

The following are the preliminary minutes from the October 8, 2009, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its December 10, 2009, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (October 8, 2009)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting at the OHSAA office in Columbus on October 8, 2009. President Steve Stirn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Jose Hernandez and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Walt Skaggs.

Board Members Present: Steve Stirn, president; Rocco Nero, vice president; Teresa Alberts; Dave Gray; Jose Hernandez; Steve Keller; Mike Rotonda; Walt Skaggs; Steve Zimmerman, and Matt Shomper (ex-officio).

Board Member Excused: 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: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm, OHSAA staff; Brian Day and Katie Botsis, OHSAA interns; Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Tom Barrick and Dave Butcher, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Bob Brigati, Mike Mauk, Wally Hood and Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; John Johnson, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Dan Peterkoski, Ohio High School Swimming and Diving Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelter and Scott Dorne, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Scott Taylor and Carol Russo, 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; Floyd Spangler, his grandson and Randy Graber; Marcel and Venita Caver and their son; Letitia Reynolds and her son; Dolores and Theodore Bruster; Dewey Akers and Davina Brogan-Akers and their daughter; Naysan McIlhargey and the student he is hosting; Dr. and Mrs. Herb Postle, Bob and Sarah Reed and Max Ness; Joyce Beitzinger, and Mark Inkrott, June Wedd and Jake Fitzpatrick

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Rocco Nero to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the October 8, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Steve Zimmerman, second by Walt Skaggs to **approve** the minutes from the September 10, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. State Office Financial Report

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

Balance — August 31, 2009	\$1,049,678.70
Receipts — September 2009	<u>383,210.55</u>
	\$1,432,880.25
Disbursements — September 2009	<u>436,660.06</u>
	\$996,220.19
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (9/30/09)	<u>\$1,096,806.57</u>
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>100,586.38</u>
Balance — September 30, 2009	\$996,220.19
Available Funds — September 30, 2009	
Bank Balance	\$996,220.19
Savings	610,298.89
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(800,000.00)</u>
Working Capital	\$806,519.08
Reserve fund	\$800,000.00
Building fund	\$218,074.00

B. District Athletic Boards Financial Reports

The Board was also provided the financial report for the six district athletic boards through August. The report is summarized as follows:

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<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	\$36,735	\$24	\$164,651	\$0	\$201,409	\$0	\$3,584	– \$3,584
East	\$29,396	\$3,891	\$0	\$49,864	\$83,151	\$0	\$895	– \$895
Northeast	\$194,722	\$214	\$7,395	\$110,206	\$312,537	\$3	\$5,939	– \$5,939
Northwest	\$170,847	\$10,986	\$0	\$0	\$181,833	\$0	\$8,296	– \$8,296
Southeast	\$844	\$3,144	\$160,084	\$119,276	\$283,348	\$130	\$5,266	– \$5,136
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$48,810</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$101,735</u>	<u>\$120,920</u>	<u>\$271,566</u>	<u>\$12,570</u>	<u>\$95,695</u>	<u>– \$83,125</u>
Totals	\$481,354	\$18,359	\$433,865	\$400,266	\$1,333,844	\$12,703	\$119,675	– \$106,975

Motion by Teresa Alberts, second by Steve Zimmerman to **approve** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Updates from OHSAA Board Committees

Updates were provided to the Board on two OHSAA committees that have recently met.

1. Board member Rocco Nero said the **Technology Committee** has approved the first phase of the technology plan, which calls for money to be allocated for upgrades in the infrastructure within the OHSAA office (switches, wireless access, antennas, controller, firewall).

2. Board member Steve Keller said the **Hall of Fame Committee** has approved submitting the name of former Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School cross country, basketball and track standout Susan Nash Sugar for nomination to the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame. He said the committee will ask the Board of Directors approve the recommendation later in the meeting.

B. 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. **Proctorville Fairland High School's** boys basketball coach violated Sports Regulation 4.9 when he coached student-athletes for more than the 10 days that are permitted between June 1 and July 31. In accordance with Sports Regulation 4.12, Penalties, the coach and his staff will have the 10-day coaching limitation reduced to seven days between June 1 and July 31, 2010, and the coach was reprimanded.

Waverly High School's boys soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Riverside Stebbins High School's** boys soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Cincinnati Aiken High School's** junior varsity football team had two student-athletes violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit a victorious contest in which the ineligible students participated. **Cincinnati Purcell Marian High School's** girls soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible students participated. **Brooklyn High School's** girls soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Piqua** and **Springboro** high schools' girls tennis coaches were reprimanded for violating Tennis Regulation 1.2 when they permitted their players to participate in pro sets rather than the required best two-out-of-three sets format. **New London High School's** baseball coach violated Sports Regulation 8, Mandatory No Contact Periods – Coaches, when he conducted a team meeting during that period. The school's self-imposed penalty of extending the no contact period in baseball for an additional week was accepted by the OHSAA. **Vienna Mathews High School's** boys golf team had two student-athletes violate Sports Regulation 4.4, Non-Interscholastic Competition, when they participated in a non-school golf event after competing as members of the school's golf team. In accordance with Sports Regulation 4.12, Penalties, the two golfers were suspended from participating in the school's next two golf matches. **Columbiana Heartland Christian School's** boys soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-8-1, Students from Foreign Countries and Exchange Students, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Gahanna Christian Academy's** boys soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Zanesville West Muskingum High School's** girls soccer team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit all victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Dayton Thurgood Marshall High School's** football team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit three victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Toledo Bowsher High School's** varsity football team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. The student only participated in scrimmages, so Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, was not applied.

OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig also provided an update on litigation cases.

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V. OLD BUSINESS

A. District Officials Committee Reorganization Plan

Last spring, the Board was provided with initial plans from a subcommittee to reorganize the OHSAA District Officials Committee. Following several more committee meetings and additional updates provided to the Board of Directors, the reorganization plan, including implementation, has been finalized.

Motion by Mike Rotonda, second by Jose Hernandez to **approve** the District Officials Committee reorganization plan as provided to the Board.

Motion passed 9-0.

Commissioner Dan Ross thanked Assistant Commissioner and subcommittee chair Henry Zaborniak Jr. and the subcommittee for their work in developing the plan and following the guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

B. Updated Membership List

The Board was provided with an updated list of member schools that have returned their required membership form to the OHSAA. The form (resolution card) affirms that the school's board of education or similar governing board has adopted a resolution authorizing membership with the OHSAA and, in doing so, agrees to conform with all OHSAA bylaws and regulations. Commissioner Dan Ross reported that all forms have been returned and the OHSAA has 831 high schools for the 2009-10 school year.

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Walt Skaggs to **approve** the final 2009-10 OHSAA membership list as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

A. 2010 State Ice Hockey Tournament Draw

Assistant Commissioner Steve Neil and Board member Jose Hernandez conducted the 2010 State Ice Hockey Tournament draw. The tournament will be held March 13 and 14 at Nationwide Arena in Columbus. The semifinals will be held on Saturday (Brooklyn district winner vs. Kent district winner; Sylvania district winner vs. Columbus district winner), and the finals on Sunday. The starting times are to be announced.

B. 2010 Winter Sports Tournament Regulations

Amended winter sports tournament regulations were reviewed by OHSAA administrative staff members Jerry Snodgrass (boys and girls basketball); Roxanne Price (bowling); Deborah B. Moore (gymnastics and swimming & diving); Steve Neil (ice hockey), and Henry Zaborniak Jr. (wrestling). Most changes reflected dates and times. In **basketball**, it was noted that NFHS Basketball Rules now permit replay monitor equipment to be used at the state tournament, while the red LED light on backboards will not be used during OHSAA sectional, district and regional tournaments. In **bowling**, it was noted how ties in representation from the district to the state tournament were broken; that the state tournament will now be held at Shawnee Lanes in Chillicothe (per Board approval later in the meeting), and that competition dates for the state tournament have again been rotated, with the boys participating on Friday and the girls on Saturday. In **gymnastics**, it was pointed out that the state tournament will move to Hilliard Bradley High School. In **swimming and diving**, it was noted that the swimming competition schedule for the state tournament has been flip-flopped, with Division I participating Friday and Saturday mornings and Division II on Friday and Saturday afternoons. In addition, the ticket price for the swimming portion of the state tournament has been altered, with the all-session ticket price per division dropping to \$16.00.

Board President Steve Stirn reemphasized the importance of managers conducting basketball tournament draws at the required dates and times.

C. WHBC-TV In Canton: Request Waiver of TV Timeouts

The Board was provided with a request from WHBC-TV in Canton that television timeouts be permitted for its live telecast of the Massillon Washington at Canton McKinley regular season football game on Saturday, October 31, 2009, as negotiated by the station and the competing schools.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Walt Skaggs to **approve** New Business Items VI. A., VI. B. and VI. C.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

A. Approval of Elysium Tennis as a Backup Indoor State Tennis Tournament Site

In the event there is inclement weather at the girls state tennis tournament, the OHSAA staff recommended that Elysium Tennis be secured as a backup indoor facility. Elysium Tennis is located in Plain City.

Motion by Steve Keller, second by Dave Gray to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Approval of Shawnee Lanes in Chillicothe as the State Bowling Tournament Site

The OHSAA staff recommended that Shawnee Lanes in Chillicothe serve as the site of the state bowling tournament March 5 and 6, 2010.

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Motion by Steve Zimmerman, second by Jose Hernandez to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Approval of Susan Nash Sugar to be Nominated to the NFHS Hall of Fame

Board member Steve Keller said the OHSAA Hall of Fame Committee would like the Board of Directors to approve the committee's recommendation that former Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School cross country, basketball and track & field standout Susan Nash Sugar be nominated to the National Federation of State High School Association's Hall of Fame.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

D. Request to Waive the OHSAA Sports Regulation that Prohibits Live Friday Night Football Telecasts

Steubenville High School is hosting Massillon Washington High School in football Oct. 9, 2009, and Steubenville High and WTOV-TV in Steubenville have requested that the OHSAA waive its regulation prohibiting live telecasts of Friday night football games since the contest will be sold out.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Jose Hernandez to **deny** the request.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that, while the Board understands the request would serve those community members who are unable to attend the contest, permitting live television could have had an adverse effect on attendance at neighboring schools that may be hosting contests at the same time, especially if there is inclement weather.

VIII. APPEALS

Board member Walt Skaggs served as the appeals hearing officer.

A. Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, Mr. Floyd Spangler, re: His Grandson, Grade 11, Bainbridge Paint Valley High School (Southeast District)

An 11th-grade student has transferred from a school in North Carolina to Bainbridge Paint Valley High School, where he lives with his grandparents. He has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics at any Ohio high school in accordance with Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, because the student does not meet the provisions of Exception 1 of the bylaw, which require a legal change of custody. The student and his grandfather, Floyd Spangler, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Paint Valley. Randy Graber, the school's principal, also attended the appeal.

Motion by Mike Rotonda, second by Teresa Alberts to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Karl Ertle, Principal, Two 11th-Grade Students, Cleveland Central Catholic High School (Northeast District)

Two 11th-grade students transferred from Bedford High School to Cleveland Central Catholic High School and have been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Cleveland Central Catholic in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because the students do not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The students and their parents, Marcel and Venita Caver and Letitia Reynolds, appealed the ruling so that their sons can participate in interscholastic athletics at Cleveland Central Catholic immediately.

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Rocco Nero to **deny** the appeals.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-7, Transfers, Ms. Dolores Bruster, re: Her Son, Grade 10, Cleveland Central Catholic High School (Northeast District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from Cleveland Benedictine High School to Cleveland Central Catholic High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Cleveland Central Catholic in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-7, Transfers, because the student does not meet the stipulation that says the transfer must be approved prior to the beginning of the school year. The student's parents, Dolores and Theodore Bruster, appealed the ruling so that their son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Cleveland Central Catholic immediately.

Motion by Jose Hernandez, second by Steve Keller to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 6-3 (Dave Gray, Steve Stirn and Walt Skaggs dissented).

D. Bylaw 4-7-7, Transfers, Mr. Steve Andersson, Principal, re: A 10th-Grade Student, Westerville South High School (Central District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from Westerville North High School to Westerville South High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Westerville South in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-7, Transfers, because the student does not meet the stipulation that says the transfer must be approved prior to the beginning of the school year. The student and her parents, Dewey Akers and Davina Brogan-Akers, and Scott Dorne, Westerville South's athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at

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Westerville South immediately. Steve Andersson, principal at South, also attended the appeal.

Motion by Mike Rotonda, second by Steve Keller to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 6-3 (Dave Gray, Steve Stirn and Walt Skaggs dissented).

E. Bylaw 4-8-1, Students from Foreign Countries and Exchange Students, Jalana Lazar and Naysan McIlhargey, re: Their 10th-Grade Exchange Student, Yellow Springs High School (Southwest District)

A 10th-grade student from a foreign country attending Yellow Springs High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics at any Ohio high school in accordance with Bylaw 4-8-1, Students from Foreign Countries and Exchange Students, because the student is not enrolled in a program approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), of which OHSAA bylaws require for eligibility. The student and her host father, Naysan McIlhargey, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Yellow Springs.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Teresa Alberts to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

F. Bylaw 4-6-3, Exception 1, Residence, Ms. Nancy Postle, re: Her Nephew, Grade 10, The Wellington School, Columbus (Central District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from a school in Colorado to The Wellington School in Columbus and his aunt has been given custody. He has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics at any Ohio high school in accordance with Bylaw 4-6-3, Residence, because the student does not meet the provisions of Exception 1 of the bylaw. The student's aunt and uncle, Nancy and Herb Postle, and grandparents, Bob and Sarah Reid, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at The Wellington School. The school's athletic administrator, Max Ness, also attended the appeal.

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Steve Zimmerman to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that additional documentation was submitted at the appeal that supported the provisions of Exception 1 of the bylaw.

G. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mrs. Joyce Beitzinger, re: Her Daughter, Grade 10, Gahanna Columbus Academy (Central District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from Westerville South High School to Gahanna Columbus Academy and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Columbus Academy in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because the student does not meet the provisions of Exception 7 of the bylaw. The student's mother, Joyce Beitzinger, appealed the ruling so that her daughter can participate in interscholastic athletics at Columbus Academy immediately.

Motion by Walt Skaggs, second by Steve Stirn to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

H. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Dr. and Mrs. Eric Candler, re: Their Son, Columbus Bishop Hartley High School (Central District)

An 11th-grade student has transferred from Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School to Columbus Bishop Hartley High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Bishop Hartley in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because the student does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Eric Candler, appealed the ruling in writing so that their son can participate in interscholastic athletics at Bishop Hartley immediately.

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Rocco Nero to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

I. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Mr. Brent McDaniels, re: His Son, Grade 12, London High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student has transferred from Dublin Jerome High School to London High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at London in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because the student does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's father, Brent McDaniels, appealed the ruling in writing so that his son can participate in interscholastic athletics at London immediately.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

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J. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Ms. Sue Bateman, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Nelsonville-York High School Central (Southeast District)

A 12th-grade student at Nelsonville-York High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for the first grading period of the 2009-10 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, because he did not receive passing grades in five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, during the last grading period of the 2008-09 school year. Sue Bateman, the school's director of special programs, appealed the ineligibility in writing so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics without sitting out the first grading period.

Motion by Steve Stirn, second by Jose Hernandez to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. American Dairy Association Presentation

Mark Inkrott and June Wedd of the American Dairy Association-Mideast made a presentation to the Board of Directors and audience members to talk about their new corporate partnership with the OHSAA and to promote the association's "Refuel With Chocolate Milk" program.

B. OHSAA Magazine

Board President Steve Stirn congratulated and thanked OHSAA Director of Information Services Tim Stried on overseeing the production of the first edition of *OHSAA Magazine*. The magazine, to be published three times a year, will be mailed to OHSAA member school administrators and constituents and will provide information on the role and services provided by the Association along with other feature stories.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 1:45 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: December 10, and **2010:** January 14, February 18, April 1, May 13, June 10, August 5, September 9, October 14 and December 9.