

The following are the preliminary minutes from the October 20, 2011, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its December 8, 2011, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (October 20, 2011)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting at the OHSAA office in Columbus on October 20, 2011. President Tony Mantell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. **Note:** Appeals to the Board of Directors began on Wednesday, October 19, and continued on Thursday, October 20.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Mark Hughes and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Phil Stevens.

Board Members Present: Tony Mantell, president; John Ault, vice president; Bill Axe; Ron Bond; Tom Farbizo; Mark Hughes; Troy McIntosh; Phil Stevens; Tom Rutan (ex-officio), and Tim Erickson (ex-officio).

Board Member Excused: Jenny Penn.

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

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Brenda Murray, OHSAA staff; Paul Seiter, Kristin Daugherty, Marki Overholt and Michael Gett, OHSAA interns; Bill Gamble and Steve Norris, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Pete Liptrap, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Bill Albright, Dan Ifft, Mike Mauk, Dick Kerschbaum and Wally Hood, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Joe Matheny and Kevin Smith, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Brian Stevens and Michael Haney, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Brenda Radabaugh, Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association; Ryan Shaffer, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Scott Dorne, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Scott Taylor, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association, and Scott Gerber. **Note:** Appellants and others who attended the appeals hearings are listed under each specific appeal.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Phil Stevens to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the October 20, 2011, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by John Ault, second by Ron Bond to **approve** the minutes from the September 8, 2011, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. State Office Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Jeff Jordan provided the financial report for the OHSAA state office for September. The report is summarized as follows:

Balance — August 31, 2011	\$2,228,042.14
Receipts — September 2011	<u>105,857.81</u>
	\$2,333,899.95
Disbursements — September 2011	<u>653,396.54</u>
	\$1,680,503.41
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (9/30/11)	\$1,788,412.50
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>107,909.09</u>
Balance — September 30, 2011	\$1,680,503.41
Available Funds — September 30, 2011	
Bank Balance	\$1,680,503.41
Savings Account	819,654.17
Minus Budget Stabilization	<u>(800,000.00)</u>
Working Capital	\$1,700,157.58
Designated Funds	
Budget Stabilization	\$800,000.00
Board Designated	263,827.43
Building fund	<u>233,389.45</u>
Total Designated Funds	\$1,297,216.88

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B. District Athletic Boards Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Jeff Jordan provided the Board with the financial report for the six district athletic boards through August 31. The report is summarized as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>Total Cash</u>	<u>Yr.-to-Date Gross Revenue</u>	<u>Yr.-to-Date Gross Expenses</u>	<u>Yr.-to-Date Net Profit/Loss</u>
Central	\$16,621	\$54,856	\$0	\$71,477	\$0	\$10,326	– \$10,326
East	\$74,566	\$0	\$49,914	\$124,480	\$1	\$2,424	– \$2,423
Northeast	\$141,380	\$7,415	\$110,809	\$259,604	\$1	\$6,451	– \$6,450
Northwest	\$189,610	\$0	\$0	\$189,610	\$0	\$3,213	– \$3,213
Southeast	\$3,982	\$26,608	\$228,494	\$259,084	\$3,750	\$8,923	– \$5,173
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$15,015</u>	<u>\$126,150</u>	<u>\$148,321</u>	<u>\$289,486</u>	<u>\$8</u>	<u>\$98,771</u>	<u>– \$98,763</u>
Totals	\$441,174	\$215,029	\$537,538	\$1,193,741	\$3,760	\$130,108	– \$126,348

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Mark Hughes to **approve** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Updates from OHSAA Board Committees

Board of Directors members provided updates on various OHSAA Committees. Tony Mantel said the Technology Committee will be reviewing bids in December on upgrades for the OHSAA Board Room. Ron Bond said the 7th-8th Grade Committee has initiated emails being blasted to member schools that provide information to pass on to their parents and student-athletes. He said the committee is continuing to look for better means to communicate with schools. John Ault said the Hall of Fame Committee has agreed to nominate Harrison Dillard for the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame in the ‘athlete’ category, and he noted that Katie Horstman’s nomination in the ‘coach’ category is eligible for reconsideration by the NFHS selection committee again this year. The OHSAA committee will meet again in February to review future nominations.

B. 2010-11 School Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards Recipients

Assistant Commissioner Roxanne Price said that several OHSAA member schools have participated in the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee’s school awards program for the 2010-11 school year. The new three-tiered award system has 30 schools that have applied and been approved for meeting the Respect The Game Challenge. Of those 30, 19 schools have been approved for the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award. Members of the OHSAA staff and The Ohio State University Sportsmanship Council completed the process of judging the entries, and the winners are listed below. Ms. Price said in the near future the OHSAA staff will also make recommendations for a maximum of six of those schools to receive the Commissioner’s Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship.

Schools that have met the Respect The Game Challenge are: High Schools (24) – Avon, Batavia Amelia, Bay Village Bay, Chagrin Falls Kenston, Cincinnati LaSalle, Cincinnati Oak Hills, Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy, Clayton Northmont, Columbus Bishop Watterson, Coshocton, Creston Norwayne, Germantown Valley View, Hamilton Ross, Johnstown-Monroe, Loveland, Millersburg West Holmes, North Ridgeville, Norwood, Stow-Munroe Falls, Uniontown Lake, Vandalia Butler, Waynesville, West Carrollton and Wilmington; and 7th-8th grade schools (6) – Ashville Teays Valley East Middle School, Cincinnati Nagel Middle School, Commercial Point Teays Valley West Middle School, Creston Middle School, Dublin John Sells Middle School and Pataskala Licking Heights Central Middle School.

Schools selected to be presented the The Harold A. Meyer Award are: High Schools (15) – Avon, Batavia Amelia, Bay Village Bay, Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy, Columbus Bishop Watterson, Coshocton, Creston Norwayne, Germantown Valley View, Hamilton Ross, Millersburg West Holmes, North Ridgeville, Stow-Munroe Falls, Vandalia Butler, West Carrollton and Wilmington; and 7th-8th grade schools (4) – Ashville Teays Valley East Middle School, Cincinnati Nagel Middle School, Commercial Point Teays Valley West Middle School and Dublin John Sells Middle School. The Meyer Award began in 1992 and is named in honor of the late Harold A. Meyer, commissioner of the OHSAA from 1969 to 1977.

C. Change in Soccer Starting Date of Contests Beginning with the 2012 Season

Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass informed the Board that when the starting dates for practice were altered and printed in the *OHSAA Handbook*, the start of competition dates were also moved but were done so in error. Therefore, he has forwarded information to the membership regarding the proper starting dates for competition beginning in 2012, and the correct dates will also be published in next year’s handbook. In 2012, that date is August 18.

D. Minutes from the OHSAA Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting of September 13, 2011

The Board was provided the minutes of the OHSAA Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting of September 13, 2011. Commissioner Dan Ross reported that Mike Richards was selected as the new president of the board. He replaces John Muhlback, who remains on the board but has relinquished the presidency. In addition, new members of the board include Linda Logan, executive director of the Greater Columbus Sports Commissioner, and Kim Mahoney, former executive director of the board, a former OHSAA assistant commissioner and currently the director of communications & program development with Columbus’ Nationwide Arena and Ohio State University’s Jerome Schottenstein Center.

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E. Update of OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board was provided with a list of schools that recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Dublin Sells Middle School's** boys and girls golf teams each had a student-athlete violate Sports Regulation 6.4 when they participated in a non-interscholastic event while a member of the school's golf teams. In accordance with Sports Regulation 6.13.1, Penalties, the OHSAA ruled the students ineligible for the school's next two contests and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all contests in which the ineligible students participated after the violation occurred and before the suspensions began along with the student's points and records. However, all eligible participants may keep their points and records from those contests. **Cincinnati Taft High School's** varsity football team had five student-athletes ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of transfer to Taft because the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable. After the school received this ruling from the OHSAA, the school's head coach disregarded the ruling and played the students in the school's first contest, which was televised nationally on one of the ESPN channels. Although Taft lost that contest, in accordance with Bylaw 11-1-2, Penalties, the OHSAA suspended the head coach for the school's next five contests, the school has been placed on probation for two years and the school has been fined \$2,500. **Columbus Ridgeview Middle School's** volleyball team had a student-athlete violate Sports Regulation 6.4 when she participated in a non-interscholastic event while a member of the school's volleyball team. In accordance with Sports Regulation 6.13.1, Penalties, the OHSAA ruled the student ineligible for the school's next two contests and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated after the violation occurred and before the suspension began. **New Concord John Glenn High School's** girls soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-3-1, Exception 3, Enrollment and Attendance. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Parma Normandy High School's** ice hockey team permitted an eighth-grade student to participate in practices during the 2010-11 season and a parent made contact with another eighth-grade student during the summer. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the school's head coach has been reprimanded, the school's ice hockey program has been placed on probation for one year and a school administrator is required to attend three OHSAA meetings where bylaws and compliance issues are reviewed in the spring and summer of 2012. The **Dayton Public Schools** had a student transfer this fall to Ponitz Career Technology Center in accordance with the requirements of Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfer of Public High School Students Prior to the Beginning of the School Year. The student is compliant with the bylaw but the district failed to request an eligibility ruling within the first 15 days of the school year as required. The OHSAA restored eligibility but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the district has been fined \$150. The OHSAA has concluded an investigation that began last winter on information it received regarding alleged rules infractions at **Canal Winchester Harvest Preparatory School**. The OHSAA met with representatives of the school and mutually worked to reach a resolution that includes several sanctions after it has been determined that OHSAA bylaws on scholarship, transfers, recruiting and administrative responsibility have been violated. The agreed sanctions include suspension of Harvest Prep School from participation in the Association's post-season tournaments in football, girls basketball and boys basketball for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years. The school also will be ineligible for post-season play for the 2011-12 academic year in all other sports. Following the 2012-13 academic year, Harvest Prep will serve a three-year period of probation. In addition, Harvest Prep will forfeit the 2011 district and regional championships and state runner-up in boys basketball along with all victorious contests from the 2010-11 boys basketball season because an ineligible player participated. Three games from the 2010 football season, in which another ineligible student participated, also have been forfeited. Harvest Prep has also agreed to pay a fine and the cost of the OHSAA's investigation. In addition, the school has hired an independent administrator that was selected by the OHSAA to oversee the school's compliance with OHSAA bylaws and regulations. The administrator, who will work at Harvest Prep through June 2013, will provide updates and progress reports to the OHSAA Office. Harvest Prep will be permitted to maintain its regular season schedules during the probation period but, in the event the OHSAA finds additional major violations of Association bylaws, the school's membership status in the OHSAA could be in jeopardy. **Lima Perry High School's** football team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit one victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2011-12 Gymnastics Manual

The Board approved the 2011-12 sports manuals for the winter sports of basketball, bowling, ice hockey, swimming & diving and wrestling that were prepared by OHSAA staff members at its September 8 meeting and was provided the 2011-12 Gymnastics Manual at this meeting. The manuals include the sports regulations that appear in the OHSAA Handbook and the tournament regulations that are posted on the OHSAA web site, plus additional information has been added as points of emphasis and for clarity. The manuals are mailed directly to member school head coaches and contest officials in the respective sports and are posted on the OHSAA web site. Also included in the mailing are sport specific rule books and attendance cards for OHSAA rules interpretation meetings.

Motion by Mark Hughes, second by John Ault to **approve** the 2011-12 Gymnastics Manual as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

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B. Approval of Contract with Chan Cochran

Commissioner Dan Ross recommended that the Board approve a recommendation that the OHSAA hire Chan Cochran on a retainer agreement to serve as a public relations consultant and legislative liaison. Mr. Cochran is the founder and president of the Cochran Group, a Columbus area public relations and communications company.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Phil Stevens to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

A. 2012 Winter Sports Tournament Regulations

Amended winter sports tournament regulations were reviewed by OHSAA administrative staff members Jerry Snodgrass (boys and girls basketball); Roxanne Price (bowling, gymnastics and swimming & diving); Steve Neil (ice hockey), and Henry Zaborniak Jr. (wrestling). Most changes reflected dates and times. In **bowling**, Ms. Price asked Board members to make their district managers aware that representation for 2012-13 has changed. In **ice hockey**, it was noted that a few schools have dropped the sport. In addition, the Board approved a National Federation of State High School Associations regulation (which may be adopted per state approval) as follows: "At the conclusion of a period, teams must remain at their bench area until the referee signals the players to proceed directly to their respective dressing rooms." The rule is intended to be proactive for unsporting behavior concerns.

B. 2012 State Ice Hockey Tournament Draw

Assistant Commissioners Steve Neil and Henry Zaborniak conducted the 2012 State Ice Hockey Tournament draw. The tournament will be held March 10 and 11 at Nationwide Arena in Columbus. The semifinals will be held on Saturday at noon (Kent district winner vs. Brooklyn district winner) and 3:00 (Sylvania district winner vs. Columbus district winner), and the finals on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

C. WHBC-TV In Canton: Request Waiver of TV Timeouts

The Board was provided with a request from WHBC-TV in Canton that television timeouts be permitted for its live telecast of the Massillon Washington at Canton McKinley regular season football game on Saturday, October 29, 2011, as negotiated by the station and the competing schools.

Motion by Bill Axe, second by Mark Hughes to **approve** New Business Consent Items VI. A., VI. B. and VI. C. as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

A. Request to Begin Boys Basketball Season a Day Earlier

The Ohio Border Conference has made a request to start the 2011 boys basketball season a day earlier from Friday, December 2, to Thursday, December 1, in order to permit the girls teams to begin league play on that Friday. Starting on Thursday would allow more schedule flexibility for the boys teams.

Motion by John Ault, second by Bill Axe to **approve** the request.

Motion passed 8-0.

B. Approval of Recommendation from Competitive Balance Subcommittee

Commissioner Dan Ross informed the Board that the OHSAA Competitive Balance Subcommittee met on Oct. 14. The purpose of the meeting was to review the results of the survey that was conducted with over 300 member school principals in early August with the gentleman whose company conducted the survey, and then to engage in conversation to answer the basic question of "where do we go from here" regarding competitive balance. Following the discussion, the following recommendation was made: "In respect to the data garnered through the principals' survey, the OHSAA Competitive Balance Subcommittee recommends no revisions to the current system used to assign high schools to divisions for OHSAA tournaments. The subcommittee does recommend the data and discussion content gathered and obtained by the committee during its work be used during the discussion of Division I sports in the OHSAA. The competitive balance committee will reconvene in April of 2012 to review the Division I information and current status of the OHSAA."

Motion by Phil Stevens, second by Tom Farbizo to **support** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

VIII. APPEALS

Board member Phil Stevens served as the appeals hearing officer. Appeals began on Wednesday, October 19 (from 5:30 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.) and continued on Thursday, October 20.

A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 1, Transfers, Mr. Michael Parrett and Ms. Pamela Thompson re: Their Son, Grade 12, Granville High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student was enrolled at Pataskala Watkins Memorial High School during part of the 2010-11 school year, was home schooled for the rest of the year and transferred to Granville High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student and as a senior, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athlet-

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ics at Granville, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student and his parents, Michael Parrett and Pamela Thompson, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Granville immediately. They testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw. Maureen Thompson, the student's aunt, also attended the appeal as did Benjamin Richards, principal at Watkins Memorial, and John McGiffin, athletic director at Watkins Memorial.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Ron Bond to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0.

B. Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility (Falsification), Ms. Tera Robinson re: Her Daughter, Grade 11, Beachwood High School (Northeast District)

At the February 17, 2012, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board denied an appeal for eligibility after the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable for a 10th-grade student who transferred from Cleveland Heights Lutheran East High School to Beachwood High School for the 2010-11 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Beachwood.

The student and her mother, Tera Robinson, appealed the penalty so that the student can regain eligibility prior the anniversary date (January 26, 2012) of the transfer.

Motion by Mark Hughes, second by Ron Bond to **deny** the appeal, but with the stipulation that, in the event that the OHSAA receives a sworn affidavit from an official school administrator attesting to the fact that either 1.) the entire family (all household members) do in fact reside in the residence located in the Beachwood school district (i.e. the new residence attested to in the Affidavit of Bona Fide Residence), or 2.) the mother and the student have continuously resided in this new residence since the date first attested to in the Affidavit of Bona Fide Residence and that the mother and her husband remain separated due to the family discord that existed and continues to exist between the two of them, the student's eligibility will be restored on December 31, 2011.

Motion passed 7-0 (Troy McIntosh excused).

C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Peter Lyell, Athletic Director, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Toledo Rogers High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Toledo Whitmer High School to Toledo Rogers High School during the 2010-11 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Rogers, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student and his parents, Lisa Dunnivant and Cliff Gaston, and the school's athletic administrator, Peter Lyell, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Rogers immediately. The parents testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by John Ault to **table** the appeal until such time that an on-going OHSAA investigation related to this appeal is complete.

Motion passed 7-0 (Troy McIntosh excused).

D. Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, Mr. Peter Lyell, Athletic Director, A 12th-Grade Student, Toledo Rogers High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Toledo Start High School to Toledo Rogers High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student and being a senior, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics at Rogers, and the Commissioner's Office determined that the standards of Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, have not been met.

The school's athletic administrator, Peter Lyell, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Rogers immediately. He testified that the standards of Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, had been met since there was a specific change of the student's academic program and the transfer occurred prior to the beginning of the school year.

Motion by Mark Hughes, second by Phil Stevens to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0.

E. Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, Mr. Peter Lyell, Athletic Director, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Toledo Rogers High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Holland Springfield High School to Toledo Rogers High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student and being a senior, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics at Rogers, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The school's athletic administrator, Peter Lyell, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in

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interscholastic athletics at Rogers immediately. Steve Gwin, principal at Springfield High School, also attended the appeal.

Motion by Troy McIntosh, second by John Ault to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0.

F. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Anthony Hendrix, re: His Son, Grade 11, Cincinnati Princeton High School (Southwest District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Cincinnati Princeton High School to Fairfield High School for the 2011-12 school year and then transferred back to Princeton. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of reenrollment at Princeton, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student's father, Anthony Hendrix, appealed the ruling in writing so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Princeton immediately.

Motion by John Ault, second by Tom Farbizo to **table** the appeal so that more information can be obtained.

Motion passed 7-0 (Troy McIntosh excused).

G. Bylaw 4-3-3 and 4-3-4, Enrollment and Attendance, Mr. Justin Sanford, Athletic Director, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Gahanna Lincoln High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student at Gahanna Lincoln High School became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the 2011-12 school year because the Commissioner's Office determined that the student has exceeded eight semesters of eligibility as stipulated by Bylaw 4-3-3, Enrollment and Attendance.

The student; Justin Sanford, the school's athletic administrator, and Dwight Carter, the school's principal, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Gahanna Lincoln immediately. They testified that the exception to Bylaw 4-3-4, Enrollment and Attendance, should be applied since the student was not enrolled at a chartered school where credits were earned during the second semester of the 2010-11 school year. A cousin of the student and her friend also attended the appeal.

Motion by Phil Stevens, second by Bill Axe to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0 (Troy McIntosh excused).

It was noted that the Board determined that, based upon new evidence that was presented, the first semester of the 2011-12 school year will in fact be the student's eighth semester of eligibility for interscholastic athletics in Ohio. Since the eighth semester will be completed during the season of the student's sport (basketball), the OHSAA will permit the student to complete the basketball season provided the student is enrolled in school and meets all other eligibility requirements set forth in the Bylaws. Notwithstanding the eligibility extending into part of the second semester, the student will not be able to start and/or compete in any spring sports this year.

H. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Stephanie Venters re: Her Son, Grade 12, Toledo St. John's Jesuit High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Toledo Whitmer High School to Toledo St. John's Jesuit High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student and a senior, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics at St. John's, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student's parents, Stephanie Venters and Jonathan Begley, appealed the ruling so that their son can participate in interscholastic athletics at St. John's Jesuit immediately. They provided evidence that a change of custody to Ms. Venters had occurred.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Mark Hughes to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0 (Troy McIntosh excused).

I. Bylaw 4-7-6, Intra-District Transfer, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Wrencher re: Their Daughter, Grade 12, Liberty Township Lakota East High School (Southwest District)

A 12th-grade student was enrolled at West Chester Lakota West High School during the 2010-11 school year and transferred to Liberty Township Lakota East High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student and being a senior, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics at Lakota East, and the Commissioner's Office determined that the standards of neither Bylaw 4-7-4, Intra-District Transfers, nor Bylaw 4-7-6, Intra-District Transfers, have been met.

The student's parents, Patrick and Alesia Wrencher, appealed the ruling via conference call so that their daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at Lakota East immediately. They testified that they believe the standards of Bylaw 4-7-6, Intra-District Transfers, have been satisfied.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by John Ault to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0 (Troy McIntosh excused).

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J. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bica re: Their Daughter, Grade 11, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student attended Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy during the 2010-11 school year. She transferred to Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit High School for the 2011-12 school year but transferred back to Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy after three days at Walsh. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of reenrollment at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student's parents, Joseph and Dona Bica, appealed the ruling in writing so that their daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy immediately. They testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Motion by Ron Bond, second by John Ault to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0 (Troy McIntosh excused).

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. None

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 1:50 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: December 8. **2012:** January 12, February 16, April 12, May 10, June 7, August 2, September 13, October 18 and December 6.