

The following are the preliminary minutes from the September 30, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its October 27, 2022, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (September 30, 2022)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, September 30, 2022, at the OHSAA Office in Columbus. President Bill Nye called the meeting to order at 9:00 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; 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; Laura Vermilya, controller, and staff members Tyler Brooks, Ronald Sayers and Dustin Ware.

Others In Attendance: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Brian Timm, Ohio General Manager, Teall Properties Group; Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Joe Balogh, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Gerald Cooke and Dick Kerschbaum, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association, and Kathy McFarland, Ohio School Boards Association (attended virtually).

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Molly Feesler to **adopt** the agenda for the September 30, 2022, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gina Franks, second by Bo Arnett to **approve** the minutes from the September 1, 2022, Board of Directors Regular Meeting and the September 21, 2022, Board of Directors Special 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.) Two part-time staff members (maximum of 20 hours per week) have been added to the Executive Director's Office in the officiating and sport management departments and a third will be added in the compliance department; 2.) Representatives from the OHSAA's new auditing firm, GBQ Partners, have been in the Executive Director's Office to begin their work on the 2021-22 audit, and 3.) Discussions have begun with the OHSAA's technology consultants to provide upgrades within the OHSAA buildings. Dr. Kiehl said she would keep the Board involved in that process.

B. OHSAA Financial Report Through August

Controller Laura Vermilya provided the financial report through August. She said the only recent revenues have come from the OHSAA Early Season Cross Country Invitational and from officiating permit renewals. Expenses are 12 percent favorable to budget. The OHSAA currently has \$12.3 million of operating cash, \$16 million when including reserves and, when counting the latter, can cover nine months of expenses. The financial report is summarized as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Cash Concentration</u>	<u>Board Designated</u>	<u>Investment</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	\$5,034,080	\$3,216,423	\$174,988	\$702,730	\$438,688	\$9,566,909	\$752,397	\$875,171	— \$122,774
Central	\$163,257	N/A	\$418,040	N/A	\$438,688	\$1,019,985	\$882	\$21,682	— \$20,800
East	\$117,494	N/A	\$264,670	N/A	\$482,556	\$864,720	\$869	\$21,908	— \$21,039
Northeast	\$148,054	N/A	\$692,713	N/A	\$87,738	\$928,505	\$485	\$8,698	— \$8,212
Northwest	\$336,355	N/A	\$530,701	N/A	\$614,163	\$1,481,218	\$1,205	\$28,074	— \$26,869
Southeast	\$117,645	\$19,163	\$328,012	N/A	\$350,950	\$815,771	\$701	\$17,413	— \$16,712
Southwest	\$210,616	N/A	\$527,916	N/A	\$658,031	\$1,396,563	\$1,270	\$31,055	— \$29,785
Totals	\$6,127,501	\$3,235,586	\$2,937,040	\$702,730	\$3,070,814	\$16,073,671	\$757,809	\$1,004,001	— \$246,191

Motion by Andy Bixler, second by Paul Stone to **approve** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

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C. Recommendation to Transfer Dollars from OHSAA Operating Cash into Investments

Controller Laura Vermilya said the Executive Director's Office recommended that \$2 million be transferred from the OHSAA's operating cash account into its investment account.

Motion by Jay Selgo, second by Andy Bixler to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that Dr. Kiehl, Ms. Vermilya and the Board of Directors discussed this topic and other financial matters in great detail the previous day.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Updates on OHSAA Fall Sports

OHSAA sport administrators provided brief updates to the Board on their respective fall sports. In **soccer**, it was noted that regional sites have been predetermined, lots of input was received on those decisions, including feedback from OHSAA District Athletic Board members, and that the sites are posted on the OHSAA website. In **cross country**, plans are being finalized for the state tournament. In **girls tennis**, it was noted that a second indoor site has been found for the state tournament in the event there is inclement weather (Queen City Racquet Club & Fitness Center and Five Seasons Family Sports Club, both in Cincinnati) and that sectional tournaments begin next week. In **golf**, it was noted that Divisions II and III sectional tournaments were completed this week and Division I sectional tournaments and Divisions II and III districts will be held next week. It was also noted that the required tournament golf app (live scoring) has been utilized and has had a few growing pains. In **football**, it was noted that this is the largest tournament run directly out of the Executive Director's Office, so the volume - especially as it relates to assigning officiating crews - can be challenging. In **field hockey**, the tournament draw will take place on Oct. 9; the regional finals will be hosted at Powell Olentangy Liberty and Gates Mills Hawken high schools and Cincinnati Ursuline Academy on Oct. 29 and the state tournament will take place the following weekend at Thomas Worthington High School. In **volleyball**, the tournament manager's manual and information was sent to all District Athletic Board volleyball sport coordinators and the manual is also posted on the volleyball webpage and on *myOHSAA*. The regional and state tournament draws were also sent to the coordinators and is posted on the volleyball webpage.

B. Update on OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference

Executive Director Doug Ute reminded the Board that 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 and/or in northwest Ohio 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 in January for OHSAA member schools. Mr. Ute said that the leadership conference will rotate on a regional basis moving forward and he thanked Harvey Alston and OHSAA Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl for assisting him with the details.

C. Review of OHSAA Regional Update Meetings

Executive Director Doug Ute said the Executive Director's Office recently concluded the six scheduled fall Regional Update Meetings that were held in Columbus, Cincinnati, Athens, Independence, Cambridge and Findlay. The meetings allowed the OHSAA to provide updates and reminders on key issues. Presenters were 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).

D. NFHS Coaches-of-the-Year Awards

Director Bob Goldring reminded the coaches association representatives in attendance that the coaches associations' nominations for 2021-22 NFHS Coaches-of-the-Year awards are due to the Executive Director's Office as soon as possible. Once nominations are received, the nominees will go into an on-line site to insert their credentials, with a deadline of Nov. 1. Awards are presented at the state level, and recipients will also be considered for section and national honors. After nominations are reviewed in November and December, the NFHS will announce the coaches-of-the-year in January. He thanked OHSAA Executive Assistant Molly Downard for overseeing the process from the Executive Director's Office.

E. 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. **Dayton Dunbar High School** had a student-athlete in boys soccer violate Bylaw 4-2-1, Age, when they participated in one regular season contest after attaining the age of 20. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Akron Springfield High School** had a student-athlete in football violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when they participated in two regular season 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,

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Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Columbus School For Girls** had a student-athlete who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility, with regard to the international student bylaw, under Bylaw 4-8-1 Exception 3, F-1 Visa Student. However, the school failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to the student-athlete participating in the sport of cross country at the start of the 2022-23 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. **Elyria High School** had a student-athlete in football violate Bylaw 4-4-4, Scholarship, when they participated in two regular season contests after failing to pass four classes in the immediately preceding grading period prior to matriculating to grade 9. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Trenton Edgewood High School** had a student-athlete in boys soccer violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when they participated in three regular season 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 forfeitures were required. **Shelby High School** violated General Sports Regulation 7.5.1, 10-Day Limitation, when a board-approved, volunteer basketball coach provided coaching to a number of student-athletes in excess of the limitation set forth in General Sports Regulation 7.3 from June 1-July 31. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, Shelby High School is hereby publicly reprimanded. **Columbus Tree of Life High School** had multiple student-athletes who were eligible to qualify for full eligibility, with regard to the international student bylaw, under Bylaw 4-8-1 Exception 3, F-1 Visa Student. However, the school failed to submit the requests for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to the student-athletes participating during the 2021-22 school year. The Executive Director's Office restored eligibility for the student-athletes retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school was fined \$100. **Dayton Public Schools** violated Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, when a non-enrolled student was incorrectly assigned to a Dayton Public High School for participation in interscholastic athletics. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, and Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, Dayton Public Schools has been fined \$500 and the student will be required to be reassigned to the appropriate high school at the end of the 2022-23 fall sports season. **Lima West Middle School** had a student-athlete in football, boys basketball, and boys track and field violate Bylaw 4-6-2, Residency, when they participated in regular season contests without having a parent reside in the state of Ohio. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Zanesville West Muskingum High School** had a student-athlete in girls soccer violate Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance, when they participated in two regular season contests without being appropriately enrolled in the school, nor did they meet the requirements of any of the exceptions outlined within Bylaw 4-3-1. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School** had a student-athlete in football violate Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfer, when they participated in two regular season contests after transferring to St. Francis DeSales after having already competed in a regular season football contest at their previous school during the 2022-23 fall sports season. 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 forfeitures were required. **Sylvania Southview High School** had a student-athlete in football violate Bylaw 4-6-2, Residency, when they participated in four regular season contests without having a parent reside in the state of Ohio. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated.

Mr. Sayers also provided the Board with an update on appeals. He said the OHSAA Appeals Panel has heard 32 appeals on four dates this school year, and eight appeals have either been granted or the penalty modified. In addition, OHSAA Legal Counsel Steve Craig provided the Board with an update on two pending legal cases and noted the possibility of others in the near future.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

None

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VIII. ONCE AROUND

Board members sent thoughts and prayers to those impacted by Hurricane Ian in Florida and the Carolinas. They also expressed their pleasure that the OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference is continuing; thanked the Executive Director's Office for their work in preparing for the fall tournaments and for their continued good communication with the Board, and Controller Laura Vermilya was thanked for her work and patience in discussing various financial issues the previous days. In addition, Board member Glen Gillespie thanked Executive Director Ute for recommending membership in the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association during the recent OHSAA Regional Update Meetings; Board Vice President Gina Franks shared how it is great to look forward to our tournaments without our students participating before limited spectators due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Board President Bill Nye said he feels very positive and confident in the current direction of the OHSAA. Executive Director Doug Ute thanked the Board of Directors members for their work, especially considering that they have plenty of work to do in their respective schools, and he offered condolences to the Coldwater High School community following the recent death of teacher and baseball coach Brian Harlamert.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by David Alvarado to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Motion passed 9-0.

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: October 27, 2022; January 12, 2023; February 16, 2023; April 27, 2023, and June 8, 2023 (8:30 a.m. at Canal Park in Akron).