

The following are the preliminary minutes from the January 17, 2007, OHSAA Board of Control meeting. The minutes will not become official until they are adopted by the Board at their February 14, 2008, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES (January 17, 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 January 17, 2008.

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

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Bill Koppel and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Karen O'Hare. Mr. Koppel noted that Richard L. "Dick" Armstrong, commissioner of the OHSAA from August 1, 1980, until his retirement on December 31, 1989, recently died on January 3.

**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). **Board Member Excused:** 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; Kim Combs OHSAA intern; Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Dave Butcher and Daniel Gorski, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Mike Mauk, Dick Kerschbaum and Wally Hood, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Mike Griggs, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Russ King, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Carol Russo, Tracey Kornau, Scott Taylor and Kaye Keller, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; Jeff and Danielle Rathburn, their daughter and Paul MacKenzie; Jim Adkins; John Childs; Johnetta Wiley, a student from her school, Jeff Sheppard and Felix Catheline; Eric and Angela Glenn and their daughter; and Matthew and Nancy Gasber.

### I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Mike Richards to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the January 17, 2008, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Dale Gabor to **approve** the minutes from the December 6, 2007, Board of Control meeting and the December 21, 2007, Board of Control conference call meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

### III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Financial Report

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

Balance — November 30, 2007	\$105,897.90
Receipts — December 2007	<u>821,923.28</u>
	\$927,821.18
Disbursements — December 2007	<u>614,807.96</u>
	\$313,013.22
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (12/31/07)	\$350,041.22
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>37,028.00</u>
Balance — December 31, 2007	\$313,013.22
Available Funds — December 31, 2007	
Bank Balance	\$313,013.22
Minus Reserve for Building Fund	0
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(313,013.22)</u>
Working Capital	0
Reserve fund (\$7,622.34 in savings + \$313,013.22 in bank balance)	\$320,635.56
Building fund	\$432,711.86

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Keith Bell to **accept** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

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### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### A. Board of Control and District Athletic Board Elections in April 2008

Commissioner Ross reviewed the positions that will be up for election on the OHSAA Board of Control and District Athletic Boards. Board of Control (two-year terms, August 1, 2008-July 31, 2010) positions vacant will be: **East District**, Class AA (Rock VanFossen or Bill Zanders); **Northeast District**, Class A (Howard Friend or Rocco Nero), and **Southeast District**, Class AAA (Dan Leffingwell or Steve Stirn). District Athletic Board (six-year terms, August 1, 2008-July 31, 2014) positions vacant will be: **Central**, Class A (Troy McIntosh, incumbent); **East**, Class AAA (Kyle Kanuckel, incumbent); **Northeast**, Class AA (Mike Kovach, incumbent); **Northwest**, Class AAA (Jerry Snodgrass, incumbent); **Southeast**, Class A (Tony Mantell, incumbent), and **Southwest**, Class AA (Mark Hughes, incumbent). Later this winter, information on running for the District Athletic Board positions will be sent directly to superintendents, principals and athletic directors in the districts and classes in which there are openings. Ballots will then be mailed in late April.

#### B. Minutes of the Soccer Advisory Committee Meeting of December 3, 2007

The Board of Control was provided with the minutes of the Soccer Advisory Committee meeting of December 3, 2007, and Assistant Commissioner Dickerson reviewed the highlights. He said the committee expressed concern that, while the District Boards Review Committee has helped develop some consistent procedures throughout each district in regards to how OHSAA tournaments are run, there still are inconsistencies from district to district that should be addressed. He said team bench areas are a concern and that the preference is the setup that is utilized at the state tournament, where both team bench areas are on the same side of the field. Since the National Federation of State High School Associations allows for three different setups, it was agreed that the OHSAA can make recommendations but cannot mandate a change. Mr. Dickerson noted that 485 girls teams participated in the OHSAA tournament this year and that 500 are needed to add a third division. In addition, he said the new rule regarding use of shin guards becomes effective for the 2008 season.

#### C. Minutes of the Foundation Board Meeting of December 19, 2007

The Board of Control was provided with the minutes from the OHSAA Foundation Board of Trustees meeting of December 19, 2007, and Commissioner Ross reviewed the highlights. He said the group comprised the working board of the Foundation, and the majority of the time was spent finalizing plans for the pilot program for Foundation Service Week. He said that, now that the pilot program has been completed, the group will be assembling again soon to finalize the template for statewide implementation of service week and to set a date for the program for 2008-09.

#### D. 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. **Youngstown Boardman High School's** varsity softball team violated Sports Regulation 6, Open Gymnasiums or Facilities. As a result, the school's softball players will not be permitted to participate in school or non-school open gymnasiums in January 2008, and the school loses one of its allowable scrimmages for the 2008 season. **Beavercreek High School's** boys basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Playing On Non-Interscholastic Teams. As a result, the student was denied participation in the next two contests. **Fremont Middle School** had a boys basketball player violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Playing On Non-Interscholastic Teams. As a result, the student was denied participation in the next two contests. **Rawson Cory-Rawson High School's** girls junior varsity basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaws 4-7-2 and 4-7-4, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the two victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Youngstown Liberty High School's** boys varsity basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited a victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Chesterland West Geauga High School** used an ineligible student-athlete and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Chillicothe High School's** boys junior varsity basketball team used an ineligible student-athlete, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited a victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Dayton Belmont High School's** girls varsity basketball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the three victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Fairport Harbor Harding High School's** girls varsity 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 four victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Rocky River High School's** varsity ice hockey team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Non-Interscholastic Competition. The student was required to sit out the next two varsity contests. **Cincinnati Purcell Marian High School** had student-athletes violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, in one girls junior varsity basketball game and two boys junior varsity basketball games. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contests in which the ineligible students participated. **Toledo St. John's Jesuit High School's** boys varsity swimming team had three student-athletes violate Bylaw 4-8-1, Students from Foreign Countries and Exchange Students, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the contests in which the ineligible students participated..

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### V. OLD BUSINESS

None

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Fall Sports Proposals

The Board was provided with written proposals for changes in fall sports from the state soccer, tennis and volleyball coaches associations, and officers were present to review them. Action on the proposals will take place at the April 3, 2008, Board of Control Meeting.

##### 1. Soccer

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 provided their proposals in writing and will send a representative to review them in person at the February 14 Board of Control meeting.

##### 2. Tennis

The Ohio Tennis Coaches Association proposed that participants be permitted to play in up to four eight-game pro sets per day for invitational and/or conference tournaments. The current regulation of playing three best-of-three sets would be maintained for matches with that format (including dual matches and OHSAA tournaments). The association was represented by Russ King.

##### 3. Volleyball

The Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association proposed that the OHSAA state volleyball tournament format be changed. The proposal is that two divisions play their semifinal matches on Thursday, the other two divisions play their semifinal matches on Friday and that all four final matches continue to be played on Saturday. Starting times on Thursday and Friday would be noon, 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00, while starting times for the finals would be 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 and 5:00. The association was represented by Carol Russo, Kaye Keller, Scott Taylor and Tracey Kornau.

#### B. Contribution to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service (Northeast and Northwest 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. Mike Richards said the nomination from the Northwest District is Duane Warns, while the nomination from the Northeast District will be presented at the February 14 Board of Control meeting.

#### C. 2008 Girls Golf Representation - Two Divisions

Assistant Commissioner Dickerson presented divisional breakdowns and representation for 2008 in the sport of girls golf. He said that, since there are over 250 schools participating, it is recommended that a second division be added beginning with the 2008 season. He said the Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association and the OHSAA staff endorse the recommendation. Mr. Dickerson said an OHSAA tournament format has already been developed that would have boys Divisions II and III and girls Division II playing the same weekend, while boys and girls Division I would play the following weekend. For the state tournament, boys Division II (Scarlet Course) and girls Division II (Gray Course) would play at The Ohio State University courses in Columbus and boys Division III would play at the Players Club at Foxfire in Lockbourne the first weekend, while boys Division I (Scarlet Course) and girls Division I (Gray Course) would play at Ohio State the second weekend. Boys divisions II and III would flip-flop the locations for the state tournament every year.

##### 2008 Girls Golf Divisional Breakdowns and Representation

Division I, 132 teams (347 females or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 130 teams (346 females or less)

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2008 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 2; Combined Northeast and Northwest 6, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3, and Southwest 3.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** New Business Items VI. B. and VI. C. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

### VI. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Official Football for the OHSAA Tournaments

The OHSAA received proposals from companies interested in providing the Association with the official ball for the OHSAA football tournaments beginning in 2008. 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.

Motion by Mike Richards, second by Dan Bise to **table** a decision on selecting an official OHSAA tournament football.

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Motion passed 9-0.

It was recommended that the OHSAA send a blast e-mail to the membership informing them that no decision has been reached on the official OHSAA tournament football, so schools should refrain from purchasing balls for the 2008 season.

### VII. APPEALS

#### A. Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, Mr. Paul MacKenzie, Attorney, re: A Ninth-Grade Student, Oak Hill High School (Southeast District)

A ninth-grade student recently utilized Exception 6 to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and transferred from Chillicothe High School to Oak Hill High School. However, in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, the OHSAA has ruled the student ineligible at Oak Hill in the same sport (basketball) in which she participated at Chillicothe since the transfer occurred during the season and the parents did not make a bona fide move into a new public school district whose school is located more than 50 miles away from the previous school attended. The student; her parents, Jeff and Danielle Rathburn, and attorney Paul MacKenzie appealed the decision so that the student can participate in basketball at Oak Hill immediately.

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-1 (Dan Bise dissented).

#### B. Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, Mr. Jim Adkins, Athletic Director, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Canton GlenOak High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student at Canton GlenOak 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. Jim Adkins, the school's athletic director, 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 Mike Richards to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-1 (Bill Koppel dissented).

#### C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. John Childs, Attorney, re: A 12th-Grade Student at Akron Archbishop Hoban High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student at Akron Archbishop Hoban High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because he does not meet any of the exceptions to the Bylaw. Attorney John Childs appealed the decision so that the student can participate in bowling at Archbishop Hoban immediately.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

#### D. Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, Ms. Johnetta Wiley, Principal, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Columbus South High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student at Columbus South 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 and the school's principal, Johnetta Wiley, athletic administrator, Jeff Sheppard, and wrestling coach, Felix Catheline, appealed the decision so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at South. Ms. Wiley also has custody of the student.

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

#### E. Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Glenn, re: Their Daughter (Grade 11), Columbus Eastmoor Academy (Central District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from the Columbus Alternative School (a high school within the Columbus Public School District) to Columbus Eastmoor Academy prior to the 2007-08 school year and has been ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfers, because she does not meet the criteria in Bylaw 4-7-6. The student and her parents, Eric and Angela Glenn, appealed the decision so that their daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at Eastmoor Academy immediately.

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Keith Bell to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that, while the student meets the criteria for Bylaw 4-7-6, the criteria established by the Columbus Public Schools must also be met.

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### F. Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Gasber, re: Their Son (Grade 11), Madison High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student recently utilized Exception 7 to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and transferred from Lakewood St. Edward High School to Madison High School. However, in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, the OHSAA has ruled the student ineligible at Madison in the same sport (wrestling) in which he participated at St. Edward since the transfer occurred during the season and the parents did not make a bona fide move into a new public school district whose school is located more than 50 miles away from the previous school attended. The student's parents, Matthew and Nancy Gasber, appealed the decision so that the student can participate in wrestling at Madison immediately.

Motion by Mike Richards, second by Dan Bise to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

## **VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Dan Bise to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 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.)**

February 14, 2008; April 3, 2008; May 8, 2008; June 12, 2008; August 7, 2008; September 11, 2008; October 2, 2008, and December 4, 2008.