

The following are the preliminary minutes from the June 8, 2021, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its August 26, 2021, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (June 8, 2021)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 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 1:03 p.m. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Board Members Excused: Gary Kreinbrink and Bill Warfield.

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, Kate Barnett, Tyler Brooks, Molly Downard, Emily Gates, John Kuzio, Angie Lawler, Laura Lemanski, Brenda Murray, Ronald Sayers and Jacki Windon.

Others Participating: Incoming Board of Directors Members Bo Arnett; Gina Franks; Bill Nye, and Jeff Wheeler; Steve Craig and Samir Dahman, OHSAA legal counsels; Luke Sayers, Ohio vice president and general manager of Teall Properties Group; David Sheldon, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Mike Murphy, Ohio Girls Lacrosse Association; Eric Peterson, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Doug Joy, Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches; Shawn Andrews, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association, and Tim Freeman, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second Dan Leffingwell to **adopt** the agenda for the June 8, 2021, Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second Ryan Fitzgerald to **approve** the minutes from the April 22, 2021, Board of Directors Regular Meeting and the May 3, 2021, Board of Directors Special Meetings (virtual).

Motion passed 7-0.

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 April. It is summarized as follows:

Cash and Equivalents — April 30, 2021		
Checking and Savings	\$2,247,340	
Cash Concentration	<u>\$3,165,486</u>	
Working Capital		\$5,412,826
Designated Funds — April 30, 2021		
Board Designated Savings	\$381,705	
Board Designated Certificates of Deposit	\$320,045	
Investments - Building Fund	0	
Durkle Scholarship	\$53,098	
Rossi/Denney Scholarship	<u>\$53,421</u>	
Total Designated Funds		<u>\$808,269</u>
Total Funds		\$6,221,096

<u>District</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>Cash Concentration</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	\$568,072	\$1,549,103	\$320,045	\$177,237	\$2,614,456	\$7,979,480	\$7,389,123	\$590,358
Central	\$76,040	\$0	\$0	\$484,400	\$560,440	\$466,412	\$519,054	—\$52,642
East	\$46,463	\$0	\$0	\$626,114	\$672,577	\$262,916	\$202,170	\$60,746
Northeast	\$52,754	\$0	\$0	\$261,264	\$314,018	\$945,546	\$1,093,064	—\$147,518
Northwest	\$116,525	\$0	\$0	\$626,705	\$743,230	\$951,653	\$749,148	\$202,505
Southeast	\$160,704	\$19,163	\$0	\$304,435	\$484,303	\$336,527	\$271,968	\$64,559
<u>Southwest</u>	<u>\$40,215</u>	<u>\$6</u>	<u>\$50,054</u>	<u>\$741,797</u>	<u>\$832,071</u>	<u>\$918,828</u>	<u>\$918,843</u>	<u>—\$15</u>
Totals	\$1,060,773	\$1,568,272	\$370,099	\$3,221,952	\$6,221,096	\$11,861,363	\$11,143,369	\$717,993

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Leonard Steyer to **approve** financial item III. A. as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

B. Recommendation to Approve and Adopt Estimated OHSAA Budget for 2021-22

OHSAA Controller Laura Vermiya provided the Board with a draft of the proposed budget for the OHSAA for the 2021-22 school year that includes the Columbus office and the six District Athletic Boards. She noted that the budget is a guide of best estimates and assumptions and includes anticipated revenue and expenditures. The budget was reviewed and recommended for approval by the OHSAA Finance Committee, and she recommended that the Board approve the budget, which is as follows (shown are the actual figures from the previous two years, a forecast for the remainder of 2020-21 and the budget for 2021-22):

<u>Revenue</u> 2018-19 Actual	<u>Revenue</u> 2019-20 Actual	<u>Revenue</u> 2020-21 Thru Winter With Spring Forecast	<u>Revenue</u> 2021-22 Budget
\$19,256,452	\$14,079,062	\$17,670,142	\$20,609,009
<u>Expenses</u> 2018-19 Actual	<u>Expenses</u> 2019-20 Actual	<u>Expenses</u> 2020-21 Thru Winter With Spring Forecast	<u>Expenses</u> 2021-22 Budget
\$19,290,478	\$14,474,205	\$14,373,304	\$18,351,704
<u>Net Income/Loss</u> 2018-19 Actual	<u>Net Income/Loss</u> 2019-20 Actual	<u>Net Income/Loss</u> 2020-21 Thru Winter With Spring Forecast	<u>Net Income/Loss</u> 2021-22 Budget
—\$34,026	—\$395,143	\$3,296,838	\$2,257,306

Motion by Dan Leffingwell, second by Jan Wilking to **approve** financial item III. B. as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

C. Recommendation to Approve and Adopt Investment Policy

Controller Laura Vermilya said the finance department has developed an investment policy that provides guidelines and guardrails for investing excess cash. The policy was reviewed and recommended for approval by the OHSAA Finance Committee, and she recommended that the Board approve and adopt the policy. Ms. Vermilya said the finance department and committee also recommend that the OHSAA hire an investment advisor.

Motion by Steve Watson, second by Jan Wilking to **approve** financial item III. C. as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Introduction of New Board of Directors Members and New Staff Member

Executive Director Doug Ute introduced the four incoming OHSAA Board of Directors members who begin their duties on August 1. The new members are Bo Arnett (Class AAA representative, Southeast District), dean of students and athletic administrator, Waverly High School; Gina Franks (female representative, East District), director of student services, Dover High School; Bill Nye (Class A representative, Northeast District), superintendent, Grand Valley Local Schools, Orwell, and Jeff Wheeler (Class AA representative, East District), assistant principal/athletic administrator, Byesville Meadowbrook High School. Each district athletic board appoints one of their members to the Board of Directors based on the classification position that is open according to a pre-established schedule, while the representation positions are filled on a rotational basis according to a pre-established schedule. Board members serve three-year terms. Mr. Ute

also introduced newly hired OHSAA Sports Administrator Kate Barnett, who will oversee the sports of soccer, gymnastics, swimming & diving and softball.

B. Review of Spring Tournaments

OHSAA staff members provided updates on the various spring sports tournaments that were recently completed with the exception of baseball, which held its state tournament June 11, 12 and 13 at Canal Park in Akron. With the majority of COVID restrictions lifted on June 2, most state tournaments had no spectator limitations. The hosts of the state tournaments were thanked for their work (Ohio Wesleyan University – lacrosse; Akron Firestone Stadium – softball; two indoor facilities and the Linder Family Tennis Center in Mason – boys tennis; and Hilliard Darby, Pickerington North and Westerville North high schools – track & field) as were the regional tournament managers and the OHSAA district athletic boards, which organized the sectional and district tournaments. With several staff changes within the Executive Director’s Office, several staff members contributed to the planning and organization of the regional and state tournaments.

C. Update on Referendum Voting

Director Kristin Ronai informed the Board that all nine referendum items (one Constitution issue and eight Bylaw issues and all were high school issues) passed during the voting period that took place between May 1 and 15. Member schools principals voted electronically on the issues through their *myOHSAA* accounts. Complete voting results are available at:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/SchoolResources/refvote/2021RefVoteRESULTS.pdf>

D. 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. **Lancaster General Sherman Junior High** had a 7th grade softball student-athlete participate in one scrimmage and two regular season contests after violating General Sports Regulation 7.2.1, Participation in Non-Interscholastic Programs, when they participated with a non-interscholastic softball team during a tournament on April 9-11, 2021. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2, Forfeitures, the softball team was required to forfeit the two regular season contests in which the student participated. Further, the Executive Director’s Office accepted General Sherman Junior High’s self-imposed ineligibility period for the student-athlete of three additional contests. **Geneva Middle School** had an 8th grade boys basketball student-athlete participate in four regular season contests after violating General Sports Regulation 7.2.1, Participation in Non-Interscholastic Programs, when they participated with a non-interscholastic basketball team from February 10-14, 2021. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2, Forfeitures, the basketball team was required to forfeit the four regular season contests in which the student participated. Further, the Executive Director’s Office accepted Geneva Middle School’s self-imposed ineligibility period for the student-athlete of two additional contests. **Cincinnati Clark Montessori High School** had an international student-athlete who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility under Bylaw 4-8-1 Exception 2, Legal Adoption by Resident of School District. However, the school failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director’s Office prior to allowing the student to compete, 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 \$100.00. **Eleven schools** violated General Sports Regulation 6, OHSAA-Sponsored Tournaments Entry/Withdraw Procedures, when schools failed to complete the requirements listed therein. These violations resulted in \$1,950.00 in fines. Four schools, **Cincinnati Sycamore High School, McGuffey Upper Scioto Valley High School, Toledo Woodward High School, and Columbus Independence High School**, violated Bylaw 3-1-4, Preseason Parent Meeting, when this meeting was not conducted within two weeks of the start of the winter sports season. In accordance with General Sport Regulation 5, each school has been fined \$500.00. **Fifty-one schools** violated General Sports Regulation 3, Mandatory Requirement for Tournament Officials Selection, when a school administrator failed to submit the required tournament officials ballot between February 1 to April 1 for one or more sports in which the school participated in the OHSAA tournament. These violations resulted in \$5,650.00 in fines. **Twenty schools** violated Constitution Article 8-1-9, Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, when the school principal failed to complete their required referendum voting obligation between May 1-15. These violations resulted in \$2,000.00 in fines.

Mr. Sayers also provided the Board with an update on appeals. He said the OHSAA Appeals Panel heard 41 appeals on 15 dates this school year and nine appeals were either granted or the penalty modified. In addition, OHSAA Legal Counsel Steve Craig provided the Board with an update on legal issues.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

Director Bob Goldring reviewed with the Board the request from Crooksville High School to transfer from

the OHSAA's Southeast District Athletic Board to the East District Athletic Board. Per the OHSAA Constitution, the two district athletic boards involved may provide feedback on the request to the Board of Directors before the Board takes action, and letters from each of those district boards were indeed provided to the Board of Directors.

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second by Jan Wilking to **deny** the request.

Motion passed 6-0 (Dan Leffingwell abstained)

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

- A. Recommendation to Approve Continued Use of an Appeals Panel for 2021-22 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 must be applied as written. Executive Director Doug Ute asked the Board to approve appointing such a panel for the 2021-22 school year as it had for the past nine years.
- B. Recommendation to Approve 2021 Football Tournament Regional Assignments
Director Beau Rugg provided the Board of Directors with a draft of 2021 football tournament regional assignments and recommended that the assignments be approved. The assignments can be found at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/http://officials.myohsaa.org/Outside/Schedule/AthleticDirectorSports-Tournaments/Football/Football-2021>
- C. Recommendation to Approve 2021-22 OHSAA Media Regulations
Director Tim Stried provided the Board with the updated OHSAA Media Regulations for 2021-22 and recommended that they be approved. He noted that information on the NFHS Network has been added along with clarification that all live television and/or video streaming requests of Friday night football games are determined by the host school. Mr. Stried will provide recommendations on broadcasting rights fees for OHSAA tournament contests at the August Board of Directors Meeting.
- D. Recommendation to Approve Five New Schools for Membership Beginning in 2021-22
Staff members Brenda Murray and Ronald Sayers reported that five schools (four high schools and one 7th-8th grade school) have met the requirements of Constitution Article 3, Section 2, including having gone through the probationary period, and it is recommended that the schools be approved for membership beginning with the 2021-22 school year. It was noted that, in accordance with Bylaw 2-1-4, new enrollment data from the four high schools along with all high schools within the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (since some of the current high schools will be closing) and Cincinnati Public Schools will be obtained on September 10, 2021, at which time those high schools will be assigned and/or reassigned to their appropriate OHSAA tournament divisions. The new schools are as follows:
- Pataskala Liberty Christian Academy (private school, Central District)
 - Youngstown Academy for Urban Scholars (public community school, Northeast District)
 - Cleveland Garrett Morgan High School (public school, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Northeast District)
 - Cincinnati Spencer Center High School (public school, Cincinnati Public Schools District, Southwest District)
 - Plain City Eversole Run Middle School (public school, Dublin City Schools)
- A school that will not be renewing its membership for the 2021-22 school year is:
- Cleveland Jane Addams Business Career Center (Northeast District)
- E. Recommendation to Approve 2022 Representation for OHSAA Regional Tournaments From the District Tournaments
With tournament divisions and representation from 2020-21 being carried over and repeated in 2021-22 due to the COVID-19 pandemic (and following Board of Directors action in October 2020), three ties remained in representation to OHSAA regional tournaments from the district tournaments, so a coin flip was conducted to break the ties. Following the coin flips, here are the updated representations for 2022 OHSAA tournaments:
- Boys Basketball – Division II district qualifiers to regionals: Southeast – 2 qualifiers; East – 1 qualifier
 - Baseball – Division IV district qualifiers to regionals: Central – 2 qualifiers; East – 1 qualifier
 - Softball – Division II district qualifiers to regionals: East – 2 qualifiers; Southeast – 1 qualifier

- F. Recommendations to Approve Interim Appointments to OHSAA District Athletic Boards
 OHSAA Constitution Article 7-6-2, Vacancies, permits the Board of Directors to appoint an interim representative to serve on OHSAA District Athletic Boards when a vacancy occurs for reasons other than expiration of the term. The interim representative serves until the newly elected representative, elected during the next regularly scheduled election next May, takes office. Board member Ryan Fitzgerald said the Central District Athletic Board recommended that Lane Warner, superintendent of the Elgin Local Schools in Marion, serve as an interim Class A grade representative on their board for the 2021-22 school year to replace Troy McIntosh, while Board President Jeff Cassella said the Northeast District Athletic Board recommended that John Carter, athletic administrator at Oberlin High School, serve as the interim ethnic minority representative on their board for the 2021-22 school year to replace Sean Jackson.
- G. Ratification of Approval to Accept the Resignation of Manager of Membership Services Brenda Murray
 Executive Director Doug Ute asked the Board to ratify his approval of the resignation of Manager of Membership Services Brenda Murray, effective June 24, 2021.

Motion by Scott Kaufman, second by Ryan Fitzgerald 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 7-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

- A. Recommendation to Approve Modifications to the 2021-22 General Sports Regulations that Appear in the OHSAA Handbook
 Director Bob Goldring reviewed the proposed editorial changes to the General Sports Regulations that will appear in the 2021-22 *OHSAA Handbook* after the staff collaborated on the proposals. The staff recommended that the modifications be approved by the Board. The proposed changes are as follows:
- 1.) Sports Regulation 2., Mandatory Attendance at or Participation in OHSAA-Sponsored Rules Interpretation Meetings
 - Language was removed or rewritten to provide clarity and to also match the changes in the table under 6.8.
 - 2.) Sports Regulation 3.1, Voting by Athletic Administrators
 - New language has been added to provide clarity on the consequences for not voting. Also, the deadline and fine amount have already been established, so adding another layer to this was unnecessary for both the schools and OHSAA and the smaller fine, therefore, has been eliminated.
 - 3.) Sports Regulation 6, OHSAA Sponsored Tournament Entry/Withdraw Procedures and Draw/Seed Meetings
 - The word 'dates' has been eliminated in the heading since most of the section does not talk about dates.
 - 4.) Sports Regulation 6.2
 - The word 'sport' has been eliminated since it is redundant when following the word 'tournament.'
 - 5.) Sports Regulation 6.2.1
 - The words 'in a sport' have been eliminated since it is redundant. The word 'monetary' has been eliminated since the penalty may or may not be a fine. New language has been added to provide clarity on the consequences for changing participation after the deadline.
 - 6.) Sports Regulation 6.2.2
 - This section has been rewritten for clarity.
 - 7.) Sports Regulation 6.2.3
 - This section has been rewritten for clarity.
 - 8.) Note under 6.2.3
 - This has been eliminated since the procedures for the 7th & 8th grade Track and Field State Championship are covered under Sports Regulation 6.2.2. Information on the Middle School Cross Country Invitational has been eliminated since it is regarded as a regular season contest, not a tournament.
 - 9.) Sports Regulation 6.3.
 - This has been eliminated since this is not a regulation but a procedure that will be disseminated by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office through its normal means of communication.
 - 10.) Sports Regulation 6.4 (new 6.3)
 - The word 'coaches' has been added to draw/seed meeting for clarity. The phrase 'and will notify schools in what sports the meetings will not be conducted' has been eliminated since the regulations spell out what information District Athletic Boards will provide schools and on what they will be notified.

- 11.) Sports Regulation 6.4.1 (new 6.3.1)
 - This section has been rewritten for clarity.
- 12.) Sports Regulation 6.6.5 (new 6.5.5)
 - The word 'shall' has been replaced by the word 'may' since the OHSAA Executive Director's Office may continue to permit participation in subsequent tournaments depending upon the school's circumstances. Additional changes have been made to provide clarity and/or clarify the consequences for failure to pay the fine.
- 13.) Sports Regulation 6.8 – table of fines and penalties (new 6.7)
 - The second item in the table (issue) has been rewritten for clarity.
 - The fifth item in the table (issue) added wrestling weight management fees as an example.
 - The fifth item in the table (penalty) has been rewritten and replaces '\$150 plus the cost of the sports fee.' This eliminates a fine but emphasizes that the school will be ineligible for the tournament until such time that the required fees are paid.
 - The sixth item in the table (issue and penalty): The first change provides clarity. The second item has been eliminated since, should such an occurrence take place, OHSAA Bylaw 11 (Penalties) would come into play due to the nature of the issue.
- 14.) Sports Regulation 7.1.4), Definition of a Member of a School Team/Team member (Bylaw 4-1-3)
 - (NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE): Removed the shaded area in gray since a modification was added due to COVID-19.
- 15.) Sports Regulation 7.3.1) a), Regulations Permitting Students to Participate on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team's Season
 - This section has been rewritten to clarify that students who participated in the same sport at another school (e.g. transfer students who arrived at their new school prior to the end of the school year) also count in the 50 percent limitation. The 'Note' has not been rewritten but has been moved from later in the regulation to help provide more clarity.
- 16.) Sports Regulation 7.3.1) a), Exception b., Regulations Permitting Students to Participate on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team's Season
 - (NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE): This change returns the regulation to its original date following a modification last summer due to COVID-19.
- 17.) Sports Regulation 7.3.1) a), Exception c., Regulations Permitting Students to Participate on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team's Season
 - With school baseball, lacrosse and softball seasons at the high school and/or 7th- and 8th-grade level often ending in early-to-mid-May, this exception would permit those students to join a non-school team earlier without restrictions. The other change returns the ending of the period to its original date (July 31) following a modification last summer due to COVID-19.
- 18.) Sports Regulation 7.3.1) a), Exception e., Regulations Permitting Students to Participate on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team's Season
 - This addition in italics (*Graduating seniors or students completing their athletic eligibility at the end of the semester*) adds clarity regarding students who are exempt from the limitation.
- 19.) 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
 - For clarity purposes, this regulation has been left in the Handbook but with strikethrus and a note to indicate that this regulation has been waived for the summer of 2021. This would also indicate that this regulation may return in the future.
- 20.) Sports Regulation 7.6) Regulation on All-Star Games (Coaching or Participating on Non-School Teams Outside of the School Team's Season)
 - This section has been rewritten for clarity. The regulation requiring participants to be selected from at least four schools has been eliminated.
- 21.) Sports Regulation 8.), Regulations for Participating in Camps, Clinics, Workshops and Programs Where Individual Skill Instruction is Provided
 - (NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE): Removed the shaded area in gray and the shaded Note area in gray since a modification was added last year due to COVID-19.
- 22.) Sports Regulation 8.3.1), Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction – Team Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball
 - (NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE): Changed the shaded 'September 1' date to August 1 and eliminated the shaded Note area in gray since a modification was added last year due to COVID-19.
- 23.) Sports Regulation 8.3.2), Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction – Team Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball and Exception
 - (NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE): Changed the shaded 'August 31' date to July 31 and removed the shaded 'August 31 for 2020 only' date since a modification was added last year due to COVID-19. In the Exception, changed the date in the shaded gray area from August 31 to July 31 since a modification was added last year due to COVID-19.
- 24.) Sports Regulation 10.1.4) and 10.3.2), Open Gymnasiums and Facilities

- This addition ('However, school coaches may send an invitation to other school coaches to invite their students to an open gymnasium or facility.') provides more clarity on who may be invited to an open gymnasium or facility.
- 25.) Sports Regulation 11, Mandatory No Contact Periods – Coaches
 - The gray shaded Note after 11.1) is eliminated since that modification was added last year due to COVID-19. With that removal, 11.2) was reinstated since it would be applicable again in 2021-22.
 - 26.) Sports Regulation 13., Ejection Procedures for Schools
 - In the first paragraph, the phrase 'and outline the subsequent contests in which the ejected individual(s) shall fulfill their mandatory suspension(s)' has been added to ensure there is clarity shared with the OHSAA Executive Director's Office.
 - 27.) Sports Regulation 14.1), Ejection for Unsporting Conduct (Disqualification for unsporting conduct or flagrant violation), Players
 - The second sentence of the first paragraph of the regulation has been rewritten for clarity.
 - 28.) Sports Regulation 14.2), Ejection for Unsporting Conduct (Disqualification for unsporting conduct or flagrant violation), Coaches
 - In the second paragraph, the first sentence has been rewritten to clarify when the fine is due to the OHSAA Executive Director's Office. In the sixth paragraph, the first sentence has been rewritten to also clarify when the fine is due to the OHSAA Executive Director's Office.
 - 29.) Sports Regulation 16.1.4, Recognized and Emerging Sports
 - Dual team wrestling will not be an OHSAA emerging (or recognized) sport in 2021-22.
 - 30.) Sports Regulation 16.1.4, Recognized and Emerging Sports
 - Removing the first 'a division' eliminates redundancy. Removing 'or adding a tournament or discontinuing a tournament' has been removed since it creates confusion with the first part of the sentence regarding divisions. The word 'may' was boldfaced for emphasis.
 - 31.) Sports Regulation 16.4), Failure to Appear and School Closures – OHSAA Tournament Contests
 - Rather than call such a contest a forfeit, such actions shall be declared 'no contests.'
 - 32.) Sports Regulation 18, Individual Non-Interscholastic Competition Deadline

The first paragraph and note have been rewritten from previous language for clarity.
 - 33.) Sports Regulation 22, Interscholastic Scrimmages
 - This regulation has been suspended for the 2021-22 school year and schools ARE permitted to charge admission for interscholastic scrimmages.
 - 34.) Sports Regulation 23, Preview
 - A note has been added to clarify that more information on previews may be noted within the specific sport regulations.
 - 35.) Sports Regulation 27, Team Member
 - The additional sentence ('See Bylaw 1-4-1 for the definition of an interscholastic athletic contest.') provides more clarity.
 - 36.) Sports Regulation 31, Regular Season No Contests/~~Tournament~~ Forfeitures
 - This section has been rewritten for clarity on when contests should or should not be considered forfeits.
 - 37.) Sports Regulation 32.2), Grades 7 & 8, Sports Season Waiver
 - Additional language has been added that would allow for the OHSAA Executive Director's Office to grant a waiver due to other compelling reasons.

B. Recommendation to Approve Modifications to the 2021-22 Sport-by-Sport Regulations for OHSAA Handbook

OHSAA sport administrators reviewed the proposed modifications to the sport-by-sport regulations that will appear in the 2021-22 OHSAA Handbook after the staff collaborated on the proposals. The staff recommended that the modifications be approved by the Board. Most of the modifications reflect date changes or were made to provide clarity.

Motion by Leonard Steyer, second by Steve Watkins to **approve** New Business Other Items VII. A. and VII. B. as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

VII. ONCE AROUND

Board of Directors members thanked the staff and outgoing Board of Directors members for their team work during one of the most chaotic and unsettling years in our lifetimes due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Executive Director Doug Ute thanked the Board of Directors for their time and leadership, and noted that our overall mission is to take care of the students.

There was a unanimous motion to adjourn the meeting and for the Board to go into Executive Session at 2:11. p.m. for the purpose of discussing revisions to the OHSAA personnel handbook.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

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