

The following are the preliminary minutes from the February 14, 2008, OHSAA Board of Control meeting. The minutes will not become official until they are adopted by the Board at their April 3, 2008, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES (February 14, 2008)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Control held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room of the OHSAA office building on February 14, 2008.

President Phil Ackerman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Karen O'Hare and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Phil Stevens.

Board Members Present: Phil Ackerman, president, presiding; Dan Bise, vice president; Teresa Alberts; Keith Bell; Bob Britton; Dale Gabor; Gene Klaus; Bill Koppel; Karen O'Hare; Mike Richards; and Phil Stevens, and Jeff Jordan (ex-officio) and Tom Farbizo (ex-officio).

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

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm, OHSAA staff; Betsy Marlowe, OHSAA intern; Dave Hall and Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Joe Balogh, Bob Walsh and Joe Bogdan, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Mike Mauk and Wally Hood, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; John Johnson, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Mike Griggs, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Carol Russo and Scott Taylor, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick and Ron Knight, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Jim Harbuck, Buckeye Association of Secondary School Administrators; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; Fred Fastenau, Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators; Kent and Colleen Klausner; Lorraine McGlone, and Chris and Donna Cook, and Dave and Richard Tathan.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Gene Klaus to **adopt** the agenda for the February 14, 2008, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mike Richards, second by Bob Britton to **approve** the minutes from the January 17, 2008, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial Report

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

Balance — December 31, 2007	\$313,013.22
Receipts — January 2008	<u>784,639.41</u>
	\$1,097,652.63
Disbursements — January 2008	<u>327,104.31</u>
	\$770,548.32
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (1/31/08)	\$866,197.47
	\$866,197.47
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>95,649.15</u>
Balance — January 31, 2008	\$770,548.32
Available Funds — January 31, 2008	
Bank Balance	\$770,548.32
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(770,548.32)</u>
Working Capital	0
Reserve fund (\$47,622.34 in savings + \$770,548.32 in bank balance)	\$778,170.66
Building fund	\$245,664.20

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Dale Gabor to **accept** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

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IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the Track and Field Advisory Committee Meeting of January 17, 2008

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Track and Field Advisory Committee Meeting of January 17, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Neil reviewed the highlights. Among the items the committee discussed were: concerns with the National Federation of State High School Associations' new pole vault rule; concerns with lead golf carts being utilized in cross country meets; the committee's proposals to add the triple jump to OHSAA tournaments, a six-pound shot put for 7th and 8th grade girls and a four-kilogram shot put for 7th and 8th grade boys; procedures for advancing regional qualifiers from district tournaments and how some districts are currently using a different format than the others; the future of Scioto Downs as the host for the state cross country tournaments, and the adoption of a permanent order of competition for the state track and field tournaments (Division III, II and I).

B. Minutes of the Officials Advisory Committee Meeting of January 25, 2008

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Officials Advisory Committee Meeting of January 25, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed the highlights. He said the committee meets twice a year and talks about several issues of concern. A proposal from the committee will be presented later in the meeting.

C. Minutes of the Officials Hall of Fame Committee Meeting of January 25, 2008

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Officials Hall of Fame Committee Meeting of January 25, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed the highlights. He said the committee meets once a year and reviews procedures for selecting hall of fame members. The 14 individuals selected for the hall of fame are: Joe McWilliams, Marion (football, basketball, baseball, softball); Wayne Roller, Lancaster (volleyball, basketball, softball); Michael Coyne, Bellaire (basketball); Roger Levi, Martins Ferry (basketball); the late Richard "Dick" Armstrong, Dover (administrator); Wendell "Wendy" Babson, Avon Lake (cross country, football, basketball, track & field); Ron Dessecker, Orrville (football, baseball, softball); Jerry Sulecki, Mentor (football, basketball); Gene Scruggs, Akron (football, basketball, wrestling); David Jones, Shelby (football); Dean Purdy, Bowling Green (football, baseball, softball); Charles Lemaster, Chillicothe (basketball, track & field); Ron Miller, Lucasville (soccer, volleyball, basketball, track & field), and Joe Duncan, Troy (football, basketball). The hall of fame banquet will be held June 28 in Columbus at the Holiday Inn on Lane Avenue.

D. Minutes of the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee Meeting of January 29, 2008

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee Meeting of January 29, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Price reviewed the highlights. Among the items the committee discussed were: the OHSAA Foundation student leadership conferences and service week initiatives; OHSAA public service announcements; the committee's desire to ensure that schools who submit applications for the Harold Meyer Sportsmanship Award adhere to the criteria, and ideas on what the OHSAA can do to address unsporting spectator behavior at contests. She said a recommendation on the 2008 Ethics and Integrity Award recipient will be made later in the meeting.

E. Minutes of the Diversity Council Meeting of February 7, 2008

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Diversity Council Meeting of February 7, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Neil reviewed the highlights. Among the items the committee discussed were: creating terms for council members; ideas to promote diversity (articles in state tournament programs, the creation of public service announcements, etc.); the recruitment and retention of minorities in athletics; a mentoring program, and the development of subcommittees for the council.

F. Minutes of the Media Advisory Committee Meeting of January 31, 2008

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Media Advisory Committee Meeting of January 31, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said Commissioner Ross reviewed various current topics with the committee and answered questions, and that the committee reviewed media arrangements at the recently completed fall sports tournaments and previewed the upcoming winter and spring sports tournaments. Mr. Goldring said a broadcasting subcommittee met later that day to discuss adjusting OHSAA rights fees for tournament contests. Discussion items included the idea of charging rights fees for additional sports besides football and basketball and the rights fees that television pays versus those for radio. The subcommittee will reconvene in early April, and it is hopeful that a proposal for rights fees effective for the 2008-09 school year will be presented to the Board of Control by the May meeting.

G. Minutes of the Football Tournament Committee Meeting of December 2007

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Football Tournament Committee Meeting from December 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed the highlights. He said the committee, which is comprised of OHSAA staff members and members of the state football coaches association, meets annually to review all aspects of the OHSAA football tournaments and recommends changes when appropriate. No major proposals will be presented to the Board of Control.

H. Minutes of the Pension Committee Meetings

The Board of Control was presented the minutes from the last two OHSAA Pension Committee Meetings, and Commissioner Ross reviewed the highlights. He said the committee and consultants discussed strategies for the future and have decided that the OHSAA will eventually freeze the defined benefits program and transfer all participants to a defined contributions program (a 403(b) or 401(k) plan).

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I. Minutes of the Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting of January 29, 2008

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting of January 29, 2008, and Commissioner Ross reviewed the highlights. He said the committee discussed plans to reintroduce Foundation Student Leadership Conferences in the fall and discussed plans to roll out a statewide Foundation Service Week program next winter in conjunction with girls and boys basketball. A successful pilot program for Service Week was held earlier this year, and a template and media package are being developed.

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. **Zanesville Maysville High School's** varsity wrestling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited five contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Trotwood-Madison High School's** boys varsity bowling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Playing On Non-Interscholastic Teams. As a result, the student was denied participation in the next two contests. **Cincinnati Anderson High School's** varsity wrestling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited contests on six dates in which the ineligible student participated. **Richmond Edison High School's** boys varsity basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-6-3, Parent Residing Outside Ohio, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited 10 victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Springfield Greenon High School's** assistant varsity volleyball coach violated Bylaw 10-3-6, Non-Interscholastic Participation, when she was involved in a non-interscholastic club team tryout. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-2, Penalty, the coach was suspended from coaching in the first two regular season volleyball matches at Greenon or at any other OHSAA member school during the 2008 season and the coach was reprimanded. **New Richmond High School's** girls basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious junior varsity and varsity contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Madison High School's** varsity wrestling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfer, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited a dual match and two invitational tournaments in which the ineligible student participated. **Toledo St. Francis deSales High School's** varsity ice hockey team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence (Parents Reside Outside of Ohio), and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Mount Gilead High School's** varsity bowling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. Because the school did not win the contests in which the ineligible student participated, no forfeitures occurred. **Preble Shawnee High School's** girls varsity basketball team violated Basketball Regulation B. 6, Maximum Regular Season Games Played, and Sports Regulation 16, Regular Season Participation Limitation Penalty. Penalties assessed were that the students who played in 21 games are ineligible for this year's OHSAA tournament and the team may schedule only 19 varsity contests next season.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Soccer Coaches Association Proposal

The Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association proposed that participants be permitted to play 38 halves during the regular season (as opposed to the current regulation which allows 32). The current regulation permitting participants to play three halves in one day would be maintained. The coaches association also proposed that an overtime format be in place for regular season varsity contests (two 5-minute periods of sudden victory would be conducted). The association was represented by John Johnson. Action on the proposals will take place at the April 3, 2008, Board of Control Meeting.

B. Contribution to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service (Northeast Districts)

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. Last month it was announced that the nomination from the Northwest District was Duane Warns. Dale Gabor reported that the nomination from the Northeast District is Karen Wittrock.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Football Contract Approval

Commissioner Ross reviewed with the Board the process that was used to select the official ball for the OHSAA football tournaments beginning in 2008. The OHSAA received proposals from four companies, and a committee comprised of OHSAA Board and staff members and officers with the state football coaches association reviewed the proposals and heard presentations from the companies. After reviewing the proposals and obtaining feedback from the state football coaches association, Dr. Ross said it is recommended that Wilson be selected to provide the Association with the official ball for the OHSAA football tournaments for 2008 and 2009.

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Mike Richards to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2008 Regional and State Baseball Tournament Draws

Assistant Commissioner Dickerson and Frank Gamble from the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association conducted the draw for the 2008 regional and state baseball tournaments. Regional sites are Canton, Dublin, Shelby and Cincinnati in Division I; Hudson, Tiffin, Zanesville and Springfield 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 29, at 2:00 and 5:00 with regional finals Friday, May 30 at 2:00.

The state tournaments will be held June 5, 6 and 7 at Cooper Stadium in Columbus. Semifinals in Divisions II and I will be held on Thursday, June 5 (Division II at 10:00 and 1:00 and Division I at 4:00 and 7:00); semifinals in Divisions III and IV will be held on Friday, June 6 (Division III at 10:00 and 1:00 and Division IV at 4:00 and 7:00), and the finals will be held Saturday, June 7 (Division II at 10:00, Division I at 1:00, Division III at 4:00 and Division IV at 7:00).

B. 2008 Regional and State Fastpitch Softball Tournament Draws

Assistant Commissioner Price and Jerry Fick conducted the draw for the 2008 regional and state fastpitch softball tournaments. Regional sites are the University of Akron, Clyde, The Ohio State University and the University of Dayton in Division I; Akron Firestone Stadium, 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 28 and 29, with regional finals Saturday, May 31.

The state tournaments will be held June 5, 6 and 7 at Firestone Stadium in Akron. Semifinals in Divisions IV and III will be held on Thursday, June 5 (Division IV at 10:00 and 12:30 and Division III at 3:00 and 5:30); semifinals in Divisions II and I will be held on Friday, June 6 (Division II at 10:00 and 12:30 and Division I at 3:00 and 5:30), and the finals will be held Saturday, June 7 (Division IV at 10:00, Division III at 12:30, Division II at 3:00 and Division I at 5:30).

C. 2008 Spring Sports Tournament Regulations

Updates in regulations for 2008 spring sports tournaments were reviewed by administrative staff members Dickerson (baseball), Price (fast pitch softball and boys tennis) and Neil (track & field). Most changes made reflected date changes. In baseball and softball, it was noted that language was clarified regarding eligible participants and includes the following: the maximum number to be certified for any tournament game shall be 18; the names of the 18 players who may participate must be given to the tournament manager before each game, and only 18 players in uniform will be permitted on the field or bench for any game. In softball it was noted that the state tournament has moved to Akron Firestone Stadium. In track and field, it was noted that the order of competition for the state tournament will remain consistent with Division III going first, followed by Division II and then Division I.

D. Recommendations from the Officials Advisory Committee

The Officials Advisory Committee proposed that directors and officers insurance be purchased for all local associations at an approximate cost of \$12,500. The committee was represented by Jerry Fick, and he provided information on why the coverage is needed, what is covered by the insurance and who would be covered. Action on the proposal will take place at the April 3, 2008, Board of Control Meeting.

E. Recommendation of Mike Kelly to be the Recipient of the 2008 OHSAA Ethics & Integrity Award

Assistant Commissioner Price said the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee recommended that Mike Kelly be the recipient of the 2008 OHSAA Ethics and Integrity Award. Mr. Kelly is a native of West Milton, Ohio, and recently announced his retirement after 27 years as the head football coach at the University of Dayton. He would receive the award at the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Banquet June 20 in Columbus.

F. Approval of Olentangy Orange High School for OHSAA Membership

Commissioner Ross reported to the Board that Olentangy Orange High School will be opening in August 2008 and meets all the criteria for membership with the OHSAA. He said it is recommended that the school's membership be accepted.

G. Approval of Springfield High School for OHSAA Membership

Commissioner Ross reported to the Board that Springfield North and Springfield South high schools will be consolidating into Springfield High School, which will be opening in August 2008. The school meets all the criteria for membership with the OHSAA. He said it is recommended that the school's membership be accepted.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Dan Bise to **approve** New Business items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. E., VI. F. and VI. G. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

I. Review of Proposed Amendments to the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws for the 2008-09 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 5-8-1, Meetings** – ~~“The annual organizational meeting of the Board of Control Directors, the Board shall be held in June following the last regular meeting of the Board of Control. The Board of Control shall elect a president and vice-president to serve a term of one year beginning on August 1 and ending the following July 31.”~~ Immediately following the June meeting of the Board of Control Directors, the Board shall elect a president and vice-president to serve a term of one year beginning on August 1 and ending the following July 31.”

Note on proposed change – This clarifies when the election of Board of Control officers will take place.

2.) **Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers** – add, immediately before the Exceptions, the following language: “Subject to the specific provisions of this Section 7 - Transfers, the following exceptions to the general transfer bylaw may apply:”

Note on proposed change – This clarifies that these enumerated exceptions may be used to avoid the one year period of ineligibility that is specified in the general transfer Bylaw 4-7-2.

3.) **Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers** – Remove new provision from 4-7-2, Exception 7, and create a new, stand-alone exception revised as follows: New Exception 7 (renumbered in accordance with action on another referendum issue - Deletion of Exception 6): “If a student transfers from a non-public high school to the public high school in which the student’s parents’ residence is situated pursuant to Exception 7 (6) above, the student may transfer back to the same non-public high school and have her/his eligibility restored at the discretion of the Commissioner’s office provided the following conditions have been met:

1. That the transfer from the non-public high school to the public high school was not done for athletic reasons but for purely academic reasons or family circumstances beyond the control of the student and/or his/her parents; and
2. The student had been continuously enrolled in the same type of non-public education beginning in the 6th grade and continuing thereafter through and including the eighth grade at the high school in which the student enrolled as a ninth grader.”

Notes on proposed changes – The change in language separates the issue which was passed by the membership in October 2006 into a separate exception. The exception, as before, allows a transfer back to the non-public high school when, through no fault of the student, he or she has used Exception 7 (6) to transfer into the public high school in the parents’ district of residence. The restrictions are narrow in that the student must demonstrate a clear commitment to the type of private education selected in grade nine by showing continuous enrollment in a school of the same type (Parochial, Catholic, Independent, etc.) from the beginning of grade six through the end of grade eight. The only transfer option under this exception is a return to the same non-public high school where the student started in grade 9. This change represents a “safety net” for those parents and students whose circumstances change after having used Exception 7 (6).

4.) **Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfer** – “If a transfer takes place during the sport season in which the student has participated in an interscholastic sport, the student is ineligible in that sport for the remainder of the that sport’s season in the school into which the student has transferred. ~~Note:~~ A student may not use any of the exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2 or 4-7-4 to circumvent this bylaw. ~~Exception:~~ except if the parents ~~move at least 50 miles away from the previous school attended~~ make a bona fide move into a new public school district as referenced in Exception 1 of Bylaw 4-7-2 AND the school building into which the student transfers is more than 50 miles from the school building from which the student transfers as determined by www.mapquest.com using the most direct route.

“For purposes of this Bylaw, ‘sport season’ shall be determined by the sport regulations for that sport, beginning with the first date on which coaching is permitted/begins and concluding on the date when the season ends.”

Notes on proposed changes – This bylaw is being rewritten to clarify that the ineligibility is for the same sport during a sports season. In addition, this rewrite clarifies the exception, which is the use of Bylaw 4-7-2 Exception 1 - a bona fide move of the student’s parent to a new public school system which brings about a transfer of school buildings that are more than 50 miles apart. The use of Mapquest’s most direct driving route is also stipulated. Note that this provision was stipulated when the bylaw was approved for referendum in October 2006.

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Keith Bell to place the four Constitution and Bylaw issues up for referendum vote of the OHSAA membership.

Motion passed 9-0.

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

In addition to the above referendum issues, it was noted that a petition was submitted for referendum by Gates Mills Gilmour Academy (and procedures as described in Constitution Article 8-1-5 were followed):

Bylaw 4-8-1, Students from Foreign Countries and Exchange Students

Add Exception 5: “A student from a country or province outside the United States who is enrolled in a member school that provides housing for the students and accepts the role of the parent in loco parentis may be

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eligible for interscholastic athletics at the member school. The student is not eligible until ruled eligible by the Commissioner upon submission of the appropriate documents.”

Notes on proposed changes — The OHSAA has taken great care to protect the athletic opportunities of the legitimately enrolled students of its member schools by extending invitations to member schools to petition for the eligibility of otherwise ineligible students through a number of exceptions, including exceptions 1 through 5 under 4-6-3 and exceptions 1 through 4 under 4-8-1. Exception 2 under 4-8-1, for example, allows for the possible eligibility of international students enrolled in a member school through participation in an approved foreign exchange program. An exchange student enrolled full-time in a member school can become eligible by petition, but currently an international student enrolled in a boarding school cannot. This eligibility provision would apply to member schools that provide housing for the student and accept the role of the parent in loco parentis. Adopting this exception could lead to an influx of students from other countries who come to specific Ohio schools under I-20 visas for athletic purposes. This exception would circumvent the C.S.I.E.T. program which observes random placements.

VII. APPEALS

A. Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Klausner, re: Their Son (Grade 10), Toledo St. Francis deSales High School (Northwest District)

A 10th-grade student at Toledo St. Francis deSales High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, because he does not have a parent who resides in Ohio. The student's parents, Kent and Colleen Klausner, appealed the decision so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Toledo St. Francis deSales.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Gene Klaus to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, Ms. Lorraine McGlone, re. Her Son (Grade 9), Garfield Heights Trinity High School (Northeast District)

A ninth-grade student recently transferred from Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit High School to Garfield Heights Trinity High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, because he does not meet the criteria of the bylaw (which notes that the student may transfer schools but eligibility of such transfers can only be granted at the beginning of the school year). Because he does not meet the criteria, the student is ineligible for interscholastic athletics until the beginning of the 2008-09 school year, should the superintendent of the diocese reassign his athletic eligibility. The student's mother, Lorraine McGlone, appealed the ineligibility so that her son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Trinity immediately.

Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Bob Britton to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Cook, re: Their Daughter (Grade 11), South Euclid Regina High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student recently utilized Exception 1 to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and transferred from Medina Highland High School to South Euclid Regina High School. However, in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, the OHSAA has ruled the student ineligible at Regina in the same sport (basketball) in which she participated at Highland since the transfer occurred during the season, and the school into which she transferred is not more than 50 miles from Highland. The student's parents, Chris and Donna Cook, appealed the decision so that the student can participate in basketball at Regina immediately. Regina Board of Directors members Dave Tathan and Richard Tathan also attended the appeal.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Dale Gabor to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

Motion passed 9-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

April 3, 2008; May 8, 2008; June 12, 2008; August 7, 2008; September 11, 2008; October 2, 2008, and December 4, 2008.