

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (January 14, 2010)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting at the OHSAA office in Columbus on January 14, 2010. President Steve Stirn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Rocco Nero and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Gray.

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

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

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm and Brenda Murray, OHSAA staff; Frank Gamble, Tony Cleveland and Matt Lattig, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Dan Gorski and Amy Taylor-Sheldon, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Jay Niswonger, Mike Mauk, Wally Hood and Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Joe Matheny, Casey Milligan, Ken Campanizzi and Ken Youngman, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Dan Peterkowski, Ohio High School Swimming and Diving Coaches Association; Scott Taylor and Jim Muth, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Donna Hodges, Rich Mitterholzer and Pat Murphy; H. William Christ and Ronald Okada; and Cindi Goldhaber, Peg Miller and Mark Aprile.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Walt Skaggs to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the January 14, 2010, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Steve Zimmerman, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the minutes as amended from the December 10, 2009, Board of Directors meeting. The change that was made was in item V. Old Business, item A. 1., in which the Board approved a change in the weight of the shot put for 7th and 8th grade girls. In doing so, the weight of the shot put for 7th and 8th grade boys will remain at four kilograms (kilometers was erroneously used).

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. State Office Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the financial report for the OHSAA state office for December. The report is summarized as follows:

Balance — November 30, 2009	\$426,082.06
Receipts — December 2009	<u>1,539,414.96</u>
	\$1,965,497.02
Disbursements — December 2009	<u>1,040,257.71</u>
	\$925,239.31
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (12/31/09)	<u>\$1,362,400.81</u>
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>437,161.50</u>
Balance — December 31, 2009	\$925,239.31
Available Funds — December 31, 2009	
Bank Balance	\$925,239.31
Savings	612,465.27
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(800,000.00)</u>
Working Capital	\$737,704.58
Reserve fund	\$800,000.00
Building fund	\$233,517.55

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B. District Athletic Boards Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the Board with the financial report for the six district athletic boards through November. The report is summarized as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>DOC</u> <u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Cash</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Profit/Loss</u>
Central	\$36,436	\$0	\$59,651	\$0	\$96,087	\$63,399	\$151,407	– \$88,008
East	\$19,074	\$2,788	\$0	\$49,864	\$71,726	\$48,505	\$44,902	\$3,603
Northeast	\$134,349	\$0	\$7,399	\$110,465	\$252,213	\$138,713	\$204,973	– \$66,260
Northwest	\$166,566	\$9,164	\$0	\$0	\$175,730	\$207,254	\$204,425	\$2,829
Southeast	\$778	\$2,209	\$158,722	\$126,258	\$287,968	\$48,321	\$41,623	\$6,698
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$60,577</u>	<u>\$133</u>	<u>\$112,913</u>	<u>\$123,866</u>	<u>\$297,488</u>	<u>\$300,410</u>	<u>\$361,967</u>	<u>– \$61,557</u>
Totals	\$417,780	\$14,294	\$338,685	\$410,453	\$1,181,212	\$806,602	\$1,009,297	– \$202,695

C. Track and Field Financial Report

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

<u>Tournament</u>		<u>2009 Net</u>		<u>2008 Net</u>		<u>2007 Net</u>		<u>2006 Net</u>		<u>2005 Net</u>
state track and field	–	\$64,198.01	–	\$105,866.12	–	\$70,404.38	–	\$98,465.64	–	\$98,068.41
regional track and field	+	2,483.70	+	\$7,135.16	+	\$11,899.92	–	\$12,661.57	–	\$16,947.81
total track and field*	–	\$82,182.31	–	\$118,037.98	–	\$78,328.46	–	\$127,915.46	–	\$137,572.06

* includes all tournament expenses paid by the OHSAA office

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Mike Rotonda to **approve** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Commissioner Ross reviewed the positions that will be up for appointment on the OHSAA Board of Directors and positions that will be up for election on District Athletic Boards for both terms that are expiring and terms that are unexpired.

Board of Directors (two-year terms, August 1, 2010-July 31, 2012) vacancies that will be appointed by the respective District Athletic Boards will be: **East District**, Class AAA (Tom Farbizo or Kyle Kanuckel); **Northeast**, Class AA (John Ault or Bill Schumacher), and **Southeast**, Class A (Tony Mantell or Mike Staggs). In addition, the term of the female representative on the Board expires and will be filled via the pre-determined rotational basis by the female representative on the Southeast District Athletic Board (who is currently Jenny Penn, athletic administrator at Latham Western High School).

District Athletic Board (six-year terms, August 1, 2010-July 31, 2016) elections that will take place to fill expiring terms are: **Central**, Class AA (Jim Hayes, interim representative); **East**, Class A (Phil Ackerman, incumbent); **Northeast**, Class AAA (Jim Borchik, incumbent); **Northwest**, Class A (Jeff Snyder, incumbent); **Southeast**, Class AA (Dan Bise, incumbent), and **Southwest**, Class AAA (Scott Kaufman, incumbent). District Athletic Board elections that will take place to fill unexpired terms are: **East District**, Class AA, August 1, 2010-July 31, 2011 (Richard Hall, interim representative); **Northeast**, 7th-8th grade representative, August 1, 2010-July 31, 2013 (Karen O'Hare, interim representative).

Later this winter, information on running for the District Athletic Board positions will be sent directly to superintendents, principals and athletic administrators in the districts and classes in which there are openings. Petitions must be received by the OHSAA office by 4:00 p.m. on April 30, and elections will be held the first two weeks of May, with the deadline to receive ballots in the OHSAA office at 4:00 p.m. on May 15.

B. Minutes of the Soccer Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2009

The Board was provided with the minutes of the Soccer Advisory Committee meeting of December 8, 2009, and Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass reviewed the highlights. He said among the items the committee addressed were a review of the 2009 regular season and tournaments and of the soccer sport regulations. Mr. Snodgrass said some of the committee's recommendations were that state rules interpretation meetings continue in their present format and that the District Athletic Board Review Committee develop consistent policies across the state for conducting sectional and district tournaments, including better communication from District Athletic Boards.

C. Starting Times for 2010 State Ice Hockey Tournament

Assistant Commissioner Steve Neil informed the Board that the starting times for the 2010 OHSAA State Ice Hockey Tournament have been established. The tournament will be held March 13 and 14 at Nationwide Arena in Columbus. The semifinals will be held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. (Brooklyn district winner vs. Kent district winner) and 1:00 p.m. (Sylvania district winner vs. Columbus district winner), and the finals are on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

D. Minutes of the OHSAA Foundation Board of Directors Meeting of December 16, 2009

The Board was provided with the minutes of the OHSAA Foundation Board of Directors meeting of December 16, 2009, and Commissioner Dan Ross reviewed the highlights. He noted that Kim Combs has been selected as the new executive director of the Foundation and has replaced Kim Mahoney. Ms. Mahoney currently lives in Iowa with her husband, and the Foundation Board thanked and praised her for her outstanding work and contributions.

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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. **Pemberville Eastwood Middle School's** wrestling team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-2-2, Age Limitation, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all contests in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). **Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown High School's** girls varsity soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated.

OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig also provided an update on litigation cases.

F. Fall Sports Proposals

Proposals for changes in fall sports were presented to the Board in the sports of field hockey, golf, tennis and volleyball, while all of the fall sports with the exception of football had another group proposal. Proposals in the sport of soccer will be made at the February 18 Board of Directors meeting. Action on the proposals will take place at the April 1 Board of Directors Meeting.

1. Field Hockey

The Ohio High School Field Hockey Coaches Association proposed that players be permitted to participate in a maximum of two games per day up to a maximum of three halves per day per common opponent with a total of 38 halves (rather than the current limit of 32) for the season. The coaches association also proposed that National Federation Rule 4-2-2 be adopted which allows each state to create a mercy rule. Proposed was that if a team is ahead by more than five goals after the first half and both coaches agree, the second half would be conducted with a running clock. Should the scoring differential become less than five goals again, a normal clock would be used until such time that a five-goal differential is obtained. The association was represented by Kara Hardesty.

2. Golf

The Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association proposed that regular season matches be permitted to begin on the Friday of the first week of the season. The association was represented by Joe Matheny and Casey Milligan.

3. Tennis

The Ohio Tennis Coaches Association proposed that the seeding date for girls and boys tennis sectionals be permitted to be held one week prior to each respective sectional tournament's starting date. The association was represented by Ryan Shaffer and Rich Hagen.

4. Volleyball

The Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association proposed that the Volleyball Foundation Match be permitted to be played any time between the first Monday in August through the last Saturday of the regular season. The match would continue to be treated as a scrimmage. The coaches association also proposed that the official OHSAA tournament ball be a black, white and gray Molten with the OHSAA, NFHS and OHSVCA logos. In addition, the coaches association proposed that school names and/or logos be permitted to be placed along the top and/or bottom of the net. The association was represented by Scott Taylor and Jim Muth.

5. Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Soccer, Girls Tennis and Volleyball

The six respective coaches associations proposed that the starting date for coaching in these sports (which includes all fall sports other than football) shall be the first Monday of August.

It was noted that the Board will act on the starting date proposal at its February 18 meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2010 Baseball Manual

The Board was provided copies of the 2010 baseball manual that was prepared by OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass. The manual includes tournament regulations that are posted on the OHSAA web site and additional information that has been added as points of emphasis and for clarity. The manual is mailed to member school head coaches, contest officials and is posted on the OHSAA web site. Also included in the mailing is a baseball rule book and attendance cards for OHSAA rules interpretation meetings.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Mike Rotonda to **approve** the 2010 baseball manual.

Motion passed 8-0 (Dave Gray absent).

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

A. Contribution to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service (Central and East 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 Directors on a rotating basis. The nomination from the Central District is Charles (Chuck) Workman, and the nomination from the East District is the late Ralph (Pete) Hilliard.

B. Working Definition of Record

Commissioner Dan Ross said OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig has developed a working definition of "records" that will be incorporated into the records retention policy for the OHSAA Boards and staff. Commissioner Ross recommended that the language be adopted. The definition is: "A record is any record-

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ed information in any format (including, without limitation, paper, electronic and audiovisual materials) wherever such information is stored, that has been created by or for OHSAA and/or any District Athletic Boards (hereinafter collectively “OHSAA”) or received by the OHSAA in connection with the transaction of the association’s business. Informal materials of transitory utility (e.g. temporary notes on internal meetings, casual or personal e-mails, etc.) shall not be considered ‘records’ for purposes of this Records Retention/Retrieval Policy.”

Motion by Walt Skaggs, second by Rocco Nero to **approve** New Business Items VI. A. and VI. B. as presented.

Motion passed 8-0 (Dave Gray absent).

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

None

VIII. APPEALS

Board member Walt Skaggs served as the appeals hearing officer.

A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Donna Hodges, re: Her Son, Grade 10, Lima Central Catholic High School (Northwest District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from an on-line academy to Lima Central Catholic and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for one year from the date of enrollment of Central Catholic in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student’s mother, Donna Hodges; Rich Mitterholzer, principal at Central Catholic, and Pat Murphy, athletic administrator at Central Catholic, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics immediately at Lima Central Catholic.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. H. William Christ, Head of School, re: An 11th-Grade Student, Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student was enrolled at Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown High School, transferred to an out-of-state school during the second semester of the 2008-09 school year and transferred back to Hathaway Brown at the start of the 2009-10 school year. The OHSAA ruled that the student did not meet any of the exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, that the student should have been ineligible during the 2009-10 school year (for one year from the date of re-enrollment at Hathaway Brown) and that, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated (which included the 2009 Division II girls state soccer championship). The head of school, H. William Christ, and attorney Ronald Okada appealed the ruling that the student was ineligible and that the victorious contests must be forfeited.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-4, Transfers, Ms. Cindi Goldhaber, Principal, re: A 10th-Grade Student, Pickerington High School North (Central District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from Pickerington High School Central to Pickerington High School North in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-4, Transfers, and was ruled eligible for interscholastic athletics by the OHSAA after it received documentation from the school. However, prior to the OHSAA receiving the documentation and ruling the student eligible, the student participated in a contest at North and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. The school’s principal, Cindi Goldhaber; assistant principal, Peg Miller, and athletic administrator, Mark Aprile, appealed the ruling that the student was ineligible for the first contest and that that victory must be forfeited.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Teresa Alberts to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

2010: February 18, April 1, May 13, June 10, August 5, September 9, October 21 (*note change from the date published during the fall*) and December 9.