

The following are the preliminary minutes from the May 12, 2011, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its June 9, 2011, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (May 12, 2011)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting at the OHSAA office in Columbus on May 12, 2011. President Dave Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Before beginning the meeting, Mr. Gray introduced Tom Rutan, who is the Ohio Department of Education's new ex-officio appointee to the Board of Directors.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Jenny Penn and the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Ault.

Board Members Present: Dave Gray, president; Steve Keller, vice president; John Ault; Tom Farbizo; Jose Hernandez; Tony Mantell; Jenny Penn; Mike Rotonda; Steve Zimmerman; Tom Rutan (ex-officio), and Matt Shomper (ex-officio).

Administrative Staff Present: Dan Ross, commissioner; 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.

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm, OHSAA staff; Brian Day and Veronica Vargo, OHSAA interns; Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Tom Barrick and Greg Nossaman, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Joe Matheny and Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Greg Kirstein, Ohio High School Ice Hockey Advisory Committee; Scott Dorne, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Scott Taylor, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Scott Gerber; Harry Hall and Jason P. Matthews; Adam Von Ho, Vance and Tina Cheatham and their son; Tim and Lisa Anderson and their son; Starlin Garrett and his son, an additional student and Akron City Schools attorney Rhonda Porter; and Martina and Darnell Rogers.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by John Ault to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the May 12, 2011, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Steve Zimmerman, second by Jenny Penn to **approve** the minutes from the April 7, 2011, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. State Office Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the financial report for the OHSAA state office for April. The report is summarized as follows:

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|---|-------------------|
| Balance — March 31, 2011 | \$1,712,570.36 |
| Receipts — April 2011 | <u>674,604.22</u> |
| | \$2,387,174.58 |
| Disbursements — April 2011 | <u>565,988.72</u> |
| | \$1,821,185.86 |
| Accounted for as follows: | |
| Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (4/30/11) | \$1,936,994.54 |
| | \$1,936,994.54 |
| Less Outstanding Checks | <u>115,808.68</u> |
| Balance — April 30, 2011 | \$1,821,185.86 |
| Available Funds — April 30, 2011 | |
| Bank Balance | \$1,821,185.86 |
| Savings Account | 818,156.08 |
| Minus Budget Stabilization | <u>(800,000)</u> |
| Working Capital | \$1,839,341.94 |
| Designated Funds | |
| Budget Stabilization | \$800,000.00 |
| Board Designated | 167,829.55 |
| Building fund | <u>258,342.67</u> |
| Total Designated Funds | \$1,226,172.22 |

B. District Athletic Boards Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the Board with the financial report for the six district athletic boards through April. The report is summarized as follows:

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| <u>District</u> | <u>Checking</u> | <u>Savings</u> | <u>CD</u> | <u>Yr.-to-Date Total Cash</u> | <u>Yr.-to-Date Gross Revenue</u> | <u>Yr.-to-Date Gross Expenses</u> | <u>Net Profit/Loss</u> |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Central | \$9,369 | \$54,807 | \$0 | \$64,176 | \$370,889 | \$386,504 | — \$15,615 |
| East | \$92,658 | \$0 | \$49,914 | \$142,572 | \$336,722 | \$286,889 | \$49,833 |
| Northeast | \$282,801 | \$7,415 | \$110,809 | \$401,025 | \$1,242,129 | \$1,114,516 | \$127,613 |
| Northwest | \$198,802 | \$0 | \$0 | \$198,802 | \$1,151,469 | \$1,115,741 | \$35,728 |
| Southeast | \$12,961 | \$29,158 | \$228,494 | \$270,613 | \$229,777 | \$235,450 | — \$5,673 |
| <u>Southwest</u> | <u>\$103,017</u> | <u>\$199,549</u> | <u>\$148,321</u> | <u>\$450,887</u> | <u>\$1,255,640</u> | <u>\$1,041,581</u> | <u>\$214,059</u> |
| Totals | \$699,608 | \$290,929 | \$537,538 | \$1,528,075 | \$4,586,626 | \$4,180,681 | \$405,945 |

Motion by Tony Mantell, second by John Ault to **approve** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Approval of IRS Form 990

The Board is annually presented a copy of the OHSAA 2010 tax form (IRS Form 990), which the Association is required to file as a 501(c)(3) organization. The OHSAA annually obtains an extension for filing this form.

Motion by Mike Rotonda, second by Tom Farbizo to **table** action on the form.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. OHSAA Seminar for Newly Appointed School and Athletic Administrators

The Board was informed that the OHSAA Seminar for Newly Appointed School and Athletic Administrators for the 2011-12 school year will be Tuesday, August 2, at the Doubletree Hotel in Columbus. There is no cost, and information will be mailed to member schools in June.

B. Minutes from the OHSAA Administrative Staff Meeting with the Presidents of the Various State Coaches Associations of April 6, 2011

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 6, 2011, and Associate Commissioner Bob Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said besides reviewing various annual topics and providing reminders, discussion centered on the upcoming referendum vote on competitive balance along with lengthy discussion on additional out-of-season instruction time for school coaches with their student-athletes. He added that several Board of Directors members also attended the meeting to especially participate in discussion on the latter subject.

C. Minutes of the OHSAA Diversity Committee Meeting of February 4, 2011

The Board was provided the minutes of the meeting of the OHSAA Diversity Committee of February 4, 2011, and Assistant Commissioner Steve Neil reviewed the highlights. He said the committee discussed numerous issues and plans to develop subcommittees to give even more focus on certain areas. Mr. Neil noted that one particular area of concern is representation on both the selection committee and in the selection of new members for the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame. The committee will reconvene in August or September.

D. Winter Sports Proposals

Proposals from the ice hockey advisory committee were deferred until this meeting after the basketball, bowling and swimming & diving coaches associations made proposals at the April Board of Directors Meeting. The Board will act on the winter sports proposals at the June 9 meeting.

1. Ice Hockey

The Ohio High School Ice Hockey Advisory Committee proposed that language be modified to include penalties against players who are ejected during a scrimmage or preview. It was noted that the OHSAA staff is reviewing this proposal to see if it would be appropriate to include a regulation in the OHSAA General Sports Regulations for all sports. The Board will act on a revised proposal in this area during a May 20 Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting.

The ice hockey advisory committee also proposed that a modification be made regarding the number of regular season contests that are permitted. For invitational tournaments, it was proposed that a minimum of four teams must participate, that 4-to-8 teams in such a tournament would constitute one game, nine or more teams would equal two games and an invitational tournament must be completed within seven consecutive calendar days.

The committee was represented by Greg Kirstein.

Motion by Jose Fernandez, second by Tom Farbizo that a maximum number of regular season games permitted be brought back to the Board with action to occur at the June 9 Board of Directors Meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

E. Review of Officials Insurance Modifications

Commissioner Dan Ross provided the Board with an update on modifications that were made to the insurance program provided to the approximately 16,000 OHSAA registered officials. The OHSAA has chosen to purchase general liability, accident medical and accidental death and dismemberment insurance from American Specialty Insurance for all registered officials. Officials will continue to have membership in the

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National Federation of Officials Association (NFOA).

F. Timeline for Board to Approve Division Breakdowns and Representation for 2011-12 and 2012-13 School Years

Since new school enrollment numbers for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 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:

| | <u>Division Breakdowns</u> | <u>Representation</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fall Sports | May 12 Board of Directors Meeting | Board Conference Call (May 20) |
| Winter Sports | June 9 Board of Directors Meeting | June 9 Board of Directors Meeting |
| Spring Sports | August 4 Board of Directors Meeting | August 4 Board of Directors Meeting |

G. Update on OHSAA Informational Items

The Board was provided updates on various information items regarding member schools. The same information was recently blast emailed to the membership. **Preseason meeting DVDs** were mailed to member school high school athletic administrators and 7th-8th grade principals last week. The OHSAA prepares the 20-minute DVD every other year for schools to utilize during the mandatory preseason meetings. Topics include information about and the role of the OHSAA; the purpose of interscholastic athletics; key OHSAA eligibility regulations; healthy lifestyles, including drugs and supplements, concussions and heat illness; and sporting behavior. Also included in the mailing was a sample template for conducting a preseason meeting. **OHSAA Eligibility Brochures** will be mailed to high school athletic administrators and 7th-8th grade principals this month. High schools will receive approximately 50 eligibility brochures and 7th-8th grade schools 20 eligibility brochures and 20 of the new eligibility brochures for 7th-8th grade students, and both were provided the link to access both brochures on the OHSAA web site to either print copies and provide the link to parents and students.

The membership was recently emailed information on completion of the required **OHSAA Sport Participation Card**, which includes updating of the **School Directory Information** and completion of the National Federation of State High School Associations annual **Participation Survey**. The deadline to update and complete the online information is May 15, 2011. School superintendents or heads of non-public schools were recently mailed the **Board Resolution Cards**, which are required to be submitted on an annual basis and affirms that the school's board of education or similar governing board has adopted a resolution authorizing membership with the OHSAA and, in doing so, agrees to conform with all OHSAA bylaws and regulations. Deadline for submission of the cards is July 31, 2011.

Voting on OHSAA Referendum Issues and District Athletic Board Elections for expired and unexpired positions on the six OHSAA district boards began May 1 and will continue through 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16. Results for both the referendum voting and district athletic board voting will be posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) by the end of the day on Tuesday, May 17, and will be reported in the minutes of the June 9 Board of Directors Meeting.

For the second consecutive year, the OHSAA will conduct four **Regional Update Meetings** for school administrators in August. The meetings are designed for superintendents, principals and athletics administrators and will include me providing an update on current issues; Associate Commissioner Deborah B. Moore providing student eligibility guidelines, and the OHSAA's legal counsel, Steve Craig, providing information on legal issues of which school administrators should be aware. Dates, locations and registration information will be forwarded to schools soon.

The deadline for schools to send in submissions for the **OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee's School Awards Program** is July 1, 2011. The program has been modified to a tiered system: 1.) Schools that inform the OHSAA that they have developed an awareness for sportsmanship within their school community and have completed a form indicating such will be given recognition for having met the OHSAA "Respect The Game Challenge;" 2.) Schools that provide a detailed electronic presentation that indicates that they have completed an eight-part program that promotes sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in their schools and communities will be awarded the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award, and 3.) A maximum of six recipients of the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards that have demonstrated that they have the best presentations will be awarded the OHSAA Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship. See the OHSAA web site for more information.

The OHSAA strongly encourages coaches, athletes and parents to participate in the **Respect The Game Respect Yourself** online program. The OHSAA has partnered with Dr. Mike Thomson in creating this comprehensive, cutting edge online package. Each RGRY member receives potent weekly messages vital to helping student-athletes become true examples of good character "in action" 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year . . . even when others might not be watching. For more information on getting schools and teams on board now, visit www.rgy.org or call 1-800-290-2482.

The deadline to **vote for and rate spring sport officials** is June 15, 2011. Each athletic administrator votes for a maximum of 15 officials who are added to the school's ballot and then submitted. Coaches or athletic administrators also rate each regular season contest official. Officials do not see these individual school ratings or comments. Both the officials' voting by athletic administrators and the ratings by coaches are done through the myOHSAA system (instructions are sent through a separate email) and are important in the selection of officials for 2011-12 OHSAA tournaments. Schools that fail to vote for or rate tournament officials by the deadline are subject to a \$150 fine per sport.

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H. Updates from Various Board Committees

Board member Steve Keller said he, fellow Board member Jenny Penn and Jeff Jordan, former ex-officio member of the Board, formed an ad-hoc committee and developed a proposed flowchart to help determine membership eligibility for schools that cannot meet the two sports minimum per sports season requirement. The flowchart was distributed to the Board and OHSAA administrative staff for further review.

I. Update of OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board of Directors was provided with a list of schools that recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. The OHSAA issued sanctions against **Lakewood St. Edward High School** for violations of Bylaw 4-9-3, Recruiting, when it hosted a “Meet the Coaches” event since the event took place independent of an event that promotes the entire high school program (athletics being part of an event in which the entire program is promoted is permissible). The school was reprimanded and fined \$250. **Mt. Orab Western Brown High School’s** boys varsity tennis team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, the school must forfeit the match in which the ineligible student participated. However, all eligible participants may keep their results and records from that match. **Bryan High School’s** varsity track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the meet in which the ineligible student participated along with the student’s points and records. However, all eligible participants may keep their points and records from that meet. **Cleveland Heights Beaumont School’s** varsity softball team participated in an out-of-state tournament on March 25 and 26, which violates the Softball Sports Regulation for starting date of the season (March 28). In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Penalties, the OHSAA has ruled that the school is not eligible for the 2011 OHSAA tournament series in softball. **Collins Western Reserve High School’s** track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the meets in which the ineligible student participated along with the student’s points and records. However, all eligible participants may keep their points and records from those meets. **Toledo Whitmer High School** had two student-athletes violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, when they participated in interscholastic athletics at the school while not meeting any of the exceptions to the transfer bylaw. Because this situation falls under Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility Established by Falsification, the student-athletes were declared ineligible for interscholastic athletics at the school or any other OHSAA member school for one year beginning April 21, 2011. Following receipt of the school’s eligibility certificates, the OHSAA has reserved its decision on the forfeitures of contests. **Austintown-Fitch High School’s** varsity and junior varsity baseball teams had two student-athletes violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1 Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible students participated. **Collins Western Reserve High School’s** junior varsity softball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1 Forfeitures, the school must forfeit three victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **West Jefferson High School’s** varsity girls track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the meets in which the ineligible student participated along with the student’s points and records. However, all eligible participants may keep their points and records from those meets. **Amanda-Clearcreek’s High School** junior varsity softball team scrimmaged its **Middle School** softball team, which is a violation of General Sports Regulation 33.3 (“7th and 8th grade students may not practice with, participate on the same team or compete against 9th through 12th grade students.” In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Penalties, the OHSAA has fined the school district \$500.

OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig also provided an update on litigation cases along with a review of the National Federation of State High School Associations Legal Summit that he and OHSAA Commissioner Dan Ross attended April 15, 2011, in Indianapolis. Thirty-five states were represented and one of the key discussion points was tournament workers and their independent contractor status.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

A. Sports Regulations Changes for 2011-12

The OHSAA administrative staff reviewed the proposed editorial changes in the general Sports Regulations that will appear in the 2011-12 *OHSAA Handbook*, along with the proposed editorial changes in the sport-by-sport regulations. The following changes in the general regulations were noted:

- 1.) Penalties have been added for schools that fail to have coaches obtain the Pupil Activity/Coaching Permit and for failure to conduct the mandatory preseason meeting.
- 2.) Tournament draw dates have been updated for the 2011-12 school year.
- 3.) New copy has been added regarding the OHSAA “50 percent rule,” which would permit the starting date for the sports of baseball and softball to be the first Friday before Memorial Day rather than June 1. This will also be reflected in those two sports’ general regulations. The change begins in 2012.
- 4.) Should the referendum issue on competitive balance pass, new language will be added to School Assignments – Divisions, regarding placement of schools into their tournament divisions in the sports of football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball based on a sport-by-sport athletic count.
- 5.) Concussion regulations and management protocol has been updated to include language that the Board of Directors approved at its January 13, 2012, meeting.

Other changes within the individual sports were also reviewed. Included was clarification in **baseball** and

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softball that an individual may compete in varsity and non-varsity contest that are occurring simultaneously but may not reenter the game where the initial participation occurred. Also, participation in both contests counts as two games toward an individual's 27-game limitation. Also in baseball and softball, all coaching and instruction may begin in late February (which was the old date for the exception for when pitchers and catchers could begin). Coaches will be reminded to not cut candidates so early with this new start date since many students will still be participating in a winter sport.

In **basketball**, it was noted that participation in 3-on-3 tournaments is not a violation of OHSAA General Sports Regulation 4.5, Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs, Team Sports. In **field hockey**, the Board-approved tie-break procedures for non-varsity tournaments and the regulation on a continuous clock when the goal differential of five has been reached were added. In **football**, it was noted that 7th-8th grade teams may play eight contests and have one scrimmage or seven contests and have two scrimmages. In **golf**, language was changed to "shall" (from "should") when indicating a school representative must be present throughout a contest. Clarification was also provided on procedures to follow for an interrupted contest. In **soccer**, clarification was provided on what constitutes an ejection vs. a disqualification for unsporting conduct. And in **wrestling**, it was noted that the National Federation of State High School Associations has changed the varsity weight classes beginning in 2011 based on a recommendation from the National Wrestling Rules Committee.

It was noted that action was tabled on proposed golf regulation language regarding an exception for students who participate in an international competition past the cutoff date for ceasing such participation and still being eligible for OHSAA tournaments, and for the two ice hockey proposals that would provide a penalty for students ejected from scrimmages and further limiting the number of regular season contests permitted. The Board will take action on these items at either a May 20 conference call meeting or their regularly scheduled June 9 meeting.

B. Approval of Contract Extension with SportsTime Ohio

Assistant Commissioner Steve Neil requested that the Board give the OHSAA staff approval to complete an extension of the contract with SportsTime Ohio (STO) to serve as the Association's official television partner for an additional five-year period beginning with the 2011-12 school year, pending agreement of the terms by both parties. He said a news release will be issued when the agreement has been reached.

C. Approval of Contract Extensions for OHSAA Administrative Staff Members Beginning August 1, 2011

Commissioner Dan Ross provided the Board with recommendations for contract extensions for Associate Commissioners Bob Goldring and Deborah B. Moore and Assistant Commissioners Steve Neil, Roxanne Price and Henry Zaborniak Jr. beginning August 1, 2011.

It was noted that extensions were approved for Commissioner Ross, Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass and Director of Information Services Tim Stried last spring.

D. Approval of Contract Extensions for OHSAA Legal Counsel Steven Craig and Legislative Liaison Jim Betts Beginning August 1, 2011

Commissioner Dan Ross provided the Board with recommendations for contract extensions for the OHSAA's legal counsel Steve Craig and legislative liaison Jim Betts beginning August 1, 2011.

E. Approval of Baseball and Softball Teams Playing Regular Season Doubleheaders on School Days for 2011 Season, Retroactive to May 11, 2011

With the large number of days in which the weather has been inclement, the OHSAA staff requested that the Board approve a recommendation that schools be permitted to play baseball and softball doubleheaders on weekdays so long as no school time is lost and pending approval of the local schools. The recommendation is for the 2011 season, is retroactive to May 11 and would displace the current regulation that states that doubleheaders may only be played on non-school days or on days when there is no school the following day.

Motion by John Ault, second by Steve Keller to **approve** New Business Consent Items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D. and VI. E. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

A. Approval of School Enrollment Figures and Classifications for 2011-12 and 2012-13 School Years

Assistant Commissioner Roxanne Price provided the Board with school classifications for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 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 after the school enrollment appeal period ended May 6, 2011.

Boys classifications are as follows (812 total schools): **Central Boys** (111 total) – 37 in Class A (enrollments of 9 to 166), 37 in Class AA (enrollments of 169 to 409), 37 in Class AAA (enrollments of 423 to 880); **East Boys** (56 total) – 18 in Class A (enrollments of 3 to 120), 19 in Class AA (enrollments of 127 to 241), 19 in Class AAA (enrollments of 248 to 409); **Northeast Boys** (238 total) – 76 in Class A (enrollments of 11 to 181), 81 in Class AA (enrollments of 184 to 368), 81 in Class AAA (enrollments of 377 to 1,121); **Northwest Boys** (162 total) – 52 in Class A (enrollments of 2 to 101), 55 in Class AA (enrollments of 104 to 209), 55 in Class AAA (enrollments of 215 to 833); **Southeast Boys** (71 total) – 23 in Class A (enrollments of 17 to 138), 24 in Class AA (enrollments of 142 to 188), 24 in Class AAA (enrollments of 190 to 478); **Southwest Boys** (174 total) – 57 in Class A (enrollments of 10 to 167), 59 in Class AA (enrollments of 169 to 344), 58 in

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Class AAA (enrollments of 352 to 1,164).

Girls classifications are as follows (814 total schools) – **Central Girls** (111 total) – 38 in Class A (enrollments of 13 to 160), 36 in Class AA (enrollments of 164 to 376), 37 in Class AAA (enrollments of 406 to 875); **East Girls** (56 total) – 18 in Class A (enrollments of 5 to 117), 19 in Class AA (enrollments of 122 to 220), 19 in Class AAA (enrollments of 234 to 384); **Northeast Girls** (240 total) – 79 in Class A (enrollments of 14 to 166), 82 in Class AA (enrollments of 168 to 379), 79 in Class AAA (enrollments of 383 to 1,016); **Northwest Girls** (162 total) – 54 in Class A (enrollments of 1 to 98), 53 in Class AA (enrollments of 101 to 195), 55 in Class AAA (enrollments of 203 to 755); **Southeast Girls** (71 total) – 23 in Class A (enrollments of 18 to 123), 25 in Class AA (enrollments of 135 to 193), 23 in Class AAA (enrollments of 198 to 435); **Southwest Girls** (174 total) – 58 in Class A (enrollments of 30 to 153), 58 in Class AA (enrollments of 158 to 329), 58 in Class AAA (enrollments of 331 to 1,242).

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 2010. 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 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years are currently posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org).

Motion by Tony Mantell, second by Tom Farbizo to **approve** the classifications as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. 2011 Football Tournament Regulations

Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak Jr. provided updates in the 2011 football tournament regulations. Most changes in the regulations were related to date and time changes and clarification was added for when ties occur for tournament qualification positions and how third level points are used to break those ties.

Regional quarterfinals will be held November 4 and 5; regional semifinals will be held November 11 and 12; regional finals will be held November 18 and 19; state semifinals will be held November 25 and 26, and the state finals will be held December 2 (11:00-Division V, Massillon; 3:00- Division III, Canton; 7:00-Division II, Massillon) and December 3 (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 at 7:30 and Divisions I, IV and VI on Saturdays at 7:00. 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 Steve Keller, second by John Ault to **approve** the regulations as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. 2011 and 2012 Football Divisional Alignments and Regional Assignments

Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak Jr. presented 2011 and 2012 school divisional alignments and regional assignments in the sport of football. School-by-school listings with the specific information will be posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org). Divisional alignments would be as follows:

Division I, 118 teams (494 males or more from October 2010 enrollments)
Division II, 119 teams (327 to 493 males)
Division III, 120 teams (243 to 326 males)
Division IV, 122 teams (172 to 242 males)
Division V, 116 teams (120 to 171 males)
Division VI, 122 teams (119 or less males)
Total Teams: 717

Motion by Steve Zimmerman, second by Mike Rotonda to **approve** the football tournament division and regional assignments as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

D. 2011 and 2012 Fall Sports Divisional Alignments

The Board was provided divisional alignments for fall sports for 2011 and 2012 as follows:

Boys Golf

Division I, 224 teams (303 males or more from October 2010 enrollments)
Division II, 224 teams (156 to 302 males)
Division III, 226 teams (155 or less males)
Total Teams: 674

Girls Golf

Division I, 148 teams (301 females or more from October 2010 enrollments)
Division II, 147 teams (300 or less females)
Total Teams: 295

Boys Soccer

Division I, 187 teams (379 males or more from October 2010 enrollments)
Division II, 186 teams (204 to 378 males)
Division III, 186 teams (203 or less males)
Total Teams: 559

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Girls Soccer

Division I, 169 teams (371 females or more from October 2010 enrollments)

Division II, 169 teams (202 to 370 females)

Division III, 169 teams (201 or less females)

Total Teams: 507

Girls Tennis

Division I, 206 teams (343 females or more from October 2010 enrollments)

Division II, 203 teams (342 or less females)

Total Teams: 409

Volleyball

Division I, 197 teams (360 females or more from October 2010 enrollments)

Division II, 197 teams (206 to 359 females)

Division III, 198 teams (118 to 205 females)

Division IV, 198 teams (117 or less females)

Total Teams: 790

Motion by, second by to **approve** the fall sports divisional alignments as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

E. Approval of OHSAA Officials Handbook for 2011-12 School Year

Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak Jr. provided the Board with the 2011-12 OHSAA Officials Handbook. He said most updates were date changes or language that has been modified for clarity. Board members were provided with a draft of the handbook in late April and provided modification recommendations prior to the Board meeting.

Motion by Jenny Penn, second by John Ault to **approve** the 2011-12 officials handbook as presented.

Motion passed 9-0

VIII. APPEALS

Board member Tony Mantell served as the appeals hearing officer.

- A. Officials Handbook Regulation 7.6, Unethical Conduct, Attorney Jason P. Matthews, re: Official Harry Hall
Following an investigation that came from allegations, the OHSAA has ruled that official Harry Hall shall be permanently removed from instructing any OHSAA officiating classes; prohibited from conducting basketball officiating camps for OHSAA basketball, softball and volleyball officials; prohibited from entering any and all officials dressing rooms, except for those contests in which he officiates; prohibited from officiating with female officials other than his wife, and is on probation as an OHSAA official for the 2011 and 2012 seasons for violating Officials Handbook Regulation 7.6, Unethical Conduct. Mr. Hall and attorney Jason P. Matthews appealed the penalties that have been invoked.

Motion by Steve Keller, second by Tom Farbizo to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

- B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Attorney Adam M. Van Ho, re: Four Students, Grade 11, Akron Buchtel High School (Northeast District)

Four 11th-grade students transferred from Akron Firestone High School to Akron Buchtel High School in December and have been ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Buchtel in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because they do not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The four students and parents Vance and Tina Cheatham, Tim and Lisa Anderson and Starlin Garrett along with attorney Adam M. Van Ho appealed the ruling so that the students can participate in interscholastic athletics immediately at Buchtel. Attorney Rhonda Porter also attended the hearing on behalf of the Akron City Schools.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Jenny Penn to **table** action on the appeal in order that more information can be gathered.

Motion passed 9-0.

- C. Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility, and Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Martina Rogers, re: Her Son, Grade 11, Toledo Whitmer High School (Northwest District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Holland Springfield High School to Toledo Whitmer High School in March. The OHSAA originally ruled the student eligible but received additional information and then ruled the student ineligible for participation in interscholastic athletics at Whitmer or any member high school for one year until April 21, 2012, for violating Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility (established by falsified information) and Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's parents, Martina and Darnell Rogers, appealed the ruling so that their son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Whitmer immediately.

There was a motion and a second to deny the appeal, and that motion was withdrawn.

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Motion by Jose Hernandez, second by Steve Zimmerman to **table** action on the appeal in order that more information can be gathered.

Motion passed 9-0.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings on Thursdays in the OHSAA Board Room at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated.)
2011: June 9, August 4, September 8, October 20 and December 8. **2012:** January 12, February 16, April 12, May 10, June 7, August 2, September 13, October 18 and December 6.