

The following are the preliminary minutes from the May 7, 2009, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its June 1, 2009, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (May 7, 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 May 7, 2009. President Mike Richards called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Rocco Nero and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Gene Klaus.

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). **Board Member Excused:** Tom Farbizo (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: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm and Brenda Murray, OHSAA staff; David Barrow, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Wally Vickers and Greg Nossaman, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Jay Niswonger, Dick Kerschbaum, Mike Mauk, Bob Brigati and Wally Hood, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Mark Ferfolia, Ohio High School Hockey Coaches Association; Mike Griggs and Dan Peterkoski, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelter, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Scott Taylor, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick, Mel McAfee, Fred Vicerai and Jim Oberlander, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Ron Knight, former OHSAA Board of Directors member; Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; Joe Webb, principal, Clyde High School; Dr. Moustapha Salama and Youssef Salama; Erich Frombach; and Michael Freeman Sr. and his son, Jeffrey Vardaro and Jerry Bell.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Bill Koppel to **adopt** the agenda for the May 7, 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 April 2, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the financial reports for March and April. The reports are summarized as follows:

Balance — February 28, 2009	\$541,077.33
Receipts — March 2009	<u>935,870.81</u>
	\$1,476,948.14
Disbursements — March 2009	<u>398,755.88</u>
	\$1,078,192.26
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (3/31/09)	\$1,145,820.68
	<u>\$1,145,820.68</u>
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>67,628.42</u>
Balance — March 31, 2009	\$1,078,192.26
Available Funds — March 31, 2009	
Bank Balance	\$1,078,192.26
Savings	7,623.22
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(800,000.00)</u>
Working Capital	<u>\$285,815.48</u>
Reserve fund	\$800,000.00
Building fund	\$186,925.97
Balance — March 31, 2009	\$1,078,192.26
Receipts — April 2009	<u>690,884.57</u>
	\$1,769,076.83

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Disbursements – April 2009	<u>491,712.46</u>
	\$1,277,364.37
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (4/30/09)	\$1,337,935.58
	<u>\$1,337,935.58</u>
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>60,571.21</u>
Balance – April 30, 2009	\$1,277,364.37
Available Funds – April 30, 2009	
Bank Balance	\$1,277,364.37
Savings	7,623.22
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(800,000.00)</u>
Working Capital	\$484,987.59
Reserve fund	\$800,000.00
Building fund	\$186,925.97

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Jay Wolfe to **approve** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Refund Calculation to District Athletic Boards for District Officials Committees

Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed with the Board the second refund calculation that will be sent to the six District Athletic Boards to distribute to District Officials Committees (DOCs). The refund rate within each district is \$6.00 for each official for each sport up to the first 1,500 officials, \$1.75 for each official for each sport over 1,500 and \$75 per officials association within each district. The total number of registered officials was 18,603 in the fall and an additional 3,700 in the spring (officials are counted for each sport in which they officiate). \$90,091.75 was refunded in the fall, an additional \$8,481 will be refunded this spring, making the total refund for the year \$98,572.75.

B. OHSAA Drive-In Seminar for Newly Appointed School and Athletic Administrators

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that the OHSAA Drive-In Seminar for newly appointed school and athletic administrators for the 2009-10 school year will be Tuesday, August 4, at the Holiday Inn Worthington (Wilson Bridge Road at the intersection of I-270 and State Route 23/High Street, north of Columbus). There is no cost, and information will be mailed to member schools in June.

C. Minutes from the OHSAA Administrative Staff Meeting with the Presidents of the Various State Coaches Associations of April 8, 2009

The Board was provided the minutes of the meeting of the OHSAA administrative staff and the presidents of the various state coaches associations of April 8, 2009, and Associate Commissioner Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said the staff addressed questions that were submitted by the state swimming, soccer and softball associations and the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association that dealt with evenly distributing teams into sectional and district tournaments; District Athletic Boards setting up sectional and district tournaments inconsistently; the proposed summer no-contact period, and the OHSAA's monitoring and penalty process for officials. Mr. Goldring said some of the coaches association representatives and OHSAA staff members continued to meet after lunch and discussed such items as giving coaches more access to their athletes than they currently have but not total access; the impact of two-year terms of OHSAA Board of Directors members and how that impacts decisions that are made, and developing regulations that are more sport specific.

D. Minutes of the OHSAA Diversity Council Meeting of April 20, 2009

The OHSAA Diversity Council met on April 20, 2009. The Board will be presented the minutes at the June 11 meeting.

E. Survey Results

The Board of Directors was provided with the survey results from member school principals on various OHSAA issues. Associate Commissioner Moore reviewed the first series of questions that dealt with OHSAA General Sports Regulations. **1.)** When principals were asked if they favor restricting students in team sports from receiving individual skill instruction from an individual who is not the school coach during that team's sports season, 150 (51.5 percent) were opposed to this restriction and 141 (48.5 percent) were in favor of the proposal; **2.)** When principals were asked if they favor permitting fall sports coaching staff members to have individual coaching contact with students for five hours per week for two weeks during the last two weeks of May, 179 (61.7 percent) were opposed to individual coaching and 112 (38.6 percent) were in favor of the proposal; **3.)** When principals were asked if they favor permitting winter and spring sports coaching staff members to have individual coaching contact with students for five hours per week for two weeks immediately prior to the first day of coaching, 179 (61.7 percent) were opposed to individual coaching and 112 (38.6 percent) were in favor of the proposal; **4.)** When principals were asked if they favor a two-week no-contact period during the summer in which school facilities are closed and interscholastic coaches are not permitted to coach their own students, 147 (50.5 percent) were opposed to a no-contact period and 146 (50.2 percent) were in favor of the proposal; **5.)** When principals were asked if they favor a one-week no-contact period during the summer rather than a two-week no-contact period, 97 (63.8 percent) were opposed to a one-week no-contact period and 56 (36.8 percent) were in favor of a one-week period; **6.)** When principals were asked

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if they favor providing an exception to a no-contact period that would permit outside organizations the use of school facilities for interscholastic athletics provided interscholastic coaches are not involved with their own students, 225 (78.1 percent) were opposed to an exception and 63 (21.9 percent) were in favor of an exception; 7.) When principals were asked if, should there be a no-contact period, interscholastic coaches in the sports of bowling, golf, gymnastics, swimming & diving and tennis should be exempted from this period, 153 (53.3 percent) were opposed to granting an exemption and 134 (46.7 percent) were in favor of an exemption; 8.) When principals were asked when they favor having a two-week no-contact period, should there be one, 78 (37.3 percent) favored the last week of June and first week of July; 41 (19.6 percent) had no preference; 40 (19.1 percent) favored the first two weeks of July; 28 (13.4 percent) favored allowing schools to choose their own time period; 17 (8.1 percent) favored the third and fourth weeks of July, and 7 (3.3 percent) favored the second and third weeks of June; and 9.) When principals were asked if they prefer a new regulation that would require one day off from training, practice and competition during each week of the interscholastic season, 170 (58.6 percent) were in favor of the proposal and 120 (41.4 percent) were opposed to the proposal.

Associate Commissioner Goldring reviewed the second series of questions that dealt with OHSAA General Sports Regulations on live television and video streaming of regular season contests. 1.) When principals were asked if they favor the current regulation that prohibits live television/video streaming of Friday night football games, 159 (69.7 percent) were in favor of maintaining the regulation and 69 (30.3 percent) were opposed; 2.) When principals were asked if they favor extending the current prohibition of live television/video streaming to include all regular season football, girls basketball and boys basketball games, 138 (60.5 percent) were in favor of extending the regulation and 90 (39.5 percent) were opposed; 3.) When principals were asked if favor permitted school-owned and operated web sites to video stream live any regular season contest if it is a student or school project, 155 (68.3 percent) were in favor of permitting live video streaming by school groups and 72 (31.7 percent) were opposed, and 4.) When principals were asked if they favor allowing each member school (and/or leagues and conferences) to decide whether they want a regular season contest televised or video streamed live (and therefore eliminating OHSAA regulations on the issue), 126 (55.5 percent) were opposed to allowing schools to make the decision and 101 (44.5 percent) were in favor.

Dr. Moore and Mr. Goldring said the staff would take the Board's directive on whether to reconvene committees or conduct additional surveys, or the Board could choose not to take action on the survey results. Board President Richards said that, based on the results of the OHSAA General Sports Regulations survey reviewed by Dr. Moore, the Board currently does not plan to take action on those issues. He also indicated that additional surveying of the membership will likely take place.

F. 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. **Bay Village Bay High School's** girls varsity track and field team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-2, Non-Interscholastic Competition. The OHSAA ruled the student ineligible for the next two contests and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the contest in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). **Sugarcreek Garaway High School's** 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 contest in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). **Akron Archbishop Hoban High School's** boys varsity track and field team violated Bylaw 1-1-2 when a sixth-grader was permitted to participate in a varsity competition. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the contest in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). The school was also reminded to review with its coaching staff how such an action exposes potential liability issues. **New London High School's** junior varsity baseball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited a contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Edgerton Junior High School's** 7th-8th grade girls basketball team had nine student-athletes violate Bylaw 10-3-4, Non-Interscholastic Competition, when they participated together in five non-interscholastic contests (a violation of the 50 percent rule). The OHSAA declared the students ineligible for five regular season contests of the 2009-10 season. **Fostoria St. Wendelin High School's** boys varsity 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 contest in which the ineligible student participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.). **Milford High School's** varsity girls basketball coach violated Sports Regulation 7.1, Mandatory No Contact Period-Coaches, when he participated in a physical fitness program with his student-athletes. As a result, the coach and his staff shall have eight days of coaching (rather than the permissible 10) between June 1 and July 31 and the coach was reprimanded. In the April 2, 2009, listing of infractions, it was reported that **Canton McKinley High School's** varsity softball coach violated Softball Sports Regulation C.1, when he held practices, initiated cuts and selected his team during a period when mandatory practice for softball candidates is prohibited. Since the original penalties were assessed, additional information was received by the OHSAA office and his penalties were reduced. In accordance with Bylaw 12, Penalties, the coach was suspended from coaching in the first eight regular season contests of the 2009 season and was reprimanded for his action. **Stow-Munroe Falls High School's** baseball team had a student-athlete violate Baseball Regulation 1.1 when he participated in three baseball games in one day. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contests from that day in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Lorain Southview High School's** girls varsity 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 contest in which the ineligible student

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participated (although all eligible participants were able to keep their points, records, awards, etc.).

In addition, Steve Craig, the OHSAA's legal counsel, provided recommendations that were based on information that was presented at the National Federation of State High School Associations Legal Meeting on April 17, 2009, in Indianapolis. He said the OHSAA should consider being proactive and filing IRS Form 990T (unrelated business income), which would reflect income realized from corporate sponsors; should consider adding a social networking/adult behavior section to the Ohio component of the Coaching Education course, and should consider expanding the association's records retention policy to include all district athletic boards (where such items as e-mails and text messages should be included among the records that are retained).

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. Proposals from the basketball coaches association was deferred until this meeting, and the wrestling coaches association presented additional information from the proposal made in April. The Board will act on the winter sports proposals at the June 11 meeting.

Basketball

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association was represented by Wally Vickers and had three proposals:

- 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.
- 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.
- Move the first day of official practice 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.

Wrestling

The Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association was represented by Troy Roth. At the April meeting, Mr. Roth said his association proposed that the OHSAA conduct a dual meet state tournament series. Mr. Roth provided the Board with additional data on dual meet state tournaments that are conducted in other Midwest states.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2010 Football Tournament Regulations and 2010 and 2011 Division and Regional Assignments

Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak presented updates in the 2009 football tournament regulations along with school division and regional assignments. Most changes in the regulations were related to date and time changes, information on the *myOHSAA* system or items that were modified for clarity. He said that financial information that includes reimbursements schools will receive for tournament participation will be updated once it is approved.

Division assignments would be as follows:

Division I, 120 teams (518 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 118 teams (349-517 males)

Division III, 120 teams (252-348 males)

Division IV, 119 teams (177-251 males)

Division V, 120 teams (125-176 males)

Division VI, 121 teams (124 or less males)

Total Teams: 718

Regional quarterfinals will be held November 6 and 7; regional semifinals will be held November 13 and 14; regional finals will be held November 20 and 21; state semifinals will be held November 27 and 28, and the state finals will be held December 4 (11:00-Division III, Massillon; 3:00- Division V, Canton; 7:00-Division II, Massillon) and December 5 (11:00-Division IV, Canton; 3:00-Division VI, Massillon; 7:00-Division I, Canton). During the regionals and state semifinals, Division II, III and V will play on Fridays at 7:30 and Divisions I, IV and VI on Saturdays at 7:00. The top four seeds will host regional quarterfinal contests, while the OHSAA will select neutral sites for regional semifinal, regional final and state semifinal contests.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Keith Bell to **approve** the football tournament regulations and division and regional assignments as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

A. Officiating Dues Adjustment

The Board was provided a recommendation from the OHSAA staff that officials dues be increased beginning with the 2009-10 school year. The proposed changes are as follows: initial application fee increased from \$45 to \$55; permit renewal via mail of first sport increased from \$50 to \$55 with renewal of additional sports increased from \$22 to \$25; permit renewal on-line of first sport increased from \$43 to \$45 with renewal of additional sports increased from \$20 to \$22, and assigners fees increased from \$45 to \$65. Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak said the additional income will pay for increased costs for mailings, web

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site enhancement and education/training.

B. 2009 and 2010 Fall Sports Representation and Divisional Alignments

OHSAA Associate Commissioner Moore (volleyball) and Assistant Commissioners Snodgrass (soccer) and Price (girls tennis) provided representation and divisional alignments for fall sports for 2009 and 2010. Representation and divisional alignments for the fall sports of cross country and golf were deferred until the June 11 Board meeting. The proposed representation and divisional alignments are as follows:

Boys Soccer

Division I, 184 teams (405 males or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 185 teams (211-404 males)

Division III, 184 teams (210 or less males)

Total Teams: 553

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2009 and 2010 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 6; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3, and Southwest 4.

Girls Soccer

Division I, 281 teams (281 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 280 teams (280 or less females)

Total Teams: 493

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2009 and 2010 would be: **Division I:** Central 3; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 5.

Girls Tennis

Division I, 201 teams (343 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 203 teams (342 or less females)

Total Teams: 404

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2009 and 2010 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 4 (with Central schools Mt. Vernon, Newark, Pataskala Watkins Memorial, Pickerington North and Sunbury Big Walnut and Southeast schools Chillicothe, Logan and Marietta assigned to the East District sectional tournament); Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3, and Southwest 4.

Volleyball

Division I, 199 teams (379 females or more from October 2008 enrollments)

Division II, 196 teams (214-369 females)

Division III, 198 teams (125-213 females)

Division IV, 200 teams (124 or less females)

Total Teams: 793

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2009 and 2010 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 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.

C. Request to Begin Boys Basketball Season on December 3, 2009, by Canton McKinley High School

With the OHSAA football finals being held December 4 and 5, 2009, and one of the sites being Fawcett Stadium in Canton (adjacent to Canton McKinley High School), Canton McKinley High School has asked for a waiver to begin its boys basketball season one day earlier than is permitted on Thursday, December 3, so as to not conflict with the football finals at Fawcett Stadium.

D. Application for Officials Associations

Commissioner Ross reviewed recommendations that the Ohio River Volleyball Officials Association and the Grand Lakes Basketball Officials Association be established. Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak confirmed that both applicants have met all requirements.

E. Recommendation to Reorganize District Officials Committees

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that the District Athletic Board Review Committee and OHSAA staff recommend that a reorganization take place of the District Officials Committee. Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak will chair a subcommittee that will recommend a reorganization plan and will include Steve Stirn, Jerry Fick, Diane Plas, Kyle McNeely, Ken Kaiser and Ron Knight. At the August or September Board of Directors Meeting, the subcommittee will provide the Board with an update on what has been accomplished, a proposed plan for reorganization and an implementation timetable.

It was emphasized that what the Board is approving at this meeting is the reorganization concept and not the draft of a reorganization plan that has been presented. The subcommittee is charged with continuing to work on the plan and timetable and keeping communication as open as possible with the Board of Directors.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Rock VanFossen to **approve** Additional New Business Items VII. A., VII. B., VII. C., VII. D.

Motion passed 9-0.

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VIII. APPEALS

A. Bylaw 4-3-3, Dr. Moustapha Salama, re: His Son, Grade 12, Cincinnati Indian Hill High School (Southwest District)

A 12th-grade student at Cincinnati Indian Hill High School has been ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics for his senior year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-3-3, Enrollment and Attendance, because the student completed eight semesters of eligibility at the end of the 2007-08 school year. The student's father, Dr. Moustapha Salama, and an older son, Youssef, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2008-09 school year.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Bylaw 4-4-1, Exception 2, Scholarship, Mr. Erich Frombach, Athletic Administrator, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Avon High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student at Avon High School has been ruled ineligible for the fourth grading period of the 2008-09 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, because she did not pass a minimum of five one-credit classes or the equivalent during the preceding grading period. The school's athletic administrator, Erich Frombach, appealed the ineligibility based on Exception 2 to the Bylaw.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Steve Stirn to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 1, Transfers, Mr. Michael D. Freeman Sr., re: His Son, Grade 10, Columbus Beechcroft High School (Central District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from Columbus Harvest Prep High School to Columbus Beechcroft High School and has been ruled ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Beechcroft in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because there has never been a bona-fide legal change of residence from one public school district to another public school district. The student and his father, Michael Freeman, and attorney Jeffrey Vardaro appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Beechcroft immediately. Jerry Bell, athletic administrator at Beechcroft, also attended the appeal.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Teresa Alberts to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Rhonda Saegert, Principal, re: An 11th-Grade Student, Cleveland John Marshall High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Elyria High School to Cleveland John Marshall High School. The OHSAA has ruled that the student was not eligible at John Marshall in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because she did not meet any of the exceptions to the Bylaw. In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, John Marshall must forfeit any victorious basketball contests in which the student participated. In addition, the student is currently seeking to transfer back to Elyria High, but the OHSAA has not granted eligibility until the issue of the student's legal custodian has been cleared. Ms. Rhonda Saegert, principal at John Marshall, appealed the original ruling affecting her school in writing so that the victorious basketball contests in which the student participated do not have to be forfeited.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

2009: June 11, 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.