

The following are the preliminary minutes from the March 19, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its April 28, 2022, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (March 19, 2022)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the University of Dayton Arena during the OHSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament. President Scott Kaufman called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

Board Members Participating: Scott Kaufman, president; Bo Arnett; Ryan Fitzgerald; Gina Franks; Bill Nye; Scott Reeves; Jeff Wheeler, and Scott Hunt (ex-officio) and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio). **Board Members Excused:** Steve Watkins, vice president, and Gary Kreinbrink.

Staff Members Participating: Doug Ute, executive director, and directors Bob Goldring, Kristin Ronai and Beau Rugg. **Others Participating:** Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel.

ACTION ITEMS

A. **Recommendation to Approve 2022 Football Regulations**

Director Beau Rugg presented revisions to the 2022 OHSAA Football Regulations and asked that they be approved. Most changes were related to dates. Mr. Rugg clarified language regarding the acclimatization period, indicating that these days may be completed between July 18 and 31, they cannot be mandatory and that these days are separate from the 10 contact days permitted in General Sports Regulation 7.5.1. Students who complete the acclimatization period in July can participate in full contact on August 1. Clarity was also provided to indicate what is and is not permitted during the acclimatization period.

The other significant recommendation is that all first rounds and regional quarterfinal tournament games for all divisions be played on Fridays when the higher seeded teams serve as hosts.

Motion by Scott Reeves, second by Ryan Fitzgerald to **approve** the 2022 football regulations as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

B. **Recommendation to Approve Additional 2022 Referendum Item and Modify the Effective Date of An Already-Approved Referendum Item**

At the January 13 and February 17, 2022, Board of Directors Meetings, the Board approved placing 13 items (one Constitution article and 12 Bylaws) before the membership for referendum. At this meeting, Director Kristin Ronai proposed that an additional Bylaw item be approved by the Board to place before the membership for referendum. She also recommended that an effective date for one of the previously approved referendum items be modified. If approved by the Board, member school principals would vote on the proposed modifications to the Constitution article and Bylaws between May 1 and 16.

Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, Exception 8 (New)

This proposed new exception would permit a student enrolled at a member public high school that does not sponsor a team sport in which the student desires to participate to petition to play that sport at a public school located in a bordering public school district pursuant to the bordering district's duly adopted Board of Education resolution. Reciprocal language has been developed for students in a multiple high school district. An OHSAA form would need to be utilized and, if approved by the Board of Education, must be on file at the OHSAA. Forms for the next school year must be received by the OHSAA Office by June 30 each year, and no student may participate at another school until approved by the Executive Director's Office.

Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer - Modification of Exception 1 (New Effective Date)

This modification was previously approved for referendum by the Board of Directors at the February 17, 2022, meeting. At this meeting, Ms. Ronai recommended that, if passed by the membership, the effective date move to May 16, 2022.

Motion by Bill Nye, second by Bo Arnett to **approve** placing the proposed new referendum item before the membership as presented and to modify the effective date of the previously approved item.

Motion passed 7-0.

There was a unanimous motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

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: April 28. A closed June meeting is tentatively being planned for out-of-town.