

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

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (September 8, 2011)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting at the OHSAA office in Columbus on September 8, 2011. President Tony Mantell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. **Note:** Appeals to the Board of Directors began on Wednesday, September 7, and continued on Thursday, September 8.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Bill Axe and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Troy McIntosh.

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

Board Members Excused: Bill Axe (from Wednesday, September 7, voting on appeals); Mark Hughes (from Thursday, September 8, meeting).

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. **Administrative Staff Member Excused:** Jeff Jordan, chief financial officer.

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm and Brenda Murray, OHSAA staff; Paul Seiter, Kristin Daugherty, Marki Overholt, Michael Gett and Chett Miller, OHSAA interns; Chris Smith, Rich Corvin, Frank Gamble, Dave Barrow, Lee Day, Jerry Hites, Dave Hall and David Burkett, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Kris Spriggs, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Wally Hood, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Scott Long, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Scott Dorne and Dave Kirk, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Scott Taylor, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association, and Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators. **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 September 8, 2011, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by John Ault, second by Jenny Penn to **approve** the minutes as amended from the August 4, 2011, Board of Directors meeting. It was noted that: 1.) Some of the earlier motions should have shown eight voting members rather than nine; 2.) the Division I softball representation should have shown Chillicothe as a second Southeast District school (along with Logan) and one East District school (Zanesville) as schools that will combine with the Central District for regional competition (Dresden Tri-Valley was erroneously listed as a second Division I East school but is a Division II school), and 3.) the financial report for the state office was revised.

Motion passed 8-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. State Office Financial Report

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

Balance — July 31, 2011	\$2,491,039.20
Receipts — August 2011	<u>285,104.34</u>
	\$2,776,143.54
Disbursements — August 2011	<u>548,101.40</u>
	\$2,228,042.14
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (8/31/11)	\$2,311,371.40
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>83,329.26</u>
Balance — August 31, 2011	\$2,228,042.14
Available Funds — August 31, 2011	
Bank Balance	\$2,228,042.14
Savings Account	819,437.19
Minus Budget Stabilization	(800,000.00)
Minus Transfer to Board Designated	<u>(95,200.00)</u>
Working Capital	\$2,152,279.33
Designated Funds	
Budget Stabilization	\$800,000.00
Board Designated	263,696.37
Building fund (as of 7-3-11)	<u>256,630.94</u>
Total Designated Funds	\$1,320,327.31

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B. District Athletic Boards Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm reviewed with the Board the financial report for the six district athletic boards through July 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	\$30,946	\$54,807	\$0	\$85,753	\$719,489	\$747,730	— \$28,241
East	\$76,989	\$0	\$49,914	\$126,903	\$410,101	\$375,937	\$34,164
Northeast	\$138,116	\$7,415	\$110,809	\$256,340	\$1,597,256	\$1,627,096	— \$29,840
Southwest	\$184,421	\$0	\$0	\$184,421	\$1,487,426	\$1,474,704	\$12,722
Southeast	— \$11,635	\$47,608	\$228,494	\$264,467	\$484,339	\$493,747	— \$9,408
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$52,378</u>	<u>\$215,141</u>	<u>\$148,321</u>	<u>\$415,840</u>	<u>\$1,453,961</u>	<u>\$1,302,096</u>	<u>\$151,865</u>
Totals	\$471,215	\$324,971	\$537,538	\$1,333,724	\$6,152,572	\$6,021,310	\$131,262

C. Spring Sports Financial Reports

Comptroller Todd Boehm reviewed financial reports from the 2011 OHSAA regional and state baseball, softball and track & field tournaments along with the 2011 state boys tennis tournaments. The breakdown for the tournaments from 2011 and the previous four years is as follows:

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>2011 Net</u>	<u>2010 Net</u>	<u>2009 Net</u>	<u>2008 Net</u>	<u>2007 Net</u>
state baseball	+ \$2,576.37	+ \$33,050.37	+ \$22,306.38	— \$6,861.37	+ \$15,719.66
regional baseball	— \$5,442.95	+ \$17,462.22	— \$8,372.52	+ \$3,839.59	+ \$17,582.90
total baseball*	— \$15,155.38	+ \$38,163.79	+ \$17,450.66	— \$15,508.18	+ \$20,879.77
state softball	+ \$23,844.11	+ \$16,691.38	+ \$40,269.38	+ \$20,800.22	+ \$9,626.80
regional softball	— \$16,519.41	— \$6,877.69	— \$18,565.88	— \$4,923.55	— \$309.42
total softball*	— \$4,629.34	— \$2,645.11	+ \$9,514.70	+ \$3,378.25	— \$3,105.41
state boys tennis	— \$5,477.67	+ \$793.88	— \$6,478.56	— \$9,028.67	— \$8,208.99
state track and field	+ \$26,463.42	+ \$33,906.78	— \$64,198.01	— \$105,866.12	— \$70,404.38
regional track and field	+ \$2,859.60	+ \$12,818.88	+ \$3,683.70	+ \$7,135.16	+ \$11,899.92
total track and field*	+ \$14,446.42	+ \$25,540.16	— \$80,982.31	— \$118,549.96	— \$78,328.46

* includes all tournament expenses paid by the OHSAA office

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Bill Axe to **approve** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Spring Sports Proposals

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

1. Track and Field

The Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches proposed that the triple jump be added to the OHSAA series of tournaments. The coaches were represented by Scott Dorne.

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, twenty-three schools have applied for the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award. The Ohio State University Sportsmanship Council is in the process of judging those entries and will also make recommendations for a maximum of six of those schools to receive the Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship. The Harold A. Meyer Award recipients will be announced at the October 20 Board of Directors Meeting, and it is hopeful the recipients of the Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship will be finalized by that meeting as well.

Schools that have met the Respect The Game Challenge are as follows: High schools — 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 — 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.

It was noted that OHSAA member schools will be mailed information about the 2011-12 school sportsmanship awards program later this month.

C. Minutes from the OHSAA Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting of August 9, 2011

The Board was provided the minutes of the OHSAA Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting of August 9, 2011. Kim Combs, executive director of the Foundation, provided updates on Foundation activities and Jeff Jordan, the OHSAA's chief financial officer, provided the Foundation Board with its financial report.

D. 2011-12 OHSAA Board of Directors Goals

Board President Tony Mantell distributed copies of the goals of the Board of Directors and OHSAA staff for the 2011-12 school year. The goals are: 1.) Continue to review the office's technology plan to continue to

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implement and maintain a modern, efficient and usable workplace for all OHSAA employees; 2.) In conjunction with the chief financial officer and legal counsel, review/update the record retention/record retrieval process; 3.) Continue to evaluate the financial status of the OHSAA, focusing on the current economic situation and the input of the financial paradigm and pension committees; 4.) Review the focus of 7th and 8th grade programs; 5.) Review the status of the implementation of the strategic plan. With the current economic situation of our schools, place emphasis on the future of interscholastic athletics and the future of the OHSAA; 6.) Review opportunities to expand activities; 7.) Continue to enhance communications at all levels of the OHSAA; 8.) Facilitate and support the work of all OHSAA committees along with the competitive balance, Division I and post-season/summer activities committees; 9.) Promote sportsmanship, ethics and integrity; 10.) Assist in meeting the needs of the OHSAA Foundation; 11.) Continue to promote education-based athletics within all our schools and communities, and 12.) Complete the review/revision of the OHSAA personnel handbook.

E. Update of OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board was provided with a list of schools that recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Mount Vernon High School's** boys varsity golf team had a student-athlete violate Sports Regulation 6.4 when he participated in a non-interscholastic event while a member of the school's golf team. In accordance with Sports Regulation 6.13.1, Penalties, the OHSAA ruled the student ineligible for the school's next two contests. **Ashland High School's** varsity volleyball team had two student-athletes violate Sports Regulation 6.4 when they 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 students ineligible for the school's next two contests. **Grove City Central Crossing High School's** varsity cross country 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 contest 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 contest. **Dover High School's** girls varsity golf team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all contests 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 contests. **The Wellington School in Columbus** had a student-athlete on the boys varsity golf team violate Sports Regulation 6.4 when he participated in a non-interscholastic event while a member of the school's golf team. In accordance with Sports Regulation 6.13.1, Penalties, the OHSAA ruled the student ineligible for the school's next two contests. **Westerville South High School** had a student-athlete participate in a football contest this fall when his approval for transfer had not yet been granted by the OHSAA. The school has since had the Affidavit for Bona Fide Residence approved and, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Eligibility, the OHSAA is able to rescind the forfeiture of the contest in which the student participated while technically ineligible. However, in accordance with Bylaw 11-1-2, Penalties, the school has been fined \$100 for failure to adhere to the proper administrative procedures.

Steve Craig, the OHSAA's legal counsel, provided the Board with an update on OHSAA litigation cases.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2011 Regional and State Volleyball Tournament and Girls and Boys Regional Soccer Tournament Draws
Associate Commissioner Deborah Moore and Scott Taylor conducted the draws for the 2011 OHSAA regional and state volleyball tournaments. Divisions I and III regional semifinals will be held on Wednesday, November 2, and Divisions II and IV regional semifinals will be held on Thursday, November 3. The first semifinal match each day will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the second match to begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first match. Regional finals in all four divisions will be held on Saturday, November 5. Sites hosting single divisions will begin their matches at 2:00, while sites hosting multiple divisions will begin Division II or IV matches at 2:00 and Division I or III matches at 4:00. Division I regional sites are Hudson, Norwalk, Hilliard and Tipp City; Division II sites are Stow-Munroe Falls, Zanesville, Ontario and Wilmington; Division III sites are Barberton, Findlay, Logan and Kettering, and Division IV sites are Solon, Elida, Lancaster and Tipp City. The state tournament will again be held at the Nutter Center on the campus of Wright State University, with Division III (12:00 and 2:00) and Division II (4:00 and 6:00) semifinals will be held on Thursday, November 10, and Division I (12:00 and 2:00) and Division IV (4:00 and 6:00) semifinals on Friday, November 11. Finals will be held on Saturday, November 12, with Division III at 11:00, Division II at 1:00, Division I at 3:00 and Division IV at 5:00.

Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass and Scott Taylor conducted the draws for the 2011 OHSAA regional boys and girls soccer tournaments. Boys regional soccer tournaments will be held Tuesday, November 1 (7:00, semifinals), and Saturday, November 5 (3:00, finals), and girls soccer regionals will be Wednesday, November 2 (7:00, semifinals), and Saturday, November 5 (noon, finals). Sites are to be announced. State pairings are already established, where in Division I the Region 1 winner plays Region 2 and Region 3 plays Region 4, in Division II the Region 5 winner plays Region 6 and Region 7 plays Region 8 and in Division III the Region 9 winner plays Region 10 and Region 11 plays Region 12. All three boys divisions will hold state semifinal matches on Tuesday, November 8 (7:00), and all three girls divisions will hold state semifinal matches on Wednesday, November 9 (7:00). The state finals will be held at Columbus Crew Stadium, with the boys playing Friday, November 11 (Division III at noon; Division II at 3:30 and Division I at 7:00), and the girls playing on Saturday, November 12 (Division III at noon; Division II at 3:30 and Division I at 7:00). It was noted that at the regional level, district winners from locations more approximate to each other were automatically paired together rather than conducting a random draw.

Motion by Jenny Penn, second by Ron Bond to **approve** the volleyball and soccer draws as conducted.

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Motion passed 8-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

A. Approval of 2011-12 Winter Sports Manuals

The Board was provided copies of the 2011-12 sports manuals for the winter sports of basketball, bowling, ice hockey, swimming & diving and wrestling that were prepared by the OHSAA staff. The manuals include the sports regulations that appear in the OHSAA Handbook, plus additional information has been added as points of emphasis and for clarity. The manuals are mailed directly to member school athletic administrators 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. It was noted that separate wrestling manuals were prepared for high schools and 7th-8th grade schools. The gymnastics manual will be brought to the Board for approval in October.

B. Update of Membership List for 2010-11

At its August 2011 meeting, the Board was provided with a list of member schools that have returned their required membership form with the OHSAA for the 2011-12 school year. The form (resolution card) 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. Commissioner Dan Ross informed the Board that all 826 high schools have returned the form.

C. Extension of Agreement with Impact Action Sports Photography

Director of Information Services Tim Stried said the OHSAA staff recommended that an agreement with Impact Action Sports Photography to serve as the official state tournament photographer for the OHSAA be extended for the 2011-12 school year.

D. Approval of Appointments to Fill Vacancies on District Athletic Boards

OHSAA Constitution Article 7-6-2, Vacancies, permits the Board of Directors to appoint an interim representative to serve on District Athletic Boards when a vacancy occurs for reasons other than expiration of the term. The interim representative shall serve until the newly elected representative, elected during the next regularly scheduled election, takes office. In the East District, it was recommended that Dan Adams, athletic administrator at New Concord John Glenn High School, fill the Class AAA vacancy left following the resignation of Kyle Kanuckel, who moved from his position as superintendent of the River View Local Schools in Warsaw to superintendent of the Wood County Educational Service Center in Bowling Green. In the Southwest District, it was recommended that Jim Sherard, athletic administrator at Cincinnati Western Hills High School, fill the Class AAA vacancy left by Scott Kaufman, who left his position as the athletic administrator at Cincinnati Princeton High School to become the athletic administrator at Cincinnati Wyoming High School (a Class AA school). Also in the Southwest, it was recommended that Jonas Smith, athletic administrator for the Dayton City Schools, fill the ethnic minority position vacancy left by Jim Ladd, who retired from his position as athletic administrator at Trotwood-Madison High School. In addition, the Southwest District Athletic Board recommended that Joy Manning, assistant athletic administrator at Kettering Fairmont High School, fill the female position vacancy left by Katherine Davisson, who retired as assistant principal at Springfield Shawnee High School.

E. Records Retention Policy Update

The OHSAA's Records Retention Policy, as modified by Chief Financial Officer Jeff Jordan, was provided to the Board and Commissioner Dan Ross asked that the revised policy be approved. Steve Craig, the OHSAA's legal counsel, noted that the policy will likely continue to be revised periodically as guidelines change on what records should be obtained and how long they should be maintained.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

A. Approval of 2011-12 OHSAA Media Regulations

The Board was provided with a copy of the 2011-12 OHSAA media regulations that are published on the OHSAA web site, and Director of Information Services Tim Stried asked that the handbook be approved. Mr. Stried reviewed a few minor changes and noted that the regulations include the tournament broadcast rights fees for the 2011-12 school year.

Motion by Bill Axe, second by John Ault to **approve** the 2011-12 media regulations as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

B. Approval of 2011-12 OHSAA District Athletic Board Handbook

The Board was provided with the 2011-12 OHSAA District Athletic Board Handbook, which included a few minor changes, and Commissioner Dan Ross asked that the handbook be approved.

Motion by Ron Bond, second by Jenny Penn to **approve** the 2011-12 OHSAA District Athletic Board Handbook as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

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C. Approval of Elysium Tennis as a Backup Indoor State Tennis Tournament Site

In the event there is inclement weather at the girls state tennis tournament, the OHSAA staff recommended that Elysium Tennis be secured as a backup indoor facility. Elysium Tennis is located in Plain City.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Troy McIntosh to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

D. Request to Grant Exception to the OHSAA Media Regulation which Prohibits Friday Night Regular Season Football Games to be Video Streamed Live

The Board was provided with a request by Uhrichsville Claymont High School to video stream home football games live during the 2011 season. OHSAA Media Regulations prohibit live video streaming of regular season football games on Friday nights, although another Media Regulation allows the Board to make an exception for school groups provided that all provisions are met (which includes approval only being granted for that school's home contests).

Motion by Bill Axe, second by Phil Stevens to **approve** the request as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

E. Approval of Staff to Execute State Cross Country Tournament Contract with National Trail Raceway

Commissioner Dan Ross asked the Board to give approval for the OHSAA staff to execute a one-year contract with National Trail Raceway in Hebron to serve as host for the 2011 OHSAA State Cross Country Tournaments. Work on the details to extend that contract will continue.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Ron Bond to **approve** the request.

Motion passed 8-0.

VIII. APPEALS

Board member Phil Stevens served as the appeals hearing officer. Appeals began on Wednesday, September 7 (from 5:10 p.m. to 10:53 p.m.) and continued on Thursday, September 8.

A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hoshaw, re: Their Daughter, Grade 11, Medina Buckeye High School (Northeast District)

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

The student's parents, Bill and Ameena Hoshaw, appealed the ruling so that their daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at Buckeye immediately. They testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Motion by Jenny Penn, second by John Ault to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Bill Axe excused).

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Mark Bocija, re: His Son, Grade 10, Columbus Bishop Watterson High School (Central District)

A 10th-grade student attended Columbus St. Charles High School during part of the 2010-11 school year before transferring to the Educational Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT). The student transferred to Columbus Bishop Watterson High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Bishop Watterson, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student's father, Mark Bocija, appealed the ruling and testified that an exception to the bylaw should permit his son to gain eligibility in interscholastic athletics at Bishop Watterson immediately.

Motion by John Ault, second by Mark Hughes to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Bill Axe excused).

C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Harry N. Elliott II, re: His Son, Grade 12, Chillicothe High School (Southeast District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Grove City Central Crossing High School to Chillicothe High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics upon his transfer, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student and his father, Harry N. Elliott II, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Chillicothe immediately. Garin Veris, the school's athletic administrator, also attended the appeal. During the course of the appeal, the Board learned that the student had been removed illegally from Chillicothe High School and enrolled at Central Crossing without any legal authority.

Motion by Troy McIntosh, second by Tom Farbizo to **approve** the appeal.

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Motion passed 8-0 (Mark Hughes excused).

D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. William Merimee, re: His Sons, Grades 10 and 11, Cleveland Benedictine High School (Northeast District)

Two siblings, a 10th-grader and an 11th-grader, transferred from a boarding school in Pennsylvania to Cleveland Benedictine High School for the 2011-12 school year. As transfer students, the students became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Benedictine, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student's father, William Merimee, appealed the ruling and testified that an exception to the bylaw should permit his children to gain eligibility in interscholastic athletics at Benedictine immediately. The school's athletic administrator, Anthony Russ, also attended the appeal.

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

Motion passed 8-0 (Bill Axe excused).

E. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Natalie Fields, re: Her 10th-Grade Sons, Mineral Ridge High School (Northeast District)

Two siblings, both 10th graders, transferred from Austintown-Fitch High School to Mineral Ridge High School for the 2011-12 school year. As transfer students, the students became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Mineral Ridge, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The students and their mother, Natalie Fields; Desmond Redding, father of one of the students; Damon Dohar, the school district's superintendent; Joe Krumpak, the school's principal and athletic administrator, and Joe Stevens, the school's football coach, appealed the ruling so that the students can participate in interscholastic athletics at Mineral Ridge immediately. Robert Conklin, athletic administrator at Austintown-Fitch, participated in the appeal via conference call. During the course of the appeal, it was revealed that the family had actually moved in the spring of 2011 and that their new residence was in the Mineral Ridge School District, albeit in a part of the district that is often confused with another school district. The family also revealed additional and new details behind their reasons for this move to establish that the move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Motion by Troy McIntosh, second by Phil Stevens to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-1 (Ron Bond dissented; Bill Axe excused).

F. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Karrie Coit, re: Her Daughter, Grade 10, Columbus Independence High School (Central District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from Reynoldsburg High School to Columbus Independence High School last April. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Independence, and the Commissioner's Office determined that the standards for completing the Affidavit for Bona Fide Residence as specified in Exception 1 of Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, have not been satisfied.

The student and her mother, Karrie Coit, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Independence immediately. Alyssa Downey, the school's athletic administrator, also attended the appeal.

Motion by John Ault, second by Phil Stevens to **approve** the appeal on the condition that the proper paperwork is submitted.

Motion passed 7-1 (Tom Farbizo dissented; Bill Axe excused).

G. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Kelly McGraw, re: Her Son, Grade 10, Portsmouth Notre Dame High School (Southeast District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from McDermott Northwest High School to Portsmouth Notre Dame High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Notre Dame, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable and that Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility (attempt to establish eligibility by falsified information) was applicable.

The student and his mother, Kelly McGraw, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Notre Dame immediately. Kurt McGraw, Kelly's husband and the student's stepfather; Mike Sammons, the school's athletic administrator, and Mike Haney, a family friend, also attended the appeal. They testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

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

Motion passed 7-0 (Tony Mantell abstained after excusing himself from the appeal and deliberations; Bill Axe excused).

H. Bylaw 4-4-4, Scholarship, Ms. Deanne Donaughe, re: Her Son, Grade 9, Medina High School (Northeast District)

A ninth-grade student advanced from the eighth grade to Medina High School for the 2011-12 school year.

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The Commissioner's Office has determined that the student did not pass a minimum of five of all subjects taken during the last grading period of his eighth grade year and that Bylaw 4-4-4, Scholarship, was applicable (the student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the first grading period of the 2011-12 school year).

The student's mother, Deanne Donaughe, appealed the ruling so that her son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Medina High School immediately. Linda Barber, a family friend, also attended the appeal. Ms. Donaughe testified that Bylaw 4-1-1, Eligibility, should be applicable because of administrative error.

Motion by John Ault, second by Mark Hughes to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Bill Axe excused).

I. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Jim Howard, re: A Ninth-Grade Student, Middlefield Cardinal High School (Northeast District)

A student enrolled in the ninth grade at Middlefield Cardinal High School for the 2011-12 school year. The Commissioner's Office has determined that the student was not enrolled in school during the last grading period of the 2010-11 school year and that Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, was applicable (the student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at the school).

Jim Howard, the school's principal; Matt Parrill, the school's athletic administrator, and Eric Cardinal, the school's football coach, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Cardinal immediately. During the course of the appeal, it was revealed that the student had followed his family's wishes and was not enrolled in any school the past two years. The Board determined that the student had followed the standards of Bylaw 4-4-4, Scholarship, and passed a minimum of five of all subjects taken during the last grading period of his eighth grade year.

Motion by Phil Stevens, second by Troy McIntosh to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-1 (John Ault dissented; Bill Axe excused).

J. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Tom Nolan and Kathy Nolan, re: Their Son, Grade 11, Canal Winchester High School (Central District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School to Canal Winchester High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Canal Winchester, 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, Tom Nolan and Kathy Nolan, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Canal Winchester immediately. Kent Riggs, the school's athletic administrator, also attended the appeal as did DeSales administrators Dan Garrick (principal) and Tom Neubert (athletic administrator). The family testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Motion by John Ault, second by Mark Hughes to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Bill Axe excused).

K. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett, re: Their Daughter, Grade 10, Hubbard High School (Northeast District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from Warren Howland High School to Hubbard High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Hubbard, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student's parents, John and Michelle Garrett, appealed the ruling so that their daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at Hubbard immediately. Warren Howland's principal, Frank Thomas, and athletic administrator, Richard King, also attended the appeal. The family testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Motion by Tom Farbizo, second by Jenny Penn to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mark Hughes excused).

L. Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, Mr. Glen Francis, re: His Son, Grade 12, Ashland High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student at Ashland High School turned 19 years of age prior to August 1, 2011. The Commissioner's Office has ruled the student does not meet any of the exceptions to Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, and therefore is ineligible for interscholastic athletics.

The student and his father, Glen Francis, and Rick Brindley, the school's athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Ashland during the 2011-12 school year. They testified that an exception should be granted to provide eligibility.

Motion by Bill Axe, second by Troy McIntosh to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mark Hughes excused).

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M. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Mr. and Mrs. David Schuster, re: Their Son, Grade 12, Bedford High School (Northeast District)

A student advanced from the 11th grade to the 12th grade at Bedford High School for the 2011-12 school year. The Commissioner's Office has determined that the student did not receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent during the last grading period of the 2010-11 school year and that Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, was applicable (the student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the first grading period of the 2011-12 school year).

The student's parents, David and Melanie Schuster, appealed the ruling so that their son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Bedford immediately. They testified that Bylaw 4-1-1, Eligibility, should be applicable because of administrative error.

Motion by John Ault, second by Jenny Penn to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0 (Phil Stevens abstained after excusing himself from the appeal and deliberations; Mark Hughes excused).

N. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Melissa Brooks, re: Her Son, Grade 12, Bucyrus High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Marion Harding High School to Bucyrus High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics upon transfer, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student and his mother, Melissa Brooks; Matthew Henderson, the school's principal; Tom Jeffrey, the school's athletic administrator, and Jake Bruner, the school's football coach, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Bucyrus immediately. Gary Miller, athletic administrator at Marion Harding High School, also attended the appeal. The family and Bucyrus school officials testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Motion by Troy McIntosh, second by Bill Axe to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mark Hughes excused).

O. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Holly Rust, re: Her Son, Grade 11, West Jefferson High School (Central District)

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

The student's mother, Holly Rust, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at West Jefferson immediately. Grove City administrators Ron Hutcheson (principal), Tom Willison (assistant principal/athletic director) and Mike Starner (athletic supervisor) also attended the appeal. During the course of the appeal, the Board heard testimony as to the reasons behind why and how Ms. Rust was compelled to give custody to her father-in-law, with such reasons having never been disclosed before this hearing and having absolutely nothing to do with any desire to transfer schools.

Motion by Jenny Penn, second by Ron Bond to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mark Hughes excused).

P. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Vaughn Thomas, re: His Son, Grade 12, Columbus Walnut Ridge High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Canal Winchester High School to Columbus Walnut Ridge High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics upon transfer, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student and his father, Vaughn Thomas, and his uncle, Shawn Thomas, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Walnut Ridge immediately. The school's athletic administrator, Tony Tucker, also attended the appeal as did Canal Winchester administrators Lynn Landis (principal) and Kent Riggs (athletic administrator). During the course of the appeal, the Board heard testimony as to the reasons behind the change of custody whereby the uncle became the custodian of the student, with such reasons including dealing with a family tragedy and coping therewith. The Board was convinced that the desire to transfer schools was not a motivating factor behind this change of custody.

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

Motion passed 8-0 (Mark Hughes excused).

Q. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Derek McClowry, re: An 11th-Grade Student, Canton GlenOak High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Tuslaw High School to Canton GlenOak High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at GlenOak, 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 and Andrea Sales, and attorney Derek McClowry appealed the ruling so

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that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at GlenOak immediately. The school's principal, Tamiko Hatcher, also attended the appeal as did Tuslaw administrators Rob Sattler (principal) and David Burkett (athletic administrator). The family, the attorney and Mr. Hatcher testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

Motion by John Ault, second by Jenny Penn to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mark Hughes excused).

R. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Stacey Bellamy, re: Her Son, Grade 12, Lexington High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Bellville Clear Fork High School to Lexington High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics upon his transfer, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The student and his mother, Stacey Bellamy, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Lexington immediately. Mrs. Bellamy's father and the school's athletic administrator, John Harris, also attended the appeal as did Clear Fork administrators Brian Brown (principal) and Don Thogmartin (athletic administrator). During the course of the appeal, the Board heard testimony as to the reasons behind the family's move to their new residence. The Board also learned that the "code of conduct" sanctions that the Commissioner's Office believed the family was trying to avoid at Clear Fork were going to be imposed at Lexington nonetheless.

Based on this new information, motion by Troy McIntosh, second by Bill Axe to **approve** the appeal on the condition that the penalties/sanctions for the student and/or student code of conduct violations at Clear Fork be imposed at Lexington (i.e. that the student shall remain ineligible for the first five football contests of the 2011 season and that all other conditions be met by the family including, but not limited to, successful completion of the required counseling sessions).

Motion passed 7-0 (Mark Hughes and Jenny Penn excused).

S. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Michael R. Botros, Attorney, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Carlisle High School (Southwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Preble Shawnee High School to Carlisle High School for the 2011-12 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible for interscholastic athletics upon his transfer, 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, Bill Jarbo and Cheryl Jarbo; the student's legal guardians, Jon and Robin Cordes, and attorneys Michael R. Botros and Gregory O. Cox appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Carlisle immediately. Preble Shawnee's principal, Dianna Whitis, and football coach, Greg Stacy, also attended the appeal. The family, the guardians and the attorneys testified that this move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw.

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

Motion passed 7-0 (Mark Hughes and Jenny Penn excused).

T. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Purk, re: Their Son and Daughter, Grades 10 and 12, Mechanicsburg High School (Southwest District)

Two siblings, a 10th-grader and a 12th-grader, transferred from St. Paris Graham Local High School to Mechanicsburg High School for the 2011-12 school year. As transfer students, the students became ineligible for interscholastic athletics (the 10th grader for one year from the date of transfer) upon their transfer, and the Commissioner's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable.

The students and their parents, Bob and Jill Purk; Scott Wasserman, the school's principal, and Marlo Schipfer, the school's athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the students can participate in interscholastic athletics at Mechanicsburg immediately. Mrs. Purk's sister, Christie Dodane, and the student's grandparents also attended the appeal as did Graham administrators Joe Hurst (principal) and Brook Cupps (athletic administrator). During the course of the appeal, the Board heard new testimony about the reasons for why the family moved from the former residence in the Graham Local district to their new residence in Mechanicsburg. Based upon this new evidence, the Board determined that the move was not done to circumvent the transfer bylaw but that the move was the event that caused the transfer.

Motion by Bill Axe, second by Troy McIntosh to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0 (Mark Hughes and Jenny Penn excused).

U. Bylaw 4-3-4, Enrollment and Attendance, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Michel, re: Their Son, Grade 12, Cincinnati Summit Country Day School (Southwest District)

At the August 4, 2011, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board tabled an appeal for a 12th-grade student at Cincinnati Summit Country Day School in order to afford the Commissioner's Office additional time to examine school records in regards to the student's enrollment history and transcripts of courses taken by the student during certain semesters in question. Accordingly, after said records were reviewed, the

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Commissioner's Office reported to the Board that while attending the out-of-state boarding school, the student did indeed receive course studies in as many as seven courses and as such, given the OHSAA's past precedence in cases such as this, could not disregard this semester as one that counts towards the total of eight to which any student's eligibility is limited as prescribed in Bylaw 4-3-3, Enrollment and Attendance.

Motion by John Ault, second by Jenny Penn to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0 (Tom Farbizo abstained; Mark Hughes excused).

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. None

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 6:00 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: 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.