

OHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES

(June 12, 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 June 12, 2008.

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

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Mike Richards and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dan Bise.

Board Members Present: Phil Ackerman, president, presiding; Dan Bise, vice president; Teresa Alberts; 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). **Board Member Excused:** Keith Bell

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

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Steve Stirn and Rocco Nero, incoming OHSAA Board of Directors members; Jerry Snodgrass, incoming OHSAA assistant commissioner; Andrea Rossi, OHSAA staff; Katie Weininger and Sam Morris, OHSAA interns; Frank Gamble, Jeff Mielcarek, Chuck Rinkes and David Burkett, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Dennis Shoemaker, Mike Kanney, Joe Balogh and Wayne Wiseman, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Dick Kerschbaum, Bob Brigati, Mike Mauk and Jay Niswonger, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Mike Griggs, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Russ King and Ryan Shaffer, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelder, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Carol Russo and Kaye Keller, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick, Jim Oberlander, Mel McAfee and Joe LaPlante, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Ron Knight, former OHSAA Board of Control member; Jerry and Bobbie Smith, and Debbie Ostrander; David and Elizabeth Hess and their son, and Matthew Watkins and his son, Maronda Rodgers, Skip Corty and Jason Krause.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Bill Koppel to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the June 12, 2008, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Mike Richards to **approve** the minutes from the March 14, 2008, Board of Control Special Meeting; the May 8, 2008, Board of Control Meeting, and the May 27, 2008, Board of Control Conference Call Meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Financial Report

Assistant Comptroller Andrea Rossi provided the financial report for May. The report is summarized as follows:

Balance — April 30, 2008	\$1,520,938.78
Receipts — May 2008	<u>1,136,799.44</u>
	\$2,657,738.22
Disbursements — May 2008	<u>1,134,088.41</u>
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Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (5/31/08)	\$1,282,406.96
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>148,318.55</u>
Balance — May 31, 2008	\$1,134,088.41
Available Funds — May 31, 2008	
Bank Balance	\$1,134,088.41
Minus Reserve for Building Fund	0
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(292,377.49)</u>
Working Capital	841,710.92
Reserve fund (\$7,622.51 in savings + \$500,000 in CD + \$292,377.49 in bank balance)	\$800,000.00
Building fund (\$0 in back balance + \$251,164.887 in investments)	\$251,164.87

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

Motion passed 8-0.

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B. Winter Sports Financial Report

Assistant Comptroller Rossi reviewed financial reports from the 2008 OHSAA regional and state winter sports tournaments. The breakdown for the tournaments from 2008 and the previous four years is as follows:

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>2008 Net</u>	<u>2007 Net</u>	<u>2006 Net</u>	<u>2005 Net</u>	<u>2004 Net</u>
boys state basketball	+ \$1,053,901.62	+ \$905,874.93	+ \$984,505.84	+ \$864,402.74	+ \$847,651.29
boys regional basketball	+ \$356,389.38	+ \$352,026.24	+ \$454,715.63	+ \$398,923.63	+ \$305,104.03
girls state basketball	– \$7,826.95	+ \$40,581.36	+ \$90,005.10	+ \$118,043.91	+ \$106,618.41
girls regional basketball	+ \$99,173.45	+ \$121,183.26	+ \$138,250.57	+ \$101,757.38	+ \$116,207.45
state bowling	– \$16,114.26	– \$11,509.71	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
state gymnastics	– \$23,674.43	– \$24,511.76	– \$22,535.46	– \$18,231.29	– \$20,901.44
state ice hockey	– \$14,183.65	– \$11,377.01	– \$8,220.67	– \$13,992.00	– \$4,134.05
district ice hockey	+ \$27,006.12	+ \$29,106.99	+ \$22,451.30	+ \$16,321.87	+ \$26,471.34
state swimming & diving	– \$36,167.12	– \$32,047.86	– \$31,357.85	– \$23,753.61	– \$24,452.95
state wrestling	+ \$168,253.64	+ \$129,552.05	+ \$106,327.13	+ \$100,813.36	+ \$105,986.75

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Teresa Alberts to **accept** the winter sports financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

C. Draft of Proposed Budget for the OHSAA Office and Six District Athletic Boards for 2008-09, Including Anticipated Receipts and Expenditures

Assistant Comptroller Rossi reviewed with the Board the proposed budget for 2008-09, which includes the OHSAA Columbus office and the six District Athletic Boards. The draft includes anticipated receipts and expenditures. The proposed budget is as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net Profit (Loss)</u>
Central District	\$763,300	\$763,300	\$0
East District	\$391,014	\$391,014	\$0
Northeast District	\$1,606,600	\$1,606,600	\$0
Northwest District	\$1,337,000	\$1,337,000	\$0
Southeast District	\$457,100	\$457,100	\$0
Southwest District	\$1,489,500	\$1,489,500	\$0
District Board Totals	\$6,044,514	\$6,044,514	\$0
Columbus Office	\$11,984,000	\$11,984,000	\$0
Grand Totals	\$18,028,514	\$18,028,514	\$0

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Bob Britton to **approve** the proposed budget as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. OIAAA Response to the Basketball Coaches Association Proposal

Board Member Farbizo provided feedback from the executive board of the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA) on the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association proposal listed in Old Business item V. D. 2. He said the executive board was opposed to the state basketball coaches association proposal. Concern centered on the impact the regulation would have on those who are spring sports participants; the potential financial impact on coaches' contracts, and how the regulation would be monitored.

B. Review of Referendum Voting from May 1-15, 2008

Commissioner Ross reviewed with the Board the results of the 17 referendum issues that were voted upon by the membership between May 1 and 15, 2008. Sixteen of the 17 revisions passed as voted upon by OHSAA member schools. Among the issues the membership passed: Deleted Exception 6 of Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer (superintendent's agreement to transfer a student to protect the student's mental or physical well-being); Deleted the stipulation that "the student displaces other students" as criteria for determining if a student meets the exception to Bylaws 4-2-1, 4-2-2 and 4-3-3, Age and Enrollment and Attendance; Added a new exception to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, that allows a student who used the transfer bylaw exception which permitted him/her to transfer from a non-public high school to a public high school where the parents' residence is situated to go back to the same non-public high school provided certain stipulations are met; Clarified Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfer, regarding the ineligibility of students who transfer during the sport season in which the student has already participated in a sport; Clarified Bylaw 4-7-6, Transfer, for students who transfer to a high school within the same public school district; Added new Bylaw 4-7-7, Transfer, to permit students to transfer to a high school located within the jurisdiction of a non-public multiple high school system from another high school within that same system provided certain stipulations are met; Clarified Bylaw 4-3-4, Enrollment and Attendance, by noting that a student who does not attend school in a semester due to a suspension or expulsion must have that semester(s) count in the total of eight that are permitted; Clarified Bylaw 1-5, Recognized Sports, by noting that school-sponsored teams, including "club" sports, teams or squads, must be in compliance with all OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations; Clarified Bylaw 1-6, Team Membership, by noting that interscholastic teams sponsored by a member school may not consist of students from more than one school, and amended all references to Board of Control to Board of Directors (the governing body of the Ohio High School Athletic Association).

The referendum issue that failed was a proposal that an exception be added to Bylaw 4-8-1, Students from Foreign Countries and Exchange Students, which would permit a student from a country or province outside the United States who is enrolled in a member school that provides housing for students and accepts

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the role of the parent in loco parentis to be eligible for interscholastic athletics. This issue was submitted for referendum vote by petition by Gates Mills Gilmour Academy. All other proposals were placed up for referendum vote by the OHSAA Board. High school principals had between May 1 and 15 to cast their votes, and a simple majority is all that is required for a proposed amendment to be adopted. One of the changes became effective June 1, while the majority do not become effective until August 1.

The complete changes in language of Constitution and Bylaw items and final voting results are posted on the OHSAA web site at www.ohsaa.org.

C. Minutes from the OHSAA Chemical Awareness Committee of May 14, 2008

The Board was provided the minutes of the OHSAA Chemical Awareness Committee meeting of May 14, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Moore reviewed the highlights. She said Dr. Mike Thomson provided an update on his “Respect The Game - Respect Yourself” initiative that is continuing at several Ohio high schools. The goal is to make the program available to OHSAA member schools at no cost. Dr. Moore said the committee discussed a survey that was conducted with the OHSAA membership in May 2007 regarding drug testing on steroids. The survey indicated that the membership is not in favor of testing at this time and Dr. Moore said the committee did not believe the resources are currently available to recommend that the OHSAA implement a testing program. Patricia Harmon updated the committee on the OHSAA’s partnership with the Drug Free Action Alliance in promoting the “parents who host, lose the most” program. In addition, Dr. Moore said the committee is interested in working with the Drug Free Action Alliance in developing a template for OHSAA member schools to use for athletic codes of conduct and drug-alcohol policies.

D. Appointment of Jerry Snodgrass as OHSAA Assistant Commissioner

Commissioner Ross reviewed the process that was used to select a new assistant commissioner to replace John Dickerson, who is retiring from the OHSAA on September 19, 2008, after 13 years with the Association. Dr. Ross said three individuals were selected to participate in final interviews, and Jerry Snodgrass was recommended to replace Mr. Dickerson. The Board held a special conference call meeting on May 27, and the recommendation to approve the hiring was approved unanimously.

Mr. Snodgrass has spent 31 years in education including the past 25 years with the Findlay City Schools, where he has served as the high school’s athletic director for the past 16 years. He has extensive experience as an OHSAA tournament manager in several sports. Since 2002, Jerry has served on the OHSAA’s Northwest District Athletic Board, and he was elected to a two-year term on the OHSAA Board of Control between 2005-07, serving as president in 2006-07. He also has been a trustee with the OHSAA Foundation. Mr. Snodgrass is a graduate of Upper Sandusky High School and holds degrees from Bowling Green State University and the University of Dayton. Jerry and wife, Barbara, have two grown children.

E. 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. **Centerville Middle School’s** boy’s basketball team had student-athletes violate Bylaw 10-3-6, Non-Interscholastic Participation, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalty, the student-athletes will be suspended from participating in two pre-season scrimmages during the 2008-09 season and the first six regular seasons contests during the 2008-09 basketball season. **Sugarcreek Garaway Middle School’s** track team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-5, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the four contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Felicity-Franklin High School’s** boys tennis team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Attica Seneca East High School’s** boys eighth grade basketball team had student-athletes violate Bylaw 10-3-4, Non-Interscholastic Participation, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalty, the students have been suspended for the first two basketball scrimmages of the 2008-09 season. **Columbus East High School’s** baseball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Shelby Middle School’s** seventh grade boys basketball team had a coach violate Bylaw 10-3-6, Non-interscholastic Participation, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-4-2, Penalty, the coach and his staff will be limited to coaching their seventh and eighth grade students for five days rather than the permissible 10 between June 1 to July 31. In addition, the coach was reprimanded. **Hilliard Heritage Middle School’s** seventh grade baseball team had two student-athletes violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Non-Interscholastic Participation, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contests in which the ineligible students participated. **Louisville High School’s** junior varsity baseball 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 contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Jeromesville Hillsdale High School’s** softball coaching staff was reprimanded for violating Softball Sports Regulation XIX. A. 3, Videotaping A Potential Tournament Opponent. Since the tape was erased before it was used for scouting purposes, no further sanctions were imposed. **Springfield Northwestern High School’s** girls basketball team had three student-athletes violate Bylaw 10-3-4, Non-Interscholastic Competition, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalties, the three student-athletes have been ruled ineligible for the first two scrimmages and the first two regular season contests of the 2008-09 season. **Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary High School** violated Bylaw 4-9-3, Recruiting, when it distributed invitations to parents of students enrolled in grades 5 through 8 to participate in a “junior” weightlifting club (OHSAA Bylaws do not permit member schools to send invitations and/or conduct physical fitness programs for a select group of students). In accordance with Bylaw 12, Penalties, the school was fined \$500 and placed on probation for one year. **Marietta High School’s** volleyball coach violated Sports Regulation 4.3, Instructional Programs, when he

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instructed players on six occasions between March and May. In accordance with Bylaw 12, Penalties, the coach and his staff are prohibited from providing instruction to players during the permissible period of June 1 to July 31.

The OHSAA was involved in the following legal issue: The OHSAA declared a senior student-athlete at **Trotwood-Madison High School** ineligible for violating Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 1, and the penalties referenced in Bylaws 4-1-2, Eligibility, and 11-2-1, Forfeitures, which pertain to the establishment of eligibility via falsification, were applied and required the student to forfeit the remainder of his high school eligibility. On May 16, a Montgomery County Common Pleas Court magistrate issued a temporary restraining order stopping the OHSAA from ruling the student ineligible. A preliminary/evidentiary hearing was held May 22, and a Montgomery County Common Pleas magistrate denied the student's motion for an injunction against the OHSAA and vacated the temporary restraining order. On May 23, the Ohio 2nd District Court of Appeals denied a motion to appeal and to stay the magistrate's decision that was filed by the student's attorney.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of 2006-07 Board of Control Goals

Board President Ackerman reviewed the goals the Board of Control established for both the Board and the OHSAA staff for the 2007-08 school year. The goals were as follows: 1.) Priority goal – Work collaboratively with the OHSAA Foundation to assist in meeting its needs to sponsor activities and opportunities for student-athletes; 2.) continue to promote sportsmanship, ethics and integrity; 3.) provide leadership and support for the development and implementation of a high quality coaches education program; 4.) facilitate and support the work of all Board of Control committees; 5.) continue to enhance communications at all levels of the OHSAA, and 6.) continue to evaluate the financial status of the OHSAA, focusing on the reserve fund, ticket prices and realizing the maximum value for member schools of all OHSAA branded products. Mr. Ackerman said the goals have either been met, are reaching a conclusion or are on-going.

B. Procedures to Nominate Individuals to the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame

Board President Ackerman said a committee reviewed how the OHSAA nominates individuals to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Hall of Fame. The NFHS Hall of Fame accepts nominations for athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and others for their extraordinary achievements in high school sports, and, in the past, Ohio had no formal procedures for nominating individuals. Mr. Ackerman provided a handout that reviewed policies and operating procedures to follow for selecting a hall of fame committee and selecting nominees for the NFHS Hall of Fame and said the committee recommends the adoption of the policies and procedures.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

C. 2008 Football Tournament Regulations

The Board was provided the 2008 football tournament regulations as prepared by Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak. Most changes in the regulations were related to date changes or items that were modified for clarity. Other proposed changes included an increase in regional and state admission prices, changes in reimbursements to participating schools and guidelines for reporting regular season results.

Motion by Mike Richards, second by Bob Britton to **approve** the regulations as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

It was noted that the procedures and deadlines for contests that occur during the last weekend of the regular season and the releasing of tournament qualifiers was not approved and that a subcommittee will be addressing those issues. Also to be reviewed will be the procedures for calculating computer points for open week contests.

D. Winter Sports Proposals

Proposals were presented in the winter sports of wrestling, basketball and swimming and diving.

1. Wrestling

The Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association proposed that weigh-outs be permitted to occur at the end of the first day of competition during regular season two-day tournaments. The association was represented by Troy Roth.

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Teresa Alberts to **deny** the proposal.

Motion passed 8-0.

It was noted that permitting this procedure would put Ohio out of compliance with National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) regulations and that NFHS regulations do permit utilizing this procedure for Association tournament events (which the OHSAA uses at the state tournament).

2. Basketball

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association proposed that coaches be permitted to conduct an individual skill development program as an option to open gyms during the month of May. Coaches would have the choice of conducting an individual skill development program or conducting an open gym; the workouts and open gyms would be voluntary; an unlimited number of student-athletes would be permitted

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to participate in each workout session; the workout would be limited to only individual skill development (no team instruction or competition would be permitted), and the workout or open gym would be limited to five hours per calendar week. The association was represented by Joe Balogh.

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the proposal.

Motion passed 7-1 (Bob Britton dissented).

3. Swimming and Diving

The Ohio School Swimming Coaches Association proposed that the waiting period be waived and that, since boys swimming and diving has eclipsed 250 participating teams, a second division in boys swimming and diving be added for OHSAA tournaments beginning with the 2008-09 school year. The association was represented by Mike Griggs.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Dan Bise to **approve** the proposal.

Motion passed 8-0.

It was noted that the state tournament will continue to be held in Canton and will consist of a four-day format. Preliminary plans call for two divisions to conduct diving competition during the day on Wednesday, with the other two divisions to conduct diving competition during the day on Thursday. On Friday, two divisions will conduct all swimming preliminaries during session one, while the other two divisions will conduct all swimming preliminaries during session two. All final swimming events will be held on Saturday, with two divisions participating in session one and the other two divisions participating in session two.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2008 Regional Tournament Assignments/Sites

Assistant Commissioner Moore presented regional tournament assignments and sites in the sport of volleyball. Divisions II and IV regional semifinals will be held on Wednesday, October 29, and Divisions I and III regional semifinals will be held on Thursday, October 30. The first semifinal match each day will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the second semifinal match to begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first match. Regional finals in all four divisions will be held on Saturday, November 1. Sites hosting single divisions will begin their matches at 2:00, while sites hosting multiple divisions will begin Division I or III matches at 2:00 and Division II or IV matches at 4:00. Division I regional sites are Hudson, Norwalk, Hilliard and Vandalia; Division II sites are Stow-Munroe Falls, Newark, Ontario and Wilmington; Division III sites are Barberton, Findlay, Athens and Wilmington, and Division IV sites are Twinsburg, Elida, Lancaster and Vandalia.

Action on regional tournament assignments and sites in the sport of cross country was deferred until the August Board of Control Meeting.

B. 2008 Fall Sports Tournament Regulations

Updates in regulations for 2008 fall sport tournaments were reviewed by Assistant Commissioners Dickerson (golf and soccer), Moore (field hockey and volleyball) and Neil (cross country) and Price (girls tennis). Most changes were related to date changes or items that were modified for clarity.

In **golf**, a second girls division has been added, resulting in a change in the state tournament schedule. On October 10-11, the Boys Division II state tournament will be held at The Ohio State University Scarlet Course, the Girls Division II state tournament will be held at the OSU Gray Course and the Boys Division III state tournament will be held at Foxfire Golf Club in Lockbourne. On October 17-18, the Boys Division I state tournament will be held at the OSU Scarlet Course and the Girls Division I state tournament will be held at the OSU Gray Course. The admission price will be \$9.00. In **soccer**, the state tournament admission price will be \$8.00. In **field hockey**, one of the sites for the finals of the state qualifying tournaments has been moved to Cincinnati Summit Country Day School from Kettering Fairmont High School; the state semifinals will be held at Upper Arlington High School on Friday, October 31, at 12:00 and 2:30, and the state finals will be held Upper Arlington on Saturday, November 1, at 11:00. The admission price will be \$8.00. In **volleyball**, the state tournament schedule has changed. Division II (12:00 and 2:00) and Division I (4:00 and 6:00) semifinals will be held on Thursday, November 6, with Division IV (12:00 and 2:00) and Division III (4:00 and 6:00) semifinals on Friday, November 7. Finals will be held on Saturday, November 8, with Division II at 11:00, Division I at 1:00, Division IV at 3:00 and Division III at 5:00. In **cross country**, the state tournament admission price will be \$9.00. And in **girls tennis**, both days of the state tournament will be held at the Stickney Tennis Center at The Ohio State University. The admission price will be \$8.00.

C. Approval of OHSAA Tournament Media Rights Fees Beginning With the 2008-09 School Year

Assistant Commissioner Goldring provided the Board with proposed changes to the broadcast rights fees the OHSAA assesses during OHSAA tournament contests. He said he studied fees that are assessed by 13 other state high school athletic associations, then provided proposals to a committee of broadcast media representatives. The committee met twice before agreeing to the proposals. The OHSAA administrative staff also provided feedback.

Some highlights of the changes: 1.) Fees were added for sports in addition to football and basketball beginning at the regional level along with district wrestling; 2.) A new category of television fees was established for cable television stations that have the number of subscribers that is similar to over-the-air stations in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus; 3.) Radio and audio webcast fees for regional football and sectional

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and district basketball were raised by \$10 in each category, with the state semifinal football fee and regional basketball fee going up \$5; 4.) A nominal fee was added for low power (non-commercial) radio stations (\$25 per game) and educational access (non-commercial) television stations (\$50 per game); 5.) A fee of \$25 (radio) and \$50 (television) per sports season was added for stations to sell tapes of their contests to fans, and 6.) A price break was given to cable TV companies in most categories to bring Ohio more in line with what other states are charging and to also bring cable TV somewhat more in line with radio.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Bob Britton to **approve** new business items IV. A., IV. B. and IV. C.

Motion passed 9-0.

V. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

A. Field Hockey State Tournament Draw

Assistant Commissioner Moore and Carol Russo conducted the draw for the 2008 state field hockey tournament that will be held October 31 and November 1 at Upper Arlington High School. The first state semifinal at 12:00 on Friday will have the Dublin 1 state qualifying tournament winner meet the Dublin 2 state qualifying tournament winner, while the second state semifinal at 2:30 on Friday will have the Cincinnati state qualifying tournament winner meet the Kent state qualifying tournament winner. The state finals will be held on Saturday at 11:00.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the draw as conducted.

Motion passed 8-0.

B. Recommendation from the District Athletic Board Review Committee

Board members Farbizo and Richards said the OHSAA District Athletic Board Review Committee recommended that tournament fees be modified for contest officials who work sectional wrestling tournaments. The two-day fee will remain at \$245, but, because some officials only work one of the two days and some sectional tournaments only take place on one day, the committee recommends that a fee of \$55 be paid to those working on Friday and \$190 to those working on Saturday.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

C. Recommendation to Pick Up Option on Contract with Korporate Kasuals

Assistant Commissioner Neil said the OHSAA staff recommended that the option year be picked up for Korporate Kasuals to serve as the official OHSAA tournament apparel vendor for the 2008-09 school year. He said that service, design and revenues continue to improve and that discussions will continue on what direction the Association will head with the contract in the future.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

D. Recommendation to Adopt OHSAA Coaching Education Program

Commissioner Ross asked the Board to approve a recommendation that the OHSAA adopt a Coaching Education Program as part of an on-going process to form an OHSAA Education Academy. Utilized will be the National Federation of State High School Associations Fundamentals of Coaching Course. Dr. Ross said the recommendation has been endorsed by the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. A steering committee has met to review implementation of the program, which will have a required completion date for all first-year coaches and those who are non-teachers of January 1, 2011, and for all other coaches within the year after that date. The commissioner noted that other state athletic associations have also adopted the NFHS program and that the class can be taken on-line or blended (partially on-line and partially in a class setting).

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Dan Bise to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

E. Recommendation to Make the 7th-8th Grade Committee a Standing Committee

Board members Koppel and O'Hare said the 7th-8th Grade Committee that met during the 2007-08 school year recommends that the committee become a standing OHSAA committee since there are many on-going issues impacting 7th-8th grade schools. It is anticipated that there will be representation from superintendents, principals, athletic administrators and the 7th-8th grade representatives serving on OHSAA District Athletic Boards. It is also recommended that the retiring OHSAA 7th-8th grade Board of Directors representative serve as the committee chair, which means that Ms. O'Hare will be the committee's first chair.

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

F. Recommendation to Approve the Greene County Wrestling Officials Association

Commissioner Ross reviewed a recommendation from the Springfield Umpires Association that the Greene County Wrestling Officials Association be established. Dr. Ross said Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak has

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confirmed that the applicant has met all requirements.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

VII. APPEALS

A. Bylaw 4-2-1, Age, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith, re: Their Son, Grade 12, Madison Christian High School, Groveport (Central District)

A student who will be in grade 12 at Groveport Madison Christian High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, because he will turn 19 prior to the August 1 deadline. The student's parents, Jerry and Bobbie Smith, and Debbie Ostrander, an administrator at Madison Christian, appealed the ineligibility based on the exception to the Bylaw so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Gene Klaus to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0.

B. Bylaw 4-3-3, Enrollment and Attendance, Mr. and Mrs. David Hess, re: Their Son, Grade 11, Cincinnati St. Xavier High School (Southwest District)

A student who will be in grade 11 at Cincinnati St. Xavier High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-3-3, Enrollment and Attendance, because he has completed eight semesters of eligibility after having completed four semesters of eligibility at a high school for academically gifted students in Kentucky and four more at St. Xavier. The student and his parents, David and Elizabeth Hess, appealed the ineligibility so that he can participate in interscholastic athletics during his last two years at St. Xavier.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 1, and Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility, Mr. Matthew Watkins, re: His Son, Grade 11, Middletown High School (Southwest District)

A student who will be in grade 11 at Middletown High School has been ruled ineligible for one year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 1 ("If the parents have made a bona-fide legal change of residence from one public school district to another, the student may enroll in the public school within the boundaries of that public school district that includes the new residence of the parents and be immediately eligible insofar as transfer is concerned.") and in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility ("If a student participates in an athletic contest and his or her eligibility has been established by falsified information, the student shall be ineligible in Ohio for a maximum of one year from the date the penalty is imposed."). Additionally, Bylaw 11-2-1, Protests and Forfeitures ("If a student participates in an athletic contest and his or her eligibility has been established by falsified information, the student shall be declared ineligible, but forfeiture of the contest shall not be required.") has been applied. The student and his father, Matthew Watkins, appealed the ineligibility so that he can participate in interscholastic athletics at Middletown High School. The student's aunt, a neighbor and Middletown's newly-hired football coach, Jason Krause, also attended the appeal.

Motion by Mike Richards, second by Bob Britton to **table** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-0.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Board President Ackerman thanked the OHSAA staff for all of its efforts in organizing and administering the various spring sports tournaments.
- B. Frank Gamble of the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association thanked retiring OHSAA Assistant Commissioner John Dickerson for his help with the coaches association during his tenure. Mr. Gamble also expressed concern about the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association proposed plan to move the North-South All-Star Game to the spring and the impact on such a move on spring sports programs.
- C. Outgoing Board of Control President Ackerman thanked his fellow Board members, Commissioner Ross and the OHSAA staff and the officers from the various state coaches associations for their support and efforts in making 2007-08 an outstanding school year. Other Board members also expressed their thanks and gave best wishes to the outgoing Board members.

VIX. SELECTION OF 2008-09 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

- D. Board President Ackerman asked for nominations for the position of president of the Board of Directors for the 2008-09 school year.

Gene Klaus nominated Mike Richards to serve as president of the Board of Directors for the 2008-09 school year. Dan Bise seconded the nomination, made a motion to close nominations and Bob Britton seconded the motion to close nominations.

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By unanimous proclamation, **Mike Richards** was elected president of the Board of Directors for the 2008-09 school year.

Board President Ackerman asked for nominations for the position of vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2008-09 school year.

Gene Klaus nominated Bob Britton to serve as vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2008-09 school year. Dan Bise seconded the nomination, made a motion to close nominations and Bill Koppel seconded the motion to close nominations.

By unanimous proclamation, **Bob Britton** was elected vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Gene Klaus second by Mike Richards to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Motion passed 8-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

2008: August 7; September 11; October 2, and December 4, and

2009: January 15, February 12, April 2, May 7, June 11, August 6, September 10, October 8 and December 10.