

The following are the preliminary minutes from the August 19, 2020, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its August 27, 2020, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES (August 19, 2020)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. President Jeff Cassella called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Board Members Participating: Jeff Cassella, president; Scott Kaufman, vice president; Gary Kreinbrink; Ryan Fitzgerald; Dan Leffingwell; Leonard Steyer; Jan Wilking, and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio representing the OIAAA).

Board Members Excused: Bill Warfield; Steve Watkins, and John Richard (ex-officio).

Staff Members Participating: Bob Goldring, interim executive director; Roxanne Price and Beau Rugg, OHSAA senior directors; Tyler Brooks, Kathleen Coughlin, Emily Gates and Lauren Prochaska, directors; Deborah Moore, advisor, and Dale Gabor, OHSAA sport administrator for cross country and track & field.

Others Participating: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel.

I. ACTION ITEM

With Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announcing August 18 that approval has been given for Ohio to begin school vs. school competition in contact sports, and thus removing the previous requirement that COVID-19 testing must occur, the Interim Executive Director's staff recommended that the Ohio Health Director's revised Order which allows such competition in contact sports be approved by the Board of Directors. Approval allows the staff to potentially issue sanctions in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, for those schools who violate the mandates of the Order.

Motion by Dan Leffingwell, second by Scott Kaufman to **approve** the recommendation as presented from the Interim Executive Director's staff.

Motion approved, 7-0.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board and staff discussed other issues related to the start of the upcoming fall sports seasons.

The Board unanimously adjourned the special virtual meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings are subject to change.)

2020-21 School Year (note that 2020-21 dates may be modified, and times are to be determined): August 27, 9:00 a.m., virtual; October 1; October 29; January 14; February 18; April 22, and June 9.