

The following are the preliminary minutes from the May 10, 2007, OHSAA Board of Control meeting. The minutes will not become official until they are adopted by the Board at their June 7, 2007, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES (May 10, 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 May 10, 2007. President Jerry Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Karen O'Hare and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dan Bise.

**Board Members Present:** Jerry Snodgrass, president, presiding; George Rise, vice president; Phil Ackerman; Dan Bise; Karen O'Hare; Beth Hill; Bill Schumacher; Phil Stevens, and Dan Adams and Jeff Jordan (ex-officios).

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

**Others Attending:** Steve Craig, OHSAA Legal Counsel; Andrea Rossi, OHSAA staff; Eric Silverman, OHSAA intern; James Harbuck, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Fred Gastenau, Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators; Bob Huelsman, treasurer, OHSAA Southwest District Athletic Board; John DeBrosse, athletic administrator, Tipp City Bethel High School; Frank Gamble and Lee Day, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Dave Froelich, and Tom Barrick, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Dick Kerschbaum, Mike Mauk and Bob Brigati, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Scholastic Golf Coaches Association; John Johnson, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Rob Salisbury, Ohio High School Swimming & Diving Coaches Association; Russ King, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Vern Kiehl, Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches; Carol Russo and Tracey Kornau, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Gary Wise and Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; and Dan Steiner, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee.

### I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Beth Hill, second by Karen O'Hare to **adopt** the agenda for the May 10, 2007, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Bill Schumacher to **approve** the minutes from the April 5, 2007, Board of Control meeting and the April 17, 2007, Board of Control special meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

### III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### A. Financial Report

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

Balance — March 31, 2007	\$1,361,874.34
Receipts — April 2007	<u>565,336.65</u>
	\$1,927,210.99
Disbursements — April 2007	<u>1,121,614.29</u>
	\$805,596.70
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (4/30/07)	\$845,298.01
	\$845,298.01
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>39,701.31</u>
Balance — April 30, 2007	\$805,596.70
Available Funds — April 30, 2007	
Bank Balance	\$805,596.70
Minus Reserve for Building Fund	(95,075.10)
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(292,378.95)</u>
Working Capital	\$418,142.65
Reserve fund (\$7,621.05 in savings + \$500,000 in CD + \$292,378.95 in bank balance)	\$800,000.00
Building fund (\$95,075.10 in bank balance + \$418,683.66 in investments)	\$513,758.76

Motion by Phil Ackerman, second by Bill Schumacher to **accept** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

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### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### A. Board of Control and District Board Election Results

Commissioner Ross reviewed the voting results from the OHSAA Board of Control and District Athletic Boards elections. Elected to Board of Control positions (two-year terms, Aug. 1, 2007, to July 31, 2009) were: Phil Harris, principal, Plain City Jonathan Alder High School (Central Class AA); Mike Richards, superintendent, Allen East Local Schools, Harrod (Northwest Class A), and Gene Klaus, principal, Clayton Northmont High School (Southwest Class AAA).

Elected to six-year terms (Aug. 1, 2007, to July 31, 2013) on District Athletic Boards were: Jay Wolfe, athletic administrator, Lewis Center Olentangy High School (Central Class AAA); Beth Hill, principal, Newark Catholic High School (Central Female); Tom Farbizo, athletic administrator, New Philadelphia High School (East Class AAA); Barry Gullen, director of programs, Steubenville City Schools (East Ethnic Minority); Larry Acker, superintendent, North Central Local Schools, Creston (Northeast Class AA); \*Bill Koppel, principal, Mineral Ridge Middle School (Northeast 7th-8th Grade); Bill Clifton, principal, Van Wert High School (Northwest Class AA); Sarah Burden, principal, Elida High School (Northwest Female); Rick Edwards, superintendent, Eastern Local Schools, Reedsville (Southeast Class A); Rey Bradley, athletic administrator, Chillicothe High School (Southeast Ethnic Minority); Andrew Bixler, superintendent, Anna Local Schools (Southwest Class A), and Edward McCord, principal, Piqua Junior High School (Southwest 7th-8th Grade).

Elected to seven-year terms (Aug. 1, 2007, to July 31, 2014) on District Athletic Boards were: \*Keith Bell, principal, Westerville South High School (Central Ethnic Minority); Ron Bond, assistant principal/athletic administrator, Dover Middle School (East 7th-8th Grade); Lynn Gotthardt, athletic director, Chagrin Falls Kenston High School (Northeast Female); Jose Hernandez, principal, Toledo Scott High School (Northwest Ethnic Minority); Jeff Stricklett, principal, Manchester High/Middle School (Southeast 7th-8th Grade), and Katherine Davisson, principal, Piqua High School (Southwest Female).

Elected to eight-year terms (Aug. 1, 2007, to July 31, 2015) on District Athletic Boards were: Chuck Byers, principal, Pickerington Ridgeview Junior High (Central 7th-8th Grade); \*Teresa Alberts, principal, Sugarcreek Garaway High School (East Female); Phil Stevens, athletic administrator, Warrensville Heights High School (Northeast Ethnic Minority); Kevin Katafias, principal, Genoa Middle School (Northwest 7th-8th Grade); Jenny Penn, athletic administrator, Latham Western High School (Southeast Female), and James Ladd, athletic administrator, Trotwood-Madison High School (Southwest Ethnic Minority).

\* indicates that Bill Koppel, Keith Bell and Teresa Alberts will also serve two-years terms on the OHSAA Board of Control from Aug. 1, 2007, to July 31, 2009, based on a rotational plan approved by the OHSAA membership in October 2006. Mr. Koppel will share his position in 2007-08 with Karen O'Hare, principal, Creston Middle School, and Mr. Bell will share his position with Phil Stevens, athletic administrator, Warrensville Heights High School.

#### B. Refund Calculation to District Athletic Boards on Behalf of the District Officials Committees

Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed with the Board the second refund calculation that will be sent to the six District Athletic Boards on behalf of the District Officials Committees for 2006-07. The refund rate is \$3.00 for each official in each sport. The total number of registered officials was 19,006 in the fall and an additional 2,674 in the spring (officials are counted for each sport in which they officiate), making the total refund for the year \$65,040 (\$57,018 was refunded in the fall, \$8,022 will be refunded this spring). Mr. Zaborniak also noted that each district athletic board receives \$75 per local officials association for the purpose of conducting meetings and training.

#### C. OHSAA Drive-In Seminar for Newly Appointed School and Athletic Administrators

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that the OHSAA Drive-In Seminar for newly appointed school and athletic administrators for the 2007-08 school year will be Tuesday, August 7, in Columbus. There is no cost, and information will be mailed to member schools in June.

#### D. Minutes from the OHSAA Administrative Staff Meeting with the Presidents of the Various State Coaches Associations of April 4, 2007

The Board was provided the minutes of the meeting of the OHSAA administrative staff and the presidents of the various state coaches associations of April 4, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said items on the agenda included a review of the OHSAA officials ranking process; an update on the OHSAA sportsmanship program; a review of the new OHSAA tournament curfew guidelines; an update on the OHSAA technology project, and discussion on whether or not to modify the OHSAA out-of-season coaching regulations. In addition, Mr. Goldring said Tim Flannery, assistant director with the National Federation of State High School Associations, made a presentation on the NFHS's new coaches education course.

#### E. 2006 Football Financial Report

Assistant Comptroller Rossi reviewed 2006 financial reports for the regional and state football tournaments. The regional and state football tournaments had a profit of \$1,610,367.84. As a comparison, the 2005 regional and state football tournaments had a profit of \$2,392,246.81 and the 2004 regional and state football tournaments had a profit of \$1,429,680.43.

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### F. Minutes from the OHSAA Media Advisory Committee Meeting of May 3, 2007

The Board was provided the minutes of the meeting of the OHSAA Media Advisory Committee of May 3, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said Commissioner Ross provided an update on the latest OHSAA news; Pete Fitzpatrick from Home Team Marketing provided an update on the OHSAA television contract, and the committee was provided with an update on the OHSAA technology project. Also reviewed were the results from a survey conducted with OHSAA football tournament managers on trends they have found in working with the media, and the committee had the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed revisions to the OHSAA media regulations that will appear in the OHSAA Handbook and are to be approved by the OHSAA Board of Control. In addition, Mr. Goldring said some committee members expressed concern that smaller media outlets are not being provided with the assistance they are needed when covering OHSAA tournament contests and that favoritism is being shown towards the larger outlets, even if they do not follow a school as closely as the smaller outlets. Mr. Goldring said he plans to revise the OHSAA "Working With the Media" handbook for tournament managers and athletic administrators and will seek help from committee members to make revisions.

### G. 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. **Newark High School's** varsity track & field team used an ineligible student-athlete in three events at an invitational, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, forfeited all places in the events in which the student participated along with its team standing in the invitational ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."). The eligible participants from the school were able to keep their points, records, awards and qualifying positions. **Johnstown Northridge's** 7th grade baseball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams ("A member of an interscholastic squad . . . shall not participate in a contest, tryouts or any type of training or practices on a non-interscholastic squad or as an individual in a team sport in the same sport during the school's interscholastic sports season."), and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, forfeited all victorious contests in which the student participated ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."). **Defiance High School's** varsity baseball team had a pitcher violate the OHSAA-adopted 10-inning pitching regulation, which would have made the student ineligible for the second contest. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the next contest in which the student participated ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."). **Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy's** boys varsity tennis team used an ineligible student-athlete, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, forfeited the contest in which the student participated ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."). **Ashland Mapleton High School's** junior varsity softball team and junior varsity baseball team both used an ineligible student-athlete, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, forfeited each team forfeited a contest in which the students participated ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."). **Chillicothe High School's** varsity baseball team used an ineligible student-athlete, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, forfeited two victorious contests in which the student participated ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."). **LaGrange Keystone's** seventh grade girls basketball team had eight student-athletes violate Bylaw 10-3-4, Playing On Non-Interscholastic Teams ("The number of interscholastic squad members from the same school on the non-interscholastic squad is limited to a maximum of 50 percent of the members of a team as defined in the playing rules of the sport. In the sport of basketball, the number of squad members on the same team shall be two." As a result, the eight students will be suspended from participating in two regular season eighth-grade games during the 2007-08 season (four will be suspended from the first two contests; the remaining four will be suspended from the third and fourth contests). **Painesville Harvey High School's** junior varsity baseball team used an ineligible student-athlete, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, forfeited the victorious contest in which the student participated ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."). **Bellefontaine High School's** varsity boys track and field team used an ineligible student-athlete in three invitationals, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, forfeited all places in the events in which the student participated along with its team standing in the invitationals ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."). The eligible participants from the school were able to keep their points, records, awards and qualifying positions. **St. Bernard Elmwood Place High School's** varsity softball 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 forfeited the one victorious contest in which the student participated. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship ("The student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent during the previous grading period."). **Richwood North Union High School's** varsity softball team had a student-athlete violate Softball Sports Regulation 1.1, Interscholastic Participation ("No team or individual may play more than two games per day except the one time during the regular season when each school may play three games on a non-school day."). The school invoked penalties that were sufficient to the OHSAA and was also forced to forfeit the fourth contest in which the student-athlete participated in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited.").

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### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Winter Sports Proposals

##### 1. Basketball

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association proposed that coaches be permitted to conduct an individual skill development program as an option to open gyms during the month of May. Coaches would have the choice of conducting an individual skill development program or conducting an open gym; the workouts and open gyms would be voluntary; an unlimited number of student-athletes would be permitted to participate in each workout session; the workout would be limited to only individual skill development (no team instruction or competition would be permitted), and the workout or open gym would be limited to five hours per calendar week, Monday through Saturday.

The Board will act on the proposal at its June 7 meeting.

#### B. Foundation Board of Trustees Recommendation

The Board was previously presented with a proposal from Bill Hosket, executive director of the OHSAA Foundation, in which schools would be given the option to play an exhibition game in both girls and boys basketball during the week of Thanksgiving. The exhibition game would replace one scrimmage, admission may be charged and a minimum donation of \$500 from the contest would go to the OHSAA Foundation to help support leadership conferences, scholarships, promotional expenses and other Foundation initiatives. A Board of Control subcommittee met and established defined guidelines for the Foundation Week Basketball Games, and the guidelines were distributed and reviewed by the other Board members and staff.

Motion by Phil Ackerman, second by Beth Hill to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion failed 4-4 (In favor: Phil Ackerman, Beth Hill, Jerry Snodgrass, Dan Bise; Opposed: George Rise, Phil Stevens, Karen O'Hare, Bill Schumacher).

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Recommendations from the District Athletic Board Committee

The OHSAA District Athletic Board Review Committee presented two recommendations to the Board of Control:

##### 1. 2007-08 Common Tournament Dates

The committee recommended that common dates be established for all OHSAA sports for the 2007-08 school year. Established were one-week periods for schools to enter/withdraw for tournaments and submit tournament paperwork, program forms, etc.; the date penalties will begin to be assessed for failure to enter/withdraw and submit forms during the one-week period; the draw/seed meeting dates; and the date sectionals, districts or state qualifying tournaments will be held. The dates will be published in the OHSAA Handbook.

Motion by Bill Schumacher, second by Karen O'Hare to **approve** the dates as submitted.

Motion passed 8-0.

##### 2. Proposal for Officials Fees

Standard contest fees were recommended for officials working OHSAA tournament contests across the state and within each district. Effort was made to be fair and to ensure that federal, state and local laws and regulations were adhered to. Besides the fee, officials shall also receive a travel payment of \$1.00 per mile one way, beginning at mile 51 from the official's headquarters address. Officials shall not receive mileage expense reimbursement nor any miscellaneous allowances. For state tournaments, officials will receive one travel payment. At all other tournament levels, officials will receive the travel payment for each day of an assignment. The contest fees are based on a newly established index schedule for each tournament level.

Motion by Beth Hill, second by Bill Schumacher to **approve** the recommendation as submitted.

Motion passed 5-3 (In favor: Beth Hill, Bill Schumacher, Phil Stevens, Jerry Snodgrass, Karen O'Hare; Opposed: George Rise, Phil Ackerman, Dan Bise)

#### B. Approval of 2007 Spring Sports Tournament Media Policies

Assistant Commissioner Goldring provided the Board with the 2007 OHSAA spring sports media policies and procedures. He said that, as opposed to the regular media regulations that appear in the OHSAA Handbook, these are procedures and policies that media members follow that are specific toward coverage of the 2007 OHSAA spring sports state tournaments. He noted that the Board approved similar such policies during the fall and winter.

Motion by George Rise, second by Phil Ackerman to **approve** the policies and procedures as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

#### C. Contract Extensions

Commissioner Ross recommended that the following contracts be extended:

1. One-year extension for Croton Craft to provide OHSAA tournament trophies and medals (2007-08).

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Phil Stevens to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

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2. One-year extension for OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Steve Neil (August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2009).

Motion by George Rise, second by Karen O'Hare to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

### D. Approval of Readmittance for OHSAA Membership of Cleveland John Hay High School

Commissioner Ross said that Cleveland John Hay High School has reopened after going through extensive renovations and has requested to be readmitted as an OHSAA member school. The Commissioner said he recommends that the Board approve the request.

Motion by Bill Schumacher, second by Phil Stevens to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

### E. Sports Regulations Changes for 2007-08

Assistant Commissioner Goldring reviewed the proposed editorial changes in the general Sports Regulations that will appear in the 2007-08 OHSAA Handbook, and Assistant Commissioners Dickerson, Moore, Neil, Warns and Zaborniak and Director of Membership Services Price also reviewed the proposed editorial changes in Individual and Team Sports Regulations. Mr. Goldring noted the following changes: 1.) Items were reorganized in the General Regulations and there are now four sections: General Regulations; Tobacco, Alcohol, Illegal Drugs and Steroids Regulations; Lightning and Inclement Weather Regulations, and Media Regulations; 2.) the OHSAA Sponsored Tournaments Entry/Withdraw Procedures and Draw/Seed Meeting Dates was modified; 3.) the OHSAA Appeals Process was modified, and 4.) the OHSAA Tournament Curfew Regulations were added as recommended by an OHSAA subcommittee. Some of the changes made in the Media Regulations: 1.) Language was added that includes most of the concepts that the Board approves each season for tournament regulations so that they are incorporated into the General Regulations. That will eliminate the Board from having to approve the tournament media regulations each season; 2.) All references to cybercasts have been changed to webcasts, and 3.) Rights fees will be posted on the web site rather than printed in the OHSAA Handbook.

In the Individual and Team Sports Regulations, Mr. Goldring noted that regulations for the Ejection Policy for Unsporting Conduct, Instructional Programs and the No Contact Period - Coaches have been removed since the language is already included in the General Regulations. In addition, the Penalties section has been clarified, the deadline dates for OHSAA Tournaments have been modified to the dates submitted by the OHSAA District Board Committee and dates for the start of sectional tournaments in some sports have the denotation that District Athletic Boards may start tournaments two days earlier than listed (without Board of Control approval).

Most of the other updates in the Individual and Team Sports Regulations were related to date changes or items that were included or modified for clarity. In wrestling, it was noted that the last two weight classes for 7th-8th grades will be 205 and 245 and that teams and individual wrestlers may participate in a maximum of 15 regular season points and one two-point post-season tournament (which does not include the state junior high tournament).

Motion by Bill Schumacher, second by Dan Bise to **approve** the changes as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

It was noted that a specific recommendation for changes in the media regulations and one in the wrestling regulations were tabled.

### F. Application for Ironton Volleyball Officials Association

Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed a recommendation from the Southeast District Officials Committee and Appeals and Review Board that the Ironton Volleyball Officials Association be established. Mr. Zaborniak said the OHSAA officiating department has confirmed that the applicant has met all requirements.

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Bill Schumacher to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

### G. Approval of Classifications and School Enrollment Figures for 2007-08 and 2008-09

Assistant Commissioner Warns provided the Board with school classifications for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 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. Boys classifications are as follows (814 total schools): Central Boys (110 total) – 37 in Class A (enrollments of 179 or less), 37 in Class AA (enrollments of 180 to 436), 36 in Class AAA (enrollments of 437 or more); East Boys (56 total) – 19 in Class A (enrollments of 138 or less), 19 in Class AA (enrollments of 139 to 251), 18 in Class AAA (enrollments of 252 or more); Northeast Boys (241 total) – 81 in Class A (enrollments of 197 or less), 81 in Class AA (enrollments of 198 to 398), 79 in Class AAA (enrollments of 399 or more); Northwest Boys (163 total) – 55 in Class A (enrollments of 116 or less), 54 in Class AA (enrollments of 117 to 226), 54 in Class AAA (enrollments of 227 or more); Southeast Boys (71 total) – 24 in Class A (enrollments of 152 or less), 24 in Class AA (enrollments of 153 to 216), 23 in Class AAA (enrollments of 217 or more); Southwest Boys (173 total) – 58

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in Class A (enrollments of 175 or less), 58 in Class AA (enrollments of 176 to 403), 57 in Class AAA (enrollments of 404 or more).

Girls classifications are as follows (817 total schools) – Central Girls (110 total) – 37 in Class A (enrollments of 165 or less), 37 in Class AA (enrollments of 166 to 410), 36 in Class AAA (enrollments of 411 or more); East Girls (56 total) – 19 in Class A (enrollments of 129 or less), 19 in Class AA (enrollments of 130 to 248), 18 in Class AAA (enrollments of 249 or more); Northeast Girls (244 total) – 82 in Class A (enrollments of 185 or less), 82 in Class AA (enrollments of 186 to 378), 80 in Class AAA (enrollments of 379 or more); Northwest Girls (163 total) – 55 in Class A (enrollments of 110 or less), 54 in Class AA (enrollments of 111 to 224), 54 in Class AAA (enrollments of 225 or more); Southeast Girls (71 total) – 25 in Class A (enrollments of 140 or less), 23 in Class AA (enrollments of 141 to 202), 23 in Class AAA (enrollments of 203 or more); Southwest Girls (173 total) – 58 in Class A (enrollments of 166 or less), 58 in Class AA (enrollments of 167 to 390), 57 in Class AAA (enrollments of 391 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 2006. 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 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years are currently posted on the OHSAA web site ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)).

Motion by George Rise, second by Karen O'Hare to **approve** the school classifications and enrollments as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

### H. Fall Sports Divisional Breakdowns and Representation

Assistant Commissioners Dickerson, Moore and Neil and Director of Membership Services Price presented divisional breakdowns and representation for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years in the fall sports of cross country, golf, soccer, girls tennis and volleyball.

#### Boys Cross Country

Division I, 188 teams (378 males or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 188 teams (195-377 males)

Division III, 189 teams (194 or less males)

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 16; Northeast 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 4; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 8; Combined East and Southeast 8; Northeast 12; Northwest 24, and Southwest 12.

#### Girls Cross Country

Division I, 168 teams (376 females or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 168 teams (191-375 females)

Division III, 170 teams (190 or less females)

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 16; Northeast 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 8; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 4, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 8; combined East and Southeast 8; Northeast 16; Northwest 24, and Southwest 8.

#### Boys Golf

Division I, 234 teams (331 males or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 233 teams (172-330 males)

Division III, 234 teams (171 or less males)

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Combined Northeast and Northwest 6, and Southwest 3; **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4; Northeast 4; Northwest 2, and Southwest 2; **Division III:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4; Northeast 2; Northwest 4, and Southwest 2.

#### Girls Golf

Division I, 241 teams

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Northeast 4; Northwest 2, and Southwest 3.

#### Boys Soccer

Division I, 185 teams (400 males or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 184 teams (211-399 males)

Division III, 183 teams (210 or less males)

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 6; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3, and Southwest 4.

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### Girls Soccer

Division I, 236 teams (304 females or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 234 teams (303 or less females)

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: **Division I:** Central 3; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 5.

### Girls Tennis

Division I, 205 teams (346 females or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 205 teams (345 or less females)

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4 (with Central schools Mt. Vernon, Newark, Pataskala Watkins Memorial, Pickerington North and Sunbury Big Walnut and Southeast schools Chillicothe, Logan and Marietta assigned to the East District sectional tournament); Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4\* (with Central schools Carroll Bloom-Carroll, Granville, Lancaster Fisher Catholic and New Albany assigned to the East District sectional tournament); Northeast 5; Northwest 3\*, and Southwest 4.

\*Indicates tie in representation. A coin flip was conducted and the combined Central, East and Southeast Districts will have four representatives in 2007 and the Northwest District will have four representatives in 2008.

### Volleyball

Division I, 197 teams (389 females or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 200 teams (220-388 females)

Division III, 199 teams (130-219 females)

Division IV, 200 teams (129 or less females)

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Motion by Phil Ackerman, second by Phil Stevens to **approve** the fall sports divisional breakdowns and representation for 2007 and 2008 as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

## I. 2007 Football Tournament Regulations and Division and Regional Assignments

Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak presented updates in the 2007 football tournament regulations along with school division and regional assignments. Most changes in the regulations were related to date changes or items that were modified for clarity. He said that information on submission of souvenir program information, telecasts of tournament contests and the official OHSAA tournament football will be added when final decisions are completed in those three areas.

Division assignments would be as follows:

Division I, 115 teams (524 males or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 120 teams (365-523 males)

Division III, 119 teams (257-364 males)

Division IV, 119 teams (187-256 males)

Division V, 121 teams (131-186 males)

Division VI, 121 teams (130 or less males)

Regional quarterfinals will be held November 2 and 3; regional semifinals will be held November 9 and 10; regional finals will be held November 16 and 17; state semifinals will be held November 23 and 24, and the state finals will be held November 30 (11:00-Division V, Massillon; 3:00- Division III, Canton; 7:00-Division II, Massillon) and December 1 (11:00-Division VI, Canton; 3:00-Division IV, Massillon; 7:00-Division I, Canton). During the regionals and state semifinals, Division II, III and V will play on Fridays and Divisions I, IV and VI on Saturdays. The top four seeds will host regional quarterfinal contests, while the OHSAA will select neutral sites for regional semifinal, regional final and state semifinal contests.

Motion by Bill Schumacher, second by Dan Bise to **approve** the football tournament regulations, divisional assignments and regional assignments as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

## VII. APPEALS

### A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Ruth A. Bonner, re: her son, Grade 11, Cleveland Heights Lutheran East High School (Northeast District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School to Cleveland Heights Lutheran East High School in January 2007. He has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics until one year from his date of enrollment at Lutheran East in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the Bylaw. The student's mother, Ruth Bonner, appealed the ruling in writing so that her son can participate in interscholastic athletics immediately.

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Motion by Phil Ackerman, second by George Rise to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0.

### **VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. OHSAA attorney Steve Craig provided an update on a National Federation of State High School Associations Legal Summit which he recently attended.
- B. Carol Russo of the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association and Assistant Commissioner Moore updated the Board on the “Volley for the Cure – 800 Teams vs. Breast Cancer” promotion that will be occurring in the fall that is designed to increase awareness and education about breast cancer. The OHSAA and OHSVCA is sponsoring the event in conjunction with the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Molten USA, Inc.
- C. Dick Kerschbaum of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association provided the Board with an update on the coaches clinic that was held in the spring.

Motion by Karen O’Hare, second by Phil Stevens to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Motion passed 8-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

June 7, 2007; August 9, 2007; September 13, 2007; October 11 2007; December 6, 2007; January 17, 2008; February 14, 2008; April 3, 2008; May 8, 2008; June 12, 2008; August 7, 2008; September 11, 2008; October 9, 2008, and December 4, 2008.