>	1 C	<p>CONSTITUTION–Article 3, Sections 1, 2 &3- Membership Amend to: Stipulate annual membership renewal; Clarify requirements for initial and continued membership including sponsorship of two sports per season with tournament participation; and Stipulate that a school's membership shall be temporarily suspended if the district or school suspends sponsorship of interscholastic athletics</p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<u>504</u>	<u>80</u>	2 C	<p>CONSTITUTION – 8-1-1– Amendments Amend 8-1-1 to permit the Board to change a bylaw or constitutional article in the event of a court-ordered or proposed or actual legislative action that makes a change to the OHSAA bylaws or constitution</p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<u>552</u>	<u>35</u>	1 B	<p>BYLAWS- 4-1-1 Eligibility Amend 4-1-1 to permit a student who is ineligible to regain eligibility <i>if the student has met all of the substantive eligibility requirements of this Bylaw 4 but is declared ineligible due solely to an administrative error on the part of the school/school personnel, the Commissioner's Office may, in its absolute and sole discretion, restore eligibility to that student (prospectively and retroactively) provided it can be shown that the student's actions or failure to act did not contribute in any way to the administrative error that caused the declaration of ineligibility in the first place. Notwithstanding the restoration of eligibility, the school may be subject to additional penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.</i></p> <p>If passed, effective August 1, 2010</p>
<u>524</u>	<u>63</u>	2 B	<p>BYLAWS- 4-3-1 Enrollment and Attendance Amend Exception Six (home schooled student) To require that <i>Such partial enrollment policy requires that at least one of the courses be taken at the school's physical location</i></p> <p>If passed, effective August 1, 2010</p>

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<u>517</u>	<u>69</u>	3 B	<p>BYLAWS – 4-3-1- Enrollment and Attendance Add Exception Seven <i>A student enrolled in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) school that is established under Chapter 3326 of the Revised Code is eligible to participate at the member school where the student would be entitled to attend provided the STEM school does not sponsor interscholastic athletics and the student is counted on the EMIS report for the member high school.</i></p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<u>577</u>	<u>8</u>	4 B	<p>BYLAWS – 4-4-1 - Scholarship Amend 4-4-1 to stipulate that: <i>For the purpose of this Bylaw 4, Section 4, the term "grading period" is defined as the school's Board-adopted calendar (e.g., six week, nine week, 12 week or semester) and does not mean an interim marking period.</i></p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<u>565</u>	<u>20</u>	5 B	<p>BYLAWS – 4-6-3 – Parents Reside Outside of Ohio within the United States Add Exception Seven to permit <i>A student who has been enrolled in an Ohio school pursuant to the Interstate Compact of Educational Opportunities for Military Children may be declared eligible at a member school upon submission of a special power of attorney, relative to the custody or guardianship of a child of a military family and executed under applicable law. The student shall be ineligible until ruled eligible by the Commissioner's office.</i></p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> <u>548</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u> <u>34</u>	<u>ISSUE</u> 6 B	<p>BYLAWS – 4-7-2 – Transfer Amend Exceptions one and two as follows: EXCEPTION 1 — If the parents or legal guardian have made a bona fide legal change of residence from one public school district to another public school district, and such move has taken place within the last calendar year...</p> <p>EXCEPTION 3 — If, and only if, either one of the parents in a Shared Parenting Plan, notwithstanding any provisions therein to the contrary, makes a bona fide legal change of residence from one public school district into another public school district, and such move has taken place within the last calendar year...</p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> <u>558</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u> <u>28</u>	<u>ISSUE</u> 7 B	<p>BYLAWS - 4-7-2 - Transfer Amend Exception 4: If the <i>high school, which is either the high school in a single high school public school district or a non-public high school</i>, in which the student is enrolled closes <i>or discontinues its high school program after grade nine</i>, the student may enroll in any school and be immediately eligible insofar as transfer is concerned.</p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> <u>516</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u> <u>66</u>	<u>ISSUE</u> 8 B	<p>BYLAWS - 4-7-2 -Transfer Add Exception 12: <i>A student returning from a domestic exchange program with whom the member school has partnered may be declared eligible insofar as the transfer bylaw is concerned if all the following conditions have been met:</i> <i>a. the domestic exchange program exists primarily for academic and educational learning experiences; and</i> <i>b. the student receives credits that apply towards the student's graduation in the Ohio member school for the student's work in this domestic exchange program; and</i> <i>c. in the event the student did participate in interscholastic athletics while enrolled in this domestic exchange program, the student's athletic participation was secondary to his/her academic and educational reasons for participation in this program; and</i> <i>d. the domestic exchange program has, in its curriculum guide, a structured beginning and end to the program itself; and</i> <i>e. the student shall be ineligible until declared eligible by the Commissioner's upon submission of the designated OHSAA approval form</i></p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> <u>496</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u> <u>89</u>	<u>ISSUE</u> 9 B	<p>BYLAWS - 4-7-3 – Transfer during a sports season Amend as follows: If a transfer takes place during the sport season in which the student has participated in a <i>regular season</i> interscholastic contest in a sport, the student is ineligible in that sport for the remainder of that sport's season</p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<u>FAVOR</u> <u>532</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u> <u>49</u>	<u>ISSUE</u> 10 B	<p>BYLAWS - 4-7-5 – Transfer from poor-performing school Amend adding Note: <i>Note: The student shall be entitled to one transfer only under the provisions set forth in this bylaw.</i></p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>

<p><u>FAVOR</u></p> <p><u>516</u></p>	<p><u>OPPOSE</u></p> <p><u>62</u></p>	<p><u>ISSUE</u></p> <p>11 B</p>	<p><u>BYLAWS – 4-7-6 & 4-7-7 – Transfer within a multiple high school public district or non-public system</u></p> <p>Amend both bylaws by amending the following:</p> <p>4-7-6</p> <p>2) The transfer and the request for approval takes place prior to the beginning of the school year; and</p> <p>3) The District petitions the Commissioner's office for the restoration of eligibility for the student <u>no later than 15 school days after the beginning of the school year</u>; and</p> <p>4) The student is <u>ineligible until</u> ruled eligible by the Commissioner's office</p> <p>4-7-7</p> <p>2) The transfer and the request for approval takes place prior to the beginning of the school year; and</p> <p>3) The superintendent or other administrative authority of the system petitions the Commissioner's office for the restoration of eligibility for the student verifying in detail the specific reason for the transfer in accordance with item #1 and certifying that the transfer is not for athletic reasons <u>no later than 15 school days after the beginning of the school year</u>; and</p> <p>4) The student is <u>ineligible until</u> ruled eligible by the Commissioner's office.</p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<p><u>FAVOR</u></p> <p><u>517</u></p>	<p><u>OPPOSE</u></p> <p><u>63</u></p>	<p><u>ISSUE</u></p> <p>12 B</p>	<p><u>BYLAWS- 4-8-1 – International and Exchange Students</u></p> <p>Amend Exceptions one and two as follows:</p> <p>4-8-1 – <u>An International Student</u> is a student from a country or Province <u>from</u> outside the United States. International Students are ineligible for interscholastic athletics in Ohio unless he or she <u>they can meet one of the exceptions below.</u></p> <p>EXCEPTION 1: <u>An International Student</u> may be declared eligible if the student's parents <u>have made a bona fide legal change of residence</u> into Ohio and the school district in which the <u>International Student</u> is enrolled and attending an <u>Ohio member school</u>. The student is not eligible until declared eligible by the Commissioner's office. <u>The student is ineligible until ruled eligible by the Commissioner's office.</u></p> <p>EXCEPTION 2: <u>The International Student who is a participant in a recognized visitor exchange program</u> may be eligible for interscholastic athletics <u>subject to the restrictions and conditions set forth below:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>The International Student may be eligible for a maximum of one school year which is the first year of enrollment at the Ohio member school.</u> <u>The International Student has not previously participated in any other foreign visitor exchange program in the United States. If the International Student has participated in another visitor exchange program in Ohio or any other State, the period of participation in that other program shall count against the one year maximum eligibility set forth in (a) above.</u> <u>The International Student is in this country pursuant to a J-1 Visa. No other visa type, passport or other documentation shall qualify the student for eligibility under this exception.</u> <u>There shall be no evidence of a direct placement for athletic purposes into a specific member school in Ohio.</u> <u>No more than five (5) International Students from the same visitor exchange program, in one member school, shall be permitted to be eligible.</u> <u>The member school at which the International Student wishes to be declared eligible for interscholastic athletic participation must submit the appropriate forms to the Commissioner's Office, and the student and school must cooperate with the Commissioner's Office in determining that all other requirements for eligibility have been satisfied.</u> <p>The International Student described in this Exception 2 shall be ineligible until declared eligible by the Commissioner's office upon submission of the exchange student <u>appropriate</u> form.</p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>
<p><u>FAVOR</u></p> <p><u>246</u></p>	<p><u>OPPOSE</u></p> <p><u>338</u></p>	<p><u>ISSUE</u></p> <p>13 B</p>	<p><u>BYLAWS- 4-8-1 – International and Exchange Students – Issue originally submitted via petition from Gates Mills Gilmour Academy, 2008</u></p> <p>Add Exception Five:</p> <p><u>An International student who is enrolled in a member school may be eligible for interscholastic athletics at that member school subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth below:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>The member school in which the International student is enrolled is a boarding school in which at least 35% of the entire school enrollment are boarders; and</u> <u>The International student shall be a boarder with the member school and as such, the school stands in loco parentis; and</u> <u>The International student shall meet all other eligibility standards of the OHSAA including age, semesters, scholarship, etc.; and</u> <u>The International student's reason for enrolling in the member school is not primarily for athletic purposes; and</u> <p><u>The student is ineligible until ruled eligible by the Commissioner's office; however, once ruled eligible, the ruling shall be valid for the current school year only. The student shall reapply for eligibility for each successive year that he/she is enrolled as a boarder in the member school.</u></p> <p>If passed effective date August 1, 2010</p>

FAVOR	OPPOSE	ISSUE	BYLAWS – 4-8-2 – Ohio Student Returning from an International Exchange Program
<u>546</u>	<u>27</u>	14 B	<p>Amend to read: An Ohio student returning from an foreign <u>International</u> exchange program may resume interscholastic competition in <u>the same</u> an Ohio member school from which the student left at the point of interruption of the student's Ohio education provided the student meets all requirements relative to age, semesters of eligibility as well as preceding grading period scholastic requirements <u>upon return to the member high school</u>. Such a student is ineligible until ruled eligible by the Commissioner's office. or Board of Directors.</p> <p>If passed, effective date August 1, 2010</p>

To be voted on by the **high school principal**.

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