

OHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES (February 21, 2007)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Control held a makeup meeting in the Board Room of the OHSAA office building on February 21, 2007. Inclement weather postponed the regularly scheduled meeting that was to be held on February 15, 2007.

President Jerry Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. for the purpose of hearing an appeal. Following a recess at 11:50 a.m., the Board reconvened at 1:35 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business portion of the meeting. The motions to recess and reconvene were approved unanimously.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by George Rise and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Snodgrass.

Board Members Present: Jerry Snodgrass, president, presiding; George Rise, vice president; Dan Bise; Karen O'Hare; Beth Hill; Bill Schumacher; Phil Stevens, and Dan Adams and Jeff Jordan (ex-officios). **Board Member Excused:** Phil Ackerman.

Administrative Staff Present: Dan Ross, commissioner; John Dickerson, Bob Goldring, Deborah B. Moore, Steve Neil, Duane Warns and Henry Zaborniak Jr., assistant commissioners, and Roxanne Price, director of membership services.

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA Legal Counsel; Todd Boehm, OHSAA staff; Greg Reamsnider and Eric Silverman, OHSAA interns; Ron Knight, former OHSAA Board of Control member; Jeff Mielcarek, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Dick Kerschbaum and Mike Mauk, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Russ King, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Carol Russo and Kaye Keller, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Greta Gardner, Ohio School Boards Association; Jerry Fick, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; and Phil Hatton and Chris and Sharon Wolff.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Beth Hill, second by Karen O'Hare to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the February 21, 2007, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bill Schumacher, second by Phil Stevens to **approve** the minutes from the January 11, 2007, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Financial Reports

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

Balance — December 31, 2006	\$837,869.20
Receipts — January 2007	<u>392,401.29</u>
	\$1,230,270.49
Disbursements — January 2007	<u>374,735.25</u>
	\$855,535.24
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (1/31/07)	\$907,354.76
	<u>\$907,354.76</u>
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>51,819.52</u>
Balance — January 31, 2007	\$855,535.24
Available Funds — January 31, 2007	
Bank Balance	\$855,535.24
Minus Reserve for Building Fund	(95,075.10)
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(760,460.14)</u>
Working Capital	\$0
Reserve fund (\$7,619.74 in savings + \$760,460.14 in bank balance)	\$768,079.88
Building fund (\$95,075.10 in bank balance + \$416,685.51 in investments)	\$511,760.61

Motion by Bill Schumacher, second by Dan Bise to **accept** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

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IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 2006 Fall Sports Financial Reports

Comptroller Boehm reviewed the regional and state tournament financial reports for the 2006 fall sports of cross country, golf, field hockey, soccer, girls tennis and volleyball. The regional and state cross country tournaments had a deficit of \$52,941.56 after losing \$71,930.02 in 2005. The state golf tournaments had a deficit of \$25,131.66 and losing \$26,436.95 in 2005. The state qualifying and state field hockey tournaments had a deficit of \$1,237.32 after showing a profit of \$2,128.65 in 2006. The regional and state soccer tournaments had a profit of \$45,138.38 after earning \$117,956.28 in 2005. The girls state tennis tournaments had a deficit of \$9,425.46 after showing a loss of \$9,289.93 in 2005. And the regional and state volleyball tournaments had a profit of \$79,342.32 after earning \$83,168.05 in 2005.

B. Minutes of the Officials Advisory Committee Meeting of January 26, 2007

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Officials Advisory Committee Meeting of January 26, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed the highlights. Upcoming important dates provided to the committee are June 14-Instructor's Meeting, Reynoldsburg High School; July 20-22-Officials First Conference, Marriott Northwest, Dublin; July 21-Officials Hall of Fame Banquet, Marriott Northwest, Dublin; Aug. 3-Assigner's Meeting, Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus. Mr. Zaborniak said that the committee discussed at length officials annual dues, the tournament officials selection process, whether certified assigners can officiate past the district level of tournaments and officials tournament fees. He said two proposals will be presented later in the meeting.

C. Minutes of the Officials Hall of Fame Committee Meeting of January 26, 2007

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Officials Hall of Fame Committee Meeting of January 26, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed the highlights. He said a motion that a clarifying statement be added to the Officials Hall of Fame selection criteria that says an official must have made "significant contributions to OHSAA interscholastic officiating or officiating administration" was passed unanimously. Mr. Zaborniak added that three proposals will be presented to the Board later in the meeting.

D. Minutes of the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee Meeting of January 30, 2007

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee Meeting of January 30, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Warns reviewed the highlights. He said Assistant Commissioner Neil reported that Dr. Mike Thompson is working to provide the OHSAA with web site resources that will assist OHSAA member schools. The OHSAA is also seeking sponsors for Mr. Thompson's "Respect The Game - Respect Yourself" program, and it would like to offer the program at no cost to the winners of the OHSAA's Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship Award. Mr. Warns said the committee members were asked to bring to the July meeting ideas on specific dates and activities for an Ohio Sportsmanship Day. He said a recommendation on the 2007 Ethics and Integrity Award recipient will be made later in the meeting.

E. Minutes of the Diversity Council Meeting of January 24, 2007

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Diversity Council Meeting of January 24, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Neil reviewed the highlights. He said the council was informed of the referendum voting results from the fall that will add an ethnic minority, female and 7th-8th grade representative to each District Athletic Board. Mr. Neil said the council was informed that the OHSAA Ethnic Minority Internship Program would continue, that a minority scholarship program would continue and that the OHSAA may be able to utilize its new technology project to obtain information from the membership on the numbers of women and ethnic minorities involved with their athletic programs (recruitment and retention information). Mr. Neil said two recommendations would be made later in the meeting.

F. Minutes of the Media Advisory Committee Meeting of January 25, 2007

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Media Advisory Committee Meeting of January 25, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said Commissioner Ross reviewed various current topics with the committee and that Brenda Murray, the OHSAA's coordinator of web site and publications, received favorable comments following her update on the Association's technology project. Mr. Goldring said he reviewed with the committee the status of concerns that were brought up at the 2006 meetings held in January and May. While many issues were either addressed or improved upon, the committee recommended that: 1.) football tournament managers meetings be held in Columbus for, at a minimum, any new managers and 2.) the OHSAA strongly consider the committee's recommendation that media coordinators be mandated at regional basketball tournaments, district wrestling tournaments and regional track & field tournaments.

G. Minutes of the Football Tournament Committee Meeting of January 15, 2007

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Football Tournament Committee Meeting of January 15, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed the highlights. He said committee members were generally pleased with the OHSAA's football tournaments. There is some interest in permitting the tournament managers and competing teams to conduct playoff games on Saturday afternoons rather than evenings once the soccer and volleyball state tournaments conclude. Mr. Zaborniak said concern was expressed over the large deficit contests that were held at larger venues. There continues to be concern over the home team not receiving meal money for regional quarterfinal games. A suggestion to reexamine the second level points and how the average occurs will be studied, while there are no plans for further action on discussion to increase the number of qualifiers for the tournaments in each region to 12 (which would result in first-round byes for four schools in each region).

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H. Minutes of the Pension Committee Meetings

The Board of Control was presented the minutes from the last five Pension Committee Meetings, and Commissioner Ross reviewed the highlights. He said the committee has decided that the OHSAA's contributions to the pension fund this coming spring will be roughly cut in half to approximately \$310,000. Participants will likely receive notices informing them of the underfunded status of the plan. Dr. Ross said the contribution amount will be continually evaluated by the committee.

I. Curfew Committee Recommendations

The Board of Control was presented a draft of recommendations for curfews and curfew procedures for OHSAA tournament contests that was developed by an OHSAA Curfew Committee Meeting, which met February 1, 2007. Assistant Commissioner Warns reviewed the draft, and recommendations for additions and changes were offered by board and staff members along with OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig. It was decided that Mr. Craig, the District Athletic Boards and the District Athletic Board Review Committee should review the draft and submit changes to Mr. Warns so that a final draft can be presented to the Board for approval at their May meeting.

J. Update of OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board of Control was provided with a list of schools that recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Columbus Mifflin High School's** boys junior varsity basketball team used an ineligible student-athlete in four contests, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited four victorious contests in which the student participated. The proper transfer paperwork had not yet been filed with the OHSAA office, thus making the student ineligible. **Batavia Amelia High School's** wrestling team used an ineligible student-athlete in a tournament, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited its results and standing in that tournament. **Carrollton High School's** cross country team used an ineligible student-athlete during the 2006 season, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited all contests in which the student participated. The proper transfer paperwork had not been filed with the OHSAA office, thus making the student ineligible. **Delaware Hayes High School's** softball program was placed on probation for the 2006-07 academic year for violating Sports Regulation 6.1.1, Open Gymnasium or Facilities ("A school may open its athletic facilities for unstructured free play."), and Sports Regulation 6.1.3, Open Gymnasium or Facilities ("There may be no designation of who will play on which team or who will play with whom."). In addition, the softball program is prohibited from conducting open gyms in the sport of softball for the remainder of the school year. **Marysville High School's** softball program was placed on notice for violating Bylaw 10-3-6, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams ("Members of the coaching staff may coach interscholastic squad members for a maximum of 10 days from June 1 to July 31. The 10-day limitation applies to the entire coaching staff."). A volunteer coach was warming up a pitcher during non-interscholastic activities. The OHSAA will impose additional penalties should other violations occur. **Massillon Perry High School's** boys bowling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams ("A member of an interscholastic squad...shall not participate in a contest on a non-interscholastic squad in the same sport during the interscholastic sports season."). The student was suspended for the next two matches and the OHSAA accepted the self-imposed penalty. **Johnstown-Monroe High School's** boys bowling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams ("A member of an interscholastic squad...shall not participate in a contest on a non-interscholastic squad in the same sport during the interscholastic sports season."). The student was suspended for the next two matches. **Avon High School's** girls freshmen basketball team used an ineligible student-athlete and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited the nine victorious contests in which the student participated. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship ("The student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent during the previous grading period."). **Sebring McKinley High School's** girls basketball team used an ineligible student-athlete, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited four victorious varsity and four victorious junior varsity contests in which the student participated. **Aurora High School's** boys varsity basketball team used an ineligible student-athlete, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited two victorious contests in which the student participated.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Tennis Coaches Association Proposal

The Ohio Tennis Coaches Association proposed that schools be permitted to conduct a second scrimmage for players who have qualified to participate in the district or state tournaments. OHSAA regulations currently permit one preseason scrimmage for each team. The coaches association was represented by its president, Russ King.

Motion by George Rise, second by Bill Schumacher to add the following to the OHSAA tennis regulations, effective with the 2007-08 school year: "After the conclusion of the sectional tennis tournaments, participants who qualify for further OHSAA tournament competition may practice with tennis players from other schools who are similarly qualified."

Motion passed 7-0.

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It was noted that a similar sports regulation exists in the sport of wrestling.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2007 Regional and State Baseball Tournament Draws

Assistant Commissioner Dickerson and Jeff Mielcarek from the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association conducted the draw for the 2007 regional and state baseball tournaments. Regional sites are Canton, Dublin, Shelby and Cincinnati in Division I; Hudson, Galion, Zanesville and Springfield in Division II; Massillon, Elida, Chillicothe and Wright State in Division III, and Elyria, Hamler, Lancaster and Huber Heights in Division IV. Regional semifinals will be Thursday, May 24, at 2:00 and 5:00 with regional finals Friday, May 25 at 2:00.

The state tournaments will be held May 31, June 1 and 2 at Cooper Stadium in Columbus. Semifinals in Divisions I and IV will be held on Thursday, May 31 (Division I at 10:00 and 1:00 and Division IV at 4:00 and 7:00); semifinals in Divisions II and III will be held on Friday, June 1 (Division II at 10:00 and 1:00 and Division III at 4:00 and 7:00), and the finals will be held Saturday, June 2 (Division I at 10:00, Division IV at 1:00, Division II at 4:00 and Division III at 7:00).

B. 2007 Regional and State Fastpitch Softball Tournament Draws

Assistant Commissioner Warns and Jeff Mielcarek from the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association conducted the draw for the 2007 regional and state fastpitch softball tournaments. Regional sites are the University of Akron, Clyde, the University of Dayton and a site to be determined in Central Ohio in Division I; Akron Firestone Park, 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 23 and 24, with regional finals Saturday, May 26.

The state tournaments will be held May 31, June 1 and 2 in Ashland. The Division III state semifinals will be May 31 at 10:00 and 12:30 with the state finals June 2 at 10:00; the Division II state semifinals will be May 31 at 3:00 and 5:30 with the state finals June 2 at 12:30; the Division I state semifinals will be June 1 at 10:00 and 12:30 with the state finals June 2 at 3:00, and the Division IV state semifinals will be June 1 at 3:00 and 5:30 with the state finals June 2 at 5:30.

C. 2007 Spring Sports Tournament Regulations

Updates in regulations for 2007 spring sports tournaments were reviewed by administrative staff members Dickerson (baseball), Price (fast pitch softball) Warns (boys tennis) and Neil (track & field). Most changes made reflected date changes. It was also noted that the seeding and drawing procedures have changed, and a standardized draw date has been set in the sports of baseball and softball. In baseball, it was also noted that the regional semifinals will be held on Thursdays and regional finals on Fridays this year. In track and field, it was noted that ticket prices for the state tournament will increase to \$10 per person per day; that school expense allowances at regional tournaments have been eliminated, and that the newly approved procedure for reimbursing schools that utilize an alternate in a relay has been included.

D. Recommendations from the Officials Advisory Committee

Jerry Fick from the Officials Advisory Committee reviewed recommendations submitted by the committee. It was recommended that: 1.) Officials be paid a fair game fee and travel allowance based on miles traveled to the site, and 2.) Basketball officials' pregame warmup jackets be eliminated.

E. Recommendations from the Officials Hall of Fame Committee

Jerry Fick from the Officials Hall of Fame Committee reviewed recommendations submitted by the committee. It was recommended that: 1.) To help increase minority and female representation, the maximum number of Hall of Fame inductees be increased from 12 to 13 annually with the additional honoree selected by the Officials Hall of Fame Committee; 2.) The following 12 former officials be selected as members of the 2007 Hall of Fame Class: Randy Bachman, Napoleon; John Brueggemeier, Tiffin; Clyde "Pog" Ervin, Oxford; Patrick Havens, Toledo; Fred Heyer, Willoughby; Kyle McNeely, Cincinnati; Robert Montgomery, Moundsville, W. Va.; James Pepperney Jr., Canfield; Daniel Steiner, Columbus; M. Kelly Whelan, Cincinnati; Byran Wilson, Jackson, and Henry Zaborniak Jr., Pickerington (The new members would be officially inducted into the hall of fame during ceremonies July 21 in Columbus. This is the 19th class of inductees and would bring the number of hall of fame members to 208.); and 3.) That the Hall of Fame nomination/screening calendar be modified so that nominations are presented to each District Officials Committee at their spring meeting with voting to occur at the local secretaries meeting in the summer.

F. Recommendation from the Diversity Council

Assistant Commissioner Neil reviewed recommendations submitted by the Diversity Council. The council recommended that: 1.) The "Ad Hoc" be removed from the title of the Diversity Council and that the council remain a standing committee of the OHSAA, and 2.) That the council be permitted to meet twice a year rather than once.

G. Recommendation of Duane Warns to be the Recipient of the 2007 OHSAA Ethics & Integrity Award

Commissioner Ross said the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee recommended that Duane Warns be the recipient of the 2007 OHSAA Ethics and Integrity Award. Mr. Warns, who has been an assistant commissioner with the OHSAA since 1990 and is the longtime chair of the SEI Committee, would receive the award at the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Banquet June 15 in Columbus.

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Motion by Beth Hill, second by Bill Schumacher to **approve** New Business items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. E., VI. F. (recommendation 1) and VI. G. as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

It was noted that action on New Business Item VI. D. and recommendation 2 from New Business Item VI. F. will take place at the April 5, 2007, Board of Control Meeting.

H. Foundation Board Recommendation for Service Week

At the January 11 Board of Control Work Session, the Board was presented with a proposal from Bill Hosket, executive director of the OHSAA Foundation, in which schools would be permitted to add an exhibition game in both girls and boys basketball during the week of Thanksgiving. Schools would be permitted to charge admission with half of the proceeds from the contest going to the OHSAA Foundation to help support the OHSAA Annual Leadership Conferences and scholarships for outstanding student-athletes. Schools would be permitted to conduct the exhibition game any day of that week, although they would be discouraged to play on Thanksgiving day and on Sunday, would be encouraged to perform a community service activity during that week and would give up one of their scrimmages in exchange for the exhibition game.

Motion by Beth Hill, second by Karen O'Hare to **table** action on the proposal.

Motion passed 7-0.

I. Review of Proposed Amendments to the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws for the 2007-08 School Year

The Board was provided with a draft of proposed referendum issues that reflect changes to the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws. Assistant Commissioner Moore reviewed the proposals.

- 1.) **Constitution 3-1-2, Procedure for Initial Membership** – Eliminates submissions of territorial maps since non-public schools may accept students, in accordance with their own enrollment policies, from anywhere within Ohio.
- 2.) **Constitution 3-1-4, Procedure for Continuing Membership** – Helps make the regulation consistent with the requirements for membership found in article 3 and stipulates that if a Non-Chartered, Non-Tax Supported School (known as an '08 school) fails to operate in accordance with the law, the school's membership shall be terminated immediately.
- 3.) **Constitution 6-1-4, Commissioner** – More clearly defines one of the duties of the OHSAA Commissioner as that of Chief Financial Officer. Also eliminates reference to publishing OHSAA's financial reports in the Association's magazine since no magazine is currently published (reports will continue to be published on-line, however).
- 4.) **Constitution 7-2-4 and 7-7-2, District Athletic Boards** – Clarifies that the Board of Control shall resolve any issues concerning conflicts in the District Athletic Board election process. Also clarifies that the District Athletic Board finances are audited annually as part of the OHSAA's audit.
- 5.) **Constitution 5-8, Division of State into Districts** – Clarifies the Board's authority to divide the state into athletic districts, assign schools and consider requests for schools to transfer athletic districts.
- 6.) **Bylaw 1-4-1, Interscholastic Contest** – More clearly defines interscholastic sports contests. Part of the definition of contests includes practices between two or more schools.
- 7.) **Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance** – Adds the words "full time" to clarify that dual enrollment in two or more schools shall not be permitted except as specified in the six exceptions to the bylaw.
- 8.) **Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance** – Clarifies the long-time interpretation regarding home-schooled students, which says that students entering a member school from a home school must do so at the beginning of the school year after having been home schooled for at least one calendar year. Failure to meet this provision requires the student to be enrolled for a minimum of one grading period before the student can gain eligibility.
- 9.) **Bylaw 4-6-1, Residence** – Clarifies the long-time interpretation that school districts with multiple high schools may establish attendance zones within those districts. Adds the note that clarifies that when a bona fide change of residence is made for the purpose of establishing eligibility in a new school under the provision in Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 1, or 4-7-3 (1), the student shall be ineligible for one year from the date the parents vacate the residence if the parents do not remain in the residence that was used to approve the transfer.
- 10.) **Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence** – Clarifies that this residency bylaw refers to parents who live in the United States but outside Ohio and refers readers to the section 8 of Bylaw 4 which describes eligibility options for international students whose parents live outside the United States.
- 11.) **Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers** – Expands the window of choice for a student from one day to five. Thus, a student's eligibility would not be vested at a member school until the student had been in attendance for a full five school days at the beginning of grade nine. The provision establishing eligibility as soon as a student participates in a contest shall remain.
- 12.) **Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers** – Clarifies the stipulations for a student's self-supporting status by stating that living with a relative and/or being employed by a relative is not permitted.
- 13.) **Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers** – Adds a stipulation to the transfer bylaw that says that if a transfer takes place during the season in which the student has participated in an interscholastic sport, the student shall be ineligible for the remainder of that sports season in the school to which he/she transferred. A student may not use any of the exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2 or 4-7-3 to circumvent this bylaw. The exception would be a move by the parents of at least 50 miles.

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Motion by Dan Bise, second by Karen O'Hare to place the 13 Constitution and Bylaw issues up for referendum vote of the OHSAA membership.

Motion passed 7-0.

Voting on the referendum issues will take place between May 1 and 15.

J. Proposal from the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association

The Board of Control was provided with a proposal from the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association that would give an exemption from the OHSAA non-interscholastic participation regulation (seven days of coaching permitted between June 1 and July 31) to those schools who compete in a 7-on-7 passing tournament or 5-on-5 lineman's challenge that are associated with the North-South All-Star Football Game in June. Mike Mauk of the state coaches association was present to answer questions. A Board member made a motion to approve the proposal at the January Board of Control Meeting but the motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by George Rise, second by Beth Hill to **approve** the proposal on a one-year experimental basis.

Motion passed 6-1 (Bill Schumacher dissented).

VII. APPEALS

A. Bylaw 4-3-4, Enrollment and Attendance, Phil Hatton, Athletic Director, Richfield Revere High School, re: A 10th-Grade Student (Northeast District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from a Minnesota high school to Richfield Revere High School just prior to the 2005-06 school year and repeated the ninth grade. He will be ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics for his senior year in 2008-09 by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-3-4, Enrollment and Attendance, because he will have already had the opportunity to participate in the maximum of eight semesters permitted by the Bylaw. The school's athletic administrator, Phil Hatten, and the student's parents, Chris and Sharon Wolff, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics as a senior.

Motion by George Rise, second by Dan Bise to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 7-0.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Board President Snodgrass congratulated Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak on his selection to the Officials Hall of Fame.
- B. Mr. Snodgrass and Assistant Commissioner Dickerson praised Assistant Commissioner Warns for his work with the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee and congratulated him for being selected as the recipient of the OHSAA Ethics and Integrity Award.
- C. Assistant Commissioner Moore praised Carol Russo, head volleyball coach at Elyria High School, for her recent selection as the NFHS Section 2 Coach of the Year.

Motion by Beth Hill, second by Karen O'Hare to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

April 5, 2007; May 10, 2007; June 7, 2007; August 9, 2007; September 13, 2007; October 11 2007, and December 6, 2007.