

The following are the preliminary minutes from the April 2, 2009, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its May 7, 2009, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (April 2, 2009)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room of the OHSAA office building on April 2, 2009. President Mike Richards called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Steve Stirn and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Richards.

Board Members Present: Mike Richards, president; Keith Bell, vice president; Teresa Alberts; Gene Klaus; Bill Koppel; Rocco Nero; Steve Stirn; Rock VanFossen; Jay Wolfe, and Jeff Jordan (ex-officio) and Tom Farbizo (ex-officio).

Administrative Staff Present: Bob Goldring and Deborah B. Moore, associate commissioners; Steve Neil, Roxanne Price; Jerry Snodgrass, and Henry Zaborniak Jr., assistant commissioners, and Tim Stried, director of information services. **Administrative Staff Excused:** Dan Ross, commissioner.

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Andrea Rossi, OHSAA assistant comptroller; Frank Gamble, Tony Cleveland and Matt Lattig, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Dennis Shoemaker and Dean Clark, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Greg Coulls, Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association; Jay Niswonger, Dick Kerschbaum, Bob Brigati, Mike Mauk and Wally Hood, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Mark Ferfolia, Ohio High School Hockey Coaches Association; John Johnson, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Mike Griggs and Dan Peterkoski, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelter, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Scott Taylor, Kaye Keller, Tracey Kornau and Alyse Consiglio, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Ron Knight, former OHSAA Board of Directors member; Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; Joe Webb, principal, Clyde High School; Bob Bishop, athletic administrator, Clyde High School, and Tony Munafo, assistant principal/athletic administrator, Huron High School; Ron Ferguson and his son; Gregory Isler, Bill Pozsgai and Marty Hill; Bob Bayt and Joe Micunas; Brenda Sorrell and her daughter; and David and Ann Harry.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Rocco Nero to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the April 2, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Steve Stirn to **approve** the minutes from the February 12, 2009, Board of Directors meeting and the March 27, 2009, Board of Directors special breakfast meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Financial Report

Assistant Comptroller Andrea Rossi provided the financial report for February. The report is summarized as follows:

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| Balance — January 31, 2009 | \$253,877.03 |
| Receipts — February 2009 | <u>683,241.92</u> |
| | \$937,118.95 |
| Disbursements — February 2009 | <u>396,041.62</u> |
| | \$541,077.33 |
| Accounted for as follows: | |
| Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (2/28/09) | \$598,556.84 |
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| Less Outstanding Checks | <u>57,479.51</u> |
| Balance — February 28, 2009 | \$541,077.33 |
| Available Funds — February 28, 2009 | |
| Bank Balance | \$541,077.33 |
| Savings | 7,623.04 |
| Minus Reserve Fund | <u>(548,700.37)</u> |
| Working Capital | \$0 |
| Reserve fund | \$548,700.37 |
| Building fund | \$178,234.60 |

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B. Audit Report

The Board of Directors was provided copies of the 2007-08 OHSAA audit, as prepared by representatives of Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc., of Piketon. The audit included the OHSAA office and the six District Athletic Boards from August 1, 2007, to July 31, 2008. Jeff Jordan, Board of Directors ex-officio and a member of the OHSAA Audit Committee, noted that the audit included a clean, unqualified opinion and said most of the items listed in management letters from the past few years had been acted upon. In addition, Mr. Jordan said the Audit Committee last met on March 25, and he thanked the members for their work.

C. IRS Form 990

The Board was presented a copy of the OHSAA 2008 tax form (IRS Form 990), which the Association is required to file as a 501(c)(3) organization. Jeff Jordan, Board of Directors ex-officio, noted that the OHSAA annually obtains an extension for filing its tax form. He also noted that the Board began taking action annually on the form to continue to be in compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

D. 2008 Fall Sports Financial Reports

Assistant Comptroller Rossi reviewed the regional and state tournament financial reports for the 2008 fall sports of cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, girls tennis and volleyball.

| <u>Tournament</u> | | <u>2008 Net</u> | | <u>2007 Net</u> | | <u>2006 Net</u> | | <u>2005 Net</u> | | <u>2004 Net</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| state cross country | – | \$5,934.99 | – | \$7,547.84 | – | \$2,324.05 | – | \$6,824.59 | – | \$14,951.01 |
| regional cross country | – | \$54,415.49 | – | \$53,893.96 | – | \$44,498.51 | – | \$58,945.43 | – | \$60,876.14 |
| total cross country* | – | \$72,127.48 | – | \$72,736.30 | – | \$57,957.56 | – | \$71,930.02 | – | \$83,290.15 |
| state & st. qual. field hoc.* | + | \$429.97 | + | \$805.20 | – | \$1,237.32 | – | \$1,826.35 | – | \$2,417.61 |
| state football | + | \$288,867.08 | + | \$305,097.32 | + | \$403,297.36 | + | \$429,035.11 | + | \$386,550.74 |
| regional football | + | \$1,399,748.36 | + | \$1,348,434.13 | + | \$1,110,038.14 | + | \$1,872,923.34 | + | \$1,055,982.89 |
| total football* | + | \$1,684,575.48 | + | \$1,649,823.70 | + | \$1,511,320.26 | + | \$2,300,468.45 | + | \$1,429,680.43 |
| state golf* | – | \$31,349.75 | – | \$27,343.33 | – | \$27,351.66 | – | \$26,436.95 | – | \$17,849.15 |
| regional soccer | + | \$23,737.36 | + | \$27,083.18 | + | \$16,462.56 | + | \$68,053.18 | + | \$21,307.55 |
| state soccer | + | \$18,317.87 | + | \$21,655.08 | + | \$22,516.22 | + | \$20,680.30 | + | \$26,864.04 |
| total soccer* | + | \$74,207.83 | + | \$41,695.46 | + | \$45,138.38 | + | \$117,956.28 | + | \$37,982.39 |
| state girls tennis* | – | \$8,698.64 | – | \$10,329.94 | – | \$9,155.46 | – | \$9,289.93 | – | \$8,280.51 |
| regional volleyball | + | \$42,628.59 | + | \$33,542.64 | + | \$50,934.86 | + | \$49,250.69 | + | \$31,985.02 |
| state volleyball | + | \$36,571.67 | + | \$35,440.07 | + | \$40,493.80 | + | \$45,186.03 | + | \$50,058.20 |
| total volleyball* | + | 67,809.78 | + | \$57,606.87 | + | \$79,342.32 | + | \$83,168.05 | + | \$50,058.20 |

* includes all tournament expenses paid by the OHSAA office

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** Financial Information items A., B., C. and D. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Winter Sports Proposals

Proposals were presented in the winter sport of swimming & diving and wrestling. Proposals from the basketball and ice hockey coaches association will be presented at the May 7 Board of Directors meeting. No proposals were presented in the sports of bowling or gymnastics. The Board will act on the winter sports proposals at the June 11 meeting.

1. Swimming & Diving

The Ohio High School Swimming & Diving Coaches Association proposed that diving be permitted to conduct its own regular season schedule with a 16-meet limit whether the meet includes swimming or not. The request was made since many swimming meets no longer include diving competition.

2. Wrestling

The Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association proposed that the OHSAA conduct a dual meet state tournament series. The tournament would coincide with the existing individual state tournament series.

B. Timeline for Board to Approve Divisional Breakdowns and Representation for 2009-10 and 2010-11 School Years

Since new school enrollment numbers for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years are currently posted on the OHSAA web site, a timeline was provided for the membership that shows when the Board of Directors is expected to approve divisional breakdowns and representation for the next two school years:

Fall Sports – May 7 Board of Directors Meeting

Winter Sports – June 11 Board of Directors Meeting

Spring Sports – August 6 Board of Directors Meeting

C. Update of OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board of Control was provided with a list of schools that recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Liberty Center Middle School's** girls 7th- and 8th-grade basketball teams had a student-athlete violate Basketball Sports Regulation 2.A, 1.7 and 2.C.5, when she exceeded the quarter limitation and participated in more than one post-season tournament. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Piqua High School** had two coaches violate Bylaw 10-3-6, Non-Interscholastic Participation, when they coached student-athletes for more than the 10 days allotted between June 1 and July 31. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-2, Penalties, the two coaches were reprimanded and the head coach and his staff will have the 10-day coaching limitation

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reduced to five days in 2009. **North Royalton High School's** varsity wrestling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the matches in which the ineligible student participated. **Carrollton High School's** varsity wrestling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited a match in which the ineligible student participated. **South Vienna Middle School** used three student-athletes who attend another school in various contests. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school was required to forfeit all contests in which the ineligible students participated. In addition, the OHSAA acknowledged that the action taken by the school against the coach in question was appropriate. **Paulding High School's** varsity basketball coach was ejected from a contest and violated General Sports Regulation 10.2, Ejection for Unsporting Conduct, when he coached his team during intermissions and halftime during the contest in which he was ejected. In accordance with Bylaw 12-1-2, Penalties, the school must forfeit the contest in which the ejected coach continued to coach and the coach was fined \$100. **Clyde High School's** boys varsity bowling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalties, the student was suspended from participating in the school's next two contests and was ruled ineligible to participate in the OHSAA bowling tournament. **Westerville South High School's** boys varsity bowling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalties, the student was suspended from participating in the school's next two contests and was ruled ineligible to participate in the OHSAA bowling tournament. **Westerville Central High School's** boys varsity bowling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalties, the student was suspended from participating in the school's next two contests and was ruled ineligible to participate in the OHSAA bowling tournament. **Lancaster Fairfield Union High School's** girls junior varsity basketball team participated in a scrimmage/practice with **Fairfield Union Middle School's** eighth grade basketball team, which is a violation of Sports Regulation 33.3. The OHSAA reprimanded Fairfield Union High School and the school was fined \$150, and Fairfield Union Middle School was reprimanded. **Windham High School's** basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-5, Student Under Suspension, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited a contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Pickerington High School Central's** boys varsity bowling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the contest, and all points and qualifying positions won by the ineligible student shall be forfeited. All eligible participants are permitted to keep their points and qualifying positions. **Copley High School's** boys basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Non-Interscholastic Competition, and Bylaw 4-10-2a, Amateur. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalties, the student was suspended from participating in basketball contests for the remainder of the season. **Tiffin Columbian High School's** boys basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalties, the student was suspended from participating in two regular season basketball contests along with the OHSAA basketball tournament. **The Dayton Public Schools** had two varsity wrestlers violate Wrestling Sports Regulation 1.8A 2 (establishment of minimum weight), and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school in question forfeited the contest, and all points and qualifying positions won by the ineligible students were forfeited. All eligible participants were permitted to keep their points and qualifying positions. **Marion Pleasant High School's** girls swimming team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, forfeitures, the school forfeited the four contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary High School's** boys basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Non-Interscholastic Competition, and Bylaw 4-10-2a, Amateur. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalties, the student was suspended from participating in basketball contests for the remainder of the season. **Franklin Junior High School's** 7th-8th grade baseball coach violated Baseball Sports Regulation C.1, when he held practices, initiated cuts and selected his team during a period when mandatory practice for baseball candidates is prohibited. In accordance with Bylaw 12, Penalties, the coach was suspended from coaching in the first six regular season contests of the 2009 season and was reprimanded for his action. **Canton McKinley High School's** varsity softball coach violated Softball Sports Regulation C.1, when he held practices, initiated cuts and selected his team during a period when mandatory practice for softball candidates is prohibited. In accordance with Bylaw 12, Penalties, the coach was suspended from coaching in the first 10 regular season contests of the 2009 season, is not permitted to coach the team during the 2009 OHSAA tournament and was reprimanded for his action. **Canton McKinley High School's** varsity diving coach violated Media Regulation B., Coaches Comments to the News Media, by publicly criticizing state tournament officials. The coach was fined \$300 and reprimanded.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fall Sports Proposals

Proposals were presented in the fall sports of soccer, volleyball and football.

1. Soccer

a. The Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association proposed that an overtime format be in place for regular season varsity contests (two 5-minute periods of sudden victory would be conducted).

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Rocco Nero to **deny** the proposal.

Motion passed 9-0.

b. The soccer coaches association also proposed that 7th-8th grade schools be permitted to conduct a pre-season scrimmage.

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Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Keith Bell to **approve** the proposal.

Motion passed 9-0.

c. In addition, the soccer coaches association proposed that officials be required to contact a school administrator within 24 hours of a contest to explain whether a player or coach has been ejected or disqualified.

Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Gene Klaus to **deny** the proposal.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted by Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak that the OHSAA plans to address the third proposal at statewide officials and rules meetings in the summer by informing officials and coaches that they need to communicate better during contests.

2. Volleyball

The Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association proposed that subvarsity players be permitted to play in a maximum of five sets per day per common opponent (the current regulation has a limit of four sets per day per common opponent).

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Steve Stirn to **deny** the proposal.

Motion failed 5-4 (In favor: Gene Klaus, Steve Stirn, Rock VanFossen, Keith Bell; Against: Teresa Alberts, Bill Koppel, Mike Richards, Rocco Nero, Jay Wolfe).

Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** the proposal.

Motion passed 6-3 (In favor: Teresa Alberts, Bill Koppel, Mike Richards, Steve Stirn, Rocco Nero, Jay Wolfe; Against: Gene Klaus, Rock VanFossen, Keith Bell).

It was noted that the volleyball coaches association proposal to develop a Foundation Week and Foundation Game was previously approved by the Board.

3. Football

The Ohio High School Football Coaches Association proposed that coaches be permitted to coach their student-athletes for 10 days between June 1 and July 31 as opposed to the current regulation, which only permits football seven days of coaching between June 1 and July 31.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Rocco Nero to **approve** the proposal.

Motion passed 6-3 (In favor: Steve Stirn, Rocco Nero, Mike Richards, Keith Bell, Gene Klaus, Teresa Alberts; Against: Rock VanFossen, Bill Koppel, Jay Wolfe).

B. Approval of Contract Extension with SportsTime Ohio

Assistant Commissioner Neil informed the Board that an agreement has been reached and the OHSAA staff recommends that the Association's contract with SportsTime Ohio to provide exclusive live and tape-delayed coverage of OHSAA tournament contests be extended through the 2010-11 school year.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Keith Bell to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Approval of Revision to OHSAA Media Regulations

Associate Commissioner Goldring said the OHSAA staff recommended that the OHSAA Media Regulations be modified in that cable companies with over 750,000 subscribers can only televise an OHSAA tournament contest by negotiating a rights package that is secondary to the OHSAA's package with SportsTime Ohio. The package would be negotiated with the OHSAA's marketing partner, Home Team Marketing, and/or through consent of the OHSAA Office.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Jay Wolfe to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed 2010 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

Dates for future Board of Control meetings had been set through December 2009. Proposed dates for 2010 are: January 14, February 18, April 1, May 13, June 10, August 5, September 9, October 14 and December 9. All are Thursdays, and all would begin at 9:00 a.m.

B. Approval of Self-Supporting Requirements for 2009-10 School Year (Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 8)

OHSAA Bylaws require that the Commissioner annually establish requirements for transfer students who do not live in the same school district as their parents or legal guardians but are financially self-supporting (Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 8). Associate Commissioner Moore reviewed the requirements and said the staff recommended that the requirements remain the same as those approved for the 2008-09 school year.

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C. Sports Regulations Changes for 2009-10

The OHSAA administrative staff reviewed the proposed editorial changes in the general Sports Regulations that will appear in the 2009-10 *OHSAA Handbook*, and Associate Commissioner Moore and Assistant Commissioners Neil, Price, Snodgrass and Zaborniak also reviewed the proposed editorial changes in Individual and Team Sports Regulations. The following changes in the general regulations were noted:

- 1.) Pending adoption by the May referendum voting, Non-Interscholastic Program regulations will move from Bylaws to Sports Regulations.
- 2.) In Physical Fitness Programs, sticks may be used in the sports of field hockey and ice hockey.
- 3.) In the regulations for Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Date, a statement was added to indicate that an athlete who has participated for the school and violates the non-interscholastic contest regulation after the deadline date for that sport shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in that sport (and may be subject to additional penalties).

The following changes in the individual sports regulations were noted:

- 1.) For all of the individual sports, a definition of “school time” was added in the Out of State Travel section to provide clarity. Included is an exception.
- 2.) In bowling, language was added to clarify tie-breaker procedures in team competition and in Baker games and to clarify regulations regarding girls participating on boys teams during the regular season and in OHSAA tournaments.
- 3.) In football, schools are now permitted to begin preseason practices on Monday, August 3; high schools may add a third preseason opportunity (Jamboree), and 7th-8th grade teams may add a second scrimmage (which will be replaced by an additional contest in 2010).
- 4.) In golf, it was noted that preseason practices may begin on Monday, August 3.
- 5.) In swimming & diving, a new state tournament divisional rotation was developed.

Additional changes that were approved by the Board of Directors earlier in the meeting that affected the individual sports regulations were also noted.

D. Approval of Five-Year Contract Extension with Wilson to Provide the Official Ball for the OHSAA Football Tournaments

Board President Richards and Assistant Commissioner Neil informed the Board that an agreement has been reached and it is recommended that the Commissioner’s Office be authorized to complete a five-year contract extension with Wilson to provide the official ball for the OHSAA football tournaments. With a year remaining on the current contract, the extension would run from the 2010-11 school year through the 2014-15 school year. It was noted that the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association endorsed the recommendation.

E. Authorization to Approve School Enrollment Figures and Classifications for 2009-10 and 2010-11 Pending the Completion of the Appeal Period

Assistant Commissioner Price provided the Board with school classifications for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. Schools are divided as evenly as possible within each OHSAA athletic district into classifications. The OHSAA uses classifications for District Athletic Board elections. The Board was asked to approve the figures and classifications pending the completion of the school appeal period, which was to end April 14, 2009.

Boys classifications are as follows (812 total schools): **Central Boys** (109 total) – 37 in Class A (enrollments of 177 or less), 36 in Class AA (enrollments of 178 to 439), 36 in Class AAA (enrollments of 440 or more); **East Boys** (55 total) – 18 in Class A (enrollments of 138 or less), 19 in Class AA (enrollments of 139 to 259), 18 in Class AAA (enrollments of 260 or more); **Northeast Boys** (242 total) – 80 in Class A (enrollments of 191 or less), 81 in Class AA (enrollments of 192 to 394), 81 in Class AAA (enrollments of 395 or more); **Northwest Boys** (163 total) – 54 in Class A (enrollments of 110 or less), 54 in Class AA (enrollments of 111 to 221), 55 in Class AAA (enrollments of 222 or more); **Southeast Boys** (71 total) – 23 in Class A (enrollments of 145 or less), 24 in Class AA (enrollments of 146 to 206), 24 in Class AAA (enrollments of 207 or more); **Southwest Boys** (172 total) – 58 in Class A (enrollments of 166 or less), 57 in Class AA (enrollments of 167 to 387), 57 in Class AAA (enrollments of 388 or more).

Girls classifications are as follows (813 total schools) – **Central Girls** (109 total) – 36 in Class A (enrollments of 166 or less), 36 in Class AA (enrollments of 167 to 402), 37 in Class AAA (enrollments of 403 or more); **East Girls** (54 total) – 18 in Class A (enrollments of 137 or less), 18 in Class AA (enrollments of 138 to 245), 18 in Class AAA (enrollments of 246 or more); **Northeast Girls** (244 total) – 80 in Class A (enrollments of 181 or less), 82 in Class AA (enrollments of 182 to 357), 82 in Class AAA (enrollments of 358 or more); **Northwest Girls** (163 total) – 54 in Class A (enrollments of 106 or less), 54 in Class AA (enrollments of 107 to 205), 55 in Class AAA (enrollments of 206 or more); **Southeast Girls** (71 total) – 24 in Class A (enrollments of 131 or less), 24 in Class AA (enrollments of 132 to 193), 23 in Class AAA (enrollments of 194 or more); **Southwest Girls** (172 total) – 58 in Class A (enrollments of 173 or less), 57 in Class AA (enrollments of 174 to 356), 57 in Class AAA (enrollments of 357 or more).

It was noted that the OHSAA uses enrollment figures to determine tournament divisional assignments. Enrollments are based on figures submitted by schools to the State Department of Education’s E.M.I.S. Report in October 2008. Boys enrollments in grades 9, 10 and 11 are used for boys sports and girls enrollments in grades 9, 10 and 11 are used for girls sports. Individual school enrollments that will be used for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years are currently posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org).

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F. Resignation of Board of Directors Member Rock VanFossen, Effective July 31, 2009

Board President Richards reported that fellow Board member Rock VanFossen will be retiring from his current position with the Sandy Valley Local Schools in Magnolia at the end of the current school year, will therefore be resigning from the East District Athletic Board effective July 31, 2009, and will be unable to fulfill his second and final year on the OHSAA Board of Directors that runs from August 1, 2009, to July 31, 2010.

Fellow Board members thanked Mr. VanFossen for his outstanding work and contributions during his tenure.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** New Business items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E. and VI. F.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. APPEALS

A. Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, Mr. Ron Ferguson, re: His Son, Grade 9, Milford High School (Southwest District)

A ninth-grade student is a part-time enrollee at Milford High School and, beginning with the fourth quarter of this school year, is also being home-schooled. He has been ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics at Milford by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, because he does not meet the standards of Exception 6 to the Bylaw (being home schooled for the first time, he must be enrolled at Milford for a minimum of one grading period before gaining eligibility). The student and his father, Ron Ferguson, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Milford immediately.

Motion by Jay Wolfe, second by Keith Bell to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, Mr. Gregory Isler, Principal, Windham High School (Northeast District)

A student who attends a career center was on the varsity basketball team at Windham High School. The student was suspended from the career center and, in accordance with Bylaw 4-5-5, Scholarship, was ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for the duration of the suspension. The student participated in a contest while on suspension and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. Gregory Isler, the school's principal; Bill Pozsgai, the school's athletic administrator, and Marty Hill, the school's head basketball coach, appealed the forfeiture since administrators at the career center did not notify the school of the suspension until after the contest was completed.

Motion by Jay Wolfe, second by Keith Bell to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that the OHSAA will notify Windham's opponent and conference commissioner that the school did not play the suspended student intentionally and handled the situation in an appropriate manner.

C. Bylaw 10, Non-Interscholastic Competition, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bayt, re: Their Son, Grade 11, Westerville Central High School (Central District)

The OHSAA ruled that an 11th-grade student who attends Westerville Central High School was in violation of Bylaw 10-3-1, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams, because he practiced with a non-interscholastic bowling team while a member of his school's interscholastic bowling team. The OHSAA suspended the student for two varsity contests and ruled him ineligible for the OHSAA tournament. The student's father, Bob Bayt, and Joe Micunas, a family friend, appealed the ruling that the student violated the Bylaw.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Rock VanFossen to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0 (Bill Koppel and Jay Wolfe abstained).

D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Brenda Sorrell, re: Her Daughter, Grade 11, Middletown High School (Southwest District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Middletown High School to Middletown Madison High School and utilized former Exception 6 (superintendents agreement to protect the student's physical or mental well-being) of Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, to gain immediate eligibility for interscholastic athletics. The student has since transferred back to Middletown High. Because Exception 6 of the transfer bylaw was used, the OHSAA has ruled the student ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Middletown High. The student and her mother, Brenda Sorrell, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Middletown immediately.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Keith Bell to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

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E. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. and Mrs. David Harry, re: Their Son, Grade 11, Stow-Munroe Falls High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Stow-Munroe Falls High School to Akron Archbishop Hoban High School and utilized former Exception 6 (superintendents agreement to protect the student's physical or mental well-being) of Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, to gain immediate eligibility for interscholastic athletics. The student plans to transfer back to Stow-Munroe Falls High in the fall. Because Exception 6 of the transfer bylaw was used, the OHSAA has ruled the student ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Stow-Munroe Falls. The student's parents, David and Ann Harry, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Stow-Munroe Falls immediately in the fall.

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

F. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Maxwell, re: Their Son, Grade 11, Medina Buckeye High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student has transferred from Medina High School to Medina Buckeye High School and has been ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Medina Buckeye in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's parents, Todd and Maureen Maxwell, appealed the ineligibility in writing so that their son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Buckeye immediately.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Jay Wolfe to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Coaching Education, Mr. Joe Webb, Principal, Clyde High School

Mr. Webb, who was accompanied by Bob Bishop, athletic administrator at Clyde High School, and Tony Munafo, assistant principal and athletic administrator at Huron High School, raised several questions concerning the OHSAA's requirement that Ohio's interscholastic athletics coaches take the National Federation of State High School Associations' *Fundamentals of Coaching* Course. He said he is disappointed that his questions have not been answered and wondered why the OHSAA does not consider developing its own coaching education course.

B. Comments from Board President Richards

Board President Richards congratulated Commissioner Ross and his wife, Kris, on the birth of their first granddaughter earlier that morning. Mr. Richards also thanked the OHSAA staff, the members of the OHSAA district athletic boards and all tournament managers for their hard work and dedication in organizing and conducting the recently completed OHSAA winter tournaments.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings on Thursdays in the OHSAA Board Room at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated.)

2009: May 7, June 11, August 6, September 10, October 8 and December 10, and **2010:** January 14, February 18, April 1, May 13, June 10, August 5, September 9, October 14 and December 9.