

The following are the preliminary minutes from the April 2, 2020, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its next meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES (April 2, 2020)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special virtual meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2020, with Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass. President Dan Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Board Members Participating:** Dan Leffingwell, president; Jan Wilking, vice president; Jeff Cassella; Ryan Fitzgerald; Scott Kaufman; Gary Kreinbrink; Leonard Steyer; Bill Warfield, and Steve Watkins. **Board Members Excused:** Bruce Brown (ex-officio) and Jeremy Marks (ex-officio).

**Staff Members and Others Participating:** Jerry Snodgrass, executive director, and Steve Craig, OHSAA Legal Counsel (during action item discussion only).

### I. ACTION ITEM

#### Recommendation to Approve Additional 2020 Referendum Item

At the January 16, February 13 and March 23, 2020, Board of Directors Meetings and/or Conference Call Meeting, the Board approved placing six Constitution issues, 13 Bylaw issues and one 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Bylaw issue up for referendum vote by the membership. At this meeting, one additional Constitution item was recommended to be placed up for referendum as previously mentioned to the Board and prepared by the Association's compliance team and legal counsel. After being placed up for referendum by the Board, OHSAA member schools will vote on the proposal between May 1 and 15, 2020. Recommended at this meeting was:

#### **Constitution Article 6-1-9, Executive Director**

This proposed new article would grant the Executive Director's Office the ability to temporarily suspend the strict compliance to specific Constitution Articles, Bylaws and/or Sports Regulations if the non-compliance is a direct and proximate result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting State of Ohio Executive and Department Orders, and provided that such suspension remains consistent with the underlying purpose of the Article, Bylaw or Sports Regulation being suspended. The provision is limited in its scope, and the sunset date of August 1, 2023, would assist in limiting this authority that is being temporarily granted to the Executive Director.

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Gary Kreinbrink to **approve** placing the additional proposed Constitution change before the membership for referendum.

Motion passed 9-0.

### II. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Executive Session)

There was a unanimous motion for the Board and Mr. Snodgrass to go into executive session to discuss several items including, but not limited to, the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus crisis on the OHSAA.

There was a unanimous motion for the Board and Mr. Snodgrass to adjourn from the executive session.

Motion by Jeff Cassella, second by Steve Watkins to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Motion passed 9-0.

Jan Wilking and Bob Goldring, Recorders

### FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings on Thursdays in the OHSAA Board Room at 9:00 a.m. but are subject to change.)

**2019-20 School Year: To Be Determined** and Wednesday, June 10.

**2020-21 School Year:** August 27; October 1; October 29; January 14; February 18; April 22, and Wednesday, June 9.