

The following are the preliminary minutes from the April 13, 2023, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its April 27, 2023, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (April 13, 2023)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special virtual meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023. President Bill Nye called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Board Members Participating:** Bill Nye, president; Gina Franks, vice president; David Alvarado; Andy Bixler; Molly Feesler; Jay Selgo; Jeff Wheeler, and Scott Hunt (ex-officio) and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio).

**Board Members Excused:** Bo Arnett and Paul Stone.

**Staff Members Participating:** Doug Ute, executive director; Kim Kiehl, chief operating officer; directors Bob Goldring, and Kristin Ronai, and Laura Vermilya, controller.

**Also Participating:** Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel.

### I. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Recommendation to Establish An Athletic Enrichment Fund

Executive Director Doug Ute and the OHSAA finance and legal teams have been discussing ways to financially assist OHSAA member schools. Mr. Ute recommended that the following proposal be approved:

*“The OHSAA shall establish an ‘athletic enrichment’ fund for the purpose of providing a financial contribution, on an equitable basis, to each member high school’s athletic department to assist with costs of equipment, uniforms, game transportation, officials and improving student sportsmanship and adult fan behavior. The fund will be established with an initial transfer from OHSAA operations of \$3 million. On an annual basis, the OHSAA Board of Directors shall approve a transfer to the fund from operating cash. The fund will be invested conservatively to earn interest. Annually, the Board of Directors will approve the contribution amount to each school. To qualify, member schools must have returned their membership card by June 30 and have no outstanding member dues or fines.”*

Motion by Gina Franks, second by Jeff Wheeler to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

#### B. Recommendation to Approve the 2022-23 Financial Contribution Amount

Executive Director Doug Ute recommended that each member high school receive a financial contribution from the OHSAA Athletic Enrichment Fund of \$1,250 for the 2022-23 fiscal year that will be distributed in August 2023.

Motion by Jay Selgo, second by Molly Feesler to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 7-0.

### II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Executive Director Doug Ute provided an update on a school initiative through the Governor’s Office.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by David Alvarado to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 a.m.

Motion passed 7-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

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

**2022-23 School Year:** April 27, 2023, and June 8, 2023 (8:30 a.m. at Canal Park in Akron).

**2023-24 School Year:** August 31, 2023; September 29, 2023 (**Friday**); October 26, 2023; January 11, 2024; February 15, 2024; April 25, 2024, and June 6, 2024 (8:30 a.m. at Canal Park in Akron).