

The following are the preliminary minutes from the December 9, 2019, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Conference Call Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its January 16, 2020, meeting.

## **OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES (December 9, 2019)**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special conference call meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019. President Dan Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Board Members Participating:** Dan Leffingwell, president; Jan Wilking, vice president; Jeff Cassella; Ryan Fitzgerald; Scott Kaufman; Gary Kreinbrink; Leonard Steyer, and Steve Watkins.

**Board Member Excused:** Bill Warfield, Bruce Brown (ex-officio) and Jeremy Marks (ex-officio).

**Administrative Staff Members Participating:** Jerry Snodgrass, executive director; Bob Goldring, senior director, and Kristin Ronai, director.

**Others Participating:** Steve Craig, OHSAA Legal Counsel.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **Modification of Competitive Balance Business Rules**

The Board, staff and Mr. Craig held discussions on a proposed modification to the OHSAA Competitive Balance Business Rules, and the staff recommended that the following modification be approved:

#### **Selection of Feeder Schools for Non-Public Schools**

##### **(NEW): Option 2 – Feeder School(s) Located Within Radius of 12.5 Miles**

This option will permit non-public schools to utilize any school within the same system of education that is physically located within a 12.5-mile radius of the high school as a feeder school. Note that the 12.5-mile radius shall be the most direct path between the high school and the elementary school(s).

To complete the feeder school selection process should a school choose this option, a senior level administrator from each non-public school will need to submit:

- a.) A list of the designated feeder schools that they believe are located within a 12.5-mile radius of the high school (these schools HAVE to be within the same system of education – see Competitive Balance Business Rule 6 for more information), and
- b.) The exact name and address for each of those feeder schools, to the OHSAA Office by no later than a date to be determined in (fall 2019 and) mid-July every even-numbered year thereafter.
- c.) Once that list is received by the deadline, the OHSAA shall notify the school that the feeder schools submitted have been verified as being within the 12.5-mile radius and are the same system of education or what modifications are needed.

**Note:** These feeder schools will remain consistent for a minimum of two years (beginning with every even-numbered year), at which time each non-public school will be permitted to submit any changes to its list of feeder schools within the 12.5-mile radius or choose to utilize Option 1.

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second by Gary Kreinbrink to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 7-1 (Jan Wilking dissented).

Senior Director Bob Goldring and Assistant Director Kristin Ronai reviewed with the Board the plan to inform the member schools and the media about the new option and noted that a separate memo will be sent to all non-public schools to inform them of the procedures should they choose to utilize this new option. It is expected that the Competitive Balance Committee will also meet in late January to discuss this and additional issues.

There was a unanimous motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Bob Goldring, Recorder