

The following are the preliminary minutes from the June 11, 2009, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its August 6, 2009, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (June 11, 2009)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room of the OHSAA office building on June 11, 2009. President Mike Richards 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 Teresa Alberts.

Board Members Present: Mike Richards, president; Keith Bell, vice president; Teresa Alberts; Gene Klaus; Bill Koppel; Rocco Nero; Steve Stirn; Rock VanFossen; Jay Wolfe, and Tom Farbizo (ex-officio) and Jeff Jordan (ex-officio).

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

Others Attending: Incoming Board of Directors members Dave Gray (Class A representative, Southwest District); Steve Keller (Class AA representative, Northwest District); Mike Rotonda (Class AAA representative, Central District); Jose Hernandez (Ethnic Minority Representative); Steve Zimmerman (7th-8th Grade Representative); Matt Shomper (OIAAA ex-officio representative), and Walt Skaggs (Class AA representative, East District, filling a one-year vacancy); Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm, OHSAA staff; David Burkett, Rich Corvin, Phillip Kuhn, Jerry Hites and Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Wally Vickers, Tom Barrick and Tim Birie, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Greg Coullles, Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association; Jay Niswonger, Dick Kerschbaum and Bob Brigati, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Joe Matheny and Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Mark Ferfolia, Ohio High School Hockey Coaches Association; John Johnson, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Mike Griggs, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Scott Taylor and Kaye Keller, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; and Jeff Baker.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Gene Klaus to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the June 11, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Keith Bell to **approve** the minutes from the May 7, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Financial Report

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

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| Balance — April 30, 2009 | \$1,277,364.37 |
| Receipts — May 2009 | 375,869.94 |
| | \$1,653,234.31 |
| Disbursements — May 2009 | <u>1,361,377.22</u> |
| | \$291,857.09 |
| Accounted for as follows: | |
| Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (5/31/09) | \$649,033.96 |
| | <u>\$649,033.96</u> |
| Less Outstanding Checks | 357,176.87 |
| Balance — May 31, 2009 | \$291,857.09 |
| Available Funds — May 31, 2009 | |
| Bank Balance | \$291,857.09 |
| Savings | 607,623.22 |
| Minus Reserve Fund | <u>(800,000.00)</u> |
| Working Capital | \$99,480.31 |
| Reserve fund | \$800,000.00 |
| Building fund | \$199,105.74 |

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The Board was also provided the financial report for the six district athletic boards for April. 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 | \$195,882 | \$2,388 | \$49,849 | \$0 | \$248,119 | \$689,122 | \$571,831 | \$117,291 |
| East | \$60,288 | \$6,833 | \$0 | \$49,552 | \$116,673 | \$313,671 | \$275,364 | \$38,307 |
| Northeast | \$262,552 | \$3,862 | \$7,387 | \$107,793 | \$381,594 | \$1,501,793 | \$1,335,846 | \$165,947 |
| Northwest | \$141,947 | \$20,137 | \$0 | \$0 | \$162,084 | \$1,271,944 | \$1,188,487 | \$83,457 |
| Southeast | \$286 | \$6,305 | \$120,084 | \$119,276 | \$245,951 | \$208,331 | \$253,752 | -\$45,421 |
| <u>Southwest</u> | <u>\$32,692</u> | <u>\$7,747</u> | <u>\$116,626</u> | <u>\$120,920</u> | <u>\$277,986</u> | <u>\$916,248</u> | <u>\$899,689</u> | <u>\$16,559</u> |
| Totals | \$693,647 | \$47,272 | \$293,946 | \$397,541 | \$1,432,407 | \$4,901,109 | \$4,524,969 | \$376,140 |

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Steve Stirn to **approve** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Draft of Proposed OHSAA Budget for 2009-10

At this June meeting, the Board is usually presented the proposed budget for the upcoming school year, which includes the anticipated receipts and expenditures for the OHSAA Columbus office and the six District Athletic Boards.

Motion by Jay Wolfe, second by Teresa Alberts to **table** action on the proposed OHSAA budget for 2009-10.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that the Board will have further discussion on the proposed budget at the upcoming All-Districts Board Meeting June 16 in Sugarcreek.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. OIAAA Response to the Basketball Coaches Association Proposal

Board Member Tom Farbizo provided feedback from the executive board of the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA) on the various state coaches association proposals. The Ohio High School Swimming & Diving Coaches Association proposed that diving be permitted to conduct its own regular season schedule with a 16-meet limit whether the meet includes swimming or not. The Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association proposed that the OHSAA conduct a dual meet state tournament series. And the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association proposed that schools be given the option to play 22 regular season games rather than 20 (A 21st game would be permitted beginning in 2009-10 and a 22nd game would be permitted beginning in 2010-11. Freshmen would be permitted 22 games that would include a tournament, and 7th-8th grade teams would be permitted 16 games plus a tournament not to exceed 20 games); coaches be given the option to provide individual fundamental skill development to players during open gym settings (no team play would be permitted during this instruction), and the first day of official practice be moved to the Friday before the current Monday start date (in 2009-10, the start of girls practices would move from Nov. 2 to Oct. 31 and the start of boys from Nov. 9 to Nov. 6).

Mr. Farbizo said the executive board members he spoke to were opposed to the state basketball coaches association proposal to add more contests. He said they were in favor of the swimming coaches association proposal and that there was not enough information available to provide feedback on the wrestling coaches association proposal.

B. Review of Referendum Voting from May 1-15, 2009

Associate Commissioner Deborah B. Moore reviewed with the Board the results of the 25 referendum issues that were voted upon by the membership between May 1 and 15, 2009. All 25 revisions passed. The changes will become effective August 1, 2009, with the exceptions of: 1.) the change to Bylaw 2-1-4, Classification, which gives the OHSAA Board of Directors the authority to adopt a policy for assigning students, who are not specified as belonging to a particular high school, to the appropriate member school; 2.) the change to Bylaw 4-6-3, which adds an exception that can grant eligibility to students whose parents live outside of Ohio but within the United States, and 3.) the change to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, which clarifies the definition of a transfer student. Those changes became effective May 18. More than 68 percent of the membership voted on the issues, with 559 ballots received (plus seven invalid ballots). The complete results of the referendum voting is posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org).

C. Minutes of the Media Advisory Committee Meeting of May 8, 2009

The Board was presented the minutes of the Media Advisory Committee Meeting of May 8, 2009, and Director of Information Services Tim Stried reviewed the highlights. He said Commissioner Ross reviewed various current topics with the committee and answered questions, and that the committee reviewed media arrangements at the fall and winter sports tournaments and previewed the upcoming spring sports tournaments. The committee also had discussion on granting media credentials for state tournaments, the use of flash photography at OHSAA tournaments and the official OHSAA state tournament photographer.

D. District Athletic Board Election Results and Appointments to the Board of Directors

Commissioner Dan Ross reviewed the voting results from the District Athletic Boards elections. Elected to six-year terms (Aug. 1, 2009, to July 31, 2015): Max Ness, athletic administrator, The Wellington School,

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Columbus (Central Class A); Ron Hurst, athletic administrator, Strasburg-Franklin High School (East Class A); Mark McGuire, athletic administrator, Solon High School (Northeast Class AAA); Bill Axe, assistant principal/athletic administrator, Toledo Central Catholic High School (Northwest Class AAA); Mark Knapp, superintendent, Wheelersburg Local Schools (Southeast Class AA), and Dr. John Kronour, superintendent, Tipp City Exempted Village Schools (Southwest Class AA).

Per OHSAA Bylaw 5-4-1, District Athletic Boards select their respective representatives to serve on the Board of Directors following the established rotational schedule. Appointed to Board of Directors positions (two-year terms, Aug. 1, 2009, to July 31, 2011) were: Dave Gray, superintendent, Franklin Monroe Local Schools, Pitsburg (Southwest Class A); Steve Keller, principal, Coldwater High School (Northwest Class AA); Mike Rotonda, director of student activities, Columbus City Schools (Central Class AAA representative); Jose Hernandez, principal, Fremont Ross High School (ethnic minority representative); Steve Zimmerman, athletic administrator, Nagel Middle School, Cincinnati (7th-8th grade representative), and Matt Shomper, athletic administrator, Tipp City Tippecanoe High School (ex-officio, Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association). In addition, Walt Skaggs, superintendent, St. Clairsville-Richland City Schools, will fulfill the final year of the two-year term of Rock VanFossen (East Class AA representative), who is retiring.

E. Minutes of the OHSAA Diversity Committee Meeting of April 20, 2009

The Board was presented the minutes of the OHSAA Diversity Committee Meeting of April 20, 2009, and Assistant Commissioner Steve Neil and Board member Keith Bell reviewed the highlights. They said the new members of the committee were introduced and discussion took place on length of terms. Also discussed was data gathering from coaches and officials; student leadership conferences, and articles appearing in OHSAA state tournament programs.

F. Update from the Implementation Committee of the District Officials Committee

Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak said the implementation committee has met and has developed job descriptions and explanations. The committee will meet again in June and July and plans to have an implementation plan ready to distribute to the Board of Directors for its August meeting, with the hope that such a plan will be adopted at the September Board meeting. He said it would be desirable to get the new plan unveiled by January so that the entire plan can be in place for the 2010-11 school year. He added that the only approval the committee needs at this point is of the timeline as described.

G. Review of 2008-09 Board Goals

Board President Mike Richards reviewed the goals the Board of Directors established for both the Board and the OHSAA staff for the 2008-09 school year. The goals were: 1.) Set the OHSAA Reserve Fund; 2.) Set the Strategic Plan timetable; 3.) Review opportunities to expand activities; 4.) Review how sports having potential single coaching staffs (boys and girls combined) are classified; 5.) Develop a technology plan for the OHSAA office that is modern and efficient; 6.) Facilitate and support the work of all OHSAA committees; 7.) Promote sportsmanship, ethics and integrity, and 8.) Assist in meeting the needs of the OHSAA Foundation.

He said that all goals were either met or are on-going and that he is pleased with what was accomplished during this school year. Mr. Richards also noted that the OHSAA may be one of the only high school athletic associations in the nation that is in compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which ensures accountability and promotes effective oversight of the Association (disclosure its IRS 990 Form, approval of a Whistle-Blower Protection Plan and approval of a Disaster Recovery Plan).

H. 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. **Green High School's** boys track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the dual meet in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). **Pickerington High School North's** girls track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-6-2, Residency, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the triangular meet in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). **Berlin Hiland High School's** boys track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the six contests in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). **Dayton Chaminade-Julienne High School's** girls varsity soccer team had an assistant coach violate Bylaw 10-3-6, Non-Interscholastic Participation, when the coach was on the sideline for a student-athlete's non-interscholastic competition. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-2, Penalties, the coach was reprimanded for his action and the OHSAA accepted the penalties the school imposed on the coach for the 2009 season, which include suspension from pre-season conditioning with the team; suspension from coaching during the first two weeks of the season, and suspension from coaching in the first two varsity contests. **The Wellington School in Columbus** violated Sports Regulation 33.3 when it permitted its junior varsity boys basketball team to participate in a scrimmage with its eighth grade team. The high school was fined \$150 and reprimanded and the junior high was reprimanded. **Hunting Valley University School's** boys varsity tennis team violated Bylaw 9-2-1, Contests with Out-of-State Schools, when it traveled to a non-contiguous state but missed class time in order to compete. The OHSAA ruled that the school's coach is suspended from coaching during the 2009 OHSAA tournaments (at which time he may not travel with the team, participate in warm-ups with athletes in the tournament, sit in an area designated for the team and coaches or attend any tournament coaches meetings). The coach is permitted to sit in the stands in the spectator area and may practice with the team

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during regular school practices. In addition, the school will not be permitted to travel out of state for any contest during the 2010 boys tennis season. **Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington High School** violated Sports Regulation 33.3 when it permitted an eighth-grade student to practice with the varsity softball team. The high school was fined \$150 and reprimanded. **Fairfield High School's** girls volleyball coach violated Bylaw 10-3-6, Non-Interscholastic Participation, when he permitted members of the team to participate in practices with the boys volleyball team. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-2, Penalties, the coach was reprimanded for this action, was suspended from coaching during the first two regular season varsity contests of the 2009 season and has its number of coaching days reduced from 10 to five from June 1 to July 31, 2010. In addition, the OHSAA accepted the penalties the school imposed. Among the three penalties included suspension from coaching during the first scrimmages of the 2009 season. **Marysville Bunsold Middle School's** 7th-grade baseball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-1, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams, when he played on the non-interscholastic baseball team during the school's baseball season. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit any victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated after he participated on the non-interscholastic team. **Columbus Linden McKinley High School's** varsity softball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-4, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit six victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Byesville Meadowbrook High School's** boys track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit four contests in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.).

OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig also reviewed a pending lawsuit in Summit County.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Winter Sports Proposals

Proposals were presented at the April 2, 2009, Board of Directors meeting in the winter sports of swimming & diving and wrestling, and at the May 7, 2009, Board of Directors meeting in the winter sport of basketball.

Basketball

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association had three proposals:

- a. Give schools the option to play 22 regular season games rather than 20. A 21st game would be permitted beginning in 2009-10 and a 22nd game would be permitted beginning in 2010-11. Freshmen would be permitted 22 games that would include a tournament, and 7th-8th grade teams would be permitted 16 games plus a tournament not to exceed 20 games.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Rocco Nero to **deny** the proposal to permit 21 contests for varsity and junior varsity teams beginning with the 2009-10 season.

Motion passed 8-1 (Gene Klaus dissented).

Motion by Jay Wolfe, second by Keith Bell to **approve** the proposal to permit 22 contests for varsity and junior varsity teams beginning with the 2010-11 season.

Motion failed 6-3 (Rocco Nero, Steve Stirn, Mike Richards, Bill Koppel, Rock VanFossen and Teresa Alberts dissented).

Motion by Rock VanFossen, second by Gene Klaus to **deny** the proposal to permit 22 contests including a tournament for ninth-grade teams beginning with the 2010-11 season.

Motion passed 9-0.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Jay Wolfe to **approve** the proposal to permit 16 contests plus a tournament not to exceed 20 total contests for 7th-8th grade teams beginning with the 2010-11 season.

Motion passed 7-2 (Steve Stirn and Rock VanFossen dissented).

- b. Permit coaches the option to provide individual fundamental skill development to players during open gym settings. No team play would be permitted during this instruction.

Motion by Jay Wolfe, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the proposal.

Motion passed 9-0.

- c. Move the first day of official practice to the Friday before the current Monday start date. In 2009-10, girls would move from Nov. 2 to Oct. 31 and boys from Nov. 9 to Nov. 6.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the proposal.

Motion passed 7-2 (Rock VanFossen and Teresa Alberts dissented).

Swimming and Diving

The Ohio High School Swimming and Diving Coaches Association proposed that diving be permitted to conduct its own regular season schedule with a 16-meet limit whether the meet includes swimming or not.

Motion by Jay Wolfe, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the proposal.

Motion passed 9-0.

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Wrestling

The Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association proposed that the OHSAA conduct a dual meet state tournament series.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Bill Koppel to **table** the proposal for further study.

Motion passed 9-0.

Ice Hockey

The Ohio High School Ice Hockey Coaches Association made two recommendations that had not previously been presented to the Board. Mark Ferfolia represented the coaches association. The proposals were:

- 1.) Permit schools to utilize 17-minute periods rather than 15-minute periods, and
- 2.) Change the format for the state tournament to an eight-team format rather than a four-team format.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Rocco Nero to **table** the proposals.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. 2009 and 2010 Fall Sports Representation and Divisional Alignments

OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Steve Neil (cross country) and OHSAA liaison John Dickerson (golf) provided representation and divisional alignments for fall sports for 2009 and 2010. The proposed representation and divisional alignments are as follows:

Boys Golf

Division I, 225 teams (321 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 227 teams (164-320 males)

Division III, 227 teams (163 or less males)

679 Total Teams

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2009 and 2010 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Combined Northeast and Northwest 6, and Southwest 3; **Division II:** Combined Central and East 3; Northeast 3; Northwest 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 2; **Division III:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4; Northeast 2; Northwest 4, and Southwest 2.

Girls Golf

Division I, 134 teams (318 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 135 teams (317 or less females)

269 Total Teams

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2009 and 2010 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 3; Northeast 3; Northwest 3, and Southwest 3.

Boys Cross Country

Division I, 187 teams (356 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 193 teams (182-355 males)

Division III, 197 teams (181 or less males)

577 Total Teams

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2009 and 2010 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 16; 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 8; East 4; Northeast 12; Northwest 24; Southeast 4, and Southwest 12.

Girls Cross Country

Division I, 164 teams (341 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 173 teams (177-340 females)

Division III, 172 teams (176 or less females)

509 Total Teams

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2009 and 2010 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 12; Northeast 28; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 4; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12 (**note:** after a coin flip to break the tie in Division II, the East district will have 4 qualifiers in 2009 and the Southeast will have 8, while the East district will have 8 qualifiers in 2010 and the Southeast will have 4); **Division III:** Central 8; East 4; Northeast 16; Northwest 24; Southeast 4, and Southwest 8.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the representation and divisional alignments as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that in boys Division III golf, the district tournament in the combined Central, East and Southeast districts will rotate the next three years between those three districts.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

A. 2009 Regional Tournament Assignments/Sites

Associate Commissioner Deborah B. Moore presented regional tournament assignments and sites in the sport of volleyball. Divisions I and III regional semifinals will be held on Wednesday, November 4, and Divisions II and IV regional semifinals will be held on Thursday, November 5. 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.

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Regional finals in all four divisions will be held on Saturday, November 7. Sites hosting single divisions will begin their matches at 2:00, while sites hosting multiple divisions will begin Division II or IV matches at 2:00 and Division I or III matches at 4:00. Division I regional sites are Hudson, Norwalk, Hilliard and Vandalia; Division II sites are Stow-Munroe Falls, Newark or Granville, Ontario and Wilmington; Division III sites are Barberton, Findlay, Logan and Wilmington, and Division IV sites are Twinsburg, Elida, Lancaster and Vandalia.

Assistant Commissioner Steve Neil presented regional tournament sites in the sport of cross country. The regional tournaments will be held on Saturday, October 31. Division III girls will be held at 11:05, Division II girls will be held at 11:50, Division I girls will be held at 12:35, Division III boys will be held at 1:20, Division II boys will be held at 2:05 and Division I boys will be held at 2:50. The sites are Youngstown Boardman, Tiffin Hedges Boyer Park, Pickerington High School North and Troy Memorial Stadium.

B. 2009 Fall Sports Tournament Regulations

Updates in regulations for 2009 fall sport tournaments were reviewed by Commissioner Dan Ross (golf); Associate Commissioner Deborah B. Moore (field hockey and volleyball), and Assistant Commissioners Jerry Snodgrass (soccer), Steve Neil (cross country) and Roxanne Price (girls tennis). Most changes were related to date changes or items that were modified for clarity. In **golf**, the Boys Division II state tournament will be held at the Northstar Golf Resort in Sunbury October 16-17 with all other boys and girls divisions being played at The Ohio State University Scarlet and Gray Courses (boys Division III at Scarlet and girls Division II at Gray on October 16-17; boys Division I at Scarlet and girls Division I at Gray on October 23-24). In **girls tennis**, an additional state tournament regulation states that there shall be a minimum of one hour between matches for each competitor(s), weather permitting. Also, a new formula must be developed for seeding in Division II since there will now be state tournament representation from five districts. In addition, a site for the second day of the state tournament on October 24 is to be determined (Ohio State will not be used since there is a home football game that day). In **soccer**, the boys state finals will be Friday, November 13, with Division III at noon; Division II at 3:30 and Division I at 7:00, while the girls state finals will be Saturday, November 14, with Division II at 10:00 and Division I at 1:30. All five finals will again be at Columbus Crew Stadium. In **field hockey**, one of the sites for the finals of the state qualifying tournaments has been moved to Kettering Fairmont High School from Cincinnati Summit Country Day School.

It was also noted that the Board of Directors will be reviewing the OHSAA reimbursement policies and is considering placing a moratorium on travel reimbursements for most individual sports at the state tournaments.

C. 2010 and 2011 Winter Sports Representation and Divisional Alignments

OHSAA administrative staff members provided divisional breakdowns and representation for the 2010 and 2011 winter sports of boys and girls basketball (Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass), boys and girls bowling (Assistant Commissioner Roxanne Price), gymnastics (Associate Commissioner Deborah B. Moore), boys and girls swimming and diving (Associate Commissioner Moore) and wrestling (Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak).

Boys Basketball

Division I, 200 teams (400 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 201 teams (224-399 males)

Division III, 200 teams (129-223 males)

Division IV, 200 team (128 or less males)

Total Teams: 801

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in boys basketball for 2010 and 2011 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3 (**note:** after a coin flip to break the tie in Division IV, the Central district will have 2 representatives and the Southeast 1 in 2010 and the Central district will have 1 representative and the Southeast 2 in 2011).

Girls Basketball

Division I, 200 teams (371 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 199 teams (215-370 females)

Division III, 200 teams (125-214 females)

Division IV, 199 teams (124 or less females)

Total Teams: 798

Representation from the district to regional tournaments in girls basketball for 2010 and 2011 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) and two Southeast schools (Chillicothe and Logan) 3; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 6; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Boys Bowling

Total Teams: 286

Representation from the district to the state tournament in boys bowling for 2010 and 2011 would be: Combined Central, two East Schools (Zanesville and Zanesville Maysville) and eight Southeast Schools

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(Chillicothe, Chillicothe Unioto, Chillicothe Zane Trace, Circleville, Circleville Logan Elm, Logan, New Lexington, Williamsport Westfall) 3; Combined Northeast and seven East Schools (Bellaire St. John Central, Belmont Union Local, Bridgeport, Carrollton, Magnolia Sandy Valley, Martins Ferry, Rayland Buckeye Local) 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5.

Girls Bowling

Total Teams: 257

Representation from the district to the state tournament in girls bowling for 2010 and 2011 would be: Combined Central, two East Schools (Zanesville and Zanesville Maysville) and seven Southeast Schools (Chillicothe, Chillicothe Unioto, Chillicothe Zane Trace, Circleville, Circleville Logan Elm, New Lexington, Williamsport Westfall) 3; Combined Northeast and seven East Schools (Bellaire St. John Central, Belmont Union Local, Bridgeport, Carrollton, Magnolia Sandy Valley, Martins Ferry, Rayland Buckeye Local) 5; Northwest 2, and Southwest 6 (**note:** after a coin flip to break the tie, the combined Northeast and East districts will have 5 qualifiers and the Southwest 6 in 2010, and the combined Northeast and East districts will have 6 qualifiers and the Southwest 5 in 2011).

Gymnastics

Total Teams: 105

Representation from the district to the state tournament in gymnastics for 2010 and 2011 would be: Combined Central, two East schools and Southeast 3 teams and 8 individuals; Combined Northeast and two East Schools 5 teams and 17 individuals; Northwest 2 teams and 5 individuals, and Southwest 2 teams and 6 individuals.

Boys Swimming and Diving

Division I, 138 teams (401 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 141 teams (400 or less males)

Total Teams: 279

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boys swimming for 2010 and 2011 would be:

Division I: Combined Central and one East school 3; Northeast 5; Northwest 1, and Southwest 4. Eleven at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament.

Division II: Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Northeast 3; Northwest 4, and Southwest 3. Eleven at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament.

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boys diving for 2010 and 11 would be as follows:

Division I: Combined Central and one East school 5; Northeast 10; Northwest 2, and Southwest 7;

Division II: Combined Central, East and Southeast 6; Northeast 5; Northwest 8, and Southwest 5.

Girls Swimming and Diving

Division I, 158 teams (352 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 160 teams (351 or less females)

Total Teams: 318

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in girls swimming for 2010 and 2011 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Northeast 5; Northwest 1, and Southwest 4. Eleven at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament.

Division II: Combined Central, East and Southeast 4; Northeast 3; Northwest 3, and Southwest 3. Eleven at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament.

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in girls diving for 2010 and 2011 would be as follows:

Division I: Combined Central, East and Southeast 6; Northeast 9; Northwest 2, and Southwest 7;

Division II: Combined Central, East and Southeast 7; Northeast 5; Northwest 6, and Southwest 6.

Wrestling

Division I, 169 teams (424 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 170 teams (232-423 males)

Division III, 172 teams (231 or less males)

Total Teams: 511

The number of sectional wrestling tournaments in each district for 2010 and 2011 would be: **Division I:**

Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5;

Division II: Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3, and combined Southeast and Southwest 4;

Division III: Combined Central, East and Southeast 4; Northeast 4; Northwest 6, and Southwest 2.

It was noted that the OHSAA District Athletic Boards are expected to determine who will host combined district tournaments that are set up on a rotational basis.

D. Contract Extensions for Administrative Staff Members

Commissioner Dan Ross recommended that one-year contract extensions be approved for Associate Commissioners Bob Goldring and Deborah B. Moore from August 1, 2010, to July 31, 2011, and that two-year contract extensions be approved for Assistant Commissioners Steve Neil and Roxanne Price from August 1, 2009, to July 31, 2011.

E. Policy/Procedure Approval

With the membership passing the referendum issue that modifies **Bylaw 2-1-4, Classification**, the Board of Directors is to establish policy relative to students who are to be counted in the EMIS report but have not been assigned to any specific high school (the students are ones where there might be an opportunity for participation). In addition, the Board has been given a proposal on bad checks that are submitted to the

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OHSAA office along with a procedure for selecting individuals to serve on the OHSAA District Athletic Board Review Committee.

F. Revision of Lightning and Inclement Weather Sports Regulation

Associate Commissioner Deborah B. Moore informed the Board that the OHSAA staff recommended that a change be made to the lightning and inclement weather sports regulation so that the Association is in compliance with the National Federation of State High School Associations Sports Medicine Committee's adopted policy. The policy is as follows, with the revisions shown in **boldface**.

Recognition:

Coaches, athletic trainers, athletes, administrators and contest officials should be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightning flashes is approximately two to three miles, ANYTIME that lightning can be seen or heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

- Monitor Weather Patterns — Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition, and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.
- National Weather Service — Weather can also be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings. A watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. **Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20 percent change), event organizers should be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightning.**

Management:

Evacuation - If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators should evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures should be announced and displayed on placards at all athletic venues.

Thirty-minute rule - Competition or practice should be suspended once lightning has been recognized or thunder is heard. It is recommended to wait at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard prior to resuming practice or competition. Given the average rates of thunderstorm travel, the storm should move 10-12 miles away from the area. This significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count shall reset the clock, and another count shall begin.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Keith Bell to **approve** New Business items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D. and VI. F. as presented and to table New Business item VI. E.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

A. Field Hockey State Tournament Draw

Associate Commissioner Deborah B. Moore and Kaye Keller conducted the draw for the 2009 state field hockey tournament that will be held November 6 and 7 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 Kent state qualifying tournament winner, while the second state semifinal at 2:30 on Friday will have the Kettering state qualifying tournament winner meet the Dublin 2 state qualifying tournament winner. The state finals will be held on Saturday at 1:00.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Rock VanFossen to **approve** the draw as conducted.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Recommendations from the District Athletic Board Review Committee

Board President Mike Richards said a District Athletic Boards secretaries and treasurers evaluation form was submitted in May, reviewed by the District Athletic Boards and has been forwarded to the OHSAA Commissioner. Approval of use of the form is needed from the Board of Directors.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Keith Bell to **approve** the recommendation to use the District Athletic Board secretaries and treasurers evaluation form.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Approval of Contracts

1. Recommendation to Award a One-Year Extension to Korporate Kasuals

Commissioner Dan Ross said the OHSAA staff recommended that a one-year contract extension be awarded to Korporate Kasuals to serve as the official OHSAA tournament apparel vendor for the 2009-10 school year. He said that discussions will continue on what direction the Association will head with the contract in the future.

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2. Recommendation to Approve One-Year Contract Extension with Columbus Huntington Park
Commissioner Dan Ross said the OHSAA staff recommended that a one-year contract extension be approved for Huntington Park in Columbus to serve as the host of the state baseball tournament in 2010.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Rocco Nero to **approve** the contract extension recommendations.

Motion passed 9-0.

D. Request to Grant Exception to the OHSAA Sports Regulation which Prohibits Friday Night Regular Season Football Games to be Video Streamed Live

The Board was provided with a request by Lucasville Valley and West Chester Lakota West high schools to video stream football games live during the 2009 season. OHSAA Sports Regulations prohibit live video streaming of regular season football games on Friday nights, although another Sports Regulation allows the Board to make an exception for school groups provided that all provisions are met.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Rock VanFossen to **approve** the request.

Motion passed 9-0.

E. Approval of OHSAA Officials Handbook for 2009-10 School Year

Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak provided the Board with an update on revisions that will be made to the 2009-10 OHSAA Officials Handbook. Mr. Zaborniak said new information included such items as the mission, goals and statement of beliefs for the officiating program; the fee structure and tournament pay schedule, and expectations of instructors. He said that the handbook will be duplicated in-house this year and will only be applicable for 2009-10 (rather than for two years) since there will likely be some major changes within the officiating program occurring.

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Rocco Nero to **table** approval of the OHSAA Officials Handbook for 2009-10 in order that the Board be afforded the opportunity to review the handbook.

Motion passed 9-0.

F. Recommendation to Extend the Contract with Akron Firestone Stadium to Host the State Softball Tournament to 10 Years

Commissioner Dan Ross said the OHSAA staff recommended that the contract with Akron Firestone Stadium to host the state softball tournament be extended so that the original contract would be 10 total years. That would make the contract beginning in 2008 and ending following the 2017 state tournament.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

VIII. APPEALS

A. Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility, Mr. Jeff Baker, re: His Son, Grade 11, Holland Springfield (Northwest District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Whitehouse Anthony Wayne High School to Holland Springfield High School in January. Although an affidavit of bona fide residence has been filed, the OHSAA has declared the student ineligible for one year beginning on May 27, 2009, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility, based on falsification of information. The student's father, Jeff, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics as a senior during the 2009-10 school year.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Keith Bell to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Board President Mike Richards thanked the OHSAA staff for all of its efforts in organizing and administering the various spring sports tournaments.
- B. Outgoing Board of Directors President Mike Richards 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 2008-09 an outstanding school year. Other Board members also expressed their thanks and gave best wishes to the outgoing Board members.

X. SELECTION OF 2009-10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

- A. Board President Mike Richards asked for nominations for the position of president of the Board of Directors for the 2009-10 school year.

Keith Bell nominated Steve Stirn to serve as president of the Board of Directors for the 2009-10 school year. Jay Wolfe seconded the nomination. Hearing that there were no other nominations, Rock VanFossen made a motion to close nominations and Gene Klaus seconded the motion.

By unanimous proclamation, **Steve Stirn** was elected president of the Board of Directors for the 2009-10 school year.

Board President Mike Richards asked for nominations for the position of vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2009-10 school year.

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Bill Koppel nominated Rocco Nero to serve as vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2009-10 school year. Keith Bell seconded the nomination. Hearing that there were no other nominations, Rock VanFossen made a motion to close nominations and Teresa Alberts seconded the motion.

By unanimous proclamation, **Rocco Nero** was elected vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2009-10 school year.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

2009: August 6, September 10, October 8 and December 10, and **2010:** January 14, February 18, April 1, May 13, June 10, August 5, September 9, October 14 and December 9.