

The following are the preliminary minutes from the September 1, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its September 30, 2022, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (September 1, 2022)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at the OHSAA Office in Columbus. President Bill Nye called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance and introductions of guests in attendance.

Board Members In Attendance: Bill Nye, president; Gina Franks, vice president (excused at 9:47 a.m.); David Alvarado; Bo Arnett; Andy Bixler; Molly Feesler; Jay Selgo; Paul Stone; Jeff Wheeler, and Scott Hunt (ex-officio) and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio).

Staff Members In Attendance: Doug Ute, executive director; Kim Kiehl, chief operating officer; directors Bob Goldring, Kristin Ronai, Beau Rugg and Tim Stried; and staff members Tyler Brooks, Claire Duesdieker Keohane, Alexis Holderman, Maurice Jenkins, Emily Mason, Ronald Sayers and Dustin Ware.

Others In Attendance: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Joe Balogh, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Gerald Cooke, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Kim Metz, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association, and Twila Gillespie.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Bo Arnett to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the September 1, 2022, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Molly Feesler, second by Gina Franks to **approve** the minutes from the June 9, 2022, Board of Directors Regular Meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL UPDATES

A. Operations Update

Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl provided the Board with an update on operations. Among the highlights included: 1.) Staff performance reviews from 2021-22 are almost all completed and filed; 2.) New Board of Directors playbook pages and updates were provided and reviewed during an orientation session the previous day; 3.) Discussions have taken place to improve the audio-visual equipment and power in the board rooms of both buildings; 4.) The two buildings have been appraised and discussion has begun on some repairs that are needed; 5.) Virtually every member school has paid its membership dues for the 2021-22 school year; 6.) A plan is being developed to establish more consistency on scholar-athlete scholarships; 7.) A second OHSAA fan facing website is making progress with hopes of launching the site in the near future; 8.) Keimairra Haylock was hired by Teall Properties Group (TPG), the OHSAA's partner to secure corporate sponsorships, as an assistant to Brian Timm. She is being provided office space at the OHSAA Office and began her work earlier this summer, and 9.) A new fundraising partner organization has been secured that will assist in raising monies for the OHSAA Foundation.

B. OHSAA Financial Report Through April

Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl also provided the non-audited year-end financial report through July. She said the OHSAA currently has over \$12 million in operating cash, which can cover 7.4 months of expenses and nearly \$16 million when including reserves, which can cover 9.7 months of expenses. Both numbers greatly exceed what was budgeted for 2021-22. Dr. Kiehl said the Board will receive a more detailed year-end summary next month. The financial report is summarized as follows:

District	Checking	Savings	Cash Concentration	Board Designated	Investment	Total Cash	Yr. to Date Gross Revenue	Yr. to Date Gross Expenses	Yr. to Date Net Profit/Loss
OHSAA Office	\$4,802,016	\$3,216,432	\$174,899	\$702,492	\$455,194	\$9,351,033	\$16,301,414	\$12,242,960	\$4,058,454
Central	\$163,256	N/A	\$417,828	N/A	\$455,194	\$1,036,278	\$1,294,329	\$1,064,038	\$230,291
East	\$119,098	N/A	\$264,536	N/A	\$500,714	\$884,347	\$575,125	\$465,883	\$109,242
Northeast	\$148,054	N/A	\$692,361	N/A	\$91,039	\$931,454	\$2,360,996	\$2,088,487	\$272,510
Northwest	\$336,355	N/A	\$530,431	N/A	\$637,272	\$1,504,058	\$2,013,491	\$1,602,529	\$410,962
Southeast	\$117,670	\$19,163	\$327,845	N/A	\$364,155	\$828,834	\$795,605	\$598,444	\$197,161
Southwest	\$210,616	N/A	\$527,648	N/A	\$682,791	\$1,421,055	\$1,943,246	\$1,607,257	\$335,989
Totals	\$5,897,065	\$3,235,595	\$2,935,548	\$702,492	\$3,186,359	\$15,957,059	\$25,284,206	\$19,669,598	\$5,614,609

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C. Recommendation to Approve Annual Investment, Savings and Designated Funds Policy

Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl also provided the Board with an addendum to the formerly approved investment policy for an annual OHSAA Investment, Savings and Designated Funds Policy, which was introduced the previous day.

Motion by Andy Bixler, second by Jay Selgo to **approve** the financial report as presented but to **table** action on the OHSAA Investment, Savings and Designated Funds Policy until the September 30 meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Review of OHSAA Administrators Workshops

Director Kristin Ronai said the Executive Director's Office conducted two in-person and one virtual administrators workshops in August. The workshops were well attended and feedback was positive. The meetings allow the OHSAA to provide updates and reminders on key rules, regulations and procedures. She thanked Board member Glenn Gillespie for his contributions representing the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and fellow staff members Ronald Sayers and Alexis Holderman (compliance and membership services) along with Emily Mason, Kate Barnett and Tyler Brooks (sport management) for their work as presenters.

B. Review and Reminder of OHSAA Regional Update Meetings

Director Bob Goldring said the Executive Director's Office has conducted two of the six scheduled Regional Update Meetings this fall. The meetings in Columbus and Cincinnati averaged approximately 150 attendees, with upcoming meetings scheduled for Athens (Sept. 7); Cleveland (Sept. 13); Cambridge (Sept. 15), and Findlay (Sept. 21). The meetings allow the OHSAA to provide updates and reminders on key issues. Presenters are Executive Director Doug Ute (general updates); staff members Kristin Ronai (compliance and legislative issues); Ronald Sayers (compliance and membership services issues); Beau Rugg (sport management and officiating issues), and general counsel Steve Craig (legal issues).

C. Dates for 2022-23 OHSAA Appeals Panel Hearings

Staff member Ronald Sayers informed the Board that dates have been set for hearings before the 2022-23 OHSAA Appeals Panel, which will have jurisdiction over appeals pertaining to all rulings made by the Executive Director's Office, including student eligibility. The dates are all Thursdays (with the exceptions of Jan. 4 and Apr. 5 being Wednesdays) and are as follows: Sept. 8; Sept. 22; Oct. 6; Oct. 20; Nov. 17; Dec. 15; Jan. 4; Jan. 19; Feb. 2; Mar. 2; Apr. 5; May 4, and June 1. Appeals hearings have already taken place on Aug. 4 and Aug. 18. The hearings are held at the OHSAA Office, the dates are subject to change and the tentative starting time is 9:00. Further information has been posted on the OHSAA website at www.ohsaa.org.

D. Reminder of OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference

Executive Director Doug Ute said the OHSAA Foundation has partnered with the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center in Mansfield to sponsor a student leadership conference for students affiliated with the schools who are members of that ESC on Wednesday, Nov. 16. The Mid-Ohio ESC will host the event, and plans are being finalized to record the conference and make it available virtually for OHSAA member schools. Further details will be shared soon.

F. Update on Infraction, Appeals and Legal Issues

Staff member Ronald Sayers provided the Board with a list of schools that have recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Austintown Fitch High School** had a student-athlete in girls basketball violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, when they participated in two contests during the period of ineligibility required within the transfer bylaw. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited any victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Greenwich South Central High School** violated OHSAA Media Regulation 3B when a baseball coach issued comments to the media regarding the quality of the officiating during a contest. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the baseball coach shall be suspended during the first regular season varsity baseball contest of the 2022-23 season. **Dayton Thurgood Marshall High School** had a student-athlete who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility, with regard to transfer, under Bylaw 4-7-2 Exception 9, One Time Transfer Back to Public School of Residence. However, the school failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to the student-athlete participating in three sports throughout the 2021-22 school year. The Executive Director's Office restored eligibility for the student-athlete retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school was fined \$100. **Marietta High School** violated General Sports Regulation 7.5.1, 10-Day Limitation, when three Marietta baseball coaches provided coaching to a number of student-athletes in excess of the limitation set forth in General Sports Regulation 7.3 for more than 10 days from June 1-July 31. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, Marietta High School's no contact period for the sport of baseball was extended to September 14, 2022. **Youngstown Ursuline High School** violated Bylaw 4-9, Recruiting, when personalized letters containing information per-

in surrounding communities. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office has imposed the following penalties: 1) Ursuline High School is hereby publicly reprimanded; 2) Ursuline High School has been fined \$750; 3) Ursuline High School was required to complete training with their administrators and admissions department regarding the recruiting bylaw; and 4) any high school student-athlete who transfers into Ursuline High School after receiving one of the aforementioned letters will not be granted a transfer exception to restore full athletic eligibility. **New Concord John Glenn High School** had a student-athlete in girls soccer violate Bylaw 4-6-2, Residency, when they participated in two contests without having a parent reside in the state of Ohio, as required within the bylaw. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited any victorious contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Cincinnati Colerain High School** had a student-athlete in boys soccer violate Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, when they participated in two contests without being enrolled at Colerain High School. Further, the student-athlete did not meet the requirements to any of the exceptions codified within Bylaw 4-3-1. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited any victorious contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Dublin Jerome High School** had a student-athlete in girls golf violate Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, when they participated in two contests without being enrolled at Dublin Jerome High School. Further, the student-athlete did not meet the requirements to any of the exceptions codified within Bylaw 4-3-1. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited any victorious contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Pickerington High School Central** had a student-athlete in girls soccer violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when they participated in two contests after failing to pass five 1-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school was required to forfeit any victorious contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. However, the school was not victorious in the contests in which the student-athlete participated, thus no forfeiture was required. **Youngstown Liberty High School** had a student-athlete in football violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when they participated in one regular season contest after failing to pass five 1-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Brunswick High School** had a student-athlete in boys soccer violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when they participated in five contests after failing to pass five 1-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited any victorious contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Cincinnati Whiteoak Middle School** had a student-athlete in football violate Bylaw 4-4-5, Scholarship, when they participated in a contest after failing to pass four subjects in the immediately preceding grading period. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school was required to forfeit any victorious contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. However, the school was not victorious in the one contest in which the student-athlete participated, thus no forfeiture was required.

Mr. Sayers also provided the Board with an update on appeals. He said the OHSAA Appeals Panel has heard 12 appeals on two dates this school year, and two appeals have been granted. In addition, OHSAA Legal Counsel Steve Craig provided the Board with an update on three pending legal cases.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

A. Recommendation to Approve 2022 Fall Sports Tournament Regulations

Updates in regulations for 2022 fall sport tournaments were provided to the Board by OHSAA sport administrators Dustin Ware (cross country and girls tennis); Emily Mason (field hockey and volleyball); Tyler Brooks (golf) and Kate Barnett (soccer), and the staff recommended that the modified regulations be approved. Most updates reflect date changes or modifications made for clarity purposes. In **cross country**, it was noted that MileSplit has been fully incorporated as the official electronic entry provider; that regional and state tournament starting times for races have been slightly adjusted to help provide breaks for award presentations and also for contest officials, and that the state tournament will return to Fortress Obetz. In **girls tennis**, the state tournament will return to the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, but there is concern that only one indoor site has been secured to date in the event there is inclement weather (two sites have been utilized in the past). In **field hockey**, it was noted that one timeout per team is now permitted in each 10-minute sudden victory overtime period and that the state tournament will return to Thomas Worthington High School. In **volleyball**, the state tournament will return to Wright State University. In **golf**, it was noted that players are required to use the OHSAA-designated golf app to enter their scores in each round of the tournament. The state tournaments will return to The Ohio State University Golf Club in Columbus (Division II and I girls and boys) and North Star Golf Club in Sunbury (Division III boys). In **soccer**, it was noted that all regional tournaments will be held at pre-selected sites, and that the respective OHSAA District Athletic Boards have been helpful with those selections.

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The state finals will be held at Lower.com Field, in its second year as the home of Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew.

B. Recommendation to Approve Tournament Divisional Alignments and/or Representation for the Winter and Spring Sports

The Board was provided with tournament representation and/or divisional alignments for the winter and spring sports as follows:

2023 and 2024 Winter Sports

- Boys Swimming (representation only)
- Girls Swimming (representation only)
- Boys Wrestling (representation only)
- Girls Wrestling (divisional alignments only)

2023 Winter Sports (Competitive Balance)

- Boys Basketball (revised)

2023 and 2024 Spring Sports

- Boys Lacrosse (divisional alignments only)
- Girls Lacrosse (divisional alignments only)
- Boys Tennis
- Boys Track & Field
- Girls Track & Field
- Boys Volleyball (divisional alignments only)

2023 Spring Sports (Competitive Balance)

- Baseball
- Softball

Boys Swimming & Diving

Division I, 125 teams (381 males or more from October 2021 enrollments)

Division II, 125 teams (380 or less males)

Total Teams: 250

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boys swimming for 2023 and 2024 would be: **Division I:** Central 2; 29 Northeast schools 2; Combined Northwest and 16 Northeast schools 2, and Southwest 2. Sixteen at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament. **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 2; Northeast 2; Northwest 2, and Southwest 2. Sixteen at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament. Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boys diving for 2023 and 2024 would be calculated each winter based on the exact number of participants available via e-dive.

Girls Swimming & Diving

Division I, 159 teams (311 females or more from October 2021 enrollments)

Division II, 160 teams (310 or less females)

Total Teams: 319

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in girls swimming for 2023 and 2024 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, two East schools and one Southeast school 2; 42 Northeast schools 2; Combined Northwest and 18 Northeast schools 2, and Southwest 2. Sixteen at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament. **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 2; Northeast 2; Northwest 2, and Southwest 2. Sixteen at-large swimming qualifiers would be selected on the basis of times recorded in the district tournament. Representation from the district to the state tournaments in girls diving for 2023 and 2024 would be calculated each winter based on the exact number of participants available via e-dive.

Boys Wrestling

Division I, 155 teams (363 males or more from October 2021 enrollments)

Division II, 155 teams (196 to 362 males)

Division III, 155 teams (195 or less males)

Total Teams: 465

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in wrestling for 2023 and 2024 would be:

Division I: Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 4; Combined Northeast, one East school (Dover) and two Northwest schools (Fremont Ross and Toledo St. John's Jesuit) 7; 11 Northwest schools 1, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Combined Central and two Southeast schools (Bainbridge Paint Valley and Williamsport Westfall) 2; Combined East and four Southeast schools (Crooksville, Pomeroy Meigs, Glouster Trimble and Albany Alexander) 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 5, and Combined Southwest and two Southeast schools (Ironton and West Union) 3.

The individual wrestling tournament has four statewide district tournaments which qualify the top four in each weight class to the state tournament. The district tournaments are comprised of four winners from four sectional tournaments. Representation calculates the number of sectional tournaments each athletic district earns. The 16 sectional tournaments are then assigned geographically into one of the four district tournaments. The number of sectional tournaments earned and their assignment to the district tournaments are as follows:

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Division I: The Central District to host four sectional tournaments. Note: Central District declines earned additional qualifier. Through discussion with the DAB wrestling committee, the Northeast District will host the additional earned qualifier. The Northwest District to host one sectional tournament and send two teams (Fremont Ross and St. John's Jesuit) to the Northeast District. The Northeast District to host seven sectional tournaments with three of the sectional tournaments to combine with the Northwest sectional tournament for district competition to be hosted by the Northwest District at Perrysburg.

Division II: The Central district will host two sectionals. The northern most sectional will feed into the Northwest district tournament. The southern most sectional will feed into the Southwest district tournament. The Northwest and Southwest will host district tournament in both 2023 and 2024. The two East District sectional tournaments and the two Southeast District sectional tournaments will combine for district competition to be hosted by the East District in 2023 at site TBD and the Southeast District will host in 2024 at a site TBD.

Division III: The Central and East will both host two sectionals and combine for district tournaments. The East will host the district tournament in 2023, the Central will host the district tournament in 2024. The Northwest will host 5 sectional tournaments and send the southern most sectional to the Southwest for the district tournament. The southwest will host the district tournament in both 2023 and 2024.

Girls Wrestling

Total Teams: 318

Representation from the regional to the state tournament in girls wrestling for 2023 and 2024 is TBA.

Boys Basketball *(revised from what Board of Directors approved on June 9, 2022)*

Division I, 198 teams (349 males or more from October 2021 enrollments plus Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 201 teams (195 to 348 males)

Division III, 201 teams (120 to 194 males)

Division IV, 200 team (119 or less males)

Total Teams: 800

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in boys basketball for 2023 would be:

Division I: Combined Central and two Southeast schools (Chillicothe, Logan) 4; Combined Northeast and one East school (Dover) 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Boys Lacrosse

Division I, 74 teams (451 males or more from October 2021 enrollments)

Division II, 74 teams (450 or less males)

Total Teams: 148

Girls Lacrosse

Division I, 68 teams (471 females or more from October 2021 enrollments)

Division II, 68 teams (470 or less females)

Total Teams: 136

Boys Tennis

Division I, 189 teams (315 males or more from October 2021 enrollments)

Division II, 189 teams (314 or less males)

Total Teams: 378

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boys tennis for 2023 and 2024 would be:

Division I: Combined Central and two Southeast schools (Chillicothe and Logan) 4; Combined Northeast and two East schools (Dover and New Philadelphia) 6; Northwest 2, and Combined Southwest and one Southeast School (Washington Court House Miami Trace) 4; **Division II:** Combined Central and five East schools (Berlin Hiland, Cambridge, Coshocton, Millersburg West Holmes and Zanesville) 2; Southeast 1; Combined Northeast and five East schools (East Liverpool, St. Clairsville, Steubenville, Steubenville Catholic Central and Wintersville Indian Creek) 5; Northwest 4, and Southwest 4.

Boys Track and Field

Division I, 227 teams (284 males or more from October 2021 enrollments)

Division II, 227 teams (149 to 283 males)

Division III, 228 teams (148 or less males)

Total Teams: 682

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Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in boys track and field for 2023 and 2024 would be: **Division I:** Central 12; Combined East and Southeast 4; Northeast 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 8; Northeast 16; Northwest 12; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 4; East 4; Northeast 12; Northwest 24; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12.

Girls Track and Field

Division I, 215 teams (287 females or more from October 2021 enrollments)

Division II, 215 teams (150 to 286 females)

Division III, 219 teams (149 or less females)

Total Teams: 649

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in girls track and field for 2020 and 2021 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, two East Schools (Dresden Tri-Valley and Zanesville) and four Southeast Schools (Chillicothe, Logan, Marietta and The Plains Athens) 16; Combined Northeast and two East schools (Dover and New Philadelphia) 24; Northwest 8, and Combined Southwest and one Southeast school (Washington Court House Miami Trace) 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 8; Northeast 16; Northwest 12; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 4; East 4; Northeast 16; Northwest 24; Southeast 4, and Southwest 12.

Boys Volleyball

Division I, 88 teams (392 males or more from October 2021 enrollments)

Division II, 89 teams (391 or less males)

Total Teams: 177

Baseball

Division I, 188 teams (353 males or more from October 2021 enrollments plus Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 187 teams (198 to 352 males)

Division III, 189 teams (123 to 197 males)

Division IV, 187 team (122 or less males)

Total Teams: 751

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in baseball for 2023 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central and two Southeast schools (Chillicothe and Logan) 4; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Softball

Division I, 183 teams (331 females or more from October 2021 enrollments plus Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 182 teams (195 to 330 females)

Division III, 183 teams (116 to 194 females)

Division IV, 183 team (115 or less females)

Total Teams: 731

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in softball for 2023 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) and two Southeast schools (Chillicothe and Logan) 4; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; ***Division II:** Central 1; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

*Denotes a coin flip held at this meeting broke the Division II tie and determined that the Southeast would receive 2 representatives and Central 1

Girls Basketball Representation

Note: At the June 9, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved tournament division alignments and representation in girls basketball for the 2023 season. However, a tie in representation from the district to the regional tournaments in Division II existed and was not broken. At this meeting, a coin flip was held to break the Division II tie and determined that the Northeast would receive 5 representatives and the Southeast 2 (**Division II:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3).

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C. Recommendation to Approve 2022-23 Membership List

Staff member Ronald Sayers provided the Board with the list of schools that have returned the required form to renew their membership with the OHSAA for the 2022-23 school year and said the staff recommended that these schools be approved. A total of 818 high schools and 751 7th-8th grade schools have submitted the form, including three new schools that were approved at the June 9, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting (Bellefontaine Calvary Christian School, Youngstown East Middle School and Youngstown Chaney Middle School). In addition, Mr. Sayers said the staff recommended that an additional 7th-8th grade school (Cleveland Lutheran West Middle School) also be approved (which is already included in the 751 total).

The form schools return (OHSAA Board Resolution Card) affirms that the board of education or similar governing board of each member school has adopted a resolution authorizing continued membership with the OHSAA and, in doing so, agrees to conform with all OHSAA bylaws and regulations. The OHSAA Board Resolution Cards were to be returned to the Executive Director's Office by June 30.

D. Recommendation to Approve Use of Investigative Services

OHSAA Legal Counsel Steve Craig recommended that the Board give approval of the OHSAA's continued use of outside investigative services as deemed warranted by the Executive Director's Office to investigate schools and/or individuals who violate Association regulations. He provided a historical perspective on the use of investigative services.

E. Recommendation to Approve District Athletic Board Tournament Procedure/Policy Modifications

Director Bob Goldring said the OHSAA District Athletic Board Review Committee met during the 2021-22 school year and last met virtually July 8 and recommended that three procedures/policies be modified for approval. If approved, the procedures/policies will become effective immediately starting with 2022 fall sports. He thanked current Board of Directors members Andy Bixler, Jay Selgo and Jeff Wheeler for serving on the committee. Mr. Goldring added that Executive Director Doug Ute reviewed the proposals and recommended that the Board of Director approve the changes. The proposals are as follows:

Policy for Schools Passing During the Tournament Draw/Seed Process (for District Athletic Boards that currently do not use a predetermined bracket format)

Passing shall be permitted as follows:

- The number of schools advancing to the district tournament may pass. All others must place themselves on the bracket when their seed is called.
Note: As an example, if eight teams are advancing to the district tournament, seeds No. 1 through No. 8 may pass, but all other teams must place themselves on the bracket.
- At each point where a seeded team places itself on the bracket, the seeds above that team which previously passed shall be given the option to place themselves on the bracket starting with the highest seed going first. Those teams may choose to pass again.
Example: Seed No. 1 places itself on the bracket. Seeds No. 2 and 3 pass. Seed No. 4 places itself on the bracket. Instead of going to Seed No. 5, Seed No. 2 shall then be given the option to place itself on the bracket followed by Seed No. 3.

Policy for Schools to Participate in the Tournament Draw/Seed Meeting when No School Representative is Present (for District Athletic Boards that currently do not use a predetermined bracket format)

District Athletic Boards or their designees overseeing the tournament draw shall be provided with the cellular phone numbers of head coaches and athletic administrators listed in myOHSAA prior to the draw/seed meeting. If no school representative is present for the tournament draw/seed meeting, and whether the meeting is in-person or virtual, a District Athletic Board member or the board's designee overseeing the tournament draw shall attempt to call the head coach and/or athletic administrator from the school(s) not present in order for a representative from the missing school(s) to participate in the tournament draw/seed meeting electronically/virtually.

Policy for Penalizing a School that Does Not Send a School Representative to the Draw/Seed Meeting or Does Not Participate in the Tournament Seeding Process

As specified in the OHSAA General Sports Regulation 6.5.4, schools that fail to send a coach or administrator to a mandatory draw/seed meeting or fail to seed as instructed will be fined \$150 (rather than the current fine of \$50) per occurrence. Note: Late shall be defined as any time after the first team is placed onto the tournament bracket.

F. Recommendation to Approve 2022-23 Officials Handbook

Director Beau Rugg reviewed with the Board proposed modifications to the 2022-23 Officials Handbook and said the staff recommended that they be approved. He said besides date changes or changes made for clarity, the significant proposed changes are fee increases for seven tournament sports. Mr. Rugg also noted that the handbook will come to the Board for approval in the future in June.

- G. Recommendation to Approve 2022 Fall Sports Regional and State Tournament Officiating Representation
Director Beau Rugg provided the Board with the 2022 representation for officials assignments for regional and state tournaments in the fall sports of field hockey (state tournament); football (regional and state tournaments); soccer (regional and state tournaments), and volleyball (regional and state tournaments), and he said the staff recommended that they be approved. Per the OHSAA Handbook, the representation is calculated on a proportional formula per district based on the number of Class 1 officials who had registered with the OHSAA by the middle of July. With deadlines extended for officials to register for winter and spring sports, the other assignments will be shared on a seasonal basis throughout the 2022-23 school year. In addition, Mr. Rugg noted that cross country (state tournament) will not be included in representation in the near future since the sport's new director of officiating development has created a system to rotate officials through regional and state tournaments, while maintaining well qualified officials at each of the positions for the integrity of the tournament.
- H. Recommendation to Approve 2022-23 Media Regulations and Tournament Rights Fees
Director Tim Stried provided the Board with a draft of proposed media regulations and rights fees for broadcasting 2022-23 OHSAA tournament contests and recommended that they be approved. He noted that there were no significant modifications for this school year.
- I. Recommendation to Fill Unexpired Position on Southwest District Athletic Board
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 Andy Bixler said the Southwest District Athletic Board posted their unexpired position, conducted interviews and recommended that Ashley Johnson, athletic administrator at Covington High School, serve as an interim female representative on their board for the 2022-23 school year.
- J. General Sports Regulation 7.10, Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction
Executive Director Doug Ute shared with the Board the previous day that modifications approved in June to General Sports Regulation 7.10, Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction, has raised some questions. Following the previous day's discussion, he said he recommended tabling any possible action on further modifications.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Paul Stone to **approve** New Business (Consent) Items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E., VI. F., VI. G., VI. H. and VI. I. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

- A. Recommendation to Approve 2022-23 Tournament Ticket Prices for Spectators
Director Kim Kiehl provided the Board with a draft of proposed ticket prices for spectators for 2022-23 OHSAA tournaments. She said the major changes from last year include: 1.) 'Day of' higher prices that went into effect three hours prior to the start of an event have been eliminated. This is to help with consistency, where early round tournament ticket prices have been lowered in ice hockey and swimming & diving and later round ticket prices were increased in cross country, volleyball, bowling, baseball and softball; 2.) The OHSAA will continue to absorb HomeTown Ticketing fees, but Stripe fees will continue to be absorbed by fans but will likely be reduced, and 3.) There will be a publicly available student ticket option (ages 6-18; 5 and under remain free) for \$2.00 less than regular price for all fall sports (and state tournament student tickets continue to be priced lower than general public tickets). She also said all-session and other ticket packages will again be available for the state football, basketball and wrestling tournaments. It was also noted that state girls volleyball, ice hockey, wrestling and track & field are Ticketmaster sites and HomeTown Ticketing will not be utilized. In addition, Dr. Kiehl said the recommendation is to adopt the ticket prices for the entire 2022-23 school year, but that the modifications to the student sectional/district/regional tournament ticket prices are subject to a new proposal based on financial review following the fall tournaments.

Motion by Jay Selgo, second by Bo Arnett to **approve** the ticket prices as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

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B. Recommendation to Approve OHSAA Tournament Pass Policy

Director Kim Kiehl provided the Board with a draft of a proposed tournament pass policy. The policy would include a variety of pass/complimentary ticket procedures for: OHSAA Executive Director's full-time and part-time staff; former OHSAA staff members; OHSAA Board of Directors, District Athletic Boards (DAB) and DAB secretaries and treasurers; former OHSAA DAB members and DAB secretaries and treasurers; special/allied state educational service organizations; working contest officials; officiating observers; school administrators; scouts; coaches; members of coaches associations, and individuals who have been issued OHSAA 'lifetime' passes. The overarching policy is that admission to OHSAA tournaments will only be granted to those with a QR code from HomeTown Ticketing. For groups who are not provided a digital pass (QR Code valid for any competition), they can request complimentary tickets for specific competitions they desire to attend from the OHSAA.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Andy Bixler to **approve** the OHSAA tournament pass policy as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VIII. ONCE AROUND

Board member Glen Gillespie thanked the Executive Director's Office for including the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association at the OHSAA Administrators Workshops. Staff members were thanked for their work in general, for their work with OHSAA District Athletic Boards and were offered best wishes in preparations for upcoming tournaments; returning Board members welcomed their fellow new members, and new Board members thanked the staff and returning Board members for helping make their transition to the Board smooth.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by David Alvarado to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Motion passed 8-0 (Ms. Franks excused).

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: Friday, September 30, 2022; October 27, 2022; January 12, 2023; February 16, 2023; April 27, 2023, and a June date TBA.