

# OHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES (October 11, 2007)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Control held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room of the OHSAA office building on October 11, 2007.

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

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Dale Gabor and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Teresa Alberts.

**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 Tom Farbizo (ex-officio) and Jeff Jordan (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; Ron Knight, former OHSAA Board of Control member; Randy Tevepaugh and Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Wally Vickers and Bill Brewer, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Mike Mauk, Bob Brigati, Wally Hood and Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; John Johnson, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Mike Griggs, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Vern Kiehl, Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches; Carol Russo and Scott Taylor, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Gary Wise and Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; James Harbuck, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; and Betty Davis, Kathleen Brandt and Stephen Larcomb.

## I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Bill Koppel to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the October 11, 2007, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dale Gabor, second by Mike Richards to **approve** the minutes from the September 13, 2007, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

## III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Financial Report

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

Balance — August 31, 2007	\$818,646.65
Receipts — September 2007	45,440.49
	\$864,087.14
Disbursements — September 2007	561,019.38
	\$303,067.76
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (9/30/07)	\$483,270.03
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Less Outstanding Checks	180,202.27
Balance — September 30, 2007	\$303,067.76
Available Funds — September 30, 2007	
Bank Balance	\$303,067.76
Minus Reserve for Building Fund	(5,075.10)
Minus Reserve Fund	(292,378.37)
Working Capital	\$5,614.29
Reserve fund (\$7,621.63 in savings + \$500,000 in CD + \$292,378.37 in bank)	\$800,000.00
Building fund (\$5,075.10 in bank balance + \$433,262.83 in investments)	\$438,337.93

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Mike Richards to **accept** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

## IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. Update on OHSAA Board Committees

Board of Control members provided updates on some of the committees that have met during this school

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year. Mr. Jordan said the Elections Committee passed some potential referendum issues onto the OHSAA staff. He said the committee has two others issues that it will address at its next meeting. Ms. O'Hare said the 7th-8th Grade Committee met for the second time and has started to develop a philosophy of 7th-8th grade athletics. She said the committee is continuing to review potential referendum issues, has talked about coaching education and will meet again in November.

### B. Updates on OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board was presented a list of schools that have recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations along with the penalties that were imposed by the OHSAA staff. **Elyria High School's** freshman football team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship ("During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses of the equivalent which count toward graduation."). **Canton McKinley High School's** varsity football team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship ("During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses of the equivalent which count toward graduation."). **Delphos St. John's** 7th grade girls basketball team had four student-athletes violate Bylaw 10-3-4, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams ("The number of interscholastic squad members from the same school on the non-interscholastic team is limited to a maximum of 50 percent of the members of a team as defined in the playing rules of the sport. In the sport of basketball, this number is two."). As a result, the four students will be suspended from playing in the first two regular season contests for the school's 2007-08 eighth grade team. **Gates Mills Gilmour Academy's** boys varsity soccer team had five ineligible student-athletes participate in two contests. Had the team won the contests, the school would have forfeited them in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."). The students were in violation of Bylaw 4-8-1, Students From Foreign Countries and Exchange Students, because they did not meet any of the exceptions to the Bylaw. **Rittman Middle School** used an ineligible student-athlete in a football game and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance ("All students participating in a school sponsored sport must be enrolled in and attending full-time in accordance with all duly adopted Board of Education or similar governing board policies of that board."). **Lakeside Danbury High School's** varsity football team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship ("During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses of the equivalent which count toward graduation."). **Mansfield Christian High School's** boys varsity soccer team used an ineligible student-athlete in three 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 the victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship ("During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses of the equivalent which count toward graduation."). **Cincinnati Oak Hills High School's** boys varsity soccer team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship ("During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses of the equivalent which count toward graduation."). **Columbus Grove High School's** girls varsity cross country team used an ineligible student-athlete in two invitationals, and, in accordance with Bylaws 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the contests were forfeited and all points, records, awards and qualifying positions won by the ineligible student were forfeited. All eligible participants were able to keep their points, records and positions. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship ("During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses of the equivalent which count toward graduation."). **Ashville Teays Valley Middle School's** eighth-grade football team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-5, Scholarship, because he did not receive passing grades in 75 percent of the classes in which he received grades during the preceding grading period. **Findlay High School's** varsity volleyball team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures ("All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited."), the school forfeited that contest. The student was in violation of Volleyball Sports Regulation 1.1-6, ("Individual limitations for players who play in any subvarsity competition on the same day and against the same opponent consist of a maximum of four games per day per common opponent."). **Monroe High School's** boys varsity golf team used an ineligible student-athlete in three matches 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 victorious contests in which the student participated. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship ("During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses of the equivalent which count toward graduation."). **Delaware Buckeye Valley High School's** varsity volleyball team used two ineligible student-athletes in a contest, and, in accordance with

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Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures (“All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited.”), the school forfeited that contest. The students were in violation of Volleyball Sports Regulation 1.1-6, (“Individual limitations for players who play in any subvarsity competition on the same day and against the same opponent consist of a maximum of four games per day per common opponent.”). **Gorham-Fayette High School’s** boys varsity cross country team used an ineligible student-athlete an invitational and, in accordance with Bylaw Bylaws 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the contest was forfeited and all points, records, awards and qualifying positions won by the ineligible student were forfeited. All eligible participants were able to keep their points, records and positions. The student was in violation of Bylaw 4-8-1, Students From Foreign Countries and Exchange Students (“. . . the student is not eligible until declared eligible by the Commissioner upon submission of the exchange student form.”). **Alliance Marlinton High School’s** varsity baseball team had eight student-athletes violate Bylaw 10-3-4, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams (“The number of interscholastic squad members from the same school on the non-interscholastic team is limited to a maximum of 50 percent of the members of a team as defined in the playing rules of the sport. In the sport of baseball, this number is four.”). As a result, the eight students will be suspended from playing in four regular season contests, and this must take place during the first eight contests of the school’s 2008 season.

### V. OLD BUSINESS

None

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. 2008 State Ice Hockey Tournament Draw

Assistant Commissioner Neil, with the assistance of Assistant Commissioner Dickerson, conducted the 2008 State Ice Hockey Tournament drawing. The tournament will be held March 8 and 9 at Nationwide Arena in Columbus. The semifinals on Saturday will be at 1:00 p.m. (Brooklyn district winner vs. Sylvania district winner) and 4:00 p.m. (Columbus district winner vs. Kent district winner), and the finals on Sunday begin at 6:00 p.m.

#### B. 2008 Regional and State Girls and Boys Basketball Tournament Draw

The drawings for the 2008 Regional and State Basketball Tournaments were conducted by Assistant Commissioner Dickerson along with Bill Brewer and Wally Vickers from the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association.

The girls Division I regionals will be held at the Canton Memorial Civic Center (Feb. 26 and 29), Norwalk High School (Feb. 26 and 29), Otterbein College (Feb. 26 and 29) and Wright State University (Feb. 27 and 29). Division II regionals will be held at Barberton High School (Feb. 26 and 29), Ontario High School (Feb. 26 and 29), Zanesville High School (Feb. 26 and 29) and Vandalia Butler High School (Feb. 26 and 29). Division III regionals will be held at Cuyahoga Falls High School (Feb. 27 and Mar. 1), Lexington High School (Feb. 27 and Mar. 1), Lancaster High School (Feb. 27 and Mar. 1) and Vandalia Butler High School (Feb. 27 and Mar. 1). Division IV regionals will be held at Massillon Perry High School (Feb. 28 and Mar. 1), Elida High School (Feb. 28 and Mar. 1), Pickerington High School North (Feb. 28 and Mar. 1) and Vandalia Butler High School (Feb. 28 and Mar. 1). The girls state tournament will be held at Ohio State’s Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center March 6, 7 and 8. The Division II semifinals are Mar. 6 at 1:00 and 3:00, the Division IV semifinals are Mar. 6 at 6:00 and 8:00, the Division III semifinals are Mar. 7 at 1:00 and 3:00 and the Division I semifinals are Mar. 7 at 6:00 and 8:00. The finals are all on Mar. 8, with Division II at 10:45, Division IV at 2:00, Division III at 5:15 and Division I at 8:30.

The boys Division I regionals will be held at the University of Akron (Mar. 6 and 8), Cleveland State University (Mar. 5 and 8), the Columbus Fairgrounds Coliseum (Mar. 5, 6 and 8) and Xavier University (Mar. 5 and 8). Division II regionals will be held at the Canton Memorial Civic Center (Mar. 6 and 8), Bowling Green State University (Mar. 6 and 8), Ohio University (Mar. 6 and 8) and Wright State University (Mar. 6 and 8). Division III regionals will be held at the Canton Fieldhouse (Mar. 5 and 8), Bowling Green State University (Mar. 5 and 8), Ohio University (Mar. 5 and 8) and Wright State University (Mar. 5 and 8). Division IV regionals will be held at the Canton Fieldhouse (Mar. 4 and 7), Bowling Green State University (Mar. 4 and 7), the Columbus Fairgrounds Coliseum (Mar. 4 and 7) and the University of Dayton (Mar. 4 and 7). The boys state tournament will be held at Ohio State’s Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center Mar. 13, 14 and 15. The Division II semifinals are Mar. 13 at 10:45 and 2:00, the Division IV semifinals are Mar. 13 at 5:15 and 8:30, the Division III semifinals are Mar. 14 at 10:45 and 2:00 and the Division I semifinals are Mar. 14 at 5:15 and 8:30. The finals are all on Mar. 15, with Division II at 10:45, Division IV at 2:00, Division III at 5:15 and Division I at 8:30.

#### C. 2008 Winter Sports Tournament Regulations

Amended winter sports tournament regulations were reviewed by Assistant Commissioners Dickerson (boys and girls basketball); Price (bowling); Moore (gymnastics and swimming & diving); Neil (ice hockey), and Zaborniak (wrestling). Most changes reflected dates and times. In **basketball** it was noted that all girls tournament draws will take place Jan. 20 at 2:00 and all boys tournament draws will take place Jan. 27 at 2:00; that teams will be placed on the bracket according to district athletic board seeding regulations, and that all home teams shall wear white uniforms. In addition, ticket prices for the state tournaments will remain \$8.00 per contest for tickets allotted to each participating school; \$12.00 for tickets in all other seating areas in the lower bowl and the suite level, and \$10.00 for tickets in all other seating areas in the terrace

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level. In **bowling**, it was noted that the boys state tournament will be held on Friday, Feb. 29, and the girls state tournament will be held on Saturday, Mar. 1. In **ice hockey**, it was noted that there are three new teams in 2008: Cleveland Martin Luther King Jr. (assigned to the Brooklyn District); Macedonia Nordonia (assigned to the Kent State District), and Powell Olentangy Liberty (assigned to the Columbus District). In **wrestling**, it was noted that state tournament ticket prices will be \$60 for lower bowl all-session tickets, \$50 for terrace level all-session tickets and \$13 for single-session tickets purchased at the gate.

### D. WHBC-TV In Canton: Request Waiver of TV Timeouts

The Board was provided with a request from WHBC-TV in Canton that television timeouts be permitted for its live telecast of the Massillon Washington at Canton McKinley regular season football game on Saturday, October 27, as negotiated by the station and the competing schools.

### E. Media Rights Fees for the 2007-08 School

Assistant Commissioner Goldring informed the Board that an OHSAA media subcommittee recommended that OHSAA football and basketball tournament broadcast rights fees for the 2007-08 school year remain the same as they were last year. He said a comprehensive review of OHSAA tournament broadcast rights fees has not been conducted since prior to the 1999-2000 school year, so the subcommittee endorsed a plan for a media subcommittee to meet this coming winter to review the current tournament broadcast rights fees and determine if any changes are necessary. In the spring of 2008, a recommendation will come to the Board of Control from this subcommittee regarding possible changes to rights fees that would become effective beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

### F. 2008 and 2009 Track and Field Representation

Assistant Commissioner Neil presented divisional breakdowns and representation for 2008 and 2009 in the sport of track and field.

#### Boys Track and Field

Division I, 241 teams (346 males or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 240 teams (181-345 males)

Division III, 241 teams (180 or less males)

Total Teams: 722

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2008 and 2009 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 12; Northeast 28; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 8; Northeast 20; Northwest 8; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 8; East 4; Northeast 12; Northwest 20; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12.

#### Girls Track and Field

Division I, 230 teams (336 females or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 232 teams (170-335 females)

Division III, 232 teams (169 or less females)

Total Teams: 694

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2008 and 2009 would be: **Division I:** Central 12; Combined East and Southeast 4; Northeast 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 4; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 4; East 4; Northeast 16; Northwest 20; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Dan Bise to **approve** New Business Items VI A., VI B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E. and VI. F. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

## VI. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

### A. Internet Rights

Commissioner Ross reviewed with the Board a recommendation that Cleveland.com be approved to launch a statewide website that will provide exclusive video streaming of OHSAA televised events that will be covered by SportsTime Ohio/Time Warner Cable in the partnership that was recently approved by the OHSAA. The partnership with Cleveland.com would also include exclusive live and tape-delayed video streaming of other OHSAA tournament events not covered by SportsTime Ohio/Time Warner Cable that would be determined by the OHSAA. Other elements would include the promotion of ticket availability for OHSAA state tournaments, the promotion of sportsmanship and other OHSAA initiatives and the ability for OHSAA member schools to create individual school web sites. The agreement would be for five years.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Mike Richards to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

### B. State Softball Tournament Recommendation

Mr. Britton informed the Board that a 12-person committee comprised of OHSAA board and staff members along with officers from the state softball coaches association and others met earlier in the week to review proposals and listen to presentations from three sites interested in hosting the OHSAA state softball tournament beginning this coming spring. He said the committee unanimously recommended that Akron's Firestone Stadium be selected as the host site for the state softball tournament in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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Motion by Dale Gabor, second by Keith Bell to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

### **VII. APPEALS**

#### **A. Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, Ms. Betty Davis, re: her grandson, Grade 12, Marion Pleasant High School (Central District)**

A 12th-grade student at Marion Pleasant High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, because he turned 19 prior to the August 1 deadline. The student's grandmother, Betty Davis, his aunt, Kathleen Brandt, and Stephen Larcomb, the district's superintendent, appealed the ineligibility based on the exception to the Bylaw so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2007-08 school year.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Dan Bise to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0 (Bob Britton abstained).

### **VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Bill Koppel to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.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.)**

December 6, 2007; January 17, 2008; February 14, 2008; April 3, 2008; May 8, 2008; June 12, 2008; August 7, 2008; September 11, 2008; October 9, 2008, and December 4, 2008.