

# OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (September 11, 2008)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room of the OHSAA office building on September 11, 2008. President Mike Richards called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Richards made special mention of the Board meeting falling on the anniversary of 9/11.

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

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

**Administrative Staff Present:** Dan Ross, commissioner; Bob Goldring, John Dickerson, Deborah B. Moore, 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; Sam Morris, OHSAA intern; Frank Gamble, David Barrow, Rich Corvin, Chris Smith, David Burkett and Phillip Kuhn, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Pete Liptrap and Tom Barrick, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Dick Kerschbaum, Bob Brigati, Wally Hood and Mike Mauk, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; John Johnson, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Mike Huff and Kevin Moody, Ohio High School Fast Pitch Softball Coaches Association; Mike Griggs, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelter and Scott Dorne, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Scott Taylor and Tracey Kornau, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick and Ron Knight, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Craig Dunaway and Scott Kasoudji; Tom Sinclair; Dana Bubemyer and her daughter and Missy Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Rush, Mark Spradling, Raymond Cox and Leah Green; Lynne Urbansky; Jim and Joyce Barrett; Bryan Dassylva and his son; Julie Zolciak; Loretta James and her son; Bob Stewart and his son, Chuck Stewart and Nick Urban; Dynelle Kellar and Dan Letson; Dawn and Anthony DePiro and their son; and Bob and Janet Zaayer and Larry Herges.

## I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Rock VanFossen to **adopt** the agenda for the September 11, 2008, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** the minutes from the August 7, 2008, Board of Directors meeting as amended. It was noted that the minutes should have reflected that Board member Jeff Jordan was excused from the meeting, and some references to Board of Control should be replaced by Board of Directors.

Motion passed 9-0.

## III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### A. Financial Reports

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the financial report for August. The report is summarized as follows:

Balance — July 31, 2008	\$1,027,090.56
Receipts — August 2008	<u>98,639.02</u>
	\$1,125,729.58
Disbursements — August 2008	<u>471,526.18</u>
	\$654,203.40
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (8/31/08)	\$756,624.91
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>102,421.51</u>
Balance — August 31, 2008	\$654,203.40
Available Funds — August 31, 2008	
Bank Balance	\$654,203.40
Savings	7,622.69
Certificate of Deposit Interest	<u>1,383.61</u>
Working Capital	\$663,209.70
Reserve fund (Certificate of Deposit principal)	\$800,000.00
Building fund (Balance as of July 31, 2008)	\$247,895.32

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Motion by Keith Bell, second by Steve Stirn to **accept** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### A. Spring Sports Proposals

State coaches associations were provided the opportunity to present proposed changes in their sports that the Board would act upon at its December meeting.

##### 1. Fast Pitch Softball

The Ohio High School Fast Pitch Softball Coaches Association proposed that Bylaw 10-3-6 and Sports Regulation 4 be changed to permit coaches to coach their squad members for 20 days between June 1 and July 31. The current bylaw and regulation allows coaches 10 days. The coaches association was represented by Kevin Moody and Mike Huff.

The coaches were told that an OHSAA subcommittee will be studying summer and end-of-season coaching regulations and that the proposal would be forwarded to the subcommittee.

#### B. Update on New Member School Meeting of September 4, 2008

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that a September 4, 2008, meeting took place with nine schools interested in becoming members of the OHSAA. He said none are requesting immediate membership.

#### C. Update on OHSAA Board Committees

Board President Richards provided an update on new committees that will be meeting during this school year. Committees and Board members who will be chairs: District Transfer-Ms. Alberts; Expanding Opportunities-Mr. Bell; Elections-Mr. Jordan; Tournament Review-Mr. Klaus; Hall of Fame-Mr. Koppel; Technology Review Plan-Mr. Nero, and Strategic Plan Implementation-Mr. Stirn. Other new committees and OHSAA staff members who will be chairs: Length of Season-Dr. Moore; Football Computer Ratings-Mr. Zaborniak; Tournament Review-Mr. Snodgrass, and Ball Contract-Mr. Neil.

#### D. Update on Cleveland.com Contract

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that a five-year contract has been executed with Cleveland.com to serve as the Association's official web-based sponsor. As part of the agreement, Cleveland.com's [ohioHSsports.com](http://ohioHSsports.com) web site will provide exclusive streaming coverage of many OHSAA tournament contests, and the myOHSAA technology project will eventually share data with [ohioHSsports.com](http://ohioHSsports.com). Other highlights of the partnership include a trade package to promote OHSAA service initiatives, such as the "Respect The Game" sportsmanship campaign; the promotion of OHSAA state tournament events and ticket sales; funding of annual scholarships for student-athletes, and the ability for OHSAA member schools to create individual school and student-athlete web sites. Home Team Marketing, the OHSAA's official marketing partner, led the process to secure the partnership.

#### E. 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. **Cincinnati Walnut Hills High School's** girls varsity soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams. As a result, the student was declared ineligible for the team's next two contests following her participation on the non-interscholastic team. **Castalia Margaretta High School's** varsity football team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. Because the student participated only in a scrimmage, the school was reminded to certify all students' eligibility prior to any contest. **Cincinnati Sycamore High School's** boys varsity golf team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams. As a result, the student was declared ineligible for the team's next two contests following his participation on the non-interscholastic team. **Alliance Marlinton High School's** boys varsity golf team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams. As a result, the student was declared ineligible for the team's next two contests following his participation on the non-interscholastic team. **Perry High School's** girls varsity soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams. As a result, the student was declared ineligible for the team's next two contests following her participation on the non-interscholastic team. **Huber Heights Wayne High School's** girls varsity tennis team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit all contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Wheelersburg High School's** varsity cross country team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit a contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Brecksville-Broadview Heights's** 7th-8th grade cross country team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-5, Scholarship. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit the contest in which the ineligible student participated. All eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards and qualifying positions where applicable. **Cincinnati Urusline Academy's** girls junior varsity tennis team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit the victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Warren John F. Kennedy's** varsity football team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit the victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Akron Garfield's** varsity volleyball team had a student-athlete violate Volleyball Regulation 1.1.6, Contest Limitations. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Lancaster Fisher Catholic's** boys varsity soccer team had a student-athlete vio-

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late Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit a victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Columbiana Crestview's** volleyball coaches violated Sports Regulation 33.3 (7th and 8th grade students may not practice with, participate on the same team with or compete against 9th through 12th grade students). The school was reprimanded and reminded to review OHSAA regulations with the coaching staffs. **Cleveland South's** varsity football team used ineligible student-athletes and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit a victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated.

### V. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Recommendations from the OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee

The OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee made the following proposals:

1. Approve logo color changes and size specifications for officials.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

2. Increase tournament officials' travel allowance to 12 percent more than the IRS rate.

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Rocco Nero to refer the proposal to the OHSAA District Board Committee.

Motion passed 9-0.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Approval of 2008-09 Board of Directors Goals

Board President Richards distributed copies of the goals of the Board of Directors and OHSAA staff for the 2008-09 school year. The goals are: 1.) Set the OHSAA Reserve Fund; 2.) Set the Strategic Plan timetable; 3.) Review opportunities to expand activities; 4.) Review how sports having potential single coaching staffs (boys and girls combined) are classified; 5.) Develop a technology plan for the OHSAA office that is modern and efficient; 6.) Facilitate and support the work of all OHSAA committees; 7.) Promote sportsmanship, ethics and integrity, and 8.) Assist in meeting the needs of the OHSAA Foundation.

#### B. Ratification of 2009 Winter Sports Manuals

The Board was provided copies of the 2009 winter sport manuals in the sports of basketball, bowling, gymnastics, ice hockey, swimming & diving and wrestling that were prepared by OHSAA staff members. The manuals include tournament regulations that are posted on the OHSAA web site and additional information that has been added as points of emphasis and for clarity. The manuals are mailed directly to member school head coaches in the respective sports, contest officials and are posted on the OHSAA web site. In the sport of basketball, manuals are also mailed to the athletic administrators. Also included in the mailing are sport specific rule books and attendance cards for OHSAA rules interpretation meetings.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Jay Wolfe to **approve** New Business Items VI. A. and VI. B. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

### VII. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Recommendation from the Pension Committee

Commissioner Ross said the OHSAA Pension Committee recommends that the OHSAA employees' defined benefits program be frozen effective July 31, 2009, at which time all employees will be moved to a defined contribution program (either 403B or 401K).

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

### VIII. APPEALS

#### A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Craig Dunaway, re: His Son, Grade 11, Cincinnati Seven Hills High School (Southwest District)

An 11th-grade student has transferred from Cincinnati St. Xavier High School to Cincinnati Seven Hills High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Seven Hills in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's father, Craig Dunaway, and attorney Scott Kossoudji appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Seven Hills immediately.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Keith Bell to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

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B. Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, Mr. Tom Sinclair, re: His Son, Grade 9, Parma High School (Northeast District)

A ninth-grade student transferred from Lakewood St. Edward High School to Parma High School and was ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for football this fall in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, because the transfer took place during the sport season in which the student has already participated. The student's father, Tom Sinclair, appealed the ineligibility so that his son can participate in football at Parma this fall.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Ms. Dana Bubemyer, re: Her Daughter, Grade 12, Trenton Edgewood High School (Southwest District)

A 12th-grade student at Trenton Edgewood High School was ruled ineligible for the first grading period of the 2008-09 school year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, because she did not receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent which count toward graduation during the last grading period of the 2007-08 school year. The student; her mother, Dana Bubemyer; and Missy Medford, the school's volleyball coach, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Edgewood immediately.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 7, Transfers, Mr. Barrett Swope, Principal, re: A 10th-Grade Student, Middletown Christian High School (Southwest District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from Waynesville High School to Middletown Christian High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Middletown Christian in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because she does not meet Exception 7 to the bylaw. The student and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rush; Mark Spradling, the school's superintendent; Raymond Cox, the school's athletic administrator; and Leah Green, the school's soccer coach, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Middletown Christian immediately.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Rocco Nero to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

E. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Mr. John Urbansky, re: His Son, Grade 12, Elyria High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student at Elyria High School was ruled ineligible for the first grading period of the 2008-09 school year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, because he did not receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent which count toward graduation during the last grading period of the 2007-08 school year. The student's mother, Lynne Urbansky, appealed the ineligibility so that her son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Elyria immediately.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

F. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Mr. and Mrs. James Barrett, re: Their Son, Grade 12, Worthington Kilbourne High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student at Worthington Kilbourne High School was ruled ineligible for the first grading period of the 2008-09 school year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, because he did not receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent which count toward graduation during the last grading period of the 2007-08 school year. The student's parents, James and Joyce Barrett, appealed the ineligibility so that their son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Kilbourne immediately.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

G. Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 2, Transfers, Mr. Bryan Dassylva, re: His Son, Grade 11, Utica High School (Central District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Heath High School to Utica High School in August 2007. In December he moved out of the home of his legal guardians and was therefore ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from that date. The student and his father, Bryan Dassylva, and Tom Holman, the school's athletic administrator, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Utica immediately.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Gene Klaus to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

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### H. Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, Ms. Julie Zolciak, re: Her Daughter, Grade 11, Sylvania Southview High School (Northwest District)

An 11th-grade student has transferred from Sylvania Northview High School to Sylvania Southview High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Southview in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, because she does not meet the standards of the bylaw. The student's mother, Julie, appealed the ineligibility so that her daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at Southview immediately.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Rocco Nero to **table** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

### I. Bylaw 4-7-4, Transfers, Ms. Loretta James, re: Her Son, Grade 12, Columbus Whetstone High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student transferred in November 2007 from Columbus Beechcroft High School to Columbus Whetstone High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-4, Transfers, because he does not meet the standards of the bylaw. The student and his mother, Loretta James, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Whetstone.

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Steve Stirn to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mr. Wolfe was excused).

### J. Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 7, Transfers, Mr. Dwight Hollins, Director of Athletics, re: A 10th-Grade Student, Bedford St. Peter Chanel High School (Northeast District)

A 10th-grade student transferred in May 2008 from Nordonia High School to Bedford St. Peter Chanel High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at St. Peter Chanel in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, because he does not meet Exception 7 to the bylaw. The student; his father, Bob Stewart; his grandfather, Chuck Stewart; and Nick Urban, the school's soccer coach, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at St. Peter Chanel immediately.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Keith Bell to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mr. Wolfe was excused).

### K. Bylaw 4-9-4, Recruiting, Mr. Daniel B. Letson, Attorney, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Warren John F. Kennedy High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Cortland Lakeview High School to Warren John F. Kennedy High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA at John F. Kennedy and any OHSAA member school in accordance with Bylaw 4-9-4, Recruiting, because the Association received information that indicates that the student received influence from members of the John F. Kennedy coaching staff to transfer. The student's mother, Dynelle Keller, and attorney Daniel Letson appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at John F. Kennedy.

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Steve Stirn to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mr. Wolfe was excused).

### L. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Ms. Dawn DePiro, re: Her Son, Grade 12, Akron Coventry High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student at Akron Coventry High School was ruled ineligible for the first grading period of the 2008-09 school year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, because he did not receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent which count toward graduation during the last grading period of the 2007-08 school year. The student and his parents, Dawn DePiro and Anthony DePiro, appealed the ineligibility based on Exception 2 of the bylaw so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Coventry immediately.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Rocco Nero to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mr. Wolfe was excused).

### M. Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zaayer, re: Their Nephew, Grade 12, Amanda-Clearcreek High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student at Amanda-Clearcreek High School was ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics in Ohio by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, because his parents reside outside the state of Ohio. The student; his uncle and aunt, Bob and Janet Zaayer; and Larry Herges, the school's athletic administrator, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Amanda-Clearcreek.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Keith Bell to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mr. Wolfe was excused).

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**IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Board President Richards congratulated Assistant Commissioner John Dickerson for his 13 years of service to the OHSAA and 44 years in education overall. Mr. Dickerson is retiring Sept, 19, 2008, and wishes of good health and happiness were extended to his family and him.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

**2008:** October 2, and December 4, and

**2009:** January 15, February 12, April 2, May 7, June 11, August 6, September 10, October 8 and December 10.