

## **April 7, 2022, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on April 7, 2022 in person at the OHSAA Offices. Appeals Panel members were Mr. Tony Mantell, former superintendent of Portsmouth City Schools; Mr. Andy Bixler, superintendent of Anna Local Schools; Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive director of the Ohio School Boards Association; and Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of the Euclid City Schools and Westerville City Schools. Mr. Mantell served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA director of communications and special projects; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA manager of membership and compliance; and Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance.

### **A. Bylaw 4-4-5, Scholarship, An 8th-Grade Student, Worthington Perry Middle School (Central District)**

An 8th-grade student at Worthington Perry Middle School did not pass five one-credits courses or the equivalent during the third grading period of the 2021-22 school year. The Executive Director's Office ruled that the student was ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the fourth grading period of the 2021-22 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-5, Scholarship.

Jodi Robertson, Perry Middle School Principal, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Perry Middle School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 4-0.

### **B. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, An 11th-Grade Student, Springboro High School (Southwest District)**

An 11th-grade student at Springboro High School did not pass five one-credits courses or the equivalent during the third grading period of the 2021-22 school year. The Executive Director's Office ruled that the student was ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the fourth grading period of the 2021-22 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship.

The student's parents, Jack and Leesa Moore appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Springboro High School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 4-0.

### **C. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, A 12th-Grade Student, Strongsville High School (Northeast District)**

A 12th-grade student at Strongsville High School did not pass five one-credits courses or the equivalent during the third grading period of the 2021-22 school year. The Executive Director's Office ruled that the student was ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the fourth grading period of the 2021-22 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship.

The student's parents, Mac and Reneé McArdle, and Denny Ziegler, Strongsville athletic administrator who participated virtually, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Strongsville High School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 4-0.

**D. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, A 12th-Grade Student, Hamilton Ross High School (Southwest District)**

A 12th-grade student at Hamilton Ross High School did not pass five one-credits courses or the equivalent during the third grading period of the 2021-22 school year. The Executive Director's Office ruled that the student was ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the fourth grading period of the 2021-22 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship.

The student, the student's Mother, Mandy Toney, and Jake Richards, Ross athletic administrator appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Ross High School.

Based on the information presented during the appeal, there was a motion to **grant** the appeal.

Motion passed 4-0.