

The following are the preliminary minutes from the August 6, 2009, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its September 10, 2009, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (August 6, 2009)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting at the OHSAA office in Columbus on August 6, 2009. President Steve Stirn 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 Jeff Jordan.

Board Members Present: Steve Stirn, president; Rocco Nero, vice president; Teresa Alberts; Dave Gray; Jose Hernandez; Steve Keller; Mike Rotonda; Walt Skaggs; Steve Zimmerman, and Matt Shomper (ex-officio) and Jeff Jordan (ex-officio).

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

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm and Brenda Murray, OHSAA staff; Trevor Thomas, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Joe Balogh, Kris Spriggs and Tony Bisutti, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Mike Mauk and Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Mark Ferfolia, Ohio High School Ice Hockey Coaches Association; John Johnson, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelder, 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, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Jim Harbuck, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; Archie and Peggy Wilkinson, Laurie Ewert Krockner and Kim Whiteroft-Parker and her daughter; Melku Reskay, his son and Douglas Ewart; Gary Akin and his son; Rex Elliott; Andrea Strahley, Olivia Williams and Sherri Northrup, and Tim Worthington, his sons, Michael E. Moore and Steve Rose.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Dave Gray to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the August 6, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Steve Zimmerman, second by Mike Rotonda to **approve** the minutes from the June 11, 2009, Board of Directors meeting and the June 15, 2009, Board of Directors Special Meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Financial Report

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

Balance — May 31, 2009	\$291,857.09
Receipts — June 2009	<u>1,872,874.19</u>
	\$2,164,731.28
Disbursements — June 2009	<u>653,288.26</u>
	\$1,511,443.02
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (6/30/09)	<u>\$1,591,181.82</u>
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>79,738.80</u>
Balance — June 30, 2009	\$1,511,443.02
Available Funds — June 30, 2009	
Bank Balance	\$1,511,443.02
Savings	608,242.43
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(800,000.00)</u>
Working Capital	\$1,319,685.45
Reserve fund	\$800,000.00
Building fund	\$206,614.64
Balance — June 30, 2009	\$1,511,443.02
Receipts — July 2009	<u>764,550.82</u>
	\$2,275,993.84
Disbursements — July 2009	<u>961,199.71</u>
	\$1,314,794.13

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Accounted for as follows:

Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (7/31/09)	\$1,603,276.59
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>288,482.46</u>
Balance – July 31, 2009	\$1,314,794.13
Available Funds – July 31, 2009	
Bank Balance	\$1,314,794.13
Savings	608,242.43
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(800,000.00)</u>
Working Capital	\$1,123,036.56
Reserve fund	\$800,000.00
Building fund	\$206,614.64

B. Winter Sports Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm reviewed financial reports from the 2009 OHSAA regional and state winter sports tournaments. The breakdown for the tournaments from 2009 and the previous four years is as follows:

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>2009 Net</u>	<u>2008 Net</u>	<u>2007 Net</u>	<u>2006 Net</u>	<u>2005 Net</u>
boys state basketball	+ \$1,006,228.80	+ \$1,064,218.84	+ \$918,554.66	+ \$984,505.84	+ \$864,402.74
boys regional basketball	+ \$277,081.60	+ \$354,825.86	+ \$350,514.24	+ \$454,715.63	+ \$398,923.63
girls state basketball	+ \$52,182.65	– \$613.59	+ \$53,261.09	+ \$90,005.10	+ \$118,043.91
girls regional basketball	+ \$103,906.51	+ \$97,641.74	+ \$119,671.26	+ \$138,250.57	+ \$101,757.38
state bowling	– \$14,801.55	– \$16,184.26	– \$11,509.71	not applicable	not applicable
state gymnastics	– \$22,899.73	– \$24,034.43	– \$24,511.76	– \$22,535.46	– \$18,231.29
state ice hockey	– \$12,965.28	– \$13,332.37	– \$15,598.66	– \$8,220.67	– \$13,992.00
district ice hockey	+ \$32,386.88	+ \$26,154.84	+ \$28,276.83	+ \$22,451.30	+ \$16,321.87
state swimming & diving	– \$8,707.36	– \$36,017.12	– \$32,047.86	– \$31,357.85	– \$23,753.61
state wrestling	+ \$158,527.78	+ \$168,075.21	+ \$129,552.05	+ \$106,327.13	+ \$100,813.36

C. District Athletic Boards Financial Report

The Board was provided the financial report for the six district athletic boards through June. The report is summarized as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>DOC</u> <u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Cash</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Profit/Loss</u>
Central	\$50,971	\$3,185	\$164,651	\$0	\$218,806	\$796,791	\$703,313	\$93,478
East	\$58,880	\$5,385	\$0	\$49,552	\$113,817	\$376,187	\$340,807	\$35,380
Northeast	\$200,403	\$2,201	\$7,392	\$107,793	\$317,788	\$1,641,979	\$1,556,905	\$85,074
Northwest	\$155,179	\$12,999	\$0	\$0	\$168,178	\$1,550,122	\$1,471,488	\$78,635
Southeast	–\$7,588	\$4,899	\$167,084	\$119,276	\$283,671	\$482,178	\$488,439	–\$6,261
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$48,127</u>	<u>\$8,792</u>	<u>\$217,203</u>	<u>\$120,920</u>	<u>\$395,042</u>	<u>\$1,500,359</u>	<u>\$1,389,423</u>	<u>\$110,936</u>
Totals	\$505,971	\$37,471	\$556,330	\$397,541	\$1,497,302	\$6,347,617	\$5,950,375	\$397,242

Motion by Steve Zimmerman, second by Walt Skaggs to **approve** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes of All-District Boards Meeting of June 15, 2009

The Board was provided the minutes of the OHSAA All-Districts Boards Meeting, which took place on June 15, 2009, in Sugar Creek, and Associate Commissioner Bob Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said a variety of topics were discussed, including updates on the District Athletic Board (DAB) Handbook, the District Athletic Board Review Committee, Foundation Service Week, insurance for OHSAA tournaments, and auditing issues. The Board of Directors goals were reviewed and an overview of the 2008-09 school year was provided, and OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig gave an update. Comptroller Todd Boehm said that he met with the DAB treasurers, and Web Site Coordinator Brenda Murray noted that she met with the DAB secretaries. The East District Athletic Board was thanked for serving as outstanding hosts.

B. Meeting of Softball Advisory Committee Meeting of June 22, 2009

The Board was provided the minutes of the OHSAA Softball Advisory Committee Meeting of June 22, 2009, and Assistant Commissioner Roxanne Price reviewed the highlights. She said some of the items discussed included the ball contract with Worth; tournament draw dates; regional tournament dates and sites; umpiring at the state tournament; the contest regulation of playing 27 games on 23 dates, and the NFHS proposed rule change of moving the pitcher's mound from 40 feet to 43 feet (which subsequently was adopted) beginning in 2011. Per NFHS protocol, the Board will need to determine whether to adopt this regulation for 7th-8th grade schools.

C. Minutes from the OHSAA SEI Committee Meeting of July 28, 2009

The Board was provided the minutes of the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee Meeting of July 28, 2009, and Assistant Commissioner Roxanne 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 again some schools will be denied the award this year since the committee has made schools more accountable for meeting the criteria established for winning the award. The committee

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also discussed OHSAA Foundation Leadership Conferences; OHSAA Foundation Week and Foundation Games, which have been extended to the sport of volleyball, and there was discussion on a subcommittee gathering to discuss the future of the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship Award.

D. Review of New Administrators Workshop of August 4, 2009

Associate Commissioner Deborah Moore said the OHSAA hosted the New Administrators Workshop for the 21st straight year on August 4 in Columbus and noted that the workshop is one of the most valuable functions the office provides for administrators. This year's workshop attracted over 120 participants. Commissioner Ross praised Dr. Moore and Assistant Commissioner Price for their outstanding work in preparing for and conducting the workshop.

E. Reserve Fund Resolution

Commissioner Dan Ross said the Board annually reviews the reserve fund resolution that was adopted by the Board of Control on January 13, 1971. It was determined that a newer such resolution will be developed and presented at an upcoming Board of Directors meeting for approval.

F. 2009-10 Regional and State Tournament Officials Calculations

Associate Commissioner Henry Zaborniak said the Board annually receives the 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). Those calculations are currently not available and will be presented at an upcoming Board of Directors meeting.

G. Review of New/Updated Information Sent to Member Schools

Associate Commissioner Bob Goldring informed the Board that OHSAA member school principals and athletic administrators were recently sent e-mails reminding them of precautions to take during high heat and humidity situations as fall practices and contests begin. It was noted that the same information has been posted on the OHSAA web site, is printed in many of the fall sport preseason manuals that are mailed to coaches and that the information is applicable to all outdoor sports as well as indoor sports like volleyball, that may take place in gymnasiums that are not air conditioned.

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

Associate Commissioner Deborah Moore informed the Board that the OHSAA/Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine has named an outstanding team physician award winner for 2008-09 as nominated by his school. Honored will be Richard O. Chamberlain, D.O., the team physician for Franklin 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.

I. Update of OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board of Directors was provided with a list of schools that recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Maple Heights High School's** girls track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the meets in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). **Mantua Crestwood High School's** boys tennis team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the nine contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Collins Western Reserve High School's** boys track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all contests in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). **Clayton Northmont High School's** girls soccer coach violated OHSAA Sports Regulation 5.6 when he suggested/implied that a student's chance to be selected for an interscholastic squad "is contingent upon participation in a physical fitness program" and developed a point system used to determine who would be "eligible for consideration for the varsity team." In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-2, Penalties, the coach was suspended from coaching in the school's first regular season soccer contest and the no contact period for the school's girls soccer coaches (no involvement in physical fitness, weight training and/or open gym activities) has been extended from 28 to 42 days. OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig also provided an update on three litigation cases.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Handbook for Officials

Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak provided the Board with an update on revisions that will be made to the 2009-10 OHSAA Handbook for Officials. He noted that new information included such items as the mission, goals and statement of beliefs for the officiating program; the fee structure and tournament pay schedule, and expectations of instructors. He said that the handbook will be duplicated in-house this year and will only be applicable for 2009-10 (rather than for two years) since there will likely be some major changes taking place within the officiating program in the near future.

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Motion by Dave Gray, second by Rocco Nero to **approve** the 2009-10 OHSAA Handbook for Officials..

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Proposals from the Ohio High School Ice Hockey Coaches Association

The Board took action on the Ohio High School Ice Hockey Coaches Association proposals that were presented in June.

1.) Permit schools to utilize 17-minute periods rather than 15-minute periods.

Motion by Steve Keller, second by Jose Hernandez to **deny** the proposal.

Motion passed 9-0.

2.) Change the format for the state tournament to an eight-team format rather than a four-team format.

Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Steve Keller to **deny** the proposal.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. 2009 and 2010 Revised Cross County Representation, Divisional Alignments and Regional Tournament Assignments

OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Steve Neil provided revised representation and divisional alignments in cross country for 2009 and 2010. The proposed representation and divisional alignments are as follows:

Boys Cross Country

Division I, 191 teams (357 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 195 teams (183-356 males)

Division III, 194 teams (182 or less males)

580 Total Teams

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2009 and 2010 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 16; Northeast 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 8; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12 (**Note:** a coin flip determined that the East district would have 4 qualifiers and the Southeast 8 in 2009 and the East district would have 8 qualifiers and the Southeast 4 in 2010); **Division III:** Central 4; East 4; Northeast 12; Northwest 24; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12.

Girls Cross Country

Division I, 170 teams (354 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 171 teams (187-353 females)

Division III, 173 teams (186 or less females)

514 Total Teams

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2009 and 2010 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 12; Northeast 28; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 8; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 4, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 8; East 4; Northeast 16; Northwest 24; Southeast 4, and Southwest 8.

Mr. Neil also presented revised district assignments to regional tournaments in the sport of cross country.

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Mike Rotonda to **approve** the revised representation and divisional alignments along with the revised district assignments to regional tournaments.

Motion passed 9-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

A. Recommendation of Membership List for 2009-10

The Board was provided with a list of member schools that have returned their required membership form with the OHSAA for the 2009-10 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. The membership is expected to end up with 831 high schools, although 31 high schools have not returned the form. A new school admitted is Hilliard Bradley; Dayton Ponitz Career Center (formerly Dayton Patterson) has been readmitted; Columbiana Heartland Christian will likely be a new school admitted later in the meeting, and Youngstown Compass Education Center did not renew its membership.

B. Approval of 2009 Fall Sports Manuals

The Board was provided copies of the 2009 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 and contest officials in the respective sports 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.

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C. 2009 Girls Regional and State Volleyball Tournament Draw

Associate Commissioner Deborah Moore and Scott Taylor conducted the draws for the 2009 OHSAA regional and state volleyball tournaments. Divisions I and III regional semifinals will be held on Wednesday, November 4, and Divisions II and IV regional semifinals will be held on Thursday, November 5. 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 7. 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 Vandalia; Division II sites are Stow-Munroe Falls, Newark or Granville, Ontario and Wilmington; Division III sites are Barberton, Findlay, Logan and Wilmington, and Division IV sites are Twinsburg, Elida, Lancaster and Vandalia. For the state tournament, Division I (12:00 and 2:00) and Division IV (4:00 and 6:00) semifinals will be held on Thursday, November 12, with Division III (12:00 and 2:00) and Division II (4:00 and 6:00) semifinals on Friday, November 13. Finals will be held on Saturday, November 14, with Division I at 11:00, Division IV at 1:00, Division III at 3:00 and Division II at 5:00.

D. 2009 Girls and Boys Regional Soccer Tournament Draw

Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass and John Johnson conducted the draws for the 2009 OHSAA regional boys and girls soccer tournaments. Boys regional soccer tournaments will be held Tuesday, November 3 (7:00, semifinals), and Saturday, November 7 (3:00, finals), and girls soccer regionals will be held Wednesday, November 4 (7:00, semifinals), and Saturday, November 7 (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, November 10 (7:00), and both girls divisions will hold state semifinal matches on Wednesday, November 11 (7:00). The state finals will be held at Columbus Crew Stadium, with the boys playing Friday, November 13 (Division III at noon; Division II at 3:30 and Division I at 7:00), and the girls playing on Saturday, November 14 (Division II at 10:00 and Division I at 1:30). 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.

E. Recommendation for New Membership – Columbiana Heartland Christian

Commissioner Dan Ross informed the Board that Columbiana Heartland Christian has submitted an application for membership to the OHSAA. The school has confirmed that it sponsored seven varsity “recognized sports” during its probationary period and will continue at this minimum (boys soccer, volleyball, boys golf, boys basketball, girls basketball, boys track & field, girls track & field). Dr. Ross said the school has met all requirements and it is recommended that it be approved for membership.

F. Contract Extension for Legislative Liaison Jim Betts

Commissioner Dan Ross recommended that the contract for OHSAA legislative liaison Jim Betts be extended for two years from August 1, 2009, through July 31, 2011.

G. Contract Extension for Legal Counsel Steve Craig

Commissioner Dan Ross recommended that the contract for OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig be extended for two years from August 1, 2009, through July 31, 2011.

H. Approval of Teaching and Modeling Behavior for Coaches Ejection Course

The Board previously approved a recommendation that all coaches ejected from contests would be required to pay a \$100 fine and to take the National Federation of High School Association (NFHS) *Fundamentals of Coaching* course. With the NFHS recently offering a new course geared more toward sporting behavior of coaches called *Teaching and Modeling Behavior*, Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass said the OHSAA staff recommended that the new course be the requirement for all coaches ejected from contests and that OHSAA Sports Regulation 11.2 be modified to reflect the change.

I. 2010 and 2011 Spring Sports Representation and Divisional Alignments

OHSAA Assistant Commissioners Jerry Snodgrass (baseball), Roxanne Price (softball and boys tennis) and Steve Neil (track and field) provided representation and divisional alignments for spring sports for 2010 and 2011. The proposed representation and divisional alignments are as follows:

Baseball

Division I, 192 teams (409 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 193 teams (232-408 males)

Division III, 195 teams (134-231 males)

Division IV, 196 team (133 or less males)

Total Teams: 776

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in baseball for 2010 and 2011 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

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Softball

Division I, 189 teams (383 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 192 teams (222-382 females)

Division III, 194 teams (127-221 females)

Division IV, 194 team (126 or less females)

Total Teams: 769

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in softball for 2010 and 2011 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Northeast 7; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 4 (**Note:** a coin flip determined that the Southeast district would have 2 qualifiers in 2010 and the Southwest 3 and the Southeast district would have 1 qualifier in 2011 and the Southwest 4); **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Boys Track and Field

Division I, 242 teams (334 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 242 teams (167-333 males)

Division III, 246 teams (166 or less males)

Total Teams: 730

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2010 and 2011 would be: **Division I:**

Central 12, Combined East and Southeast 4; Northeast 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 8; Northeast 20; Northwest 8; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 4; East 4; Northeast 12; Northwest 24; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12.

Girls Track and Field

Division I, 227 teams (325 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 227 teams (164-324 females)

Division III, 226 teams (163 or less females)

Total Teams: 679

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2010 and 2011 would be: **Division I:**

Combined Central, East and Southeast 16; Northeast 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 4; East 8; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 4; East 4; Northeast 16; Northwest 24; Southeast 4, and Southwest 12

Boys Tennis

Division I, 205 teams (350 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 207 teams (349 or less males)

Total Teams: 412

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boys tennis for 2010 and 2011 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, one East school (Zanesville) and two Southeast schools (Athens, Logan) 4; Combined Northeast, one East school (New Philadelphia) and one Southeast school (Marietta) 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2, Combined East and Southeast 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3, and Southwest 5.

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

The Board was provided with a request by Cincinnati Elder High School to video stream football games live during the 2009 season. OHSAA Sports Regulations prohibit live video streaming of regular season football games on Friday nights, although another Sports Regulation allows the Board to make an exception for school groups provided that all provisions are met.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Walt Skaggs to **approve** New Business (Consent) Items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E., VI. F., VI. G., VI. H., VI. I. and VI. J. as presented.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

A. EMIS Policy Addition

At the June 15, 2009, Board of Directors Special Meeting, the Board established policy relative to students who are to be counted in the EMIS report but have not been assigned to any specific high school (the students are ones where there might be an opportunity for participation). This was in response to the OHSAA membership passing the referendum issue in May that modifies Bylaw 2-1-4, Classification, which authorizes the Board to establish such a policy. While this policy has been printed in the 2009-10 OHSAA Handbook and posted on the Association's web site, additional language has been developed to cover a local school district that contains a residential home within its boundaries and which contracts with a city school district to provide educational services for those students within the residential home. That district may have those students deducted from its count of court-placed students provided additional criteria is met (which is spelled out in the additional language).

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Mike Rotonda to **approve** the proposed change.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that the additional change and language will be posted on the OHSAA web site.

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B. Approval of Future Start Dates for Coaching and Beginning of Contests in the Sport of Golf

With the Board of Directors approving a modified starting date for coaching and the beginning date for contests in the sport of golf in 2009, the OHSAA staff recommended that modified starting dates be established for future golf seasons. The recommendation was to move the start date for practices and competition one week earlier in upcoming seasons (which would be Aug. 2 in 2010, Aug. 1 in 2011, July 30 in 2012, July 29 in 2013 and July 28 in 2014).

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Jose Hernandez to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Revision of Lightning and Inclement Weather Sports Regulation

At its June meeting, the Board of Directors approved a recommendation that a change be made to the lightning and inclement weather sports regulation so that the Association is in compliance with the National Federation of State High School Associations Sports Medicine Committee's adopted policy. Additional changes have been recommended and are shown in **boldface**.

Recognition:

Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators and contest officials **shall** be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightning flashes is approximately two to three miles, ANYTIME that lightning can be seen or heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

- Monitor Weather Patterns — Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.

- National Weather Service — Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings. A watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20 percent change), event organizers **shall** be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightning.

Management:

Evacuation - If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators **shall** evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures **shall** be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.

Thirty-minute rule - Competition or practice **shall** be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is **mandatory** to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Steve Zimmerman to **approve** the proposed changes.

Motion passed 9-0.

VIII. APPEALS

Board member Walt Skaggs served as the appeals hearing officer.

A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Dr. and Mrs. Archie Wilkinson, re: Their Daughter, Grade 10, Geneva High School (Northeast District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from a non-OHSAA member school to Geneva High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of transfer in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because the student does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's parents, Archie and Peggy Wilkinson, and Laurie Ewert Krockner, assistant head of the school from which the student transferred, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Geneva immediately. A parent from the school in which the student transferred, Kim Whiteroft-Parker, and her daughter also attended the appeal.

Motion by Jose Hernandez, second by Dave Gray to **approve** the appeal.

Motion failed 5-4 (In favor: Jose Hernandez, Dave Gray, Steve Stirn, Walt Skaggs; Against: Steve Zimmerman, Steve Keller, Teresa Alberts, Rocco Nero and Mike Rotonda).

B. Bylaw 4-3-3, Enrollment and Attendance, Mr. Mike George, Athletic Director, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Groveport-Madison High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student at Groveport-Madison High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics at any OHSAA member school in accordance with Bylaw 4-3-3, Enrollment and Attendance, because it has been determined that the student has already completed the maximum eight semesters of eligibility that are permitted according to the bylaw. The student, his father, Melku Reskay, and Douglas Ewart, a school guidance counselor and tennis coach, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2009-10 school year.

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Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Walt Skaggs to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-4, Transfers, Mr. Gary Akin, re: His Son, Grade 11, Columbus Beechcroft High School (Central District)

An 11th-grade student has transferred from Columbus Africentric Early College to Columbus Beechcroft High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of transfer in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-4, Transfers, because the student does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student and his father, Gary Akin, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Beechcroft immediately.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Steve Zimmerman to **table** action on the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mike Rotonda abstained).

D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Rex H. Elliott, re: His Daughter, Grade 10, Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School (Central District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from a Columbus School for Girls in to Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of transfer in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because the student does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's father, Rex H. Elliott, appealed the ruling so that his daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at St. Francis DeSales immediately.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Mike Rotonda to **table** action on the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that additional information is expected to be submitted to assist the Board in making a ruling.

E. Bylaw 4-5-5, Scholarship, Ms. Andrea Strahley, re: Her Son, Grade 8, Toledo Jefferson Junior High School (Northwest District)

An eighth-grade student at Toledo Jefferson Junior High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for the first grading period of the 2009-10 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-5-5, Scholarship, because he did not pass a minimum of 75 percent of the courses completed during the last grading period of the 2008-09 academic year. The student's mother, Andrea Strahley, appealed the ruling so that her son can participate in interscholastic athletics during the first grading period of the 2009-10 school year. Olivia Williams and Sherri Northrup also attended the appeal.

Motion by Steve Keller, second by Jose Hernandez to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

F. Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, Mr. Michael E. Moore, Superintendent, re: Two 12th-Grade Students, Russia Local Schools (Southwest District)

Two 12th-grade students at Russia High School have been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics at any member school in accordance with Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, because they both turned 19 prior to the August 1 deadline and do not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The students and their father, Tim Worthington, Michael E. Moore, superintendent of the Russia Local Schools, and Steve Rose, principal at Russia High School, appealed the ruling based on Exception 2 of the bylaw so that the students can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2009-10 school year.

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Rocco Nero to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Board President Steve Stirn extended congratulations on behalf of the OHSAA Board of Directors, District Athletic Boards and staff to former Commissioner (1990-2004) Clair Muscaro, who was inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Hall of Fame during the NFHS Annual Summer Conference held July 1 in Chicago. Mr. Muscaro, his wife, Margaret Anne, and family and friends were present during the induction ceremony.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

2009: September 10, October 8 and December 10, and **2010:** January 14, February 18, April 1, May 13, June 10, August 5, September 9, October 14 and December 9.