

The following are the preliminary minutes from the December 3, 2020, OHSAA Board of Directors Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its January 14, 2021, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES (December 3, 2020)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2020. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. President Jeff Cassella called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Board Members Participating: Jeff Cassella, president; Scott Kaufman, vice president; Ryan Fitzgerald; Gary Kreinbrink; Dan Leffingwell; Leonard Steyer; Bill Warfield; Steve Watkins; Jan Wilking, and John Richard (ex-officio) and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio representing the OIAAA).

Staff Members Participating: Doug Ute, executive director; Kim Kiehl, chief operating officer; senior directors Bob Goldring, Beau Rugg and Tim Stried; directors Tyler Brooks, Kathleen Coughlin, Emily Gates, Angie Lawler, Brenda Murray, Lauren Prochaska and Kristin Ronai; assistant directors Haley Dillon, Ben Ferree, Ronald Sayers and Jacki Windon; staff member Molly Downard; part-time advisors or sport administrators Dale Gabor and Deborah Moore.

Others Participating: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Luke Sayers, Ohio vice president and general manager for Teall Properties Group; Greg Blate, OHSAA consultant; Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; David Sheldon, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Anne Horton, Ohio High School Field Hockey Coaches Association; Steve Peterson, Ohio High School Boys Lacrosse Association; Mike Murphy, Ohio Girls Lacrosse Coaches Association; Eric Peterson, Ohio High School Swim Coaches Association; Mark Faber, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Doug Joy, Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches; Kim Metz, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Rick Lewis and Kathy McFarland, Ohio School Boards Association, and Dave Axner, Buckeye Association of School Administrators.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Dan Leffingwell, second Leonard Steyer to **adopt** the agenda for the December 3, 2020, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Ryan Fitzgerald to **approve** the minutes from the October 1, 2020, Board of Directors Regular Meeting (virtual) and the April 9, 2020; April 16, 2020; April 30, 2020; October 12, 2020; November 4, 2020, and November 23, 2020, Board of Directors Special Meetings (all virtual).

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. OHSAA Financial Report

OHSAA Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl provided the Board with some financial updates. She noted that the latest OHSAA audit has been distributed to Board of Directors members, who will be asked to give approval at an upcoming meeting. She then asked consultant Greg Blate to provide the financial report for the OHSAA through October. The report is summarized as follows:

Available Funds — October 31, 2020		
Checking and Savings	\$5,737,464.68	
Certificates of Deposit	\$106,309.80	
Cash Concentration	<u>\$2,449,428.92</u>	
Working Capital		\$8,293,203.40
Designated Funds — October 31, 2020		
Board Designated Savings	\$491,556.74	
Board Designated Certificates of Deposit	\$319,093.33	
Investments - Building Fund	\$384,750.53	
Durkle Scholarship	\$52,780.30	
Rossi/Denney Scholarship	<u>\$53,378.08</u>	
Total Designated Funds		<u>\$1,301,558.98</u>
Total Funds		\$9,594,762.38

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District	Checking	Savings	CD	Cash Concentration	Total Cash	Yr. to Date Gross Revenue	Yr. to Date Gross Expenses	Yr. to Date Net Profit/Loss
OHSAA Office	\$3,819,656	\$1,372,846	\$319,093	\$110,387	\$5,5621,982	\$1,075,380	\$1,813,055	— \$737,675
Central	\$211,248	\$0	\$0	\$514,400	\$725,648	\$45	\$72,729	— \$72,684
East	\$106,171	\$0	\$0	\$568,220	\$624,390	\$3,379	\$32,839	— \$29,460
Northeast	\$64,992	\$0	\$0	\$361,264	\$426,256	\$630	\$181,951	— \$181,321
Northwest	\$250,417	\$0	— \$4	\$431,705	\$682,118	\$0	\$170,905	— \$170,905
Southeast	\$91,569	\$19,163	\$0	\$363,396	\$474,128	\$0	\$45,969	— \$45,969
Southwest	<u>\$335,990</u>	<u>\$341,720</u>	<u>\$212,472</u>	<u>\$100,057</u>	<u>\$990,239</u>	<u>\$131</u>	<u>\$163,263</u>	<u>— \$163,132</u>
Totals	\$4,880,043	\$1,733,729	\$531,562	\$2,449,428	\$9,594,762	\$1,079,565	\$2,480,712	— \$1,401,148

Motion by Dan Leffingwell, second by Bill Warfield to **approve** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

Board members thanked Ms. Kiehl, Mr. Blate, and the OHSAA finance staff of Haley Dillon and Todd Boehm for their work on the budget and financial report.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. OHSAA Hires Chief Operating Officer; Controller, and Southwest District Athletic Board Secretary
 Board President Jeff Cassella reported that the OHSAA hired Dr. Kimberlee Kiehl as chief operating officer in mid-October. She comes to the OHSAA after years as an accomplished non-profit leader and former educator, including stops at the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) and Ohio History Connection, both in Columbus, and she was as a tenured faculty member at The Ohio State University for 10 years. Mr. Cassella welcomed Dr. Kiehl to the OHSAA family. Dr. Kiehl then reported that the OHSAA has hired Laura Vermilya as controller, effective January 4, 2021. Ms. Vermilya comes to the OHSAA with a vast background in finance and accounting. Dr. Kiehl also said the OHSAA has hired Phil Poggi as the secretary of the Southwest District Athletic Board, effective January 1, 2021. Mr. Poggi is a former longtime athletic administrator in southwest Ohio.
- B. Update on Winter Sports
 Executive Director Doug Ute provided an update on OHSAA winter sports. He noted that the OHSAA is moving forward with winter sports competition and that the decision was made after the Executive Director's Office had discussions with the Governor's Office, the OHSAA Board of Directors and numerous administrators combined with the results of the membership survey in which 56 percent of the 1,464 respondents recommended that the OHSAA begin all winter sports contests as they are currently planned and scheduled. Mr. Ute said this obviously means we want our schools to participate in the safest manner as possible and that the decision for schools to move forward is strictly a local decision . . . schools or school districts may certainly choose not to participate in a contest or to pause their season(s) for a period and should do what is in their best interest. It was also noted that the OHSAA continues to send guidance and recommendations to member schools and is securing updates on participation from league and conference commissioners.
- C. Review of OHSAA Fall Tournaments
 With the OHSAA fall sports seasons completed, the OHSAA sport management staff provided a review of the tournaments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, spectator limits were in place and many host sites were modified. In **cross country**, the OHSAA 7th-8th grade invitational and state tournament were held for the first time at Fortress Obetz in southeast Columbus, and the overall feedback by participants, coaches and spectators was positive. In **football**, all schools had the opportunity for the first time to enter the football tournament, and the OHSAA received a lot of positive feedback. The Division I state final was held at Fortress Obetz, while the Division II through VII state finals, originally scheduled for Fortress Obetz, were moved to Massillon due to stay-at-home advisories by health departments in Franklin County and Columbus. The hosts and staff members were thanked for their great cooperation in making the last-minute moves and their work in hosting the contests. New sites were used for the state **field hockey** (Thomas Worthington High School) and **volleyball** (Vandalia Butler High School) tournaments, and the schools were commended for being outstanding hosts. The OHSAA returned to courses at The Ohio State University Golf Club and North Star Golf Club in Sunbury for the state **golf** tournament; Mapfre Stadium in Columbus for the state **soccer** finals and the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason for the state **girls tennis** tournament, and the staffs and hosts were praised for being outstanding hosts and partners.
- D. Update on OHSAA Winter Seasons and Tournaments
 The OHSAA sport management staff provided an update on the winter sports seasons and tournaments. The staff is having on-going discussions with OHSAA District Athletic Board representatives and potential tournament host venues, but no decisions have been finalized during this ever-changing time. In **ice hockey**, it was noted that the OHSAA is seeking a potential new site for a district tournament in northeast Ohio since the Kent State University Ice Arena has not reopened during the pandemic. In **wrestling**, it was noted that both the weight management program and the OHSAA's wrestling recommendations and

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requirements have been slightly modified, and that conversations with OHSAA District Athletic Board wrestling representatives have been ongoing and productive.

E. Update on NFHS Coaches Association Ohio Coaches of the Year Awards

Executive Administrative Assistant Molly Downard reported that the respective coaches associations within the state have selected the National Federation of State High Schools Coaches Association 2019-20 Ohio Coaches-of-the-Year. The Ohio coaches-of-the-year are as follows: Baseball-David Burkett, Massillon Tuslaw; Boys Basketball-Bob Krizancic, Mentor; Girls Basketball-Denny Schrock, Doylestown Chippewa; Boys Bowling-Trent Knoop, Sidney; Girls Bowling-Dustin Gillett, Bryan; Boys Cross Country-Jeff Howard, Peninsula Woodridge; Girls Cross Country-Howard Russ, Beaver Creek; Field Hockey-Louise Knox, Hudson; Football-Tim Goodwin, Maria Stein Marion Local; Boys Golf-Austin Kaufman, Berlin Hiland; Girls Golf-Kevin Shoultz, Williamsport Westfall; Gymnastics-Maria Schneider, Brecksville-Broadview Heights; Ice Hockey-Paul McKito, Mentor; Boys Soccer-Simon Spelling, Medina; Girls Soccer-Theresa Hirschauer, Cincinnati Country Day; Softball-Sarah Looker, Pickerington North; Boys Swimming & Diving-Mike DeBaer, Upper Arlington; Girls Swimming & Diving-Dave Wharton, New Albany; Boys Tennis-Scott Long, Centerville; Girls Tennis-Mike Reid, Mason; Boys Track & Field-Adam Walters, Lewis Center Olentangy Orange; Girls Track & Field-Willie Smith, Beachwood; Volleyball-Allen Perry, Wheelersburg; Boys Wrestling-Erik Burnett, Elyria, and Girls Wrestling-George Shore, Casstown Miami East. No nominations were submitted for boys lacrosse or girls lacrosse. The NFHS will inform the OHSAA in the near future if any of these coaches were selected for section or national honors.

F. Update on NFHS State Award of Outstanding Service and Reminder on OHSAA Naismith Awards for Meritorious Service

Senior Director Bob Goldring reported that the OHSAA has nominated Dan Brisker, former longtime member of the OHSAA's Southeast District Athletic Board and currently the secretary of that board, for the National Federation of State High School Associations State Award for Outstanding Service. Mr. Goldring also reminded Mr. Kaufman and Ms. Wilking from the Southwest District Athletic Board and Mr. Steyer from the Southeast District Athletic Board that their respective boards are to select recipients for the OHSAA's annual Naismith Awards for Meritorious Service. Recommendations for those awards will be acted upon by the Board of Directors at the Jan. 14, 2021, meeting.

G. Update on OHSAA Corporate Sponsorships

Assistant Director Jacki Windon provided an update on OHSAA corporate sponsorships. She thanked Luke Sayers, Ohio's vice president and general manager with Teall Properties Group, for his work this fall and for also helping secure a recent sponsorship with Shaner Hotels. Ms. Windon also thanked the OHSAA's television partner, Spectrum News 1, for its work this fall covering OHSAA Friday night regular season football contests and providing student-athletes with scholarships. Spectrum was also praised for their coverage of the OHSAA football playoffs, which included the Division II through VII state finals moving from Obetz to Massillon within a day. In addition, the OHSAA's online ticketing partner, HomeTown Ticketing, was thanked for the outstanding service that was provided during a hectic fall that was greatly impacted by the ongoing pandemic.

H. Update on Appeals, Infractions and Legal Issues

Director Kristin Ronai provided the Board with a list of schools that have recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Dublin Coffman High School** had a student-athlete in girls varsity tennis violate General Sport Regulation 7.2.2, Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs, when the student-athlete participated in a non-school sanctioned contest while a member of the school team. In accordance with the Sports Regulation and Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office declared the student ineligible for two contests. Furthermore, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the nine victorious contests in which the student participated after the infraction occurred but before the penalty was assessed. Individual eligible athletes may keep their points and places and any awards earned in those events, but the contests shall be forfeited. **Shaker Heights Laurel School** had a student-athlete in girls varsity tennis violate General Sport Regulation 7.2.2, Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs, when the student-athlete participated in a non-school sanctioned contest while a member of the school team. In accordance with the Sports Regulation and Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office declared the student ineligible for the next two contests. Additionally, the student was also declared ineligible for the OHSAA tournament since her participation in the non-school sanctioned event was after the tennis non-interscholastic date. No forfeitures were required since the athlete fulfilled her two-game suspension before participating in any additional school contests. **Youngstown Liberty High School** had a student-athlete in varsity football violate Bylaw 4-6-2, Residency. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the three contests in which the ineligible student participated. However, no forfeitures were required since the school did not win any of the contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Ironton High School** had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-1-2, Falsification, and, in accordance with the bylaw, the Executive Director's office applied the appropriate penalty and ruled that the student shall be required to fulfill a two-game suspension in the sport of football. **Mansfield**

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Senior High School had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-1-2, Falsification, and, in accordance with the bylaw the Executive Director's office applied the appropriate penalty and ruled that the student shall be required to sit out the remainder of the football season and sit out of basketball beginning with regular season contest #12. If the student desires a participation opportunity in any other sport in which he did not participate during the 2019-20 school year, then there is no falsification penalty in those sports. **Columbus Briggs High School** had a student-athlete in boys varsity soccer violate Bylaw 4-3-3, Semesters. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit any victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. However, no forfeitures were required since the school did not win any of the contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Columbus Northland High School** had a student-athlete in boys varsity soccer violate Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment & Attendance. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the one victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Mason Middle School** had a student-athlete in 7th-8th grade volleyball violate General Sport Regulation 7.2.2, Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs, when the student-athlete participated in a non-school sanctioned contest while a member of the school team. In accordance with the Sports Regulation and Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office declared the student ineligible for two contests. Furthermore, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the eight contests in which the student participated after the infraction occurred but before the penalty was assessed. **Jeromesville Hillsdale High School** had a transfer student-athlete who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility under Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 9. However, the district failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office before allowing the student to participate during the second half of the season, as stipulated in the Bylaw. The OHSAA has restored eligibility for the student retroactively and prospectively but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school has been fined \$100. **Canal Winchester Harvest Preparatory** had a football coach violate General Sports Regulation - Media Regulations A 1.b, Videotaping and Photographing of a Contest, when the coach video recorded a contest of an opponent without their permission. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's has suspended the coach from participation in any Harvest Preparatory football contests for the remainder of the season. **Lakewood High School** violated Bylaw 1-1-2 and General Sports Regulation 32.2, Grade 7 & 8 Regulations, when its volleyball team permitted an 8th grade student to participate in one practice with the high school team. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office has noted the infraction and acknowledged the steps the school has taken to ensure the violation will not occur again. **New Albany High School** had a student-athlete in varsity field hockey violate General Sport Regulation 7.2.2, Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs, when the student-athlete participated in a non-school sanctioned contest while a member of the school team. In accordance with the Sports Regulation and Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office declared the student ineligible for the remainder of the season. No forfeitures were required since the athlete fulfilled her suspension before participating in any additional school contests. **Toledo St. Ursula Academy** self-reported a violation of Bylaw 4-9, Recruiting, when its admissions department mailed information to specific individuals (not attending the school) by name. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, and Bylaw 4-9-7, the Executive Director's Office issued a public reprimand against the school and assessed a fine of \$250. **Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller High School** violated Bylaw 4-9, Recruiting, when one of its football coaches sent an email to the Greater Catholic Youth League 7th-8th grade coaches requesting to attend their practices and obtain contact information for their parents and athletes for Moeller's admissions department. The coach did attend one practice. The Executive Director's Office has acknowledged the school's self-imposed penalties of 1) reprimanding the coach; 2) making him send an apology letter to each youth league coach; and 3) requesting a recruiting compliance seminar with the OHSAA staff. In addition to these self-imposed penalties, and in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office has also imposed the following penalties: 1) Moeller High School shall be publicly reprimanded; 2) The Moeller admissions department shall discard any contact information provided to them by the coach; 3) Any further recruiting infraction(s) personally committed by the coach during the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school years will result in, at minimum, a two-game suspension for him in the following OHSAA football tournament (should Moeller qualify); 4) the OHSAA Office accepts Moeller's request for a "compliance seminar" for all its coaches; and 5) Moeller High School shall be fined \$1,000. **Greenwich South Central High School** was publicly reprimanded in accordance with OHSAA Bylaw 11, Penalties, for its coaches, players and fans failing to follow all of the mandates within the Ohio Health Director's Order during the school's away football contest on October 9. **New Lebanon Dixie High School** was publicly reprimanded in accordance with OHSAA Bylaw 11, Penalties, for its fans failing to follow all of the mandates within the Ohio Health Director's Order during the school's away football contest on October 10.

Ms. Ronai also provided the Board with an update on appeals. She said the OHSAA Appeals Panel has heard 25 appeals on five dates this school year; 15 of the appeals have dealt with the transfer bylaw, and five appeals have been granted. In addition, OHSAA Legal Counsel Steve Craig provided the Board with an update on two legal issues.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

A. Recommendation to Approve 2021 Gymnastics Tournament Regulations

OHSAA Advisor Debbie Moore provided the Board with the 2021 gymnastics tournament regulations and recommended that they be approved. She said the major modification is information regarding online ticketing.

It was noted that the other OHSAA winter sports tournament regulations have modifications that have not been finalized due to the ongoing pandemic. It is anticipated the regulations will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval in January.

B. Ratification of Modifications to Bylaws per Constitution Article 6-1-9

Director Kristin Ronai informed the Board that the Executive Director's Office has utilized Constitution Article 6-1-9 (temporary suspension of strict compliance due to the COVID-19 pandemic) to modify two additional OHSAA bylaws and asked that the modifications be ratified. **Bylaw 4-7-2 (Sub Varsity Transfers)** traditionally requires all transfer students to become ineligible after the first 50% of the maximum allowable varsity regular season contests have been competed, regardless of the participation level of the student. However, due to anticipated cancellations and the possibility for sub varsity games not being rescheduled, the Executive Director's Office has elected to waive strict compliance with this bylaw for athletes at the sub varsity level using the following conditions:

1.) If an athlete participates in ANY varsity contest, then he/she is subject to the traditional transfer consequence of becoming ineligible once the varsity team completes the first 50% of the maximum allowable number of regular season contests.

2.) If an athlete only plays sub varsity, then he/she will become ineligible after his/her respective team completes the first 50% of the maximum allowable regular season contests at that level. For example, if an athlete only plays JV basketball, then he/she can play the first 11 JV basketball contests, regardless of where the varsity team is in its season. Then, the student will become ineligible beginning with JV contest #12.

3.) If an athlete only dresses varsity but does not participate in a varsity contest, then he/she can still benefit from this modification at the sub varsity level. Once an athlete plays in a varsity contest, however, the varsity schedule takes precedence.

This modification is being utilized through the end of the 2020-21 school year, including spring sports.

Bylaw 3-3-1 (School Representative Must Accompany Team) traditionally requires a principal, or representative(s) authorized by the principal, in addition to the coach (es), to be present throughout all boys and girls varsity basketball games, home and away, and this same requirement is highly recommended for ice hockey. However, due to the decreased crowd sizes and the desire to limit unnecessary travel, the Executive Director's Office has elected to waive the away game administrator attendance requirement if this arrangement is mutually agreed upon by both schools. If a visiting school representative plans to miss an away varsity basketball contest, it is the responsibility of the visiting school representative to contact the opposing athletic administrator to determine if he/she believes a visiting administrator presence is necessary. If the arrangement is not mutually agreed upon, then the visiting school representative should try to make arrangements to fulfill this away game attendance obligation. Leagues/conferences are permitted to make this blanket decision in order to reduce game-by-game communication. This modification is being utilized through the end of the 2020-21 winter sports season.

In addition, Ms. Ronai provided a reminder of the two other temporary suspensions of bylaws that have already been ratified by the Board of Directors:

Bylaws 4-4-1, 4-4-5 and 4-4-3 (Scholarship) were waived through the first semester of 2020-21. Whether schools have a 6-week, 9-week, semester or other grading period, all schools will be required to determine their students' eligibility (using the 5-credit equivalency {high school}/4 class {7-8 grades} standard) at the conclusion of the first semester. However, in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1 and 4-4-5, the grades used to determine eligibility at that time will be those earned during the immediately preceding grading period (i.e. second 9 weeks; third 6 weeks; first semester, etc.). Semester grades should only be used if a school operates on semester grading periods.

The OHSAA Office is continuing to study this issue to see if any additional modifications need to be made. Current plans are to resume previously codified scholarship standards for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. Regardless of this decision by the OHSAA Office, each school is still permitted to continue enforcing this scholarship bylaw, or any other modified version, if they believe their school/district has implemented effective educational delivery methods which would support a student's ability to meet the bylaw's requirements. Similarly, keep in mind that the OHSAA Office has no authority to waive ORC § 3313.535, which requires each district to set a minimum GPA standard for students to be afforded a participation opportunity.

Changes to **Bylaw 2 (Divisional Alignments for 2021-22 School Year)** were ratified by the Board of

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Directors on October 1, 2020. Current enrollment data and tournament divisions will be utilized again in the 2021-22 school year. This change means that EMIS data will be collected in October 2021 and utilized in a new two-year cycle that would cover the 2022-23 and 2023- 24 school years. With some schools not offering sports along with many students transferring to non-traditional learning modules this fall due to COVID-19, the Executive Director's Office had been deliberating on how to handle enrollment data, since October 2020 is when the OHSAA traditionally would have received that data (EMIS) from the Ohio Department of Education for use in tournament representation, tournament division breakdowns and classifications for OHSAA District Athletic Board elections. It was determined that utilizing the same data for a third and final year was the fairest for all OHSAA member schools since any new data collected would likely be severely skewed and/or an unreliable representation.

With this modification, District Athletic Board elections will not be held in May 2021. Those with expiring terms will be afforded the opportunity to remain on their respective District Athletic Board for an additional year and, when elections resume in May 2022, candidates will seek a five-year term rather than six. Interim appointees on the District Athletic Boards will also be afforded the opportunity to remain on their respective District Athletic Board for an additional year and then can run for their position in May 2022. For those whose terms are expiring or are interim appointments and choose not to remain on the District Athletic Board for another year, new one-year interim appointments will be recommended to the Board of Directors for approval.

C. Ratification of Approval to Accept the Resignation of Senior Director of Compliance Roxanne Price, Effective December 4, 2020

Executive Director Doug Ute asked the Board of Directors to ratify his approval to accept the resignation of Senior Director of Compliance Roxanne Price, effective December 4, 2020. Mr. Ute thanked Ms. Price for her work at the OHSAA, praised her for being a good teammate and he wished her the best as she begins a new chapter in her life. Ms. Price joined the OHSAA staff in February 2006.

D. Recommendation to Approve Modification to Wrestling Regulation 1.11 (Team Regular Season Contest Limitation - 9th-12th Grades)

The OHSAA Board of Directors approved a recommendation in a special meeting held Aug. 5, 2020, to suspend the OHSAA Dual Team Wrestling Tournament for 2021, but the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association plans to continue to conduct and administer the dual team tournament. Tyler Brooks, the OHSAA's wrestling administrator, said the OHSAA staff recommended that Wrestling Regulation 1.11 be modified to permit teams that participate in the coaches association's dual team tournament to do so without that participation counting in the school's contest participation (point) limit for the season.

Motion by Jan Wilking, second by Scott Kaufman to **approve** New Business Consent Items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C. and VI. D. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

None

VIII. ONCE AROUND

Board President Jeff Cassella, other Board members and Executive Director Doug Ute thanked the OHSAA staff, school administrators, coaches and student-athletes for working through COVID-19 issues that allowed us to complete the fall seasons. The Governor's Office was also thanked for allowing our teams to participate. Other Board members thanked former staff member Roxanne Price for her service to the OHSAA.

Steve Peterson with the Ohio High School Boys Lacrosse Association said he and Mike Murphy of the Ohio Girls Lacrosse Coaches Association wanted the Board of Directors to know their associations were not in favor of a eliminating faceoffs in lacrosse. He noted that this modification was recently approved in Michigan.

Motion by Ryan Fitzgerald, second by Leonard Steyer to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Motion passed 9-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings are subject to change.)

2020-21 School Year (note that 2020-21 dates may be modified, and times are to be determined): January 14; February 18; April 22, and June 9.