

# OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (August 7, 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 August 7, 2008.

President Mike Richards called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Teresa Alberts and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Koppel.

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

**Board Member Excused:** Jeff Jordan (ex-officio).

**Administrative Staff Present:** Dan Ross, commissioner; Bob Goldring, John Dickerson, Deborah B. Moore, Steve Neil, Roxanne Price and Jerry Snodgrass, assistant commissioners.

**Staff Member Excused:** Henry Zaborniak Jr., assistant commissioner.

**Others Attending:** Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm and Brenda Murray, OHSAA staff; Tim Stried; Frank Gamble and Trevor Thomas, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Bob Miller, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Dick Kerschbaum and Mike Mauk, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Ryan Shaffer, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelder and Scott Dorne, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Scott Taylor, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick and Dan Steiner, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Stephanie Luebbers and Aaron Kellenberger; Lisa Barrett, Campbell and Mary Kay Black and Michael Obel-Omia; Carmen and Tim Lacy; Tim Gregory; Dan Bragg, David McGoron, Sean Cole and Michelle Lawrence; Lindsey Mohorcic, Don and Sheri Mohorcic and Liza Miller.

## I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Bill Koppel to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the August 7, 2008, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

**Note:** The Board took action to appoint a new member of the Board of Directors and to select a vice president. See Additional New Business items A. and B. for the exact action.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the minutes as amended from the June 12, 2008, Board of Control Meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

Amended items were: Additional New Business Item 5.D., Recommendation to Adopt OHSAA Coaching Education Program, the required completion date for all first-year coaches and those who are non-teachers should have said **January 1, 2010**; and Additional New Business Item 5.F., Recommendation to Approve the Greene County Wrestling Officials Association, the recommendation that the Greene County Wrestling Officials Association be established came from the **Southwest District Officials Committee and the Southwest District Appeals and Review Board. The Springfield Umpires Association is the sponsor of the wrestling officials association and will oversee the new association's activities during a one-year probationary period.**

## III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### A. Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the financial reports for June and July. The reports are summarized as follows:

Balance — May 31, 2008	\$1,134,088.41
Receipts — June 2008	<u>1,089,733.32</u>
	\$2,223,821.73
Disbursements — June 2008	<u>971,157.42</u>
	\$1,252,664.31
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (6/30/08)	\$1,285,246.62
	\$1,285,246.62
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>32,582.31</u>
Balance — June 30, 2008	\$1,252,664.31
Available Funds — June 30, 2008	
Bank Balance	\$1,252,664.31

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Savings	7,622.69
Working Capital	\$1,260,287.00
Reserve fund (Certificate of Deposit principal)	\$800,000.00
Building fund (Balance as of June 30, 2008)	\$247,895.32
Balance – June 30, 2008	\$1,252,664.31
Receipts – July 2008	552,898.41
	\$1,805,562.72
Disbursements – July 2008	778,472.16
	\$1,027,090.56
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (7/31/08)	\$1,088,496.61
	\$1,088,496.61
Less Outstanding Checks	61,406.05
Balance – July 31, 2008	\$1,027,090.56
Available Funds – July 31, 2008	
Bank Balance	\$1,027,090.56
Savings	7,622.69
Certificate of Deposit Interest	1,383.61
Working Capital	\$1,036,096.86
Reserve fund (Certificate of Deposit principal)	\$800,000.00
Building fund (Balance as of July 31, 2008)	\$247,895.32

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Teresa Alberts to **accept** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### A. Minutes of All-District Boards Meeting of June 16, 2008

The Board was provided the minutes of the OHSAA All-Districts Boards Meeting, which took place on June 16, 2008, in Sandusky, and Assistant Commissioner Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said there was a variety of topics that were discussed, including technology, the District Athletic Board Review Committee, Foundation Service Week, tournament broadcast media rights fees, television and internet contracts, insurance for OHSAA tournaments, corporate sponsorships and auditing issues. The Board of Control goals and legal issues from the 2007-08 school year were also reviewed. Commissioner Ross thanked the Northwest District Athletic Board for their outstanding hospitality.

#### B. Meeting of Softball Advisory Committee Meeting of June 23, 2008

The Board was provided the minutes of the OHSAA Softball Advisory Committee Meeting of June 23, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Price reviewed the highlights. She said the committee was pleased with the move of the state tournament to Akron Firestone Stadium and praised those in Akron who helped manage the tournament. Ms. Price said the committee also spent considerable time discussing the OHSAA's 10-day coaching regulation between June 1 and July 31.

#### C. Minutes from the OHSAA SEI Committee Meeting of July 29, 2007

The Board was provided the minutes of the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee Meeting of July 29, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Price reviewed the highlights. She said most of the time during the meeting was spent evaluating the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship Award applications that were submitted and noted that approximately 10 schools were denied the award this year since the committee made schools more accountable for meeting the criteria established for winning the award.

#### D. Minutes from the Officials Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2008

The Board was provided the minutes of the Officials Advisory Committee Meeting of July 12, 2008, and Commissioner Ross reviewed the highlights. Among the items addressed were the myOHSAA technology project; assigning tournament officials in the sport of ice hockey; the OHSAA logo as it relates to officials apparel; meeting attendance credit for OHSAA clinics and camps; assigners working OHSAA regional and state tournament contests, and officials tournament fees.

#### E. Review of New Administrators Workshop of August 5, 2008

Assistant Commissioner Moore said the OHSAA hosted the New Administrators Workshop for the 20th straight year on August 5. She said she believes the workshop is one of the most valuable functions the office provides for administrators. This year's workshop attracted a record 170 participants. Commissioner Ross praised Dr. Moore and Assistant Commissioner Price for their outstanding work in preparing for and conducting the workshop.

#### F. Review of NASO Conference of July 27-29, 2008, in Cleveland

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that the National Association of Scholastic Officials held their national conference in Cleveland from July 27 through 29. Dan Steiner of the Officials Advisory Committee noted that Commissioner Ross and Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak had an excellent presentation on the recruiting and retention of officials.

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### G. Reserve Fund Resolution

Commissioner Ross reviewed the reserve fund resolution that was adopted by the Board of Control on January 13, 1971. The resolution is as follows: "Motion by Clayton Wolfe, second by James Mains that the Ohio High School Athletic Association maintain a Reserve Fund equal to seventy percent (70%) of the previous year's total receipts. Any monies in excess of this amount may be apportioned equally to member schools as of November 1." The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### H. 2008-09 Regional and State Tournament Officials Calculations

The Board was provided with the 2008-09 officials calculations for tournament assignments in the sports of boys and girls cross country (state tournament); football (regional and state tournaments); boys and girls soccer (regional and state tournaments); volleyball (regional and state tournaments); boys and girls basketball (regional and state tournaments); ice hockey (state tournament); boys and girls swimming and diving (state tournament); wrestling (state tournament); baseball (regional and state tournaments); fast pitch softball (regional and state tournaments), and boys and girls track and field (state tournament). Assignments were made on a proportional basis per district and were calculated based on the number of Class 1 officials who had registered with the OHSAA by August 1, 2008.

### I. Resignations and Updates on Board of Directors and District Athletic Board Positions

Commissioner Ross informed the Board of several changes that have taken place on the Board of Directors and District Athletic Boards. As noted earlier in the meeting, Bob Britton has resigned from his position from the Central District Athletic Board due to a position change, and Jay Wolfe, athletic administrator at Lewis Center Olentangy High School, has been recommended to fulfill Mr. Britton's final year as the district's Class AA representative on the Board of Directors. Dr. Ross said there will be seven special elections to fill positions on the various district boards in the fall. The Central District has a Class AA opening following the resignation of Mr. Britton; the East District has a Class A and a Class AA opening following the retirement of Colin Mishler and resignation of Bill Zanders, respectively; the Northeast District has a Class AAA opening following the retirement of Joe Lynch; the Northwest District has a Class AAA opening following the resignation of Jerry Snodgrass; the Southeast District has a Class A opening following the resignation of Paul Miller, and the Southwest District has a Class AAA opening following the retirement of Ray Spicher.

### J. Refund Calculations to District Athletic Boards for District Officials Committees

The Board was provided the first refund calculations that will be sent to District Athletic Boards to distribute to District Officials Committees (DOCs). The refund includes all renewals, reinstatements, review exams and individuals accepted through reciprocity through August 1, 2008. The refund rate within each district is \$6.00 for each official for each sport up to the first 1,500 officials, \$1.75 for each official for each sport over 1,500 and \$75.00 per official association within each district. There currently are 18,603 total officials, making the total refund for the six districts \$90,091.75 (the 18,603 figure represents the total number of officials in all sports, not the total number of registered officials).

### K. OHSAA Officials Handbook Update

Commissioner Ross reminded the Board that the OHSAA Officials Handbook is in the second year of a two-year cycle and that a new edition will not be printed again until prior to the 2009-10 school year.

### L. Review of New/Updated Information Sent to Member Schools

Assistant Commissioner Goldring informed the Board that OHSAA member schools were recently sent e-mails reminding them of precautions to take should there be high heat and humidity as fall practices and contests begin. Mr. Goldring said notices were also e-mailed to the membership reminding schools to enter their varsity football schedules on the myOHSAA technology system. Failure to do so will result in schools not receiving points in the football computer rankings.

### M. OHSAA/Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine Outstanding Team Physician Awards

Assistant Commissioner Moore informed the Board that the OHSAA/Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine has named its outstanding team physician award winners for the 2007-08 school year as nominated by their respective schools. Honored were Dr. Brian Bachelder, Mt. Gilead High School; Dr. Joseph Congeni, Akron Archbishop Hoban High School; Dr. Timothy Duffey, Westerville North High School, and Dr. James Johns, Canton McKinley High School. Dr. Moore noted that the OHSAA/Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine originally began meeting in the early 1960s as one of the first such committees in the nation. The committee currently meets as needed and is comprised of members of the OHSAA staff, physicians who are members of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) and trainers from the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association. She thanked the staff at the OSMA for helping organize the Outstanding Team Physician Awards.

### N. 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. **Toledo St. John's Jesuit High School's** boy's basketball team had an assistant coach violate Bylaw 4, Section 9, Recruiting, and, in accordance with the bylaw, the student shall have been declared ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment should he choose to attend St. John's beginning with his freshman year in 2008-09. In addition, in accordance with Bylaw 12, the assistant coach has been reprimanded. **North Canton Hoover High School's** varsity softball coach violated Sports Regulation 4.3, Coaching Individuals in Instructional Programs, because he coached a student-athlete outside of the season and outside of the 10-day coaching period permitted between June 1 and July 31. As a result, the coach has been reprimanded and was not permitted to coach any of his student-athletes during

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the permissible 10-day coaching period between June 1 and July 31, 2008. **Cambridge High School's** boys basketball team had four student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-6, Non-Interscholastic Competition, because they violated the 50 percent regulation (only two basketball players from the same school squad may participate on the same non-interscholastic team prior to the permissible period of June 1 through July 31). In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalties, the four student-athletes have been ruled ineligible for the first two regular season contests of the 2008-09 season. **Cortland Lakeview's** boys varsity soccer coach permitted student-athletes to violate Bylaw 10-3-6, Non-Interscholastic Competition, when they violated the 50 percent regulation (only five soccer players from the same school squad may participate on the same non-interscholastic team prior to the permissible period of June 1 through July 31). As a result, the OHSAA has suspended him from coaching during the first four regular season contests of the 2008 season should he continue coaching at any OHSAA member school. **Paulding High School's** boys varsity basketball coach violated Sports Regulation 6.1.7, Open Gymnasiums, when he organized at open gym with other schools. As a result, the coach will be limited to coaching his student-athletes for eight days rather than the permissible 10 between June 1 to July 31, 2009.

### V. OLD BUSINESS

None

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Recommendation of Membership List for 2008-09

The Board was provided with a list of member schools that have returned their required membership form with the OHSAA for the 2008-09 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. There were 827 schools recommended for membership, with an additional two schools pending (they plan to return their forms following their next Board of Education meetings). Lewis Center Olentangy Orange and Cleveland St. Martin dePorres are new members, Springfield North and Springfield South have combined to form Springfield, while the Ohio School for the Blind and the Ohio School for the Deaf have both withdrawn as OHSAA members.

#### B. Ratification of 2008 Fall Sports Manuals

The Board was provided copies of the 2008 fall sports manuals for cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, girls tennis and volleyball that were prepared by OHSAA staff members. 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 in the respective sports, contest officials and are posted on the OHSAA web site. In the sport of football, 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.

#### C. Recommendation of Dr. Harold Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award Winners from the OHSAA SEI Committee

Assistant Commissioner Price said the OHSAA SEI Committee recommended that 83 schools — 69 high schools and 14 7th-8th grade schools — be presented Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards for the 2007-08 school year. The awards are presented to schools that demonstrate they have completed an eight-part program that promotes sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in their schools and communities. High schools recommended for the award: Apple Creek Waynedale; Avon; Avon Lake; Batavia Amelia; Bay Village Bay; Bexley; Canfield; Celina; Chagrin Falls; Chagrin Falls Kenston; Chillicothe; Cincinnati Anderson; Cincinnati LaSalle; Cincinnati Madeira; Cincinnati Northwest; Cincinnati Seven Hills; Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy; Clayton Northmont; Cleveland Cuyahoga Heights; Columbia Station Columbia; Columbus Africentric Early College; Columbus Bishop Hartley; Columbus Bishop Watterson; Columbus Briggs; Columbus Centennial; Columbus East; Columbus Eastmoor Academy; Columbus Independence; Columbus Linden McKinley; Columbus Marion-Franklin; Columbus Mifflin; Columbus Northland; Columbus South; Columbus Walnut Ridge; Columbus West; Columbus Whetstone; Coshocton; Creston Norwayne; Dayton Chaminade-Julienne; Dayton Oakwood; Defiance; Fairview Park Fairview; Germantown Valley View; Grafton Midview; Granville; Hamilton Ross; Hilliard Darby; Hilliard Davidson; Independence; Kenton; Lima Bath; Lima Shawnee; Loveland; Lyndhurst Brush; Mansfield Senior; Morrow Little Miami; North Ridgeville; Ottawa-Glandorf; Pepper Pike Orange; Perry; Perrysburg; The Plains Athens; St. Marys Memorial; Stow-Munroe Falls; Vandalia Butler; Van Wert; Wapakoneta; West Carrollton, and Wilmington. 7th-8th grade schools recommended for the award: Ashville Teays Valley Middle School; Cincinnati Nagel Middle School; Cleveland Cuyahoga Heights Middle School; Creston Middle School; Dublin John Sells Middle School; Germantown Valley View Middle School; Grafton Midview Middle School; Independence Middle School; Lewis Center Olentangy Orange Middle School; Lewis Center Olentangy Shanahan Middle School; Medina Claggett Middle School; Munroe Falls Kimpton Middle School; Powell Olentangy Hyatts Middle School, and Powell Olentangy Liberty Middle School.

The awards began in 1992 and are named in honor of the late Harold A. Meyer, commissioner of the OHSAA from 1969 to 1977. Winners are presented a banner at a school assembly or athletic event.

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### D. 2008 Girls Regional and State Volleyball Tournament Draw

Assistant Commissioner Moore and Scott Taylor conducted the draws for the 2008 OHSAA regional and state volleyball tournaments. Divisions II and IV regional semifinals will be held on Wednesday, October 29, and Divisions I and III regional semifinals will be held on Thursday, October 30. The first semifinal match each day will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the second semifinal match to begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first match. Regional finals in all four divisions will be held on Saturday, November 1. Sites hosting single divisions will begin their matches at 2:00, while sites hosting multiple divisions will begin Division I or III matches at 2:00 and Division II or IV matches at 4:00. Division I regional sites are Hudson, Norwalk, Hilliard and Vandalia; Division II sites are Stow-Munroe Falls, Newark, Ontario and Wilmington; Division III sites are Barberton, Findlay, Athens and Wilmington, and Division IV sites are Twinsburg, Elida, Lancaster and Vandalia. The state tournament schedule has changed. Division II (12:00 and 2:00) and Division I (4:00 and 6:00) semifinals will be held on Thursday, November 6, with Division IV (12:00 and 2:00) and Division III (4:00 and 6:00) semifinals on Friday, November 7. Finals will be held on Saturday, November 8, with Division II at 11:00, Division I at 1:00, Division IV at 3:00 and Division III at 5:00.

### E. 2008 Girls and Boys Regional Soccer Draw Information

Assistant Commissioner Dickerson and Frank Gamble conducted the draws for the 2008 OHSAA regional boys and girls soccer tournaments. Boys regional soccer tournaments will be held Tuesday, Oct. 28 (7:00, semifinals), and Saturday, Nov. 1 (3:00, finals), and girls soccer regionals will be held Wednesday, Oct. 29 (7:00, semifinals), and Saturday, Nov. 1 (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 boys the Region 9 winner plays Region 10 and Region 11 plays Region 12. All three boys divisions will hold state semifinal matches on Tuesday, Nov. 4 (7:00), and both girls divisions will hold state semifinal matches on Wednesday, Nov. 5 (7:00). The state finals will be held at Columbus Crew Stadium, with boys Divisions III (3:00) and I (7:00) playing Friday, Nov. 7, and boys Division II (11:00), girls Divisions II (3:00) and I (7:00) playing Saturday, Nov. 8. 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.

### F. 2008 Regional Cross Country Tournament Sites and Revised Representation

Assistant Commissioner Neil presented regional tournament sites in the sport of cross country. The regional tournaments will be held on Saturday, October 25. Division III boys will be held at 11:05, Division II boys will be held at 11:50, Division I boys will be held at 12:35, Division III girls will be held at 1:20, Division II girls will be held at 2:05 and Division I girls will be held at 2:50. The sites are Youngstown Boardman, Tiffin Hedges Boyer Park, Pickerington High School North and Troy Memorial Stadium.

### G. 2009 Boys Swimming & Diving Divisional Breakdowns and Representation

With the Board approving the addition of a second division in boys swimming & diving beginning with the 2008-09 school year, Assistant Commissioner Moore presented divisional breakdowns and representation for this school year.

#### Boys Swimming & Diving

Division I, **126** teams (427 males or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, **125** teams (426 or less males)

Total Teams: **251**

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boys swimming for 2009 would be: **Division I:** Central 3; Northeast 5; Northwest 1, and Southwest 4. Eleven at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament. **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Northeast 3; Northwest 4, and Southwest 3. Eleven at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament. Representation from the district to the state tournaments in girls diving for 2009 would be as follows: **Division I:** Central 5; Northeast 9; Northwest 3, and Southwest 7; **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 6; Northeast 6; Northwest 6, and Southwest 6.

### H. Recommendation for New Member — Sidney Christian

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that Sidney Christian has resubmitted its application for membership to the OHSAA. The school has confirmed that it sponsored two varsity “recognized sports” during its probationary period and will continue at this minimum (boys soccer, volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, baseball and fast pitch softball). Dr. Ross said the school has met all requirements for membership and it is recommended that it be approved for membership.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** new business items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E., VI. F., VI. G., and VI. H. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

## VII. **ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**

### A. Appointment of Jay Wolfe to the Board of Directors

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that Bob Britton has resigned his position on the Central District Athletic Board and thus must give up his position on the Board of Directors. Formerly the principal at Marion Elgin High School and a Class AA representative, Mr. Britton has accepted the position of superintendent of the Morral Ridgedale Local Schools, which is a Class A school. The Central District Athletic Board recommended that Jay Wolfe, athletic administrator at Lewis Center Olentangy High School, fulfill Mr.

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Britton's final year on the Board of Directors.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

### B. Election of Vice President of the Board of Directors

As noted in Additional New Business, Item A. above, a replacement was appointed for Bob Britton on the Board of Directors. At the June 2008 Board of Directors meeting, Mr. Britton was also elected as vice president of the Board for the 2008-09 school year, so a replacement for the vice presidency is needed.

Board President Richards asked for nominations for the position of vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2008-09 school year.

Gene Klaus nominated Keith Bell to serve as vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2008-09 school year. Rocco Nero seconded the nomination. Steve Stirn made a motion to close nominations and Rock VanFossen seconded the motion to close nominations.

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** the nomination of Keith Bell to serve as vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2008-09 school year.

Motion passed 8-0 (Keith Bell abstained).

### C. Requests to Grant Exceptions to the OHSAA Sports Regulation which Prohibits Friday Night Regular Season Football Games to be Video Webcasted and Televised Live

The Board was provided with requests to video webcast or televise football games live during the 2008 season. OHSAA Sports Regulations prohibit live video webcasts or telecasts of regular season football games on Friday nights, although another Sports Regulation allows the Board to make exceptions if certain provisions are met.

#### 1.) Cincinnati Elder and West Chester Lakota West High Schools

Cincinnati Elder and West Chester Lakota West High Schools requested to video webcast home football games live during the 2008 season. The schools have assured the OHSAA that the webcasts will be placed onto a school-owned or operated web site only; the web site/webcasts will not accept sponsorships or advertising; at least half of the production and broadcast crew will be comprised of students, and a school administrator will accompany the students involved. In addition, the regulations state that opponents which host Elder or Lakota West are not obligated to accommodate the school groups for video webcasts and that this exception is for regular season contests only.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the request and grant the exception for Cincinnati Elder and West Chester Lakota West high schools.

Motion passed 9-0.

#### 2.) Live Telecast - Cincinnati St. Xavier at Cincinnati Elder

CBS College Sports has requested that the Board grant an exception and allow its cable company to televise live the Cincinnati St. Xavier at Cincinnati Elder football game on Friday, Sept. 26.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Rock VanFossen to **table** action on the request.

Motion passed 9-0.

#### 3.) Buckeye Cable Sports Network - Friday Night Schedule of Games

Toledo-based Buckeye Cable Sports Network has requested that the Board grant an exception and allow its cable company to televise live a series of Friday night football games, with most contests involving teams from the Toledo Area Athletic Conference. A letter of support was provided by the commissioner of that conference.

Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Keith Bell to **table** action on the request.

Motion passed 9-0.

Commissioner Ross noted that his staff is prepared to conduct a survey with the membership in the near future to obtain feedback on the Friday night football live video webcast and television regulation.

### D. Recommendations from the Officials Advisory Committee

Jerry Fick of the OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee recommends that officials travel fees be modified and that game fees be increased and that a travel allowance amount equal to 15 percent more than the IRS rate be adopted. The Board will act on the recommendations at the September Board of Directors meeting.

The committee also recommended that the new OHSAA logo be adopted for officials uniforms and apparel in a four-year phase-in or transition period with the new logo required to be used by August 1, 2012.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Rocco Nero to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

### E. Approval of 2008-09 OHSAA Media Regulations

The Board was provided with the 2008-09 OHSAA media regulations that had previously appeared in the OHSAA Handbook and will now be published on the OHSAA web site and in a separate publication that will

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be mailed to athletic administrators and media members.

It was pointed out that language has been changed to note that audio and video webcasts will not be permitted when the OHSAA has an exclusive contract with a media partner to provide these services. The Association is close to completing a contract with Cleveland.com that will stipulate that any OHSAA tournament contest in which they webcast will mean that no one else will be permitted to also webcast that game.

Another change would be to eliminate providing credentials to school photographers at state tournaments in the sports of football, basketball, track and field and wrestling due to space concerns and the fact that many commercial businesses are obtaining credentials and selling them to the participants. To compensate for this change, the OHSAA's new official state tournament photographer will be asked to provide a handful of action shots to each state tournament qualifier in football and girls and boys basketball for use in year-books, on the school's web site and in the school's newspaper.

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Jay Wolfe to **approve** the 2008-09 OHSAA Media Regulations as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

Board member Klaus noted that, should the office follow through and not provide photo credentials to schools in the sports of football and basketball, the OHSAA staff must ensure that the Association's official photographer provide photos to the schools for their use.

### F. Recommendations to Hire Personnel, Change Job Roles and Titles

Commissioner Ross recommended that the OHSAA hire Tim Stried to the position of Director of Information Services. Mr. Stried has been employed as an assistant in the athletic communications office of The Ohio State University for the past five years and was the sports information director at Bluffton University for four years prior to that. Mr. Stried would begin his duties in early September.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Steve Stirn to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

Commissioner Ross also recommended that two current employees have their job titles and/or roles modified: 1.) Bob Goldring, who has served as assistant commissioner and fulfilled the role as the director of information services, will have Mr. Stried replace him in his current duties and be promoted to Associate Commissioner for Operations, where he will have oversight of the day-to-day activities of the office, and 2.) Deborah B. Moore will be promoted to Associate Commissioner for Eligibility and will have oversight of school eligibility issues. Mr. Goldring has been employed with the OHSAA since October 1995, while Dr. Moore has been employed with the OHSAA since June 1989.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Jay Wolfe to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

## VIII. APPEALS

### A. Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mohorcic, re: Their Daughter, Grade 12, Brunswick High School (Northeast District)

A student who will be in grade 12 at Brunswick High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, because she will turn 19 prior to the August 1 deadline. The student and her parents, Don and Sheri Mohorcik, and Liz Miller appealed the ineligibility based on the exception to the Bylaw so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Steve Stirn to **deny** the appeal.

### B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Old Exception 6, Transfers, Dr. Dan L. Briggs, Superintendent, re: Three Students, Cincinnati Christian High School (Southwest District)

Three students transferred to Cincinnati Christian High School and utilized Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 6, Superintendent's Agreement. The exception to the Bylaw was removed by the member schools in referendum voting that took place last May and had an implementation date of June 1, 2008. The three students in question were ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Cincinnati Christian because the agreements were received by the OHSAA office after the June 1 deadline. Dr. Dan L. Briggs, the school's superintendent, appealed the rulings so that the student can participate at Cincinnati Christian during the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Steve Stirn to **approve** the appeal for the first student.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Rocco Nero to **approve** the appeal for the second.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Jay Wolfe to **deny** the appeal for the third student.

Motion passed 7-0.

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### C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 7, Transfers, Mr. Tim Gregory, re: His Son, Grade 10, Parma Heights Holy Name High School (Northeast District)

A student who attended a public high school in grade nine has transferred to Parma Heights Holy Name High School for the 2008-09 school year. He has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Holy Name in accordance to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the Bylaw (and in particular, Exception 7). The student's father, Tim Gregory, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Holy Name during the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Rock VanFossen to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0.

### D. Bylaw 4-7-5, Transfers, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lacy, re: Their Son, Grade 11, New Carlisle Tecumseh High School

An 11th-grade student is looking to transfer from New Carlisle Tecumseh High School and has been told by the OHSAA that he would be ineligible for one year from the date of enrollment at the new school because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the transfer bylaw. The student's parents, Tim and Carmen Lacy, appealed the ruling based on Bylaw 4-7-5, transfers pursuant to state or federal statutes addressing academically poor performing schools, so that their son can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Rocco Nero to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0.

It was noted that Tecumseh High School is not considered an academically poor-performing school based on both state and federal standards.

### E. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Lisa Barrett, Attorney, re: A Student, Hunting Valley University School (Northeast District)

A student transferred from Chagrin Falls High School to Hunting Valley University School and utilized Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 6, Superintendent's Agreement. The exception to the Bylaw was removed by the member schools in referendum voting that took place last May and had an implementation date of June 1, 2008. The student was ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at University School because the agreement was received by the OHSAA office after the June 1 deadline. Attorney Lisa Barrett; the student's parents, Campbell and Mary Kay Black, and Michael Obel-Omia, principal at University School, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at University School during the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0.

### F. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Dr. Robert P. Macrae, Head of School, re: A 10th-Grade Student, Cincinnati Country Day School

A 10th-grade student has transferred from Cincinnati Walnut Hills High School to Cincinnati Country Day and utilized Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 6, Superintendent's Agreement. The exception to the Bylaw was removed by the member schools in referendum voting that took place last May and had an implementation date of June 1, 2008. The student was ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Country Day because the agreement was received by the OHSAA office after the June 1 deadline. Stephanie Luebbers, head of the Upper School at Cincinnati Country Day School, and Aaron Kellenbarger, director of admissions at the school, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Country Day during the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0.

## VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder, with assistance from Brenda Murray and Deborah B. Moore.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

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

**2008:** September 11; 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.