

The following are the preliminary minutes from the May 20, 2020, OHSAA Board of Directors Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its June 10, 2020, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES (May 20, 2020)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a newly scheduled meeting virtually due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. President Dan Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

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

**Board Member Excused:** Bruce Brown, ex-officio.

**Staff Members Participating:** Jerry Snodgrass, executive director; senior directors Bob Goldring, Deborah Moore, Roxanne Price, 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, Ronald Sayers and Jacki Windon, and staff members Molly Downard and Dale Gabor.

**Others Participating:** Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Greg Blate, OHSAA consultant; John Bakalar and Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; David Sheldon, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Kara Whitlatch, Ohio High School Field Hockey Coaches Association; Tom Pavlansky, Gerald Cooke and Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Chris Cores, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Steve Peterson, Ohio High School Boys Lacrosse Coaches Association; Mike Murphy, Ohio Girls Lacrosse Coaches Association; John Johnson, Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; Sarah Looker and Cassie Gayle, Ohio High School Softball Coaches Association; Rob Johnson, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Doug Joy, Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches; Kim Metz, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Shawn Andrews, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; John Richard, Ohio Department of Education, and Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators.

### I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Jan Wilking, second by Ryan Fitzgerald to **adopt** the agenda for the May 20, 2020, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Leonard Steyer to **approve** the minutes from the April 22, 2020, Board of Directors Virtual Meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

### III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### A. OHSAA Financial Report

OHSAA consultant Greg Blate provided the financial report for the OHSAA for April. The report is summarized as follows:

Available Funds — April 30, 2020		
Checking and Savings	\$4,235,546.45	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$392,966.36</u>	
Working Capital		\$4,628,512.81
Designated Funds — April 30, 2020		
Board Designated Savings	\$491,143.50	
Board Designated Certificates of Deposit	\$318,899.33	
Investments - Building Fund	\$354,733.84	
Durkle Scholarship	\$52,238.38	
Rossi/Denney Scholarship	<u>\$52,250.00</u>	
Total Designated Funds		<u>\$1,269,265.05</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>\$5,897,777.86</b>

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**B. OHSAA Office and District Athletic Boards Financial Report**

OHSAA consultant Greg Blate provided the Board with the financial report for the OHSAA Office and the six district athletic boards through April. The report is summarized as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>Total Cash</u>	<u>Yr. to Date Gross Revenue</u>	<u>Yr. to Date Gross Expenses</u>	<u>Yr. to Date Net Profit/Loss</u>
OHSAA Office	\$575,759	\$2,016,692	\$0	\$2,592,452	\$7,602,570	\$8,276,841	— \$674,272
Central	\$312,375	\$255,746	\$0	\$568,122	\$666,005	\$567,621	\$98,384
East	\$619,246	\$0	\$50,000	\$669,246	\$406,154	\$235,881	\$170,273
Northeast	\$612,036	\$0	\$0	\$612,036	\$1,359,659	\$1,137,925	\$221,734
Northwest	\$459,831	\$0	\$40,010	\$499,841	\$982,796	\$897,508	\$85,288
Southeast	\$19,750	\$63,181	\$198,494	\$281,425	\$259,185	\$250,596	\$8,589
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$124,084</u>	<u>\$341,621</u>	<u>\$208,951</u>	<u>\$674,656</u>	<u>\$1,147,066</u>	<u>\$961,239</u>	<u>\$185,827</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,723,081</b>	<b>\$2,677,240</b>	<b>\$497,455</b>	<b>\$5,897,778</b>	<b>\$12,423,435</b>	<b>\$12,327,611</b>	<b>\$95,823</b>

Motion by Jeff Cassella, second by Steve Watkins to **approve** financial items III. A. and III. B. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

**C. Update on the OHSAA Audit**

OHSAA consultant Greg Blate informed the Board that the OHSAA audit for the year ending July 31, 2019, has recently been completed, a draft will be reviewed by the financial staff and the audit will be submitted to the OHSAA Audit Committee and the Board of Directors for review. The Board of Directors is expected to give approval of the audit at one of its upcoming meetings.

Board President Leffingwell said the loss of revenues has created some significant challenges for the OHSAA. On behalf of the Board, he acknowledged and recognized the many sacrifices that have been made first and foremost in the OHSAA Office, where significant reductions and changes have helped put us in a better position of financial solvency. He also noted that new policies and procedures will greatly impact OHSAA District Athletic Boards and how they operate. As a result, he said all of these measures were done to best protect and serve our member schools and the student-athletes who, to date, have really seen minimal impact in regard to the finances of the Association other than a very nominal tournament entry fee moving forward (which will be \$25 per sport and \$100 for each school participating in team wrestling). Mr. Leffingwell said the OHSAA will continue to look at ways to be more efficient financially while also hopefully looking for additional revenue sources. He added that the Board certainly appreciates the work done by the financial team along with the entire OHSAA organization.

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Update on COVID-19 Issues**

Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass reviewed with the Board and participants on the video conference the processes that have led to various postponements and cancellations of seasons and tournaments and the extension of the no-contact period for school coaches with their student-athletes. He first noted that all the OHSAA Office’s communication on various matters and updates has been directly sent first to athletic administrators, principals and superintendents, and they have been asked to pass that information on to their coaches and student-athletes.

After reviewing the sequence of events since the winter tournaments were cancelled, Mr. Snodgrass said there was no option available for the OHSAA to have spring school sports. There were no collegiate or pro sports going on at that time, nor were there even recreational sports going on. The decision to do that was using our best judgement and included the facts that school busses were not available; school facilities were not open for our use, and umpires and officials were likely not available. Mr. Snodgrass said the OHSAA felt strongly that the one regulation available to support the governor’s and department of health’s directives on health and safety was the no-contact period for our coaches. So instituting that regulation occurred, knowing that not everyone would not support that.

Then on Thursday of last week, when the Governor’s office announced that low and no-contact sports may begin, it’s important to note that that restart did not include school events . . . Our schools’ spring seasons have already been cancelled. Therefore, following the recommendations and mandatory restrictions for low and no-contact sports is at the discretion of those organizing bodies. Because many of those sports do not have organizing bodies, combined with that fact there was not an understanding that many of our coaches and school facilities are involved in non-school events in the summer, the OHSAA initially was not part of those meetings. However, Mr. Snodgrass said the OHSAA has now been included in discussions with the Governor’s office, those discussions have been very productive and he anticipates we will be able to move forward in the best interest of our member schools that we serve. The process has to take its course, that course is rapidly occurring and we will continue to communicate to our member schools.

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### B. Review of On-Line Athletic Discussion Meetings and Referendum Voting

Senior Director Debbie Moore reminded the Board and participants on the video conference that electronic voting on the referendum issues ended May 15, and the OHSAA was pleased that approximately 97 percent of high school principals and 92 percent of the 7th-8th grade principals participated in the voting. All seven Constitution issues, all 14 Bylaw issues for high schools and the single Bylaw issue for 7th-8th grade schools passed. The complete voting results can be found here:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/School-Resources/referendum-voting>. She said the compliance staff is updating guidance on the amended issues to post on the OHSAA website. Dr. Moore also briefly discussed data that was provided to the staff regarding the number of participants who viewed an on-line presentation posted in *myOHSAA* to review the referendum items. Due to the pandemic, those presentation replaced the OHSAA face-to-face Athletic Discussion Meetings that have traditionally been held each spring at various locations around the state.

### C. Review of District Athletic Board Elections

Senior Director Bob Goldring reviewed with the Board and participants on the video conference the voting results from the District Athletic Boards elections. Elected to fill expired terms (Aug. 1, 2020-July 31, 2026) were: Central Class A Representative: **Troy McIntosh**, superintendent, Worthington Christian Schools; Central Ethnic Minority Representative: **Bill Warfield**, curriculum superintendent, Olentangy Local Schools, Lewis Center; East Class AAA Representative: **Walt Skaggs**, superintendent, St. Clairsville-Richland City Schools; East 7th-8th Grade Representative: **Ray Hibbs**, athletic administrator, Harrison Junior High School, Cadiz; Northeast Class AA Representative: **Matt Rodriguez**, principal, Doylestown Chippewa High School; Female Representative: **Shyla Metsker**, principal, Wickliffe High School; Northwest Class AAA Representative: **Matt Hutchinson**, athletic administrator, Wauseon High School; Ethnic Minority Representative: **David Alvarado**, assistant principal, Findlay High School; Southeast Class A Representative: **Mark Rose**, athletic administrator, Portsmouth Clay High School; Southeast 7th-8th Grade Representative: **Tony Williams**, athletic administrator, Leesburg Fairfield High School; Southwest Class A Representative: **Doug Foote**, athletic administrator, New Richmond High School; Female Representative: **Jan Wilking**, athletic administrator, Cincinnati Wyoming High School.

Elected to fill unexpired terms were: East Class AA Representative: **Chad Shawger**, superintendent, West Muskingum Local Schools, Zanesville (Aug. 1, 2020-July 31, 2023); Northeast 7th-8th Grade Representative: **Steve Watkins**, principal, Dalton Middle School (Aug. 1, 2020-July 31, 2025); Southwest Ethnic Minority Representative: **Jonas L. Smith**, athletic administrator, Cincinnati Withrow High School (Aug. 1, 2020-July 31, 2021). Complete voting results can be found here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/about/districtboards>.

The membership services staff of Brenda Murray and Ronald Sayers and Executive Administrative Assistant Molly Downard were recognized for their outstanding work in overseeing the on-line voting and/or presentation processes. This was the second year in which voting was conducted electronically.

### D. Update of OHSAA Infractions, Appeals and Legal Issues

The Board was provided with a list of schools that have violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations since the last Board of Directors Meeting on April 22. Fifty-eight schools had a violation of General Sports Regulation 6, OHSAA-Sponsored Tournaments Entry/Withdraw Procedures and Draw/Seed Meeting Dates, for the winter sports season, totaling \$5,000 in fines.

No updates were provided on appeals that were heard by the OHSAA Appeals Panel since no hearings were held since the April 22 Board of Directors Meeting. Steve Craig, the OHSAA's legal counsel, provided the Board with an update on legal issues.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Recommendation from the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association

At the January 15, 2020, Board of Directors Work Session, the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association recommended that the OHSAA football tournament be expanded from eight qualifiers in each region to 12. This would include a bye week for the top four qualifiers in each region and would shorten the preseason to accommodate this expansion by reducing the number of scrimmages permitted. In addition, the coaches proposed adding a five-day spring evaluation period that schools could conduct any time between April 15 and May 31. The emphasis would be on fundamentals, and players would be in helmets with no shoulder pads, scheduling would be encouraged to avoid conflicts with spring sports and combining sessions with other schools in passing or 7-on-7 scrimmages would not be permitted. The Board tabled action on the proposals at its April 22, 2020, meeting. At this meeting, Senior Director Beau Rugg recommended that, based on the proposal from the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association, the OHSAA football tournament be expanded from eight qualifiers per region to 12 beginning with the 2021 season.

Motion by Gary Kreinbrink, second by Ryan Fitzgerald to **approve** the recommendation from Mr. Rugg as presented.

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Noted were 1.) Details of the 2021 preseason, regular season and tournament format will be forthcoming and included in future regulations (although it should be noted that schools will still be permitted to play 10 regular season contests); 2.) Board members would like the OHSAA Office to work to continue the tradition established for soccer of “Friday night futbol,” and 3.) The Board will continue to have discussions on the other coaches association proposal.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

#### A. Approval of Modified General Sports Regulations for the 2020-21 OHSAA Handbook

Senior Director Debbie Moore reviewed the proposed editorial changes in the General Sports Regulations that will appear in the 2020-21 OHSAA Handbook. The proposed changes are as follows:

- 1.) **Sports Regulation 1, Official Contest Rules**  
References that contest rules are labeled playing rules to be consistent with Bylaw 9.
- 2.) **Sports Regulation 4, Penalties for Failure to Acquire Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit (PAPP)**  
Adds the statement, to be consistent with the law, that individuals who have applied for a Permit but who have not yet been issued a valid credential shall NOT be permitted to interact with athletes, even under the supervision of a credentialed coach, until his/her Pupil Activity Permit number is formally issued.
- 3.) **Sports Regulation 6, OHSAA-Sponsored Tournaments Draw/Seed Meeting Dates**  
Changes Fine/Action to Penalty in the table under 6.8 and updated the Tournament Information in the table for 2020-21.
- 4.) **Sports Regulation 7.1.3, Definition of a School Contest**  
Rewords to be consistent with Bylaw 9 that schools shall follow the playing rules adopted by the Board while competing in the state of Ohio. When competing outside Ohio against non-member schools or non-interscholastic teams, member schools shall follow the playing rules (NFHS or national governing body) as adopted by the host state Association but shall also follow all OHSAA eligibility bylaws and both general and individual sports regulations. Athletic contests may be scheduled and conducted only during the time periods as specified in the individual sport regulations.
- 5.) **Sports Regulations 7.1.4, Definition of a Member of a School Team/Team Member (Bylaw 4-1-3)**  
Adds a statement indicating that this general sports regulation is suspended for 2020 spring sports athletes who have become members of their school teams so that those students may commence participation in non-interscholastic competition as soon as it is permissible in the spring of 2020. 2020 spring sports athletes who are already members of the school are permitted to commence participation on a non-interscholastic program as soon as it is permissible. *(Previously approved by the Board).*
- 6.) **Sports Regulation 7.2, Regulations Prohibiting Students from Participating on Non-School Teams During the School Team’s Season – 7.2.2 – Individual Sports**  
Adds the statement for clarity “However, athletes in these individual sports ARE permitted to participate with a non-interscholastic program in a tryout or practice(s) during the school season.”
- 7.) **Sports Regulation 7.3.1 a, b & c, Regulations Permitting Students to Participate on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team’s Season – Team Sports (Other than Football)**  
Adds this statement in a) to reinforce the current interpretation on the maintenance of the 50% rule outside the season: “Rotating players” from the same school team is not permitted in the 50 percent player limitation. In b), changes the period during which the 50% limitation is not in effect to June 1 – August 31, 2020 ONLY. *(Previously approved by the Board).* In c), extends the period during which the 50% limitation is not in effect for baseball and softball players from the Friday before Memorial Day through August 31, 2020 ONLY. *(Previously approved by the Board).*
- 8.) **Sports Regulation 7.4.2 a, Regulations Prohibiting Football Players from Participating on Non-School Teams**  
Extends the period for 7-on-7 participation for football players from June 1 – July 31, 2020 only. *(Previously approved by the Board).* A member of a school program or team in the sport of football may participate with a non-school program in camps, tryouts, training and/or practices prior to and after the school team’s season.
- 9.) **Sports Regulation 7.5.1, Regulations Permitting Coaches to Coach Their Own Student-Athletes on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team’s Season – Team Sports**  
This change eliminates the 10-day restriction for team sports coaches from June 1-August 31, 2020 and thereafter from June 1-July 31. The new note references “The extension of these dates through August 31 is valid only for the 2020 summer period. Beginning with the 2021 summer period, the period of unrestricted coaching for interscholastic team sports coaches with their student-athletes will return to the period from June 1-July 31.” *(Previously approved by the Board).*
- 10.) **Sports Regulation 7.6.1 d, Regulation Limiting Coaches to Coach Their Own Student-Athletes on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team’s Season (“All-Star” Games)**  
Adds the permission to coach in these games during the no-contact period.

- 11.) **Sports Regulation 8, Regulations for Participation in Camps, Clinics, Workshops and Program Where Individual Skill Instruction is Provided**  
Notes at the beginning of this regulation the statement that the extension of these dates through August 31 for individual instruction is valid only for the 2020 summer period. Beginning with the 2021 summer period, the period of unrestricted instruction for interscholastic team sports coaches with their student-athletes will return to the period from June 1-July 31. The same notations are made in 8.3.1 and 8.3.2.
- 12.) **Sports Regulation 10.1, Open Gymnasiums or Facilities – Member Schools**  
Removes the prohibitions on regular timing and scoring in 10.1.4 and 10.1.5 and amends 10.1.6 to exclude students who attend the school which is conducting the open gym such that an invitation to participate would not be a violation.
- 13.) **Sports Regulation 10.3, Open Gymnasiums or Facilities – Non-School**  
Removes the prohibitions on regular timing and scoring in 10.3.4 and 10.3.5 and amends 10.3.6 to exclude students who attend the school which is sponsoring the open gym at the non-school facility such that an invitation to participate would not be a violation.
- 14.) **Sports Regulation 11.2, Mandatory No-Contact Period for Coaches**  
Adds a note that the OHSAA has suspended GSR 11.2 for all interscholastic coaches in the spring team sports of baseball, lacrosse and softball and for the winter team sports of ice hockey and basketball for the period from August 1-August 31, 2020, only.
- 15.) **Sports Regulation 14, Ejection for Unsporting Conduct (Disqualification for unsporting conduct or flagrant violations – Student and Coach**  
Student
  - o In football, ejections for flagrant personal fouls other than fouls in Rule 9, Section 4 Articles 1, 2 and 3-j, will not carry the automatic one-game suspension.
    - Video of these fouls is required to be sent to the OHSAA Football Administrator within 48 hours. The OHSAA Football Administrator may add a one-game suspension upon review.
  - o Any player ejected for fighting, as defined in the NFHS playing rules and included in this GSR, shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until four regular season/tournament contests (two in football) are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.
  - o In wrestling, any player ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for all wrestling contests for the remainder of that day and event. In addition, he/she shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in wrestling until four regular season/tournament contest points or four event days at the same level as the ejection or disqualification have been completed.Coach
  - o Any coach ejected for fighting, as defined in the NFHS playing rules, shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until four regular season/tournament contests (two in football) are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.
  - o In the sport of wrestling, any coach ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for all wrestling contests for the remainder of that day and event. In addition, he/she shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in wrestling until four regular season/tournament contest points or four event days at the same level as the ejection or disqualification have been completed.
- 16.) **Sports Regulation 15, Participants Leaving the Playing Area – Spectators Entering the Playing Area**  
Amends 15.2 to describe that spectators entering the playing area to engage in any kind of conflict is strictly prohibited. Adds 15.3 to recommend the penalty of denial of admission for any spectator who is involved in this infraction for all member school sponsored contests, the period of time to be determined by the member school and the Executive Director's Office. 15.4 places the school where the incident occurred on immediate probation pending an investigation (and report) into what happened, what caused it to happen, what was done by the school to diffuse what happened and what 'safeguards' have been implemented by the school to prevent future happenings.
- 17.) **Sports Regulation 16.4, Failure to Appear and School Closures – OHSAA Tournament Contests**  
Clarifies in the sports and Dual Team Wrestling that If a team "fails to appear" without notifying the opposing teams, officials and/or site management, or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of the tournament contest, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A "forfeit" shall be declared, and the opposing team shall advance to the next round of competition.
- 18.) **Sports Regulation 16.4, Failure to Appear and School Closures – OHSAA Tournament Contests**  
Adds the following statement under a Note on Public Health to read "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Ohio Governor, Ohio General Assembly, Ohio Department of Health and/or the local health district will offer guidance as to whether or not to close a school or university due to a public health issue. Local decisions can also be made by the local health authority or each board of education/governing board. Closures are not recommended except in extreme circumstances." Additional links on the Covid-19 pandemic are also added.

19.) **Media Regulations 2 a; 3, b and c**

In 2 a, permits two school videographers at OHSAA tournaments. In 3 b, notes that the use of drones can only be authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If a license is granted to an individual by the FCC for use of a drone and that authorization is verified, it is the responsibility of each local school district to establish additional policies for the use of drones during home regular season contests (including previews and scrimmages) and practices. In 2 c, The use of drones is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at OHSAA tournament contests or practices beginning an hour before the scheduled start time to an hour after the contest ends. At tournament contests, if management discovers that a drone is being used, management shall attempt to locate the operator to have the drone removed from the facility area, but the contest shall not be delayed. Management shall remove anyone attempting to use a drone and/or confiscate the drone until the event has been completed

**Note:** An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for the OHSAA's official television partner or official photographer, provided the operator of the drone is licensed by the FCC, that authorization can be verified and the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of drones for broadcast purposes under the control of the OHSAA.

B. Recommendation to Approve Modifications to the Sport-by-Sport Regulations for the 2020-21 OHSAA Handbook

OHSAA sport administrators reviewed the proposed modifications to the sport-by-sport regulations that will appear in the 2020-21 *OHSAA Handbook*. Several modifications have been made to reflect date changes or to provide clarity. All regulations will reflect any modifications that have been approved (and are repeated) from the General Sports Regulations. In team sports, the date to cease non-interscholastic competition has been adjusted to the first date that contests are permitted (field hockey and volleyball are exceptions since some of those student-athletes are permitted to participate in national qualifying tournaments, so the ending date is Labor Day); the suspension of the definition of a member of a school team is temporary and will not be effective at the beginning of the 2020-21 season, and the extension of the summer period through August 31 is for 2020 only. In many sports, reference to the OHSAA's updated policy on headwear/headgear directs coaches and administrators to the coach's manuals. In addition, it was noted that many team sports have added waivers that would permit schools to participate against Special Olympic or intellectually handicapped teams without those counting against a team's maximum allowable scrimmages, preview or contests.

Also, in **basketball**, the maximum number of quarters permitted per day has increased from five to six and seasons limitation has increased; the same rules for the 50 percent rule have been applied to 3-on-3 competitions (maximum of two players from the same team permitted), and 7th-8th grade teams may participate in a maximum of two post-season contests in one calendar day. In **bowling**, the calendar has not been updated due to future state tournament dates and sites not being contractually finalized; clarity was added regarding the number of participants needed to start a contest and how students who arrive late can be added, and a waiver has been created for students to participate in two non-interscholastic events even after joining the school team (although the participation cannot occur in a league). In **cross country**, it was noted that the early season invitational will be held a week earlier (August 15 in 2020). In **field hockey**, it was noted that national playing rules have modified contests to four quarters from two halves, so OHSAA individual player participation limitations have been updated to correlate with that change. In **golf**, clarification was provided that indicates teams and individuals may participate in a maximum of two contests per day. In addition, the non-interscholastic regulation has been removed for 7th-8th grade students only (allowing them to participate in unlimited non-interscholastic contests during the season), with the waiver process remaining in place for high school students. In **soccer**, a student who receives a double yellow card would be ineligible for the remainder of that contest and an additional contest at the same level of the infraction. In **tennis**, the calendar has not been updated due to future state tournament dates and sites not being contractually finalized. In **wrestling**, the requirement for a school to have 21 participants in order to sponsor two same-level wrestling teams has been removed; a set of weight classes - as recommended by the state coaches association and piloted in Ohio last year - for girls wrestling has been defined since none had been established by the National Federation of State High School Associations; three regulations that have been in practice but not necessarily included in the wrestling regulations were added, and it was noted that the season-ending tournament conducted by the Ohio Athletic Committee for 7th-8th graders is not NFHS-compliant and thus is considered a non-interscholastic contest (so students choosing to participate in the event would end their interscholastic season at that point).

C. Approval of Appeals Panel for 2020-21 School Year

With the passing of a revision to Constitution Article 5-6-1, Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors, during 2012 referendum voting by member school principals and the modifications approved in May 2017, the Board of Directors is permitted to appoint an Appeals Panel that will have jurisdiction over appeals pertaining to all rulings made by the OHSAA Office, including student eligibility. The Article also says that decisions by the panel will be final and bylaws cannot be waived, amended or set aside and

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must be applied as written. Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass asked the Board to approve appointing such a panel for the 2020-21 school year as it had for the past eight school years. He also noted that he has challenged the OHSAA staff to ensure there is more diversity included among panel members.

### D. Recommendation to Approve Waiving Strict Compliance to OHSAA Eligibility Bylaws and/or Sports Regulations

With the passing of an OHSAA constitution issue during the recently-completed referendum voting by member school principals, the OHSAA Office has been given authority to temporarily suspend the strict compliance to various OHSAA constitution articles, bylaws and/or sports regulations if the non-compliance is a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic and provided such suspensions remain consistent with the purpose of the constitution articles, bylaws and/or sports regulations. Senior Director Debbie Moore said the compliance staff recommends that 1.) spring sports athletes, including some who may have participated in a scrimmage, who transfer will not be accountable to the transfer consequences in spring 2021 (with the rest of the transfer bylaw along with the enrollment and attendance and the semester bylaws remaining as they read), and 2.) waiving the preceding grading period grades, as are found in the scholarship bylaws (4-4-1, 4-4-4 and 4-4-5). Dr. Moore noted that the OHSAA Office is studying other potential modifications, especially since school curriculums may be modified when instruction resumes in the fall and may preclude students from taking five one-credit courses or the equivalent.

### E. Recommendation to Approve Waiving Strict Compliance to OHSAA Eligibility Bylaws and/or Sports Regulations

Similar to Item VI. D. above, Senior Director Bob Goldring said the staff recommends that strict compliance with Bylaw 2, Section 2 be modified for the spring sports of baseball and softball as they relate to Competitive Balance, and that schools in those sports and for the 2021 seasons only be assigned to tournament divisions based strictly on their EMIS numbers (and therefore no modifications utilizing Competitive Balance factors would be included). Mr. Goldring said a survey of members of the OHSAA Competitive Balance Committee was unanimous in recommending that this procedure be utilized.

### F. Recommendation to Approve Proposals from the OHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

Doctors who are members of the OHSAA Joint Advisory Committee on Sports Medicine convened during a virtual meeting on May 8, 2020, and Senior Director Debbie Moore said the group recommended that the following be approved by the Board of Directors regarding preparticipation physical examinations for the 2020-21 school year: 1.) Continue with the requirement for an annual Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (PPE) - every 13 months - for all 7th-12th grade students; 2.) Recommend strongly discouraging the use of mass physicals for this upcoming school year for the benefit of public health and recommend all students receive a PPE in a private setting; 3.) Strongly recommend that the physical exam be done at a medical home, and 4.) Allow a student who has had a PPE within the last year to conduct his/her 2020-21 PPE in person or via telehealth as long as the usual forms are filled out, signed and in the provider's hands prior to the visit.

### G. Approval of Authorize Executive Director to Sign Agreements with Fifth Third Bank for Management of the OHSAA Retirement Program

OHSAA consultant Greg Blate recommended that the Board authorize the OHSAA executive director to sign agreements with Fifth Third Bank for management of the Association's retirement program.

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Leonard Steyer 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)

None

## VIII. REPORT ON CONFERENCES/MEETINGS ATTENDED

Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass thanked the various state coaches associations, the district Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association groups, various superintendents' groups and other groups for including the OHSAA staff and him in many of their recent virtual meetings.

## IX. CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass said he acknowledges the correspondence that has been received from across the state and noted that the items are read.

## X. ONCE AROUND

Board member Gary Kreinbrink thanked Executive Director Snodgrass for his constant presence around the state in the various mediums in which that has occurred during this tough time, and he also thanked Board

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President Dan Leffingwell and Vice President Jan Wilking for recently addressing each of the six OHSAA District Athletic Boards. Other board members thanked the OHSAA staff members for all of their work and patience during these uncertain times, where emotions and frustrations are high, and for participating in various virtual meetings. Ex-officio Jeremy Marks, who has resigned from the Board effective June 30, said it has been an honor to serve on the Board of Directors for the past several years, he thanked the OHSAA staff and Board for their support and the memories he has been provided and said the Association will be in good hands with Ohio Department of Education Deputy Superintendent John Richard taking his place on the Board. Mr. Marks encouraged everyone to continue to reach out to him should they need any assistance. An update on the health of OIAAA ex-officio Board member Bruce Brown was provided.

In addition, Board President Dan Leffingwell thanked the OHSAA staff and his fellow Board members who have been inundated with the work of the day while also trying to plan for the future. He praised them for not only serving and providing leadership to our member schools and their student-athletes, but also for doing this while trying to address the financial issues of the time. Mr. Leffingwell said that as we return to normal, hopefully we can continue to move forward as an organization and the future will be brighter than what we have experienced over these last few months.

Motion by Jan Wilking, second by Leonard Steyer to move into Executive Session at 2:12 p.m.

Motion passed 9-0.

### XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session for the purpose of electing 2020-21 Board of Directors officers.

Board President Dan Leffingwell asked for nominations for the position of president of the Board of Directors for the 2020-21 school year.

Jan Wilking nominated Jeff Cassella to serve as president of the Board of Directors for the 2020-21 school year. Steve Watkins seconded the motion. Following a motion by Ms. Wilking and a second by Bill Warfield, there was a unanimous motion to close nominations.

**Jeff Cassella** was unanimously elected president of the Board of Directors for the 2020-21 school year.

Board President Leffingwell asked for nominations for the position of vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2020-21 school year.

Mr. Cassella nominated Scott Kaufman to serve as vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Wilking seconded the motion. Following a motion by Ryan Fitzgerald and a second by Mr. Warfield, there was a unanimous motion to close nominations.

**Scott Kaufman** was unanimously elected vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2020-21 school year.

Motion by Ryan Fitzgerald, second by Steve Watkins to end the executive session at 2:21 p.m.

Motion passed 9-0.

There was a unanimous motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings are subject to change.)

**2019-20 School Year:** June 10, 1:00 p.m. (Virtual Zoom Meeting)

**2020-21 School Year (note that 2020-21 dates may be modified, and times are to be determined):** August 27; October 1; October 29; January 14; February 18; April 22, and June 9.