

The following are the preliminary minutes from the April 22, 2021, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its June 8, 2021, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (April 22, 2021)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021. The meeting was held in-person for most Board and staff members and virtually for some due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. President Jeff Cassella called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The meeting began with a prayer, led by Dan Leffingwell, and the pledge of allegiance, led by Scott Kaufman.

**Board Members Participating:** Jeff Cassella, president; Scott Kaufman, vice president; Ryan Fitzgerald; Gary Kreinbrink; Dan Leffingwell; Leonard Steyer; Bill Warfield; Steve Watkins; Jan Wilking, and John Richard (ex-officio) and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio).

**Staff Members Participating:** Doug Ute, executive director; Kim Kiehl, chief operating officer; directors Bob Goldring, Kristin Ronai, Beau Rugg and Tim Stried; controller Laura Vermilya; and staff members Charles Anderson, Tyler Brooks, Molly Downard, John Kuzio, Angie Lawler, Ronald Sayers and Jacki Windon.

**Others Participating:** Steve Craig and Samir Dahman, OHSAA legal counsels; Luke Sayers, Ohio vice president and general manager of Teall Properties Group; Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; David Sheldon, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Gerald Cooke, Brent Fackler and Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Mike Murphy, Ohio Girls Lacrosse Association; John Orozco, Ohio High School Soccer Coaches Association; Sarah Looker and Barbara Sleek, Ohio High School Softball Coaches Association; Mark Faber, Ohio Tennis 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; Rick Guimond, Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association; Tim Freeman, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators; Ken Baker, Ohio Capital Conference, and Paul Powers, Aurora High School.

**I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second Jan Wilking to **adopt** the agenda for the April 22, 2021, Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second Ryan Fitzgerald to **approve** the minutes from the February 18, 2021, Board of Directors Regular Meeting and the March 29, 2021, and April 9, 2021, Board of Directors Special Meetings (all virtual).

Motion passed 9-0.

**III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**A. OHSAA Financial Report**

Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl provided a brief update on operations and then asked Controller Laura Vermilya to provide the financial report through March. It is summarized as follows:

Cash and Equivalents — March 31, 2021		
Checking and Savings	\$3,149,728	
Cash Concentration	<u>\$3,065,109</u>	
Working Capital		\$6,214,837
Designated Funds — March 31, 2021		
Board Designated Savings	\$381,662	
Board Designated Certificates of Deposit	\$320,045	
Investments - Building Fund	0	
Durkle Scholarship	\$53,098	
Rossi/Denney Scholarship	<u>\$53,700</u>	
Total Designated Funds		<u>\$808,505</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>\$7,023,342</b>

District	Checking	Savings	CD	Cash Concentration	Cash Total	Yr. to Date	Yr. to Date	Yr. to Date
						Gross Revenue	Gross Expenses	Net Profit/Loss
OHSAA Office	\$494,326	\$1,549,071	\$320,045	\$552,726	\$2,916,168	\$7,604,431	\$7,037,858	\$566,573
Central	\$68,570	\$0	\$0	\$538,400	\$606,970	\$462,161	\$516,268	—\$54,107
East	\$122,919	\$0	\$0	\$571,247	\$694,166	\$259,471	\$192,673	\$66,798
Northeast	\$234,508	\$0	\$0	\$216,264	\$450,772	\$939,083	\$1,068,957	—\$129,874
Northwest	\$504,768	\$0	\$0	\$301,705	\$806,473	\$950,633	\$733,534	\$217,099
Southeast	\$207,790	\$19,163	\$0	\$339,435	\$566,388	\$131,902	\$221,539	—\$89,637
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$386,736</u>	<u>\$6</u>	<u>\$50,332</u>	<u>\$545,331</u>	<u>\$982,405</u>	<u>\$909,110</u>	<u>\$865,676</u>	<u>\$43,434</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,019,617</b>	<b>\$1,568,240</b>	<b>\$370,377</b>	<b>\$3,065,108</b>	<b>\$7,023,342</b>	<b>\$11,256,791</b>	<b>\$10,636,505</b>	<b>\$620,286</b>

Motion by Dan Leffingwell, second by Gary Kreinbrink to **approve** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

#### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### A. Review of Winter Tournaments

Executive Director Doug Ute thanked all administrators, coaches, contest officials and district athletic boards for their work and dedication in helping the OHSAA complete the winter tournaments during the pandemic and with spectator capacity limitations. OHSAA administrators Beau Rugg (basketball; bowling, and swimming & diving); Kristin Ronai (gymnastics); Ronald Sayers (ice hockey), and Tyler Brooks (wrestling) reviewed their specific tournaments. In **basketball**, the member schools that hosted sectional, district and regional contests were thanked along with the University of Dayton, which hosted the girls and boys state tournaments. In **bowling**, Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl again did a great job in hosting two weekends of the state tournaments. The state **gymnastics** tournament had nearly 600 spectators over two days at Hilliard Bradley High School, where a modified format was used due to the pandemic. Next year will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tournament. The sites that hosted district **ice hockey** tournaments were thanked along with the Ice Haus (adjacent to Nationwide Arena in Columbus), which served as host for the state tournament. Finding sectional and district sites for the **swimming & diving** tournaments proved to be challenging because of some nearby sites not being available. The staff at Branin Natatorium did their usual outstanding job in hosting the state tournament, which also utilized a modified format due to the pandemic. Liaisons from each district athletic board were thanked for their work in **wrestling** since numerous modifications were put into place due to the pandemic. The state tournament was successful after being held at Hilliard Darby, Marengo Highland and Marion Harding high schools, where two sessions were held each day and all matches were video streamed.

##### B. Update on Spring Tournaments

OHSAA administrators Beau Rugg (baseball; lacrosse, and track & field); Doug Ute and Bob Goldring (softball), and Tyler Brooks (boys tennis) provided updates on their respective spring sports tournaments. In **baseball**, all regional sites have been selected and confirmed and the state tournament will again be held at Canal Park in Akron. Besides there being a shortage of contest officials, the **lacrosse** state finals are set and will again be held at Ohio Wesleyan. The **track & field** state tournaments will be held at Hilliard Darby, Pickerington North and Westerville North high schools this year. Darby Athletic Administrator Chris Ludban has been doing a great job as the OHSAA’s tournament coordinator, while Dale Gabor continues to handle rules questions. Some sites for the regional **softball** tournaments are still pending, but the state tournament is set to again be held at Akron Firestone Stadium. The Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason will again serve as host of the state **boys tennis** tournament. Following issues with the manufacturer, plans are being finalized to supply tournament tennis balls.

##### C. Update on Referendum Items

Director Kristin Ronai reminded the Board that there are nine referendum items in which member schools principals will be voting electronically through their *myOHSAA* accounts between May 1 and May 15 (one Constitution issue and eight Bylaw issues and all are high school issues). Ms. Ronai hosted two virtual Athletic Discussion Meetings earlier this month to review the referendum items with school administrators.

##### D. Update on Board of Directors and District Athletic Board Positions in 2021-22

Director Bob Goldring provided an update on Board of Directors and District Athletic Board positions for 2021-22. Returning Board of Directors members will be Ryan Fitzgerald (Class AA representative, Central District); Scott Kaufman (Class AAA representative, Southwest District); Gary Kreinbrink (Class A representative, Northwest District); Bill Warfield (Ethnic-Minority representative, Central District), and Steve Watkins (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative, Northeast District). Beginning three-year terms on August 1,

2021 (per selection of the respective District Athletic Boards) will be Jeff Wheeler (Class AA representative, East District); Bill Nye (Class A representative, Northeast District), and Bo Arnett (Class AAA representative, Southeast District), while Gina Franks (East District) will serve as the female representative based on the pre-determined rotation.

Board of Directors action at its October 1, 2020, meeting not only means enrollment data and tournament division assignments that was used for the 2020-21 school year will be used again in 2021-22, but that action also suspended OHSAA District Athletic Board elections in May 2021. These measures were due to the COVID-19 pandemic and were recommended by the Executive Director's Office. Therefore, interim appointees on the District Athletic Boards will have the option to remain in their interim position in 2021-22 and can choose to complete that respective term by participating in the May 2022 elections. DAB members whose term expires will also be afforded the opportunity to continue on their respective DAB for the 2021-22 school year. If they choose to run for a new term, they may also participate in the May 2022 elections, and those terms will be for five years rather than the normal six. In contacting each interim appointee and each board member with an expiring term, Mr. Goldring reported that all intend to remain in their positions in 2021-22.

E. Update on Membership Dues

Executive Director Doug Ute said he has recommended that membership dues be levied by the Board of Directors beginning with the 2021-22 school year. High schools would contribute \$50 per OHSAA sanctioned sport in which the school participates. Total dues for the 2021-22 school year would range from \$300 per school to \$1,300, depending on the total number of 26 OHSAA-sanctioned sports in which a school is participating. The dues will be reviewed annually by an OHSAA Finance Committee and in the future will not exceed \$100 per sport. Levying dues means schools would no longer pay any tournament entry fees, bowling lineage fees, golf green fees or wrestling weight management fees. The membership due is all-inclusive. In addition, student catastrophic insurance premiums for all student-athletes, cheerleaders, student managers and student athletic trainers during in-season and OHSAA tournament practices and contests will continue to be provided at no cost to member schools; the OHSAA will continue to supply all team trophies and/or individual medals for champions, runners-up and other selected place-winners at the district, regional and state level; will continue to supply rule books, sport manuals, online rules meeting presentations plus other publications and tournament administrator passes at no cost to member schools, and will continue to pay high school fees for ArbiterGame accounts. No membership dues will be levied against member 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade schools.

Mr. Ute said levying membership dues will give the OHSAA a steady line of income since many of its other lines are variable, and it will be part of a new, more sustainable revenue model. He added that the goals of the OHSAA remains the same – to provide high quality services to our member schools and enrich interscholastic opportunities for students. The Board of Directors will act on the recommendation at a special meeting on May 3.

F. Update on Infraction, Appeals and Legal Issues

Compliance and Eligibility Specialist Ronald Sayers provided the Board with a list of schools that have recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Hillsboro Middle School** had an 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach violate General Sports Regulation 4, Failure to Acquire a Pupil Activity Permit, when he coached in four contests without being properly credentialed. In accordance with GSR 4, the school has been fined \$250.00. **Cincinnati Princetown High School** had a football coach violate Bylaw 4-9-4 #3 and Bylaw 4-9-6, Recruiting, when the coach made contact with a student athlete who was not presently enrolled in the school's educational program. The Executive Director's Office has acknowledged the school self-imposed penalties/corrective actions, which include: 1) A mutual separation with the coach for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year and forward, 2) a request to have the school's entire football staff attend an OHSAA recruiting seminar at the school's expense, and 3) an overhaul of the school's coaches handbook so that information regarding OHSAA Bylaw 4-9 is included. In addition to these self-imposed actions, the Executive Director's Office, in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, has issued the following penalties: 1) Princeton will be required to pay \$200.00 to cover the cost of the requested recruiting seminar, 2) the student shall be eligible for only the first five (5) regular season contests during the 2021 season in football; he will be ineligible for all remaining regular season contests and the OHSAA postseason tournament, 3) the recruited student-athlete shall be ineligible for all preseason contests and for the first six (6) regular season basketball games of the 2021-22 season, and 4) should the offending coach gain employment at a different OHSAA member school for the 2021 season he shall be ineligible for participation during the 2021 football postseason tournament. **Northwood High School** had a transfer student-athlete who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility under Bylaw 4-7-2 Exception 9, Transfer to Public School of Residence. However, the district failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to allowing the student to compete during the second half of the season, 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 district has been fined \$100.00. **West Chester Lakota West High School** had a wrestling coach violate General Sports Regulation 4, Failure to Acquire a Pupil Activity Permit, when he coached in contests without being properly credentialed. In accordance with GSR 4, the school has been fined \$250.00 and the coach has been removed from his position until such a time that he is properly credentialed. **Brunswick High School** had two student athletes violate Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, in the sports of boys cross country and girls lacrosse. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, Brunswick is required to forfeit each victorious contest in both sports. In boys cross country, individual eligible athletes may keep their points, places and any awards earned, but the six respective races shall be forfeited. In girls lacrosse, however, no forfeitures are required since the one contest in question was a scrimmage and scrimmages do not have a win/loss record. **Holland Springfield High School** self-reported a violation of Bylaw 4-9-4 #3, Recruiting, and General Sports Regulation 10.1.4, Open Gymnasiums, when a girls basketball coach contacted a parent of a student-athlete not presently enrolled in the school's educational program and invited the student to an open gym. The Executive Director's Office has acknowledged Holland Springfield's plan to address the violations through an educational effort and will accept any additional penalties the school deems appropriate for these infractions. However, the Executive Director's Office, in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, has also issued the following penalties: 1) The coach shall be suspended for participation in the first postseason contest of the 2021-22 basketball tournament at any OHSAA member school at which he may be employed, 2) Holland Springfield's girls basketball program is limited to a total of ten (10) days of coaching contact during June 1-July 31, 2021, 3) the student, though a senior, shall be ineligible for any remaining interscholastic participation in which she may want to participate during the 2020-21 school year as a result of her recruitment and eventual transfer to Holland Springfield, and 4) Holland Springfield shall be fined \$225.00. **Akron Buchtel High School** had two student athletes violate General Sport Regulation 14, Ejection for Unsporting Conduct, in the sport of boys basketball when they failed to sit out the two contests for which they were ineligible as a result of their ejection. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, and as a result of an appeal brought on by Akron Public Schools, the school shall forfeit the two contests that occurred immediately following the students' ejections. However, only one of these contests was a victory. Further, the Executive Director's Office has fined Akron Buchtel \$500.00 for failure to follow through with the administrative responsibilities of this regulation. Lastly, a letter was sent to the Akron Public School District Superintendent to ensure corrective administrative actions are noted, if deemed appropriate, and that internal procedures are clarified for future implementation. **Fairfield High School** self-reported a violation of Bylaw 1-1-2 and General Sport Regulation 32.3, Competition with Students Below Grade 9, when an eighth-grade student, serving as a team manager, participated in an unspecified number of softball practices with the high school team. The Executive Director's Office has accepted Fairfield High School's self-imposed penalty of removing the student from a managerial role with the team and educating the coach. **Pickerington High School North** self-reported a violation of Bylaw 4-10-2, Amateurism, when a student competed for money in three non-interscholastic boys tennis events. The student has since returned the prize money won for each event prior to the start of the season and, in accordance with Bylaw 4-10-4, has had his eligibility, in regards to amateurism, restored. **Kettering Archbishop Alter High School** violated Bylaw 4-10-2b, Amateurism, when the school awarded scholarships to student-athletes currently enrolled in the school based, in part, on their athletic skills and achievements within the school's athletic programs, specifically in girls soccer, boys basketball and football. Kettering Archbishop Alter, once informed of the violation, rescinded the scholarship money awarded to students for the 2021-22 school year. Because the money was never distributed, no penalties have been issued with regard to the eligibility of these students. However, because of the distribution of funds for the current 2020-21 school year, the Executive Director's Office, in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, has issued a fine of \$500.00 to Kettering Archbishop Alter. **New Concord John Glenn High School** violated Baseball Sport Regulation 1.7 when a student-athlete participated in a contest as a pitcher on what was to be a required day of rest after throwing 92 pitches two days prior. In accordance with Baseball Sport Regulation 1.7, John Glenn is required to forfeit the contest in which the violation occurred.

Mr. Sayers also provided the Board with an update on appeals. He said the OHSAA Appeals Panel has heard 38 appeals on 13 dates this school year and nine appeals have either been granted or the penalty modified. In addition, OHSAA Legal Counsel Steve Craig provided the Board with an update on legal issues. He noted that he, Executive Director Ute and the OHSAA's other legal counsel, Samir Dahman, recently attended the National Federation of State High School Associations Legal Summit, where several timely items were discussed.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to Approve Proposals from the District Athletic Board Review Committee  
At the February Board of Directors Work Session, Director Bob Goldring provided the Board with a draft

of proposals from the OHSAA's District Athletic Board Review Committee. At this meeting, Mr. Goldring asked that the proposals from the committee be approved after the recommendations were also reviewed by Executive Director Ute. Proposed were:

1. On-Line Seeding
  - a. All District Athletic Boards shall use on-line seeding for all team tournaments and for all individual tournaments as needed (for placement into tournaments).
  - b. All District Athletic Boards shall utilize a company of their choosing to conduct on-line seeding as long as all common protocols and procedures are followed.
    - Common protocols and procedures will be shared with each District Athletic Board.
2. Seeding Process
  - a. Policy for Breaking Ties in the Tournament Seeding Process
    - The team that receives the most individual votes at the tied position or above shall receive the higher seed.
    - If the results are still tied, the tie shall be broken by a coin toss. The school that calls the toss shall be the first one to appear in the alphabet (official school name without the respective city name ahead of it unless the city name is part of the official school name), going from A to Z in even-numbered years and Z to A in odd-numbered years.
  - b. Policy for Awarding Points/Counting Votes in the Tournament Seeding Process
    - The highest point total shall equal the highest seed.
    - Points in the seeding process shall be awarded beginning with one (1) through the number of teams to be placed on the bracket.
    - There shall be a two-point differential between the first seed and the second seed.
    - There shall be a one-point differential between all subsequent seeds after the first and second seeds.
    - A school's point total shall be calculated by dropping the highest and the lowest vote that they receive.
  - c. Policy for Voting for One's Own School in the Tournament Seeding Process
    - Schools shall not be permitted to vote for themselves during the tournament seeding process.
  - d. Policy for Dropping Scores in the Tournament Seeding Process
    - Votes from each school shall be calculated by dropping the highest and the lowest vote that has been submitted by each school.

Note: Failure to vote shall mean a school will drop its two highest votes.

Motion by Jan Wilking, second by Dan Leffingwell to **approve** the proposals as presented with implementation being at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Goldring noted that the committee is composed of board members from each of the six OHSAA District Athletic Boards and is charged with developing consistent policies and procedures within each board. Besides himself, OHSAA Manager of Membership Services Brenda Murray also participates in the meetings.

#### B. Recommendation to Approve Modified Competitive Balance Business Rules

Director Kristin Ronai provided the Board of Directors with some modifications to the OHSAA's Competitive Balance Business Rules and asked the Board to approve the staff's recommendation to approve the changes. Most of the changes are related to date modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Included are:

1. Enrollment data from the Ohio Department of Education will be obtained on a biennial basis every odd-numbered year (e.g. 2021) for implementation beginning with an even-numbered year.
2. The OHSAA will collect attendance zones from every multiple high school district on a biennial basis in the spring of every odd-numbered year (e.g. 2021) for implementation beginning in the ensuing fall.
3. Non-public schools shall utilize the *myOHSAA* system to select which option (specific school district/attendance zone, 12.5 mile radius zone or designated school assignment zones {Columbus Diocese only}) they would like to utilize to select their designated feeder school(s). Once selected, the system will automatically populate the feeder schools of the same system of education physically located within that area. This selection shall be made in the summer of every odd-numbered year (e.g. 2021) for implementation beginning with an even-numbered year.

Besides clarifications, the other proposed modification falls under the 'process for schools when no roster data exists from the previous school year.' If a school is offering a sport in which it did not offer the year before, the proposal is to place the school into its tournament division based solely on its EMIS data.

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

Motion passed 9-0.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)**

### **A. Recommendation to Approve Modified 2021 Football Tournament Regulations**

Director Beau Rugg provided the Board of Directors with a draft of 2021 football tournament regulations and asked that the Board approve the modifications. The most significant proposed modification is expansion of the tournament to 16 qualifiers per region (the Board previously approved 12 qualifiers per region, which was endorsed by the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association and would have meant bye weeks for the top four seeds in each region) beginning with the 2021 season. Schools will continue to play 10 regular season contests with the tournament to expand to six weeks. First round and regional quarterfinal games would be hosted by the higher seeds before neutral sites are utilized. Divisions I, II, III and IV will play tournament contests on Fridays through the state semifinals with Divisions V, VI and VII playing on Saturdays. A site for the state finals has not been set but the state finals will consist of one game on Thursday, Dec. 2, and two each on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3, 4 and 5.

Mr. Rugg noted that a proposal on a previously discussed 'strength of schedule' factor that would be implemented within the computer rankings will not be forthcoming for at least a year.

### **B. Recommendation to Approve Self-Supporting Requirements for the 2021-22 School Year (Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 4)**

OHSAA bylaws require that the Executive Director's Office annually establish requirements for transfer students who do not live in the same school district as their parents or legal guardians but are financially self-supporting (Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 4). Director Kristin Ronai reviewed the requirements and said the Executive Director's Office recommended that the requirements remain the same as those approved for 2020-21, with the minimum monthly income earned remaining at \$500.

### **C. Recommendation to Approve Tournament Entry/Withdraw and Draw/Seed Meeting Dates for the 2022-22**

The Board was provided with proposed tournament entry and withdraw dates and the dates for the draw/seed meetings for each sport for the 2021-22 school year, and Director Bob Goldring said the Executive Director's Office recommended that the dates be approved. The dates will be published as part of the General Sports Regulations in the 2021-22 OHSAA Handbook.

### **D. Recommendation to Approve Performance Review Process for the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer**

Board of Directors President Jeff Cassella said a review process for the OHSAA executive director and chief operating officer has been modified and received, and he recommended that the process be approved. If approved, Mr. Cassella said the review process would begin immediately.

### **E. Ratification of Approval to Hire Two Sport Administrators, a Manager of Officiating and a Senior Accountant**

Executive Director Doug Ute asked the Board to ratify his approval of the hiring of two sport administrators (John Kuzio and Kate Barnett); a manager of officiating (Charles Anderson) and a senior accountant (Laura Lemanski). Mr. Kuzio and Mr. Anderson began their duties April 19, Ms. Lemanski began April 26 and Ms. Barnett will begin May 24. All four were hired to fill vacancies that exist in the OHSAA Executive Director's Office.

### **F. Ratification of Approval to Accept the Resignations of Haley Dillon and Ben Ferree**

Executive Director Doug Ute asked the Board to ratify his approval of the resignations of Assistant Director of Finance and Accounting Haley Dillon, effective March 18, 2021, and Assistant Director of Officiating and Sport Management Ben Ferree, effective April 9, 2021.

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Leonard Steyer to **approve** New Business (Consent) Items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E. and VI. F. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)**

A. Request from Crooksville High School to Move from the Southeast to the East District

Director Bob Goldring said that Crooksville High School sent a request this past October to the Southeast

District Athletic Board to transfer to the East district. Per the OHSAA Constitution, the Southeast District Athletic Board has submitted advice to the Board of Directors on this request, but nothing has been received from the East District Athletic Board.

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second by Dan Leffingwell to table action on the request.

Motion passed 9-0.

**VII. ONCE AROUND**

Board of Directors members thanked the staff, district athletic boards and member school administrators for their work and cooperation in helping our student-athletes participate in interscholastic athletics during the pandemic. It was mentioned that some states are still struggling with full participation, so it is great what is happening in Ohio, especially when looking at where we were a year ago at this time.

Board member Leonard Steyer thanked the OHSAA for allowing his school district to host regional basketball contests and for the upcoming opportunity to host regional track and field tournaments. Additionally, Board ex-officio John Richard thanked the OHSAA for continually sharing the latest information and updates with his office at the Ohio Department of Education.

There was a unanimous motion for the Board to go into Executive Session at 10:08 a.m. for the purpose of electing Board of Directors officers for the 2021-22 school year.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board President Jeff Cassella asked for nominations for the position of president of the Board of Directors for the 2021-22 school year.

Dan Leffingwell nominated Scott Kaufman to serve as president of the Board of Directors for the 2021-22 school year. Ryan Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Following a motion by Jan Wilking and a second by Leonard Steyer, there was a unanimous motion to close nominations.

**Scott Kaufman** was unanimously elected president of the Board of Directors for the 2021-22 school year.

Board President Cassella asked for nominations for the position of vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Cassella nominated Steve Watkins to serve as vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2021-22 school year. Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion. Following a motion by Mr. Steyer and a second by Mr. Leffingwell, there was a unanimous motion to close nominations.

**Steve Watkins** was unanimously elected vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2021-22 school year.

There was a unanimous motion to come out of executive session and **adjourn** the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**(Unless noted, all meetings are on Thursdays and begin at 9:00 but are subject to change.)**

**2020-21 School Year:** Tuesday, June 8 (1:00).

**2021-22 School Year:** August 26, September 23, October 21, January 13, February 17, April 28 and Tuesday, June 7 (1:00).