

The following are the preliminary minutes from the December 16, 2022, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its January 12, 2023, meeting.

## **OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES - *REVISED AFTER BOARD APPROVAL JANUARY 19, 2023* (December 16, 2022)**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special virtual meeting on Friday, December 16, 2022. President Bill Nye called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

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

**Board Member Excused:** Scott Hunt (ex-officio).

**Staff Members Participating:** Doug Ute, executive director; Kim Kiehl, chief operating officer; directors Bob Goldring, Kristin Ronai and Beau Rugg, and staff members Tyler Brooks and Ronald Sayers.

### **I. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Recommendation to Approve 2023 Girls Wrestling Tournament Regulations**

Tyler Brooks, administrator for the sport of wrestling, provided the Board with the 2023 OHSAA girls wrestling tournament regulations and recommended that they be approved. It was noted that the regulations have been prepared for the first time after the Board gave approval for girls wrestling as an emerging sport beginning this winter. Mr. Brooks noted that girls wrestling will begin with regional tournaments (equivalent to sectional tournaments for boys wrestling) and talked briefly on the seeding process. As part of the approval of the regulations, Mr. Brooks also recommended that a match limitation policy for one-day regional tournaments be approved along with the assignments of participating schools to the four regional tournaments.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Molly Feesler to **approve** the tournament regulations as presented, including the regional match limitation policy and the regional assignments.

Motion passed 9-0.

#### **B. Recommendation to Approve 2022 Fall Sports Tournament Travel Stipends**

Executive Director Doug Ute and the OHSAA finance team have previously discussed with the Board the attendance, revenues and expenses of the fall 2022 tournaments. With revenues exceeding projections and as was done during the 2021-22 school year, Mr. Ute recommended at this meeting that the Board approve a recommendation to provide tournament travel stipends to member schools that participated in OHSAA fall 2022 tournaments in team sports. Field hockey regional finalists and regional boys/girls soccer and regional volleyball qualifiers would receive \$750/game; state field hockey, boys/girls soccer and volleyball qualifiers would receive \$1,500/game, and football regional finalists would receive \$1,500, football state semifinalists would receive \$3,000 and football state finalists would receive \$5,000. The total amount returned to schools for their fall sports tournament travel stipends would be approximately \$525,000.

Motion by Jay Selgo, second by Gina Franks to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that the OHSAA provided schools with tournament travel stipends during the 2021-22 school year that totaled approximately \$500,000 for the three seasons combined.

#### **C. Recommendation to Appoint Interim Class AA Representative to the Central District Athletic Board**

The OHSAA's Central District Athletic Board (CDAB) has an opening for an interim Class AA representative for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Per the OHSAA Constitution, the interim representative is selected by the Board of Directors, will hold the position through July 31, 2023, and, if interested, must then run to complete the remainder of the term of the position (this position ends July 31, 2028) at the next regular election, which takes place May 1-15, 2023. Board member Molly Feesler said the CDAB has recommended that Scott Beery, superintendent of the Licking Valley Local School District, fill the interim Class AA position.

Motion by Paul Stone, second by Molly Feesler to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

There was a unanimous motion to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

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