

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

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES (September 10, 2009)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting at the OHSAA office in Columbus on September 10, 2009. President Steve Stirn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Dave Gray and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Zimmerman.

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) 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: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm and Brenda Murray, OHSAA staff; Chris Smith, David Barrow, David Burkett, Jerry Hites, Rich Corvin and Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Pete Liptrap and Greg Nossaman, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Greg Coules, Ohio High School Bowling Coaches Association; Doug Pearson, 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; Mike Griggs, Ohio High School Swimming and Diving Coaches Association; Ryan Shaffer, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelter, Ohio Association of Track and Cross County 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; Jim Harbuck, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Scott Ebright, Ohio School Boards Association; T.J. Riggs, Scott Reeves and Pete Laihr; Mark Coup and his son, Tom Lehman and Allen Koker; Dr. Andrew Stiegler and his son; Steve Meier; Jeremy Froehlich and a student from his school; Jess Bell and Don Readance; and Denise and Larry Barnes and their daughter and Jim Offenkaker.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Teresa Alberts to **adopt** the agenda for the September 10, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mike Rotonda, second by Steve Zimmerman to **approve** the minutes from the August 6, 2009, Board of Directors meeting and the August 13, 2009, Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Financial Report

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

Balance — July 31, 2009	\$1,314,794.13
Receipts — August 2009	<u>219,807.02</u>
	\$1,534,601.15
Disbursements — August 2009	<u>484,922.45</u>
	\$1,049,678.70
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (8/31/09)	<u>\$1,157,605.93</u>
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Less Outstanding Checks	<u>107,927.23</u>
Balance — August 31, 2009	\$1,049,678.70
Available Funds — August 31, 2009	
Bank Balance	\$1,049,678.70
Savings	610,298.89
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(800,000.00)</u>
Working Capital	\$859,977.59
Reserve fund	\$800,000.00
Building fund	\$218,074.00

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

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<u>District</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>DOC Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>Total Cash</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Net Profit/Loss</u>
Central	\$56,722	\$1,750	\$164,651	\$0	\$223,123	\$815,394	\$741,728	\$73,666
East	\$30,291	\$3,891	\$0	\$49,864	\$84,046	\$385,185	\$398,869	-\$13,684
Northeast	\$200,358	\$515	\$7,393	\$110,206	\$318,473	\$1,819,522	\$1,718,429	\$101,093
Northwest	\$177,747	\$12,966	\$0	\$0	\$190,713	\$1,615,548	\$1,535,953	\$79,595
Southeast	\$7,652	\$3,144	\$153,084	\$119,276	\$283,157	\$512,185	\$513,483	-\$1,298
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$42,129</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$217,222</u>	<u>\$120,920</u>	<u>\$380,371</u>	<u>\$1,513,359</u>	<u>\$1,439,657</u>	<u>\$73,701</u>
Totals	\$514,899	\$22,366	\$542,350	\$400,266	\$1,479,883	\$6,661,193	\$6,348,119	\$313,073

C. Spring Sports Financial Reports

Comptroller Todd Boehm reviewed financial reports from the 2009 OHSAA regional and state baseball and fast pitch softball tournaments along with the 2009 state boys tennis tournaments. The breakdown for the tournaments from 2009 and the previous four years is as follows:

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>2009 Net</u>	<u>2008 Net</u>	<u>2007 Net</u>	<u>2006 Net</u>	<u>2005 Net</u>
state baseball	+ \$22,599.38	- \$6,861.37	+ \$15,719.66	+ \$10,454.6	+ \$38,968.54
regional baseball	- \$8,372.52	+ \$3,839.59	+ \$17,582.90	+ \$26,443.41	+ \$30,117.90
total baseball*	+ \$1,588.06	- \$15,508.18	+ \$20,879.77	+ \$25,306.01	+ \$57,653.44
state fast pitch softball	+ \$40,269.38	+ \$20,800.22	+ \$9,626.80	- \$2,430.69	+ \$2,186.14
regional fast pitch softball	- \$18,565.88	- \$4,923.55	- \$309.42	- \$15,088.36	- \$928.61
total fast pitch softball*	+ \$9,064.70	+ \$3,378.25	- \$3,105.41	- \$29,111.05	- \$10,175.47
state boys tennis	- \$6,478.56	- \$9,028.67	- \$8,208.99	- \$11,658.15	- \$8,603.10

* includes all tournament expenses paid by the OHSAA office

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Steve Zimmerman to **approve** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Spring Sports Proposals

State coaches associations in spring sports were provided the opportunity to present proposed changes in their sports that the Board will act upon at its December meeting.

1. Track and Field

The Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches proposed that the shot put for grades 7 and 8 be changed to six pounds for girls and to four kilograms for boys. The association also proposed that coaches be required to recertify their pole vault education requirement every three years beginning with the 2010 track and field season. Greg Fraunfelter represented the coaches association.

B. Update on OHSAA Board Committees

Board President Steve Stirn provided an update on committees that will be meeting during this school year. Committees and Board members who will be chairs: Strategic Plan Implementation: Dave Gray; Audit: Jeff Jordan; Hall of Fame: Steve Keller; Expanding Opportunities: Rocco Nero; Technology: Rocco Nero, and Finance: Steve Stirn.

C. Harold A. Meyer Award Recipients

Assistant Commissioner Roxanne Price said the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee selected 68 schools – 56 high schools and 12 7th-8th grade schools – as recipients of the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards for the 2008-09 school year. The awards are presented to schools that demonstrate they have completed an eight-part program that promotes sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in their schools and communities. High schools selected for the award: Avon; Avon Lake; Batavia Amelia; Bay Village Bay; Chagrin Falls Kenston; Cincinnati Aiken; Cincinnati LaSalle; Cincinnati Madeira; Cincinnati Mariemont; Cincinnati Oak Hills; Cincinnati Seven Hills; Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy; Cincinnati Taft; Clayton Northmont; Cleveland Cuyahoga Heights; Columbus Africentric Early College; Columbus Beechcroft; Columbus Bishop Hartley; Columbus Bishop Watterson; Columbus Briggs; Columbus Brookhaven; Columbus Centennial; Columbus East; Columbus Eastmoor Academy; Columbus Independence; Columbus Linden McKinley; Columbus Marion-Franklin; Columbus Mifflin; Columbus Northland; Columbus South; Columbus Walnut Ridge; Columbus West; Columbus Whetstone; Coshocton; Dayton Chaminade-Julienne; Germantown Valley View; Grafton Midview; Granville; Hamilton Ross; Hilliard Darby; Hilliard Davidson; Independence; Johnstown-Monroe; Loveland; Medina Highland; Morrow Little Miami; North Ridgeville; Pepper Pike Orange; Perry; The Plains Athens; Rossford; Stow-Munroe Falls; Vandalia Butler; West Carrollton; Westlake, and Wilmington. 7th-8th grade schools selected for the award: Ashville Teays Valley Middle School; Cincinnati Nagel Middle School; Cleveland Cuyahoga Heights Middle School; Dublin John Sells Middle School; Germantown Valley View Middle School; Grafton Midview Middle School; Lewis Center Olentangy Orange Middle School; Lewis Center Olentangy Shanahan Middle School; Munroe Falls Kimpton Middle School; Powell Olentangy Hyatts Middle School; Powell Olentangy Liberty Middle School, and Tontogany Otsego Junior High School.

The awards began in 1992 and are named in honor of the late Harold A. Meyer, commissioner of the OHSAA from 1969 to 1977. Winners are presented a banner at a school assembly or athletic event.

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D. 2009-10 Regional and State Tournament Officials Calculations

The Board was provided with the 2009-10 officials calculations for tournament assignments in the sports of boys and girls cross country (state tournament); football (regional and state tournaments); boys and girls soccer (regional and state tournaments); volleyball (regional and state tournaments); boys and girls basketball (regional and state tournaments); ice hockey (state tournament); boys and girls swimming and diving (state tournament); wrestling (state tournament); baseball (regional and state tournaments); fast pitch softball (regional and state tournaments), and boys and girls track and field (state tournament). Assignments are made on a proportional basis per district and are calculated based on the number of Class 1 officials who had registered with the OHSAA by August 1, 2009.

E. 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. **Waynesfield Goshen High School's** girls basketball coach violated Sports Regulation 4.9 when he coached student-athletes during an open gym setting and surpassed the 10 days of coaching regulation that is permitted between June 1 and July 31. In accordance with Sports Regulation 4.12, Penalties, the coach was suspended from coaching in the first two regular season contests of the 2009-10 season and was reprimanded. **New Paris National Trail High School's** girls golf team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the four contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Upper Sandusky 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. **Canal Winchester High School's** boys golf team had a student-athlete violate Sports Regulation 4.4, Non-Interscholastic Competition, when he participated in a non-school golf event after competing as a member of the school's golf team. In accordance with Sports Regulation 4.12, Penalties, the golfer was suspended from participating in the school's next two golf matches. OHSAA legal counsel Steve Craig also provided an update on litigation cases.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Revised Reserve Fund Resolution

Commissioner Dan Ross said the Board annually reviews the reserve fund resolution that was adopted by the Board of Control on January 13, 1971. It was determined that a newer such resolution will be developed and presented at an upcoming Board of Directors meeting for approval. The resolution was not completed, so action on adopting a new resolution was tabled.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS)

A. Approval of 2009-10 Board of Directors Goals

Board President Steve Stirn distributed copies of the goals of the Board of Directors and OHSAA staff for the 2009-10 school year. The goals are: 1.) Construct a technology plan to implement and maintain a modern, efficient and usable workplace for all OHSAA employees; that is modern and efficient (December 2010 report); 2.) Continue to evaluate the financial status of the OHSAA, focusing on the current economic situation and the findings of the financial paradigm committee; 3.) Review the focus of 7th and 8th grade programs (April 2010 report); 4.) Review/update the record retention/record retrieval process; 5.) Review the status of the implementation of the strategic plan (February 2010 report); 6.) Review the reserve fund procedure (Finance Committee, January 2010 report); 7.) Review opportunities to expand activities (April 2010 report); 8.) Continue to enhance communications at all levels of the OHSAA; 9.) Facilitate and support the work of all OHSAA committees; 10.) Promote sportsmanship, ethics and integrity, and 11.) Assist in meeting the needs of the OHSAA Foundation.

B. Approval of 2010 Winter Sports Manuals

The Board was provided copies of the 2010 winter sport manuals in the sports of basketball, bowling, gymnastics, ice hockey, swimming & diving and wrestling that were prepared by OHSAA staff members. The manuals include tournament regulations that are posted on the OHSAA web site and additional information that has been added as points of emphasis and for clarity. The manuals are mailed directly to member school head coaches in the respective sports, contest officials and are posted on the OHSAA web site. In the sport of basketball, manuals are also mailed to the athletic administrators. Also included in the mailing are sport specific rule books and attendance cards for OHSAA rules interpretation meetings. It was noted that information was included in the swimming & diving manual regarding the recent action by the National Federation of State High School Association to ban high-tech swimsuits that have been linked to record performances at all levels of competition the past couple of years.

C. Update on Recommendation of Membership List for 2009-10

At its August 2009 Meeting, the Board was provided with a list of member schools that have returned their required membership form with the OHSAA for the 2009-10 school year. 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. At that time, 31 schools had still not completed the required participation card process and, as of this meeting, 15 schools had still not completed the process. The membership is expected to end up with 831 high schools.

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D. Replay Monitor at Basketball State Championships

In May, the National Federation of State High School Associations Basketball Rules Committee gave approval for replay equipment to be used in state high school basketball championships to determine the final outcome of games. The committee voted to permit state high school associations to use a replay monitor to review field-goal attempts at the expiration of time in the fourth quarter or any overtime period, but only in games when the last-second attempt would affect the outcome of the game. The committee decided to give state associations the opportunity to use technology, if available, to assist in making sure that the correct team is awarded the state championship. Replay or game officials will be able to determine if the attempt occurred before time expired (0:00 on clock), and whether the shot was a two- or three-point attempt.

Assistant Commissioner Jerry Snodgrass said the OHSAA staff recommended that Ohio use replay equipment in girls and boys basketball beginning with the 2010 state tournaments and that details would be finalized with the OHSAA's official television partner, SportsTime Ohio, and procedures and training opportunities developed with Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak Jr., who oversees the OHSAA officiating program.

E. Pick Up Option Year of Contract with Impact Action Sports Photography

Director of Information Services Tim Stried said the OHSAA staff recommended that the option year of the contract with Impact Action Sports Photography to serve as the official state tournament photographer for the OHSAA be picked up for the 2009-10 school year.

F. Appointments to Fill Vacancies on District Athletic Boards

OHSAA Constitution Article 7-6-2, Vacancies, was modified by referendum vote last spring and permits the Board of Directors to appoint an interim representative to serve on District Athletic Boards when a vacancy occurs for reasons other than expiration of the term. The interim representative shall serve until the newly elected representative, elected during the next regularly scheduled election, takes office. In the Central District, it was recommended that Jim Hayes, athletic administrator at Ashville Teays Valley High School, fill the Class AA vacancy left following the resignation of Doug Ute, who moved from his position as superintendent of the Marion Elgin Local Schools. In the East District, it was recommended that Richard Hall, superintendent of the East Guernsey Local School District in Old Washington, be appointed to fill the Class AA vacancy left following the retirement of Rock VanFossen, an administrative assistant with the Sandy Valley Local Schools in Magnolia; and in the Northeast District, it was recommended that Karen O'Hare, principal at Creston Middle School, fill the 7th-8th grade vacancy left following the retirement of Bill Koppel, principal at Mineral Ridge Middle School.

G. Requests 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 requests by Minford and Columbus St. Charles 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 Jose Hernandez, second by Walt Skaggs to **approve** New Business (Consent) Items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E., VI. F. and VI. G. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

A. Approval of 2009-10 OHSAA Media Regulations

The Board was provided with the 2009-10 OHSAA media regulations that are published on the OHSAA web site, and Director of Information Services Tim Stried reviewed a few changes.

No major changes were recommended with most modifications made to provide clarity.

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Rocco Nero to **approve** the 2009-10 media regulations as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Approval of 2009-10 OHSAA District Athletic Board Handbook

The Board was provided with a copy of the revised 2009-10 OHSAA District Athletic Board Handbook, and Board Ex-Officio Jeff Jordan reviewed the changes. He said the document had not been updated in a number of years and that Board of Directors and District Athletic Board members had the opportunity to provide feedback during the June All-Districts Board Meeting.

Motion by Steve Zimmerman, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** the 2009-10 OHSAA District Athletic Board Handbook.

Motion passed 9-0.

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VIII. APPEALS

Board member Walt Skaggs served as the appeals hearing officer.

A. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Mr. Pete Laihr, Athletic Administrator, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Pickerington High School Central (Central District)

A 12th-grade student at Pickerington High School Central 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 she did not receive passing grades in five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, during the last grading period of the 2008-09 school year. The student's father, T.J. Riggs; Scott Reeves, the school's principal, and Pete Laihr, the school's athletic administrator, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics without sitting out the first grading period.

Motion by Dave Gray, second by Jose Hernandez to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 5-4 (In favor: Dave Gray, Jose Hernandez, Steve Zimmerman, Steve Stirn, Walt Skaggs; Against: Steve Keller, Teresa Alberts, Rocco Nero, Mike Rotonda).

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 11, Mr. Allen Koker, Athletic Administrator, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Williamsport Westfall High School (Central District)

A 12th-grade student has transferred from Grove City Central Crossing High School to Williamsport Westfall High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA to participate in basketball at the school during the 2009-10 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 11, because the student did not satisfy all of the requirements of the exception. The student and his father, Mark Coup; Tom Lehman, principal at Westfall, and Allen Koker, athletic administrator at Westfall, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in basketball at Westfall during the 2009-10 school year.

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

Motion passed 7-2 (Mike Rotonda and Dave Gray dissented).

C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Dr. Andrew Stiegler, re: His Son, Grade 10, Zanesville High School (Central District)

A 10th-grade student has transferred from Zanesville West Muskingum High School to Zanesville High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Zanesville in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because the student does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student and his father, Dr. Andrew Stiegler, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Zanesville immediately.

Motion by Jose Hernandez, second by Dave Gray to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

D. Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, Mr. Steve Meier, re: His Son, Grade 11, Cincinnati Sycamore High School (Southwest District)

An 11th-grade student has transferred from Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller High School to Cincinnati Sycamore High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA in the sport of football for the 2009 season in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, because the student has already participated in an interscholastic contest in football while at Archbishop Moeller. The student's father, Steve Meier, appealed the ruling so that his son can participate in football at Sycamore during the 2009 season.

Motion by Rocco Nero, second by Mike Rotonda to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 8-1 (Dave Gray dissented).

E. Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, Mr. Jeremy Froehlich, Athletic Administrator, re: An 11th-Grade Student, Columbus Brookhaven High School (Central District)

An 11th-grade student participated in an interscholastic contest in soccer at Westerville Central High School but is attending the same school in which he previously attended and to which his eligibility is vested, Columbus Brookhaven High School. The OHSAA has ruled the student ineligible in the sport of soccer for the 2009 season in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfers, because the student has already participated in an interscholastic contest in soccer for Westerville Central. The student and the school's athletic administrator, Jeremy Froehlich, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in soccer at Brookhaven during the 2009 season.

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

Motion passed 8-0 (Mike Rotonda abstained).

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F. Bylaw 4-3-3, Enrollment and Attendance (Eight Semesters), Mr. Don Readance, Athletic Administrator, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Shaker Heights High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student at Shaker Heights High School has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics in accordance with Bylaw 4-3-3, Enrollment and Attendance, because the student has completed eight semesters of eligibility and does not satisfy one of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student's father, Jess Bell, and Don Readance, the school's athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Shaker Heights during the 2009-10 school year.

Motion by Walt Skaggs, second by Jose Hernandez to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

G. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Mr. George Bellios, Athletic Administrator, re: An 11th-Grade Student, Painesville Riverside High School Central (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student at Painesville Riverside 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 she did not receive passing grades in five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, during the last grading period of the 2008-09 school year. George Bellios, the school's athletic administrator, appealed the ineligibility in writing so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics without sitting out the first grading period.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

H. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Ms. Denise Barnes, re: Her Daughter, Grade 11, Lima Senior High School (Northwest District)

An 11th-grade student has transferred from Lima Bath High School to Lima Senior High School and has been ruled ineligible by the OHSAA for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment at Lima Senior in accordance with Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, because the student does not meet any of the exceptions to the bylaw. The student and her parents, Denise and Larry Barnes, appealed the ruling so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics at Lima Senior without sitting out. Jim Offenbaker, athletic administrator at Lima Senior, also attended the appeal.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

H. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, Attorney Todd Connell, re: A 12th-Grade Student, Uniontown Lake High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student at Uniontown Lake 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. Attorney Todd Connell appealed the ineligibility in writing so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics without sitting out the first grading period.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

The Board unanimously approved a motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 1:20 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: 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.