

The following minutes from the March 27, 2009, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Meeting were officially approved by the Board at its April 2, 2009, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (March 27, 2009)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special meeting at the Holiday Inn on the Lane in Columbus on March 27, 2009. President Mike Richards called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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 Jeff Jordan (ex-officio) and Tom Farbizo (ex-officio).

Administrative Staff Present: Dan Ross, commissioner; Bob Goldring and Deborah B. Moore, associate commissioners, and Roxanne Price, assistant commissioner.

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel.

I. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Final Changes for 2009 Referendum

The Board was provided with a draft of additional proposed referendum issues that reflect changes to the OHSAA Constitution and Bylaws. Associate Commissioner Moore reviewed the proposals.

1.) **Constitution Items 7-3-2, Nomination, and 7-4-1, Elections** — Changes the date for when petitions for those seeking election to an OHSAA District Athletic Board must be received by the OHSAA office from April 1 to April 30, and changes the date for when ballots for those voting on District Athletic Board elections must be received by the OHSAA office from April 30 to May 15.

2.) **Bylaw 2-1-4, Classification** — Adds a clause that permits the Board of Directors 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, and the policy will be published in the OHSAA *Handbook* and web site.

3.) **Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Exception 3; Delete Bylaw 4-4-8, Scholarship** — Adds the concepts that have appeared in Bylaw 4-4-8 to Exception 3 of Bylaw 4-4-1 and adds clarity. The change extends permissible reasons for allowing an incomplete to be made up, notes that all circumstances will be evaluated by the Commissioner's office and reinforces the notion that once a grade is recorded it may not be changed and that only incompletes may be used to restore eligibility once work is made up.

The Board unanimously **gave approval** for the proposed changes to be placed up for referendum vote of the membership.

B. School Enrollment Numbers from the EMIS Report to be used for Classifications

Assistant Commissioner Price provided the Board with the final school enrollment numbers that were provided by the State Department of Education's Education Management Information System (EMIS) and will be used for school classifications for District Athletic Board elections. The enrollment numbers came from October 2008 and will be used for a two-year period that includes the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. It was noted that the numbers will be posted on the OHSAA web site and that school principals will have 10 days to contest the numbers. The Board is expected to officially adopt the numbers at its April 2 meeting.

C. Approval of Schools Transferring Athletic Districts

Wellsville and Minerva high schools requested to change their respective athletic districts and have followed the OHSAA Constitution, which states that schools must submit letters stating reasons for the transfer to the releasing and receiving district athletic boards and the Commissioner's office.

Following advice from the respective district athletic boards, the Board unanimously **gave approval** for Wellsville High School to transfer from the East to the Northeast district and Minerva High School to transfer from the Northeast to the East district beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

D. American Specialty Insurance

Commissioner Ross reviewed with the Board the catastrophic accident, general liability and umbrella insurance policies the OHSAA purchases through American Specialty Insurance. The premiums for the policies are paid quarterly.

The Board unanimously **gave approval** for the Commissioner's Office to finalize the insurance policy agreements with American Specialty Insurance.

E. Review of April Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Ross reviewed with the Board the agenda for the April 2, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

F. Review of OHSAA Pension

Commissioner Ross provided the Board with an update on an issue regarding the OHSAA pension plan.

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G. Wilson Football Agreement

Commissioner Ross provided the Board with an update on Wilson's proposal to extend its agreement to continue as the official ball of the OHSAA football tournaments. The Board is expected to take action on a proposal from Wilson at the April 2, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

H. Proposal to Make Changes to 2009 Start Date and One of the State Tournament Sites in Golf

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that the Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association would like to modify the date for when coaching and instruction may begin in golf in 2009 to Monday, August 3 (from Monday, August 10). In addition, with three boys divisions and two girls divisions in golf, it has become necessary to hold one of the boys divisions of the state golf tournament at a location other than the Scarlet and Gray Courses at The Ohio State University. The location that was used in 2008 is not interested in hosting in 2009. Therefore, a recommendation was made that the new location for one of the boys divisions of the 2009 state golf tournaments be North Star Golf Resort in Sunbury.

The Board unanimously **gave approval** for coaching and instruction in golf in 2009 to begin on Monday, August 3, and for one of the boys divisions of the 2009 OHSAA State Golf Tournaments to be held at North Star Golf Resort in Sunbury.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.