

The following are the preliminary minutes from the December 6, 2007, OHSAA Board of Control meeting. The minutes will not become official until they are adopted by the Board at their January 17, 2008, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES (December 6, 2007)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Control held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room of the OHSAA office building on December 6, 2007.

President Phil Ackerman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Jeff Jordan and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Gene Klaus.

**Board Members Present:** Phil Ackerman, president, presiding; Dan Bise, vice president; Teresa Alberts; Keith Bell; Bob Britton; Dale Gabor; Gene Klaus; Bill Koppel; Karen O'Hare; Mike Richards; and Phil Stevens, and Jeff Jordan (ex-officio). **Board Member Excused:** Tom Farbizo (ex-officio).

**Administrative Staff Present:** Dan Ross, commissioner; John Dickerson, Bob Goldring, Deborah B. Moore, Steve Neil, Roxanne Price and Henry Zaborniak Jr., assistant commissioners.

**Others Attending:** Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm, OHSAA staff; Kim Combs OHSAA Intern; Doug Burtscher, Kevin Yoder and Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Pat Murphy, Dennis Overstake and Wayne Wiseman, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Mike Mauk, Bob Brigati and Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Mike Griggs, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Russ King, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Vern Kiehl, Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches; Carol Russo and Kaye Keller, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; Patrick Kilbane and his foster son; Kip Greenhill, Chris Potts, David Setterlin and Mary Beth Klamar; Christian Williams, Jack Cunningham and Robert Shansky; and Mick McClelland.

### I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Dale Gabor, second by Gene Klaus to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the December 6, 2007, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Bob Britton to **approve** the minutes from the October 11, 2007, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

### III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the financial reports for October and November. The reports are summarized as follows:

Balance — September 30, 2007	\$303,067.76
Receipts — October 2007	<u>797,809.02</u>
	\$1,100,876.78
Disbursements — October 2007	<u>549,586.21</u>
	\$551,290.57
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (10/31/07)	\$780,336.86
	\$780,336.86
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>229,046.29</u>
Balance — October 31, 2007	\$551,290.57
Available Funds — October 31, 2007	
Bank Balance	\$551,290.57
Minus Reserve for Building Fund	0
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(551,290.57)</u>
Working Capital	0
Reserve fund (\$7,621.63 in savings + \$551,290.57 in bank balance)	\$558,912.20
Building fund (\$0 in bank balance + \$452,630.04 in investments)	\$452,630.04
Balance — October 31, 2007	\$551,290.57
Receipts — November 2007	<u>802,274.77</u>
	\$1,353,565.34
Disbursements — November 2007	<u>1,247,667.44</u>
	\$105,897.90
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (11/30/07)	<u>\$782,884.81</u>

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	\$782,884.81
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>676,986.91</u>
Balance – November 30, 2007	\$105,897.90
Available Funds – November 30, 2007	
Bank Balance	\$105,897.90
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(105,897.90)</u>
Working Capital	0
Reserve fund (\$7,621.63 in savings + \$105,897.90 in bank balance)	\$113,519.53
Building fund (\$0 in bank balance + \$452,630.04 in investments)	\$452,630.04

Motion by Mike Richards, second by Dan Bise to **accept** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### A. Nominations for the OHSAA Naismith Meritorious Service Awards (Northeast and Northwest Districts)

Commissioner Ross reminded the Board that they will act on the recommendations from the Northeast and Northwest districts at the January 2008 Board of Control Meeting for the Naismith Meritorious Service Awards. The OHSAA makes two annual \$300 contributions to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in the names of the nominees for their contributions to athletics in Ohio. Two of the six OHSAA District Athletic Boards make nominations to the Board of Control on a rotating basis.

#### B. Results of District Athletic Board Special Elections

Commissioner Ross reviewed with the Board the results from the various District Athletic Board special elections that were held in October. Max Ness, athletic administrator at The Wellington School in Columbus, was elected to fill a Class A position in the Central District (term beginning Oct. 16, 2007, and ending July 31, 2014); Joe Lynch, athletic administrator at Strongsville High School, was elected to fill a Class AAA position in the Northeast District (term beginning Oct. 16, 2007, and ending July 31, 2010); Bill Schumacher, assistant principal/athletic administrator Chagrin Falls High School, was elected to fill a Class AA position in the Northeast District (term beginning Oct. 16, 2007, and ending July 31, 2013); Steve Keller, principal at Coldwater High School, was elected to fill a Class AA position in the Northwest District (term beginning Oct. 16, 2007, and ending July 31, 2013); Jeffrey Snyder, principal at Edgerton High School, was elected to fill a Class A position in the Northeast District (term beginning Oct. 16, 2007, and ending July 31, 2010), and Paul Miller, superintendent of the Valley Local Schools in Lucasville, was elected to fill a Class A position in the Southeast District (term beginning Oct. 16, 2007, and ending July 31, 2013).

#### C. Field Hockey Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2007

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Field Hockey Advisory Committee Meeting of November 14, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Moore reviewed the highlights. She said the committee recommends that two of the finals for the state qualifying tournament continue to be held at Dublin Scioto High School, that an alternate site be chosen in Northeast Ohio if the Kent final can only be held on Sunday and that the site for the final in Southwest Ohio alternate between Cincinnati Country Day School and Kettering Fairmont, with the 2008 final being held at Country Day. Dr. Moore said the committee also recommends that the state tournament format return to the past format in which the semifinals will be held on Friday and the finals Saturday, with all contests at Upper Arlington High School. Dr. Moore said the committee will make two other recommendations to the Board of Control in January: 1.) permit the use of the 10-minute reduced play overtime procedure for junior varsity/reserve tournament competition, and 2.) permit teams that reach the semifinal and finals of the state qualifying tournament to practice on the site one time (if available) so that schools could practice on artificial turf if they are not used to it.

#### D. Updates on OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board was presented a list of schools that have recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations along with the penalties that were imposed by the OHSAA staff. **Willow Wood Symmes Valley High School's** varsity volleyball team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. The student was in violation of Volleyball Sports Regulation 1.1-6, ("Individual limitations for players who play in any subvarsity competition on the same day and against the same opponent consist of a maximum of four games per day per common opponent."). **Columbus Walnut Ridge High School's** varsity soccer team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. **Hilliard Davidson High School's** varsity volleyball team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. The student was in violation of Volleyball Sports Regulation 1.1-6, ("Individual limitations for players who play in any subvarsity competition on the same day and against the same opponent consist of a maximum of four games per day per common opponent."). **Mason High School's** boys varsity bowling team had three student-athletes violate Bylaw 4-10-2, Amateur ("An athlete forfeits amateur status, and thus interscholastic athletic eligibility, if any of the following standards of amateurism are violated: a.) Competing for money or other remuneration.") The student-athletes must sit out all scrimmages and the first seven contests of the 2007-08 season. **Sullivan Black River High School's** varsity softball coach violated Sports Regulation 6, Open Gymnasiums or Facilities. As a result, the school will not be permitted to participate in its two scrimmages

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during the 2008 season and the head coach will lose one of the permissible contact days during the 10-day coaching period between June 1 and July 31. **Nelsonville-York High School's** varsity football team used an ineligible student-athlete and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school must forfeit all victorious contests. The ruling was made after the regular season was completed, so no changes in the OHSAA computer ratings were made. The student was in violation of Bylaws 4-4-4, Scholarship ("A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75 percent of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.").

### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Spring Sports Proposals

State coaches associations in the spring sports of track and field, baseball, fast pitch softball and boys tennis had the opportunity to present proposals at the September Board of Control meeting. The Board normally takes action on the proposals in December, but no action was taken since no proposals were presented.

#### B. OHSAA District Athletic Board Review Committee Recommendation

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that the OHSAA District Athletic Board Review Committee made the following recommendation for combined sectional and district tournaments: When district athletic boards combine schools from different athletic districts for sectional/district tournaments, the teams shall be assigned to that site according to the schools' geographic proximity to the tournament site.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

#### C. Financial Report for 2007 Regional and State Track and Field Tournaments

Comptroller Boehm reviewed with the Board the financial report from the 2007 regional and state track and field tournaments. The 2007 regional and state track and field tournaments had a deficit of \$78,328.46 after showing a deficit of \$127,915.46 in 2006.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Sites/Dates for the 2008 Regional and State Baseball, Fast Pitch Softball and Track and Field Tournaments

Assistant Commissioners Dickerson (baseball), Price (fast pitch softball) and Neil (track and field) reviewed the sites and dates for the 2008 regional and state tournaments.

In baseball, regional sites are Canton, Dublin, Shelby and Cincinnati in Division I; Hudson, Tiffin, Zanesville and Springfield in Division II; Massillon, Elida, Chillicothe and Wright State in Division III, and Elyria, Hamler, Lancaster and Huber Heights in Division IV. Regional semifinals will be Thursday, May 29, at 2:00 and 5:00 with regional finals Friday, May 30 at 2:00. The state tournaments will be held June 5, 6 and 7 at Columbus Cooper Stadium. The Division II state semifinals will be June 5 at 10:00 and 1:00 with the state finals June 7 at 10:00; the Division I state semifinals will be June 5 at 4:00 and 7:00 with the state finals June 7 at 1:00; the Division III state semifinals will be June 6 at 10:00 and 1:00 with the state finals June 7 at 4:00, and the Division IV state semifinals will be June 6 at 4:00 and 7:00 with the state finals June 7 at 7:00.

In fast pitch softball, regional sites are the University of Akron, Clyde, The Ohio State University and the University of Dayton in Division I; Akron, Bucyrus, Pickerington Central and Clayton in Division II; Massillon, Ashland, Lancaster and Wright State University in Division III, and Kent State University, Findlay, Pickerington Central and Huber Heights in Division IV. Regional semifinals will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 28 and 29, with regional finals Saturday, May 31. The state tournaments will be held June 5, 6 and 7 at Akron Firestone Stadium. The Division IV state semifinals will be June 5 at 10:00 and 12:30 with the state finals June 7 at 10:00; the Division III state semifinals will be June 5 at 3:00 and 5:30 with the state finals June 7 at 12:30; the Division II state semifinals will be June 6 at 10:00 and 12:30 with the state finals June 7 at 3:00, and the Division I state semifinals will be June 6 at 3:00 and 5:30 with the state finals June 7 at 5:30.

In track and field, regional sites are Youngstown Austintown-Fitch, Amherst, Hilliard Davidson and Dayton Welcome Stadium in Division I; Ravenna, Lexington, Byesville and Dayton Welcome Stadium in Division II, and Navarre, Tiffin, Pickerington North and Piqua in Division III. Divisions I and III will hold regionals on Wednesday and Friday, May 28 and 30, at 4:00 p.m. each day, and Division II regionals will be on Thursday and Saturday, May 29 and 31, at 4:00 and 11:30, respectively. The state tournaments will be held June 6 and 7 at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at The Ohio State University in Columbus, with the events order being Division III, Division II and Division I.

#### B. Soccer Ball Contract Recommendation

Assistant Commissioner Neil informed the Board that a committee was assembled to review proposals that were presented by companies interested in providing the Association with the official ball for the OHSAA soccer tournaments. After reviewing the proposals and hearing presentations, the committee recommends that Nike be selected to provide the official ball for OHSAA soccer tournaments for a five-year period beginning in 2008, pending successful completion of a contract that will be negotiated between the company and

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the OHSAA staff.

### C. Review of Proposed Amendments to the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws for the 2008-09 School Year

The Board was provided with a draft of proposed referendum issues that reflect changes to the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws. Assistant Commissioner Moore reviewed the proposals.

1.) **Constitution and Bylaws, Change Name of Board of Control** – Where it is referenced in any Constitution or Bylaw, the OHSAA Board of Control would be referred to the OHSAA Board of Directors. This replaces the antiquated term with one that is more descriptive.

2.) **Constitution 7-9-1, Quorum for District Athletic Board** – Changes a quorum for business transacted by District Athletic Boards from four to five, matching the same requirement for the Board of Control.

3.) **Bylaw 1-5, Recognized Sports**— Adds language to 1-5-1: “A recognized sport is one adopted by the Board of Control and for which the OHSAA sponsors a tournament . . .” Also adds new Bylaw 1-5-2: “If and when a school or school district sponsors or authorizes a varsity, subvarsity, 7th or 8th grade squad/team that competes with other interscholastic squads in a recognized sport, the school or school district shall be responsible for assuring that any and all such squads/teams comply with all OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations, particularly those related to scholarship, age limitations and contest limitations. For purposes of this Bylaw, a ‘sponsored’ team or squad shall include any ‘club’ sport or team/squad.”

The change and addition clarify that schools may not modify their interscholastic programs under the label of a “club” program without full compliance with all OHSAA Bylaws and contest limitations.

4.) **Bylaw 1-6, Team Membership** – Adds new Bylaw 1-6-4 along with an exception: “Interscholastic teams/squads sponsored by a member school may not consist of students from more than one school.

**Exception:** Member schools containing grades 7 and 8 may combine students from two or more schools within the school district to form one interscholastic team in a sport. Requests for permission to combine students from two or more schools in the same non-public or public school system must be submitted annually to the OHSAA in writing by the superintendent of the non-public or public school system. The written request must contain the following: 1 - Names of schools involved; 2 - Total number of students from each school involved in the sport; 3 - Total number of boys or girls in each grade of each school in the combination; 4 - The name of the principal, name of the school and the complete address of the administrator responsible for the conduct and operation of the combined team or teams.”

This change clarifies that schools shall not add students from other schools to their interscholastic teams or squads except 7th-8th grade schools under the same superintendent. New Bylaw 1-6-4 incorporates the exact text of old 4-6-3 and places the provision under the Team Membership section.

5.) **Bylaws 4-2-1, 4-2-2 and 4-3-3, Age and Enrollment and Attendance (Semesters)** – Deletes item d. in each Bylaw: “the student’s participation does not displace another student-athletes; and . . .”

The deletion would occur since this criterion is very difficult for disabled students to meet, and it does not add significantly to the evaluation process. In addition, students who do displace others will usually not be able to meet some of the other requirements for eligibility, such as physical and developmental maturity, athletic advantage as demonstrated by success in interscholastic sports based on the criteria within the checklist, etc.

6.) **Bylaw 4-3-4, Enrollment and Attendance** – Adds the following note to the exception: “Note: A student who does not attend school in a semester due to a suspension or an expulsion shall have that semester(s) count in the total of eight that are permitted.”

The note is added because it is deemed unfair for a student, who is suspended or expelled from school and who does not attend in a semester due to that removal from school, to be able to regain that semester(s) for additional athletic opportunity.

7.) **Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer** – Exception 7 would be amended as follows: “A student shall be entitled to one transfer into a public high school located in the public school district within which the student’s parent residence is located **NEW** except that such a transfer shall not be permitted if the student has previously utilized the superintendent’s agreement set forth in exception 6 to transfer from that same public high school. ~~DELETE~~ regardless of from where the student is transferring. However, Further, if the student utilizes this exception, the student will no longer be able to utilize the superintendent’s agreement exception set forth in Exception 6 above.”

This change would be made since member school administrators have expressed concern about students who seek and are given a waiver based upon the stipulation that their public school has placed them in physical jeopardy or has caused significant mental health problems only to return to that same public high school using this Exception 7 transfer option.

8.) **Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfer** – Additional language would be added to this Bylaw for clarity: “If a transfer takes place during the season in which the student has participated in an interscholastic sport, the student is ineligible for the remainder of the sports season **NEW** in the sport in which the student has previously participated in the school into which the student has transferred . . .”

In addition to the above referendum issues, a definition of “mandatory grade reporting date” would be inserted into the exception to Bylaw 4-4-3.

If the Board of Control places the items up for referendum vote, the proposed amendments will be reviewed

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with the membership during the OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings that will take place during the last two weeks of April 2008. Voting would take place between May 1 and May 15, 2008, with the changes effective August 1, 2008.

### C1. Enrollment Policy

Board member Jordan and Assistant Commissioner Moore reviewed with the Board the need for the OHSAA to revise its policy for including special education categories in the enrollment counts provided to the Association pursuant to Bylaw 2-1-4. As background, they explained that the Ohio Department of Education provides enrollment information from the October EMIS student count to determine classifications and divisions for member schools of the Association. Included in the Bylaw is a reference to exclude children with disabilities with the multiple handicap category from the counts supplied to the Association. When the proposed Bylaw language was presented to the Board of Control and the Association membership for adoption in October 2006, the intent of the Board of Control was to exclude students in the highest handicapping condition who would most likely be incapable of participating in interscholastic athletics in a member high school. As a result, the Department of Education excluded all special education students who were funded as a “category six” in the state foundation program. It has become necessary to clarify this policy to ensure the provisions of this Bylaw are enforced as the membership and the Board of Control intended. It was recommended that the enrollment policy be revised, effective with the 2009-10 school year, as follows:

“The Ohio Department of Education EMIS data used to determine classifications and divisions shall include the following special education categories in the enrollment counts provided to the Association: Category 1 - All handicapping conditions; Category 2 - All handicapping conditions; Category 3 - All handicapping conditions; Category 4 - All handicapping conditions, and Category 6 - Only autistic students (disability code 12). Further, the Department shall not include the following special education categories in the enrollment counts provided to the Association: Category 5 - Disability condition 01 (multi-handicapped), and Category 6 - Disability condition 02 (deaf/blind) and 13 (traumatic brain injury). Should additional disability conditions or categories be put into service by the Department, before completing the enrollment data collection for the Association, the Department shall consult with the Association before determining whether a specific disability condition or special education category shall be removed or included in the enrollment count submitted to the Association.”

### D. Date Change of October 2008 Board of Control Meeting

Due to a schedule conflict, Commissioner Ross requested that the October 2008 Board of Control Meeting be held on Thursday, Oct. 2. This would replace the original date of Thursday, Oct. 9.

### E. Middle School Philosophy Policy

Board members Koppel and O’Hare reported that the OHSAA 7th-8th Grade Athletic Committee developed a philosophy of 7th-8th grade athletics. The philosophy would replace the current one that is printed in the OHSAA Handbook. The philosophy is as follows: “The purpose of seventh and eighth grade educational based athletics is to provide rich and wholesome activities for as many students as possible. As a result, students will develop to the greatest degree the talents and skills such as leadership, teamwork and discipline, which will enable them to become responsible citizens in our society while demonstrating good sporting conduct.

“We believe in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school program reflecting the needs of the school, the community and the student.

“We believe the potential values to the students and coaches to be very essential. Competition under prescribed regulations and policies provides adolescents with the opportunity to develop ideas and habits of health, fair play, initiative, achievement, emotional control, good sporting conduct, social adaptability and good citizenship. Athletics fosters team and school spirit and a sense of community.

“We believe each coach should make every effort to provide opportunity for participation by all students involved in a sport. The students shall be taught the fundamental skills necessary for further growth and improvement in their respective sports. These skills are to be taught by an educated/trained coach. We believe that high quality skill development for students at the seventh and eighth grade level is of utmost importance.”

### F. Approval of Cambridge Volleyball Officials Association

Board President Ackerman reported that the East District Officials Committee and Appeals and Review Board recommends that the Cambridge Volleyball Officials Association be established and that that board has confirmed that the applicant has met all requirements.

Motion by Mike Richards, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** New Business Items VI A, VI B, VI C, VI C1, VI D, VI E and VI F.

Motion passed 9-0.

## VII. APPEALS

### A. Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, Mr. Patrick Kilbane, re: His Foster Son, Grade 12, Sheffield Brookside High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student at Sheffield Brookside High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, because he turned 19 prior to the August 1 deadline. The student’s foster father, Patrick Kilbane, appealed the ineligibility based on the exception to the Bylaw so that the stu-

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dent can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2007-08 school year.

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Gene Klaus to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

### B. Bylaw 4-8-1, Students From Foreign Countries and Exchange Students, Mr. Chris Potts, Athletic Administrator, re: An 11th Grade Student, Upper Arlington High School (Central District)

An 11th-grade student at Upper Arlington High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-8-1, Students From Foreign Countries and Exchange Students, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the Bylaw. Chris Potts, the school's athletic administrator; Kip Greenhill, the school's principal; David Setterlin, the host parent of the student, and Mary Beth Klamar, president of the school's hockey association, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic ice hockey during the 2007-08 school year.

Motion by Dale Gabor, second by Keith Bell to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

### C. Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, Mr. Robert Shansky, Athletic Director, East Liverpool High School, re: Students from Midland Pa. (East District)

In July 1998, East Liverpool City Schools entered into an agreement with Midland, Pa., to provide a public school education for all students in grades 9 through 12 to the year 2020. The OHSAA has ruled all students from Midland ineligible for interscholastic athletics at East Liverpool in accordance with Bylaw 4-6-3, Exception 4, Residence, because there are other public educational alternatives that exist for Midland City School students ("A student who resides within the boundaries of a public school district in a neighboring state; and who attends an Ohio public school system under an arrangement through which the entire grade of the out-of-state student attends the Ohio public school system . . ."). Robert Shansky, the school's athletic director; Jack Cunningham, the school's principal, and attorney Christian Williams appealed the decision so that all students from Midland can participate in interscholastic athletics at East Liverpool.

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Dale Gabor to **approve** the appeal.

After Mr. Gabor rescinded his second, motion by Bob Britton, second by Mike Richards to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 6-3 (In favor: Britton, Richards, Ackerman, Klaus, Koppel and Bell; Against: Gabor, Bise and Alberts).

### D. Bylaws 4-4-4, Scholarship, and 11-2-1, Forfeitures, Mr. Mick McClelland, Principal, Nelsonville-York High School, re: A Ninth-Grade Student (Southeast District)

A ninth-grade student at Nelsonville-York High School was ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-4, Scholarship ("A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75 percent of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled."). In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all football contests in which the ineligible student participated. Mick McClelland, the school's principal, appealed the forfeiture ruling and asked if other penalties could be imposed.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the request to administer alternative penalties.

Motion passed 9-0.

## VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Commissioner Ross congratulated Board member Bell for having his school (Westerville South) ranked among the country's top 500 high schools and earning a silver medal in a recent *U.S. News & World Report* article. The rankings were produced in collaboration with School Evaluation Services, a data research and analysis business run by Standard & Poor's. Of the nation's 22,000 public high schools, the top 100 schools in the analysis earned gold medals, the next 405 were awarded silver medals and an additional 1,086 schools earned bronze medals.

B. Carol Russo, president of the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association, provided an update on the Volley for the Cure program that was held this fall. Approximately 550 Ohio high schools and 15,000 student-athletes participated in the fundraiser, and 14 other states also participated. To date, over \$450,000 has been raised for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure program.

C. Holiday wishes were extended to all those in attendance.

Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Bob Britton to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Motion passed 9-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

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

January 17, 2008; February 14, 2008; April 3, 2008; May 8, 2008; June 12, 2008; August 7, 2008; September 11, 2008; October 2, 2008, and December 4, 2008.