

# OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (December 4, 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 December 4, 2008. President Mike Richards called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Keith Bell and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rock VanFossen.

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

**Administrative Staff Present:** Dan Ross, commissioner; Bob Goldring 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, OHSAA comptroller; Frank Gamble, Phillip Kuhn, Kevin Yoder and Doug Burtscher, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Wayne Wiseman, Dennis Overstake, Joe Cambron and Pat Murphy, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Jay Niswonger, Dick Kerschbaum, Bob Brigati, Wally Hood and Mike Mauk, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Mike Huff, Ohio High School Fast Pitch Softball Coaches Association; Mike Griggs and Dan Peterkoski, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Ryan Shaffer, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelter, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Scott Taylor and Alyse Consiglio, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; Mark and Barbara Galantowicz and their son, Kip Greenhill, Chris Potts and Bradley Frick; Anthony Catron and his wife, Adrienne; James Loewer and Don Malone; Brad Woodson and his daughter and Amon Dobbins; Twyla Burnett and her son; Jacqueline Banks; Jim Huss; Leon Blackman and his daughter and Bob Brown; Robert and Phyllis Good and Glen Gillespie; Sheli and Russ Randall; Kathleen and Dean Johnson; and John Reid.

## I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Bill Koppel to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the December 4, 2008, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Jay Wolfe to **approve** the minutes from the October 2, 2008, Board of Directors meeting and the amended minutes from the August 7, 2008, Board of Directors meeting. It was pointed out that the August 7 minutes noted action being taken to appoint Jay Wolfe as the Central District's Class AA representative to the Board of Directors and to elect Keith Bell as the Board's vice president for the 2008-09 school year, but the formal action was not reflected in the original minutes.

Motion passed 9-0.

## III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### A. Financial Report

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

Balance — September 30, 2008	\$201,252.03
Receipts — October 2008	<u>459,620.27</u>
	\$660,872.30
Disbursements — October 2008	<u>625,516.76</u>
	\$35,355.54
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (10/31/08)	\$267,149.34
	<u>\$267,149.34</u>
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>231,793.80</u>
Balance — October 31, 2008	\$35,355.54
Available Funds — October 31, 2008	
Bank Balance	\$35,355.54
Savings	7,622.69
Certificate of Deposit	503,602.24
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(546,580.65)</u>
Working Capital	\$0

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Reserve fund	\$546,580.65
Building fund	\$199,099.89
Balance — October 31, 2008	\$35,355.54
Receipts — November 2008	<u>1,227,885.70</u>
	\$1,263,241.24
Disbursements — November 2008	<u>981,617.22</u>
	\$281,624.02
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (11/30/08)	\$956,094.94
	\$956,094.94
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>674,470.92</u>
Balance — November 30, 2008	\$281,624.02
Available Funds — November 30, 2008	
Bank Balance	\$281,624.02
Savings	7,622.87
Certificate of Deposit	0
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(289,246.89)</u>
Working Capital	\$0
Reserve fund	\$289,246.89
Building fund	\$199,099.89

### B. Track and Field Financial Reports

Comptroller Boehm reviewed financial reports from the 2008 OHSAA regional and state track and field tournaments. The breakdown for the tournaments from 2008 and the previous four years is as follows:

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>2008 Net</u>	<u>2007 Net</u>	<u>2006 Net</u>	<u>2005 Net</u>	<u>2004 Net</u>
state track and field	— \$105,866.12	— \$70,404.38	— \$98,465.64	— \$98,068.41	— \$82,005.41
regional track and field	+ \$7,135.16	+ \$11,899.92	— \$12,661.57	— \$16,947.81	— \$14,775.86
total track and field*	— \$118,549.96	— \$78,328.46	— \$127,915.46	— \$137,572.06	— \$116,801.27

\* includes all tournament expenses paid by the OHSAA office

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Jay Wolfe to **accept** the financial report and the track and field financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

## IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. Nominations for the OHSAA Naismith Meritorious Service Awards (Southeast and Southwest Districts)

Commissioner Ross reminded the Board that they will act on the recommendations from the Southeast and Southwest districts at the January 2009 Board of Directors Meeting for the Naismith Meritorious Service Awards. The OHSAA makes two annual \$300 contributions to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in the names of the nominees for their contributions to athletics in Ohio. Two of the six OHSAA District Athletic Boards make nominations to the Board of Control on a rotating basis.

### B. Results of District Athletic Board Special Elections

Commissioner Ross reviewed with the Board the results from the various District Athletic Board special elections that were held in September and October. Scott Kaufman, athletic administrator at Cincinnati Princeton High School, was elected to fill a Class AAA position in the Southwest District (term beginning Oct. 3, 2008, and ending July 31, 2010); Jim Borchik, assistant principal at Copley High School, was elected to fill a Class AAA position in the Northeast District (term beginning Oct. 3, 2008, and ending July 31, 2010); Mike Staggs, superintendent of the New Boston Local Schools, was elected to fill a Class A position in the Southeast District (term beginning Oct. 3, 2008, and ending July 31, 2013); Doug Ute, superintendent of the Elgin Local Schools in Marion, was elected to fill a Class AA position in the Central District (term beginning Oct. 3, 2008, and ending July 31, 2010); Walter Skaggs, superintendent of the St. Clairsville-Richland City Schools, was elected in a run-off election to fill a Class AA position in the East District (term beginning Oct. 16, 2008, and ending July 31, 2012); Ron Hurst, athletic director at Strasburg-Franklin High School, was elected in a run-off election to fill a Class A position in the East District (term beginning Oct. 16, 2008, and ending July 31, 2009), and Kevin Calver, assistant principal at Shelby High School, was elected to fill a Class AAA position in the Northwest District (term beginning Oct. 3, 2008, and ending July 31, 2014).

### C. Field Hockey Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2008

The Board of Directors was presented the minutes of the Field Hockey Advisory Committee Meeting of November 12, 2008, and Associate Commissioner Moore reviewed the highlights. She said Bill Gardiner will be asked to fulfill the role of state rules interpreter, replacing Darcel Arrington, who has done an outstanding job in that position for the past several years. Dr. Moore said the committee will propose to the Board a slight modification to the tie-breaker procedure when tournament regulations are reviewed next summer. In addition, she said the committee has forwarded national playing rules change proposals to the National Federation of State High School Associations.

### D. Review of OHSAA Fall Sports Tournaments

The Board of Directors was provided with a review of the fall sports state tournaments from Associate

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Commissioner Moore (field hockey and volleyball); Assistant Commissioner Neil (cross country); Assistant Commissioner Snodgrass (soccer); Assistant Commissioner Price (girls tennis); Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak (football), and Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association representative Casey Milligan (golf).

### E. Update of OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board of Directors was provided with a list of schools that recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Columbus Grandview Heights High School's** varsity cross country coach entered fictitious names of his student-athletes for a contest. The OHSAA placed the school's cross country program on probation for one year, ruled the student-athletes ineligible for the contest in question and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit the contest in which the ineligible students participated. In addition, the OHSAA acknowledged that the action taken by the school on the coach was appropriate. **Lore City Buckeye Trail High School's** varsity softball coach violated Sports Regulation 7, Mandatory No Contact Periods, when she transported and attended a clinic with student-athletes from the school. As a result of the infraction, the OHSAA ruled that the coach will lose five of the 10 permitted coaching days between June 1 and July 31, 2009. **Cincinnati Northwest High School's** varsity football team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-3-3, Eight Semesters, and in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit two victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic High School's** boys varsity soccer team had five student-athletes violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams. As a result of the infraction, the OHSAA ruled that the five students must sit out two contests for every non-interscholastic contest in which they participated. In addition, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit any victorious contests in which the ineligible students participated after they played in the non-interscholastic contest and prior to the beginning of their suspensions. **Fairfield Christian High School** violated Bylaw 1-5-2, Recognized Sports, and Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, when it permitted students not enrolled in the school to participate on the school's varsity football team. The OHSAA acknowledged that the action taken by the school on the situation was appropriate. **Cleveland Central Catholic High School's** junior varsity football team had a student violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, when he participated in a contest after previously being ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at the school. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeiture, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. In addition, the OHSAA acknowledged that the action taken by the school on the situation was appropriate. **Paulding High School's** boys varsity basketball team was previously penalized by the OHSAA and the school's allowable number of coaching days between June 1 and July 31, 2009, were reduced. After more information on the situation was received, the OHSAA revoked the penalty.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Spring Sports Proposals

Commissioner Ross said that no proposals in the spring sports of baseball, fast pitch softball or track and field were submitted by the respective state coaches associations, although a recommendation from the Ohio High School Fast Pitch Softball Coaches Association was forwarded to the OHSAA subcommittee on out-of-season coaching.

### B. 2009 Regional and State Girls and Boys Basketball Tournament Draw

The drawings for the 2009 Regional and State Basketball Tournaments were conducted by Assistant Commissioner Snodgrass along with Pat Murphy from the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association.

The girls Division I regionals will be held at the Canton Memorial Civic Center (Mar. 10 and 13), Norwalk High School (Mar. 10 and 14), Otterbein College (Mar. 10 and 13) and Wright State University (Mar. 10 and 13). Division II regionals will be held at Barberton High School (Mar. 10 and 13), Ontario High School (Mar. 10 and 13), Zanesville High School (Mar. 10 and 13) and Vandalia Butler High School (Mar. 10 and 13). Division III regionals will be held at Cuyahoga Falls High School (Mar. 11 and 14), Lexington High School (Mar. 11 and 14), Lancaster High School (Mar. 11 and 14) and Vandalia Butler High School (Mar. 11 and 14). Division IV regionals will be held at Massillon Perry High School (Mar. 12 and 14), Elida High School (Mar. 12 and 14), Pickerington High School North (Mar. 12 and 14) and Vandalia Butler High School (Mar. 12 and 14). The girls state tournament will be held at Ohio State's Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center March 19, 20 and 21. The Division IV semifinals are Mar. 19 at 1:00 and 3:00, the Division III semifinals are Mar. 19 at 6:00 and 8:00, the Division II semifinals are Mar. 20 at 1:00 and 3:00 and the Division I semifinals are Mar. 20 at 6:00 and 8:00. The finals are all on Mar. 21, with Division IV at 10:45, Division III at 2:00, Division II at 5:15 and Division I at 8:30.

The boys Division I regionals will be held at the University of Akron (Mar. 19 and 21), Cleveland State University (Mar. 18 and 21), the Columbus Fairgrounds Coliseum (Mar. 18, 19 and 21) and Xavier University (Mar. 18 and 21). Division II regionals will be held at the Canton Memorial Civic Center (Mar. 19 and 21), Bowling Green State University (Mar. 19 and 21), Ohio University (Mar. 19 and 21) and a Southwest District site to be announced (Mar. 19 and 21). Division III regionals will be held at the Canton Fieldhouse (Mar. 18 and 21), Bowling Green State University (Mar. 18 and 21), Ohio University (Mar. 18 and 21) and a Southwest District site to be announced (Mar. 18 and 21). Division IV regionals will be held at the Canton Fieldhouse (Mar. 17 and 20); Bowling Green State University (Mar. 17 and 20); Ohio University (semifinals Mar. 17 at Ohio University and the Columbus Fairgrounds Coliseum and finals Mar. 20 at Ohio University) and a Southwest District site to be announced (Mar. 17 and 20). The boys state tournament will be held at Ohio State's Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center Mar. 26, 27 and 28. The Division IV semifinals are Mar. 26 at 10:45 and 2:00, the Division III semifinals are Mar. 26 at 5:15 and 8:30, the Division II semi-

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finals are Mar. 27 at 10:45 and 2:00 and the Division I semifinals are Mar. 27 at 5:15 and 8:30. The finals are all on Mar. 28, with Division IV at 10:45, Division III at 2:00, Division II at 5:15 and Division I at 8:30.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Steve Stirn to **approve** the draws as conducted.

Motion passed 9-0.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sites/Dates for the 2009 Regional and State Baseball, Fast Pitch Softball and Track and Field Tournaments  
Assistant Commissioners Price (fast pitch softball) and Snodgrass (baseball) reviewed the sites and dates for the 2009 regional and state tournaments. Action on sites and dates for the regional and state track & field tournaments was deferred until the January Board of Directors Meeting since one regional site has not been secured.

In fast pitch softball, regional sites are the University of Akron, Clyde, The Ohio State University and the University of Dayton in Division I; Akron, Bucyrus, Pickerington Central and Clayton in Division II; Massillon, Ashland, Lancaster and Wright State University in Division III, and Kent State University, Findlay, Pickerington Central and Huber Heights in Division IV. Regional semifinals will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 27 and 28, with regional finals Saturday, May 30. The state tournaments will be held June 4, 5 and 6 at Akron Firestone Stadium. The Division I state semifinals will be June 4 at 10:00 and 12:30 with the state finals June 6 at 1:00; the Division IV state semifinals will be June 4 at 3:00 and 5:30 with the state finals June 6 at 4:00; the Division III state semifinals will be June 5 at 10:00 and 12:30 with the state finals June 6 at 4:00, and the Division II state semifinals will be June 5 at 3:00 and 5:30 with the state finals June 6 at 7:00.

In baseball, regional sites are Canton, Dublin, Shelby and Cincinnati in Division I; Hudson, Tiffin, Zanesville and Dayton in Division II; Massillon, Elida, Chillicothe and Wright State in Division III, and Lorain, Hamler, Lancaster and Huber Heights in Division IV. Regional semifinals will be Thursday, May 28, at 2:00 and 5:00 with regional finals Friday, May 29 at 2:00. The state tournaments will be held June 4, 5 and 6 at Huntington Park in Columbus. The Division III state semifinals will be June 4 at 10:00 and 1:00 with the state finals June 6 at 10:00; the Division II state semifinals will be June 4 at 4:00 and 7:00 with the state finals June 6 at 1:00; the Division IV state semifinals will be June 5 at 10:00 and 1:00 with the state finals June 6 at 4:00, and the Division I state semifinals will be June 5 at 4:00 and 7:00 with the state finals June 6 at 7:00.

- B. Approval of Contracts

Commissioner Ross and Associate Commissioner Moore said the OHSAA staff recommends that contract extensions for 10 years be awarded to C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton to host the state swimming and diving tournaments and to the Hilliard City Schools to host the state gymnastics tournament (with the 2009 tournament being held at Hilliard Darby High School). The contracts would both be in place through the 2018 seasons.

- C. Approval of New Ice Hockey Regulation and Amended General Sports Regulation Affecting the Sports of Ice Hockey and Field Hockey

1. Ice Hockey Regulation 1.5, Schools Sponsoring New or Renewed Ice Hockey Program

Assistant Commissioner Neil said an ice hockey advisory group recommended that a new ice hockey sports regulation be adopted under Interscholastic Participation for schools beginning or reinstating an ice hockey program. The new regulation is as follows:

“A member school, when instituting an interscholastic ice hockey program for its initial season, or renewing such a program after not having had an interscholastic ice hockey program the preceding school year, shall be permitted to conduct tryouts for such interscholastic ice hockey squad between April 15 and May 30 of the relevant year.

Said tryouts shall be conducted under the direction and supervision of the head and/or assistant coach for that interscholastic ice hockey squad, or if not yet retained, an adult familiar with interscholastic ice hockey who shall be selected by the principal and/or athletic administrator of such school.

Said tryouts shall be conducted so as to conflict as little as possible with spring sports sponsored by the member school. Sundays may be used for such tryouts if no other dates are conveniently available for the student-athletes, due to academic, athletic or extracurricular activities.

Said school shall conduct not more than three such tryout sessions.

The school shall also conduct a supplemental tryout at the beginning of the winter sports season for all student-athletes who could not attend the earlier tryout or who have since enrolled at the member school.

Students qualifying for such squad at the initial April/May tryout shall not be removed from such squad at the winter sports tryout unless academically or otherwise ineligible for participation.

This set of procedures may likewise be used by a member school which is reestablishing an interscholastic ice hockey program so long as such school did not compete in the OHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament the preceding school year.”

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### 2. General Sports Regulation 5.3, Physical Fitness Programs

Associate Commissioner Moore and Assistant Commissioner Neil said the OHSAA staff recommended that the general sports regulation be modified under Physical Fitness Programs. The new regulation is as follows: “Equipment used in playing a sport is prohibited in physical fitness programs, except that mats may be used for safety purposes, and sticks in the sports of field hockey and ice hockey may be carried.”

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Rock VanFossen to **approve** new business items VI. A., VI. B. and VI. C. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

## VII. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

### A. Recommendation to Pick Up Option Years for State Football Finals in 2010 and 2011

2009 will mark the third year of a three-year contract between the OHSAA and the Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors' Bureau to hold the state football finals at Canton Fawcett Stadium and Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium. The OHSAA also holds two one-year options for the finals to be held in Stark County in 2010 and 2011.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Keith Bell to **pick up** the two one-year options with the Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors' Bureau for the OHSAA state football finals to be held at Canton Fawcett Stadium and Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium in 2010 and 2011.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that the OHSAA will begin the bidding process for sites to host the state football finals beginning in 2012 in the winter or spring of 2010.

## VIII. APPEALS

### A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 6, Transfers, Mr. Kip Greenhill, Principal, and Mr. Chris Potts, Athletic Administrator, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Upper Arlington High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student has transferred from an out-of-state school to Upper Arlington High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he has already used Exception 6 to the bylaw. The student and his parents, Mark and Barbara Galantowicz; Kip Greenhill, the school's principal, and Chris Potts, the school's athletic administrator, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Upper Arlington. Attorney Bradley Frick also attended the appeal.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

### B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Anthony Catron, re: His Son, Grade 11, New Madison Tri-Village High School (Southwest District)

An 11th-grade student transferred in October from National Trail High School to New Madison Tri-Village High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Tri-Village in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's father, Anthony Catron, and his wife, Adrienne, appealed the ineligibility so that Mr. Catron's son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Tri-Village immediately.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

### C. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Mr. James Loewer, Principal, re: An 11th-Grade Student, Mayfield High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student at Mayfield High School was ruled ineligible for the second grading period of the 2008-09 school year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, because he did not receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent which count toward graduation during the first grading period of this school year. The student's father, Don Malone, and the school's principal, James Loewer, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Mayfield immediately.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Jay Wolfe to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

### D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Brad Woodson, re: His Daughter, Grade 10, Groveport-Madison High School (Central District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from Pickerington High School Central to Groveport-Madison High School and was ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Groveport-Madison in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because she does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student and her father, Brad Woodson, who is also the head coach at Groveport-Madison, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Groveport-Madison immediately. Family friend Amon Dobbins also attended the appeal.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that tabling the appeal does not change the student's ineligibility status.

E. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Twyla Burnett, re: Her Son, Grade 11, Cleveland Benedictine High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from a school within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to Cleveland Benedictine High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Benedictine in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student and his mother, Twyla Burnett, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Benedictine immediately.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

F. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Jacqueline Banks, re: Her Son, Grade 11, Dayton Northridge High School (Southwest District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Dayton Horizon Science Academy to Dayton Northridge High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Northridge in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's mother, Jacqueline Banks, appealed the ineligibility so that her son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Northridge immediately.

Motion by Jay Wolfe, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

G. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Jim Huss, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Toledo Scott High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Fremont Ross High School to Toledo Scott High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Scott in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The school's athletic administrator, Jim Huss, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Scott immediately.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that tabling the appeal does not change the student's ineligibility status.

H. Bylaw 4-7-4, Transfers, Mr. Daniel Sanders, re: An 11th-Grade Student, Toledo Start High School (Northwest District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Toledo Bowsher High School to Toledo Start High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Start in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because she does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student and her father, Leon Blackman, and the school's basketball coach, Bob Brown, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Start immediately.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

I. Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, Mr. Glen Gillespie, re: An 11th-Grade Student, Sylvania Southview High School (Northwest District)

An 11th-grade student at Sylvania Southview High School was ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics in Ohio by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, because his parents reside outside the state of Ohio. The student's grandparents, Robert and Phyllis Good, who have gained legal custody of the child, and the school's athletic administrator, Glen Gillespie, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Sylvania Southview.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Teresa Alberts to **deny** the appeal.

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

J. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Ms. Sheli Randall, re: A 12th-Grade Student, New Carlisle Tecumseh High School (Southwest District)

A 12th-grade student at New Carlisle High School was ruled ineligible for the second grading period of the 2008-09 school year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, because she did not receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent which count toward graduation during the first grading period of this school year. The student's parents, Russ and Sheli Randall, appealed the ineligibility so that their daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at New Carlisle immediately.

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Motion by Teresa Alberts, second byu Jay Wolfe to **deny** the appeal.

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

### **K. Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 1, Transfers, Ms. Kathleen Johnson, re: Her Daughter, Grade 10, Dayton Chaminade-Julienne High School (Southwest District)**

A 10th-grade student has transferred from Vandalia Butler High School to Dayton Chaminade-Julienne High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment at Chaminade-Julienne in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because she does not meet Exception 1 to the bylaw. The student's parents, Kathleen and Dean Johnson, appealed the ineligibility so that their daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at Chaminade-Julienne immediately.

Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the appeal.

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

### **L. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Mr. John Reid, re: His Son, Grade 9, Amherst Steele High School (Northwest District)**

A ninth-grade student at Amherst Steele High School was ruled ineligible for the second grading period of the 2008-09 school year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, because he did not receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent which count toward graduation during the first grading period of this school year. The student's father, John Reid, appealed the ineligibility so that his son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Steele immediately.

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

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

It was noted that tabling the appeal does not change the student's ineligibility status.

## **IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Board President Richards wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

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

Bob Goldring, recorder.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

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