

The following are the preliminary minutes from the October 24, 2019, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its January 16, 2020, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (October 24, 2019)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled meeting at the OHSAA Office on Thursday, October 24, 2019. President Dan Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting opened with a prayer led by Dan Leffingwell and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jeff Cassella. Self introductions by audience members followed.

**Board Members Present:** 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 Present:** Jerry Snodgrass, executive director; and senior administrative staff members Bob Goldring, Jeff Jordan, Deborah Moore, Roxanne Price, Beau Rugg and Tim Stried.

**Others Attending:** Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; OHSAA professional staff members Tyler Brooks, Kathleen Coughlin, Dale Gabor, Emily Gates, Angie Lawler, Brenda Murray, Lauren Prochaska, Kristin Ronai and Jacki Windon; Frank Gamble and Drew Kirby, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; David Sheldon, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Gerald Cooke and Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Walt Snyder, Ohio High School Softball Coaches Association; Greg Aten, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Diane Krumpak, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches, and Ken Baker, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators.

### I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Jan Wilking, second by Jeff Cassella to **adopt** the agenda for the October 24, 2019, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ryan Fitzgerald, second by Gary Kreinbrink to **approve** the minutes from the September 19, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

### III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### A. State Office Financial Report

Senior Director Jeff Jordan provided the financial report for the OHSAA state office for September. The report is summarized as follows:

Balance — August 31, 2019		\$1,730,322.42
Receipts — September 2019	<u>\$88,515.48</u>	
Total Receipts		\$88,515.48
Disbursements — September 2019	<u>\$961,763.30</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$961,763.30</u>
<b>Balance — September 30, 2019</b>		<b>\$857,074.60</b>
Accounted for as follows:		
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (9/30/19)		\$1,014,167.96
Less Outstanding Checks		<u>\$157,093.36</u>
<b>Balance — September 30, 2019</b>		<b>\$857,074.60</b>
Available Funds — September 30, 2019		
Bank Balance		\$857,074.60
Savings Account		\$747,159.01
Minus Budget Stabilization		<u>— \$800,000.00</u>
<b>Working Capital</b>		<b>\$804,233.61</b>
Designated Funds — September 30, 2019		
Budget Stabilization		\$800,000.00
Board Designated Reserve		\$808,929.13
Building Fund		<u>\$365,524.95</u>
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>		<b>\$1,974,454.08</b>

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### B. District Athletic Boards Financial Report

Senior Director Jeff Jordan provided the Board with the financial report for the six district athletic boards through August. 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</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u>	<u>Yr. to Date</u>
					<u>Gross Revenue</u>	<u>Gross Expenses</u>	<u>Net Profit/Loss</u>
Central	\$219,317	\$251,078	\$0	\$470,395	\$6,573	\$10,284	— \$3,711
East	\$448,553	\$0	\$50,000	\$498,553	\$2,750	\$6,363	— \$3,613
Northeast	\$86,369	\$0	\$0	\$86,369	\$2,250	\$8,034	— \$5,784
Northwest	\$374,580	\$0	\$40,010	\$414,590	\$0	\$8,223	— \$8,223
Southeast	\$86,431	\$26,152	\$198,494	\$311,077	\$1	\$5,343	— \$5,342
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$52,226</u>	<u>\$186,077</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$438,303</u>	<u>\$1,496</u>	<u>\$26,614</u>	<u>— \$25,118</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,267,476</b>	<b>\$463,307</b>	<b>\$488,504</b>	<b>\$2,219,287</b>	<b>\$13,070</b>	<b>\$64,861</b>	<b>— \$51,791</b>

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

Motion passed 8-0.

## IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. Review of Final OHSAA Regional Update Meetings

Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass informed the Board that the last two of the seven OHSAA Regional Update Meetings were conducted at Logan High School Oct. 2 and Jackson High School Oct. 8. Presentations for school administrators as they begin the 2019-20 school year included reminders and updates from various OHSAA staff members on compliance, sports administration, membership services, officiating and competitive balance along with reminders from OHSAA general counsel Steve Craig. Mr. Snodgrass noted that surveys of those who attended were conducted with the assistance of Assistant Director of Membership Services Ronald Sayers, and the feedback is important to assist the OHSAA in moving forward. He provided the results of one of the survey questions.

### B. Review of OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference October 1, 2019

Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass informed the Board that the OHSAA Foundation hosted a statewide Student Leadership Conference October 1, 2019, at The Ohio State University's Ohio Union in Columbus. He said over 1,600 students attended, the speakers were outstanding and he thanked motivational speaker Harvey Alston for his tremendous work in again organizing the event with assistance from Mike Richards of the Foundation Board of Trustees. Mr. Snodgrass said discussions have been taking place on how to better serve our students located in the far corners of the state with leadership opportunities.

### C. Update on 2019 State Football Finals

Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass informed the Board that the schedule and format for the 2019 state football finals will be very similar to the past. He said the staff has been working with the Association's partnerships to try to enhance the games. All playoff games during the first four rounds of the 2019 tournament will kick off at 7:00 p.m. Division I, II, III and VI games will be on Fridays and Division IV, V and VII games will be on Saturdays. The OHSAA will determine the date and game time assignments for the state championship games after the results of the state semifinal games are known, but one final - either Division I, II, III or VI - will be played on Thursday, Dec. 5; three finals from Divisions I, II, III or VI will be played on Friday, Dec. 6, and the finals for Divisions IV, V and VI will be played on Saturday, Dec. 7.

### D. Update on National Federation of State High Schools Coaches Association 2018-19 Awards

Senior Director Deborah Moore informed the Board that the respective coaches associations within the state have selected the National Federation of State High Schools Coaches Association 2018-19 Ohio Coaches-of-the-Year. The coaches-of-the-year are as follows: Baseball-Mike Barhorst, Dayton Chaminade-Julienne; Boys Basketball-John Cullen, Canfield South Range; Girls Basketball-Tim Gabbard, Waynesville; Bowling-Rusty Walter, Plain City Jonathan Alder; Boys Cross Country-Jeff Howard, Peninsula Woodridge; Girls Cross Country-Jesse Magoto, Minster; Field Hockey-Kara Whitlatch, Bexley; Football-Tiger LaVerde, Kirtland; Boys Golf-Larry Smoot, Brookfield; Girls Golf-Angie Miller, Sugarcreek Garaway; Gymnastics-Jessica Araps, Mentor; Ice Hockey-Patrick Murphy, Dublin Jerome; Boys Lacrosse-Shane Comisford, Dublin Coffman; Girls Lacrosse-Joe Finotti, Columbus St. Francis DeSales; Boys Soccer-Nate Baer, Toledo Ottawa Hills; Girls Soccer-Steve Popp, Beaver Creek; Softball-Cheryl Weaver, Warren Champion; Boys Swimming & Diving-Dan Carl, Cincinnati Sycamore; Girls Swimming & Diving-Mark Rogers, North Canton Hoover; Boys Tennis-Thomas Haddow, Columbus Wellington School; Girls Tennis-Greg Aten, Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown; Boys Track & Field-Jason Roach, Pickerington Central; Girls Track & Field-Ann Vogel, West Liberty-Salem; Volleyball-Ann Ellerbrock, Ottawa-Glandorf, and Wrestling-Michael Ritter, Wauseon.

### E. 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 September 19. In an update from last month's listing when the incorrect sport was reported, **West Jefferson High School** had two student-athletes in varsity boys soccer

violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit any victorious contest in which the ineligible students participated. However, no forfeitures were required since the two contests were scrimmages and scrimmages do not carry any “won-lost” statistics. **Columbus West High School** had a student-athlete in varsity football violate Bylaw 4-3-3, Semesters. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **The Plains Athens High School** had a student-athlete in boys varsity soccer violate Bylaw 4-8-1, International & Exchange Students. However, the student met Exception 1 to Bylaw 4-8-1 (move into district with parents) but the school permitted the student to participate in interscholastic athletics prior to receiving an eligibility ruling from the Executive Director’s Office. 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. **Gates Mills Hawken High School** had a student athlete in girls varsity tennis violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Ashtabula Lakeside High School** had a student-athlete in boys varsity soccer violate General Sports Regulation 14.1, Ejection for Unsporting Conduct, when he failed to complete the second game suspension requirement as a result of being ejected from a game earlier in the season. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the two victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated before completing his suspension. **Kenton Middle School** had eight student-athletes in 7th grade volleyball violate Sports Regulation 7.2.1, Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs – Team Sports, when the student-athletes participated in a non-school sanctioned contest while members of the school team. In accordance with the Sports Regulation and Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director’s Office declared the students ineligible for the remainder of the school season. **Amanda-Clearcreek High School** violated Bylaws 6-1-2 and Bylaw 6-1-3, Requirements for Coaching, when an individual(s) who was not board approved took over coaching duties for a boys varsity soccer game. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the non-certified coach participated. **Centerville High School** had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer. However, the student met Exception 1 to Bylaw 4-7-2 (move into district with parents) but the school permitted the student to participate in interscholastic athletics past the 50% mark of the season before receiving an eligibility ruling from the Executive Director’s Office. 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. **Cincinnati Mount Healthy High School** had a junior varsity football coach violate General Sports Regulation 14.2, Ejection for Unsporting Conduct, when he failed to complete the one game suspension requirement as a result of being ejected from a game earlier in the season. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the coach participated before completing his suspension. **Strongsville High School** violated Cross Country Sport Regulation 1.1 when permitting an ineligible student-athlete to compete in a girls varsity cross country contest. CC SR 1.1 requires 10 days of practice under the supervision of the cross country coaching staff prior to any participation in contests. It was discovered the student athlete won the competition on September 21, with the team finishing fifth. The student athlete thus forfeits her first place finish and Strongsville will also forfeit this meet to schools that finished below fifth place. **Avon High School** permitted a girls varsity golf player to participate without receiving an eligibility ruling under Bylaw 4-8-1, International and Exchange Students, Exception 2. Based on the information provided, the student would have been ruled eligible under Bylaw 4-8-1, Exception 2. The OHSAA has restored eligibility for the student retroactively and no forfeitures were required but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school has been fined \$100. **Pataskala Licking Heights Central Middle School** permitted an ineligible student-athlete under Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, to participate in one middle school volleyball contest. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Licking Heights forfeited the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Toledo Woodward High School** had a student-athlete who was reassigned by the district as a result of a specific change of academic program and was eligible to qualify for full eligibility under Bylaw 4-7-6, Intradistrict Transfer. However, the district failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director’s Office within the first 15 school days of the school year, 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. **Franklin Bishop Fenwick High School** had a boys sub-varsity basketball coach violate Bylaw 4-9-4 #1, Recruiting, when he contacted a student via social media to influence his enrollment at the school. The Executive Director’s Office agreed with the school’s self-imposed penalty of removing the coach from the program. Additionally, in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, Bishop Fenwick High School has been publicly reprimanded and the coach is ineligible for the 2020-2021 OHSAA tournament at any other school at which he may be hired this season. **Brooklyn Middle School** had a student-athlete in 7th grade volleyball violate Sports Regulation 7.2.1, Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs-Team Sports, when the student-athlete participated in several non-school contests while a member of the school team. In accordance with the Sports Regulation and Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director’s Office agreed with the school’s self-imposed penalty of removing the student from the team. Furthermore, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the four victorious contests in which the student participated after the infraction occurred but

before the penalty was assessed. **Hamilton High School** had a student-athlete in boys varsity soccer violate Bylaw 4-2-1, Age. 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 contests were scrimmages and scrimmages do not carry any “won-loss” statistics. **Oregon Clay High School** had a student-athlete in boys junior varsity soccer violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the two victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Cleveland St. Joseph Academy** had a student-athlete in girls varsity soccer violate Sports Regulation 7.2.1, Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs-Team Sports, when the student-athlete participated in a non-school 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 school’s next two regular season contests. **Pataskala Watkins Memorial High School** had a student-athlete in girls varsity soccer violate General Sport Regulation 7.2.1, 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. Furthermore, in accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the two victorious contests in which the student participated after the infraction occurred but before the penalty was assessed. **Haviland Wayne Trace High School** had a student-athlete in girls varsity golf violate Bylaw 4-8-1, International & Exchange Students. However, the student met Exception 2 to Bylaw 4-8-1 (foreign exchange student) but the school permitted the student to participate in interscholastic athletics prior to receiving an eligibility ruling from the Executive Director’s Office. 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. **Parma Normandy High School** had a student-athlete in junior varsity football violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship. 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 the two contests in which the ineligible student participated. Dayton Oakwood High School had a student-athlete in girls varsity cross country violate Cross Country Sport Regulation 1.1, Interscholastic Participation (Acclimatization Days). In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. All eligible student-athletes may keep their points, places and any awards earned, but the meet(s) shall be forfeited. **Farmersville Valley View Middle School** had a student-athlete in 8th grade football violate Bylaw 4-3-4, Semesters. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Oberlin High School** had a student-athlete in boys varsity soccer violate Bylaw 4-7-3, Mid Season Transfer. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Liberty Center High School** had a student-athlete in freshman football violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Chardon Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School** had a student-athlete in junior varsity volleyball violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit any victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Chillicothe Unioto High School** had a student-athlete in varsity volleyball violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school must forfeit the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Cleveland John Marshall High School** had two student-athletes who were reassigned by the district as a result of a specific change of academic program and were eligible to qualify for full eligibility under Bylaw 4-7-6, Intradistrict Transfer. However, the district failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director’s Office within the first 15 school days of the school year, as stipulated in the Bylaw. The OHSAA has restored eligibility for the students retroactively and prospectively but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school has been fined \$100.

The Board was also provided with a list of the appeals that have been heard by the OHSAA Appeals Panel during this school year along with historical data that showed the number of appeals held since the 1980-81 school year, and Assistant Director Kristin Ronai reviewed the highlights. She said there have been 36 appeals heard on six dates (including one expedited appeal), seven have been on the Exception 7 of the Transfer Bylaw (alleged victim of harassment, intimidation or bullying) 12 appeals overall have either been granted or the penalty modified. In addition, Steve Craig, the OHSAA’s legal counsel, provided the Board with an update on legal issues.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of 2020 Spring Sports Divisional Alignments and Representation for Baseball and Softball  
At its August 8 and September 19 meetings, the Board approved tournament divisional alignments and representation in the spring sport of boys tennis, boys track & field and girls track & field for 2020 and 2021 and tournament divisional alignments for boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse for 2020 and 2021. At this meeting, the Board was asked to approve tournament divisional alignments and representation for the sports of baseball and softball for 2020 as prepared by Director Brenda Murray. The enrollment figures include factors that have been added as part of the OHSAA Competitive Balance Plan.



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### Baseball

Division I, 190 teams (359 males or more from October 2018 enrollments plus Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 189 teams (208 to 358 males)

Division III, 191 teams (129 to 207 males)

Division IV, 193 team (128 or less males)

Total Teams: 763

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in baseball for 2020 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central and two Southeast schools (Chillicothe and Logan) 4; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

### Softball

Division I, 186 teams (348 females or more from October 2018 enrollments plus Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 186 teams (198 to 347 females)

Division III, 186 teams (116 to 197 females)

Division IV, 191 team (115 or less females)

Total Teams: 749

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in softball for 2020 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 4; Combined Northeast, one East school (New Philadelphia) and one Southeast school (Marietta) 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Leonard Steyer to **approve** the 2020 baseball and softball divisional alignments and representation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

### B. Recommendation from the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches

At its August 7 Work Session, the Board heard a recommendation from the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches in which they proposed that the first date of practice (coaching) be moved to Monday, February 24. This date would coincide with the same date that coaching is permitted to begin for the sports of baseball, lacrosse and softball. In conjunction with the OHSAA staff, a survey was sent by the coaches association to member school superintendents, principals, athletic administrators and head coaches, and the majority supported the proposed change.

Motion by Jan Wilking, second by Steve Watkins to **approve** the recommendation as presented beginning with the 2020 season.

Motion passed 8-0.

### C. Recommendation from the Ohio High School Softball Coaches Association

At its August 7 Work Session, the Board heard a recommendation from the Ohio High School Softball Coaches Association in which they proposed that the 10 non-mandatory coaching days currently permitted in June and July be permitted at any time prior to January 31 annually. The month of August would remain as the no-contact period and the January 31 cutoff would prevent coaches from using their 10 days to start the season early. The intent is not to take time away from any other sport, but to allow schools to better utilize their 10 days by giving students some of their summer back, to encourage multi-sport athletes and/or to give students more of a break. In conjunction with OHSAA staff, a survey was sent by the coaches association to member school superintendents, principals, athletic administrators and head coaches, and the majority of those who responded supported the proposed change.

Motion by Jan Wilking, second by Jeff Cassella to **deny** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

### D. Recommendation from the Four-Division Committee

The Board was previously provided a recommendation from an OHSAA Four-Division Committee, which looked at the enrollment disparity for schools from the top to the bottom of Division I in team sports other than football (volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, baseball and softball) and studied whether any modifications to OHSAA tournament assignments should be recommended to the OHSAA Board of Directors. A committee representative also provided an update to the Board of Directors during their January Work Session. In general, the proposal would limit the number of schools placed in tournament

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divisions for the OHSAA's sports with four divisions while adding additional teams to the remaining three divisions in each particular sport. The Board and staff had much discussion on the proposal during this meeting and during the previous day's Board of Directors Work Session.

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second by Scott Kaufman to **table** action on the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

Board members indicated that they are tabling the recommendation in order for more discussion on related tournament issues to be addressed.

### E. Recommendation to Modify the Ice Hockey Sports Regulations

At the June 3, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved modifications to the 2019-20 OHSAA sport-by-sport regulations, including ice hockey. At this meeting, Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass requested that two additions to the ice hockey regulations be approved for safety reasons. The proposed additions are: 1.) "Neck guards are required for all players to be worn during practice and contests. Contests include scrimmages, regular season games and OHSAA tournament games. Violation of this rule results in a misconduct penalty for equipment violation and shall be imposed on any player entering the ice without a neck guard. If a player's neck guard comes off during play, the player is to retrieve it at the next stoppage of play and substituted on the ice," and 2.) "All ice hockey coaches are required to wear helmets at any time on the ice at all practice sessions."

Motion by Ryan Fitzgerald, second by Scott Kaufman to **approve** the recommendations as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

### F. Recommendation to Modify the Gymnastics Sports Regulations

At the June 3, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved modifications to the 2019-20 OHSAA sport-by-sport regulations, including gymnastics. At this meeting, Senior Director Deborah Moore requested that an addition to the gymnastics regulations be approved which clarifies scoring during the regular season. The proposed addition is: "In regular season meets in which team entrants are unlimited, it is not permissible to designate which four gymnasts shall be eligible to have their scores added to produce a team score. Any of the eligible competitors shall be able to score for the team."

Motion by Jeff Cassella, second by Leonard Steyer to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

### G. Recommendation to Modify the Wrestling Sports Regulations

At its June 3, 2019, meeting, the Board approved modifications to the 2019-20 OHSAA sport-by-sport regulations, including gymnastics. At this meeting, Director Tyler Brooks requested that an addition to the wrestling regulations be approved which clarifies participation for female wrestlers. The proposed addition is: "The Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association Girls State Wrestling Tournament is recognized by the OHSAA. Participation in this event does not affect a wrestler's ability to participate in either the OHSAA Individual or Dual Team Tournament. Additionally, participation in this event will not accrue any points toward the individual's or team's regular season schedule point limitation."

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second by Ryan Fitzgerald to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

### H. Approval of 2019-20 OHSAA Tournament Video and Streaming Media Rights Fees

At its September 19, 2019, meeting, the Board approved the OHSAA Media Regulations that also included the OHSAA Photo Regulations and tournament audio rights fees for the 2019-20 school year. At this meeting, Senior Director Tim Stried provided the Board with proposed tournament video and/or streaming rights fees for tournaments for the 2019-20 school year, and he asked the Board to approve them.

Motion by Jan Wilking, second by Steve Watkins to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

### I. Approval of 2020 Girls Division II Basketball Representation in the East and Southeast Districts

At its September 19, 2019, meeting, the Board approved tournament divisional alignments and representation in the winter sport of girls basketball for 2020. At this meeting, the Board was asked to break a tie in representation to the regional tournaments in Division II between the East and Southeast districts. The tie was overlooked at the September 19 meeting. Following a coin flip, the Southeast district will have two representatives to the regional tournament and the East district will have one.

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second by Jeff Cassella to **approve** the 2020 Division II girls basketball representation as determined via the coin flip.

Motion passed 8-0.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

### A. Approval of 2020 Winter Sports Tournament Regulations

Amended winter sports tournament regulations were reviewed by OHSAA staff members Kathleen Coughlin (basketball); Roxanne Price (bowling); Deborah Moore (gymnastics and swimming & diving), and Tyler Brooks (wrestling). Most changes reflected dates and times, the rewording of regulations to provide clarity and/or a modification in representation. In **bowling**, the previously-approved change in uniform bottoms was noted. In **gymnastics**, an emphasis was made on coaches being listed on the emergency contact form in order for them to be permitted on the floor. In **swimming & diving**, it was noted that four para-events in the boys and girls 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke will take place during district tournaments. In **dual team wrestling**, it was noted that the team entry fee has increased to \$100 from \$50 and that the state tournament seeding process has been modified. And in **individual wrestling**, it was noted that prices for state tournament single session tickets has been modified, with the terrace level \$15 per person each session and the entry and club level \$18 per person each session.

### B. Approval of Replay Policy for State Football Finals

The Board was provided with a policy that would permit for replay to be used at the state football finals. In general, the initiation of replay shall be as follows:

“Plays are only reviewed if there is reasonable evidence the initial ruling is incorrect, and the competitive effect of the play has an immediate impact on the game. The replay staff will be reviewing some aspect of every play but replay staff will only stop a game when there is initial evidence the on-field ruling is incorrect, and the result of that error has an immediate impact on the game. Competitive effect takes many things into consideration, but specifically, time of the game, score of the game, location on the field of the play and impact of the play on the outcome of the game. The following plays are reviewed:

Scoring plays and plays that should have been scoring plays; turnovers, including a muffed punt awarded to A, a free kick awarded to A, and failing to make a first down; the number of the down as it pertains to the current series of plays (2nd down is correct down instead of 3rd down, as an example), and time on the game clock at the end of the second and fourth quarters. The play clock is never reviewable.

Furthermore, egregious errors are reviewed when they either have an immediate impact in a closely contested game or when, if not addressed, would be an embarrassment to the officiating crew and/or the OHSAA.”

Also included in the policy are replay specific definitions; replay reviews; reviewable aspects; non-reviewable plays; fouls, and loss of communication or video.

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Ryan Fitzgerald to **approve** New Business Consent Items VI. A. and VI. B. as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

It was noted that action on the 2020 Ice Hockey Tournament Regulations was tabled.

## VIII. REPORT ON CONFERENCES/MEETINGS ATTENDED

Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass, Senior Directors Bob Goldring and Roxanne Price and Assistant Director Jacki Windon attended the National Federation of State Associations Section 2 Meeting Sept. 23-25 in Louisville, Ky. Senior Director Beau Rugg, Directors Tyler Brooks and Angie Lawler and Assistant Director Ben Ferree attended the Midwest Officials Summit Sept. 22-24 in Louisville. Director Kristin Ronai spoke at The Ohio State University’s College of Arts and Sciences “Sports and Society Initiative” on compliance Oct. 3. And Directors Kathleen Coughlin and Lauren Prochaska attended the Women’s Leadership in Sports conference Oct. 23 at Liberty Twp. Lakota East High School.

## IX. CORRESPONDENCE

None

## X. ONCE AROUND

Diane Krumpak with the Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches thanked the Board and staff for the proposal process that is in place and said the survey which was utilized for their association’s proposal was well done and helped with communication. She also shared that Jason Roach, boys track & field coach at Pickerington High School Central, has been named the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association 2019 National Boys Track & Field Coach-of-the-Year.

Gerald Cooke of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association presented a \$1,000 check from his association to the OHSAA Foundation to support the OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference.

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Board President Dan Leffingwell emphasized to the OHSAA staff and those in attendance that, by authorizing and approving an OHSAA strategic plan and authorizing that an OHSAA human resources audit take place, the Board is merely ensuring that for years to come consistent processes are put into place which meet all current and legal standards, and that these processes will provide accountability.

Executive Director Jerry Snodgrass thanked the OHSAA staff, district athletic board members and tournament site managers who helped administer the recently-completed OHSAA tennis and golf tournament series and also thanked the state coaches associations for their support and involvement. He also noted that the OHSAA supports the National Federation of State High School Associations' recent strong stance against collegiate football games being played on Friday nights. In addition, he noted a few unfortunate incidents that occurred during recent high school football games and said that by engaging the membership more and sharing of facts, informed decisions can be made.

In addition, Board member Scott Kaufman thanked the staff for their work in administering fall tournaments, and Assistant Director Kristin Ronai thanked Senior Director Bob Goldring for the work he has done on Competitive Balance.

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second by Scott Kaufman to **adjourn** this portion of the meeting in order for the Board to go into executive session at 9:56 a.m.

Motion passed 8-0.

Motion by Jeff Cassella, second by Steve Watkins to **adjourn** the executive session at 10:20 a.m.

Motion passed 8-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

### 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: January 16; February 13; **April 23**, and Wednesday, June 10 (**NOTE NEW DATE FOR APRIL**)