

The following are the preliminary minutes from the February 16, 2023, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its April 27, 2023, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (February 16, 2023)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023, 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 (participated virtually beginning at 9:07); Jay Selgo, and Paul Stone.

**Board Members Excused:** Jeff Wheeler, 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; staff members Charles Anderson (participated virtually), Kate Barnett, Molly Downard (participated virtually), Alexis Holderman, Claire Duesdieker Keohane, Angie Lawler (participated virtually), Ronald Sayers, Chris Walker and Dustin Ware, and part-time staff member Eric McLaughlin.

**Others In Attendance:** Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Brian Timm, Ohio General Manager, Teall Properties Group; John Combs and 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; G. Todd Graham, Ohio High School Girls Lacrosse Coaches Association (participated virtually), and Kim Metz, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association (participated virtually).

### I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Paul Stone, second by Bo Arnett to **adopt** the agenda for the February 16, 2023, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Gina Franks, second by Andy Bixler to **approve** the minutes from the January 12, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

### III. OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL UPDATES

#### A. Operations Update

Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl provided the Board with an update on operations. Among the highlights: 1.) The position announcement to replace former staff member Tyler Brooks was posted, and the application deadline closed February 10; 2.) The Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA) has recently moved into the space it is renting in the OHSAA's Ceramic Building; 3.) With the staff's health insurance plan renewing on April 1, the OHSAA has moved to a new broker who will study costs and look at other Association policies; 4.) The majority of the new furniture for the board rooms in both buildings has arrived and been set up/installed; 5.) Several new board of trustees members will be joining the OHSAA Foundation, and a meeting of this new group will occur during the OHSAA Boys State Basketball Tournament, and 6.) The portal for student-athletes to apply for OHSAA scholar-athlete scholarships has opened.

#### B. OHSAA Financial Report Through January

Controller Laura Vermilya provided the financial report through January. She said that the OHSAA has \$9.5 million of operating cash, and \$18.2 million when including reserves. When counting the latter, the Association can cover 10.4 months of expenses. The overall financial numbers include over \$523,000 that were provided for tournament travel stipends to schools that participated in the 2022 fall regional and state team tournaments. The financial report is summarized as follows:

District	Checking	Savings	Board Designated	Investment	Total	Yr. to Date Gross Revenue	Yr. to Date Gross Expenses	Yr. to Date Net Profit/Loss
OHSAA Office	\$8,646,730	\$866,388	\$708,037	\$2,595,329	\$12,816,484	\$9,687,901	\$7,109,753	\$2,578,149
Central	—	—	N/A	\$852,049	\$852,049	\$331,403	\$359,704	— \$28,301
East	—	—	N/A	\$795,541	\$795,541	\$105,048	\$134,076	— \$29,028
Northeast	—	—	N/A	\$552,026	\$552,026	\$610,788	\$723,156	— \$112,368
Northwest	—	—	N/A	\$1,378,349	\$1,378,349	\$475,479	\$451,625	\$23,854
Southeast	—	—	N/A	\$667,690	\$667,690	\$159,424	\$179,599	— \$20,175
Southwest	—	—	N/A	\$1,153,726	\$1,153,726	\$532,795	\$504,134	\$28,661
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$8,646,730</b>	<b>\$866,388</b>	<b>\$708,037</b>	<b>\$7,994,710</b>	<b>\$18,215,865</b>	<b>\$11,902,838</b>	<b>\$9,462,047</b>	<b>\$2,440,792</b>

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	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Prior Month</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>
Checking	\$8,646,730	\$11,983,959	\$3,949,358
Savings	\$866,388	\$866,397	\$3,535,665
Concentration Account	=	\$505,243	\$1,862,715
<b>Total Operating Cash</b>	<b>\$9,513,118</b>	<b>\$13,355,599</b>	<b>\$9,347,738</b>
Months on Hand	5.4	7.6	5.9
Board Designated Funds	\$708,037	\$705,670	\$702,454
Investments - Unrestricted	\$7,900,045	\$4,911,885	\$3,342,610
Durkle Funds	\$46,975	\$45,242	\$52,367
Rossi/Denney Funds	\$47,690	\$45,930	\$53,164
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$8,702,747</b>	<b>\$5,708,727</b>	<b>\$4,150,595</b>
Months on Hand	5.0	3.3	2.5
<b>Total Cash &amp; Investments on Hand</b>	<b>\$18,215,865</b>	<b>\$19,064,334</b>	<b>\$13,498,339</b>
Months on Hand (Cash & Investments)	10.4	10.9	8.2

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

Motion passed 8-0.

C. Recommendation to Approve OHSAA 990 (From August 2020-July 2021)

Controller Laura Vermilya provided the Board with the OHSAA tax form (IRS Form 990) from August 2020 through July 2021, which the Association is required to file as a 501(c)(3) organization. She said the OHSAA Finance Committee has reviewed the form and the Committee recommended that the form be approved.

Motion by Gina Franks, second by Bo Arnett to **approve** the OHSAA 990 as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

D. Recommendation to Approve 2023 Winter and Spring Sports Tournament Travel Stipends

Controller Laura Vermilya said the Executive Director's Office recommended that the Board approve a recommendation to provide tournament travel stipends to member schools that participate in OHSAA 2023 winter and spring tournaments in team sports as has been done previously. The stipends will be as follows: ice hockey regional finalists and boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball and boys and girls lacrosse regional qualifiers - \$750 per game; and ice hockey, girls and boys basketball, baseball, softball and boys and girls lacrosse state qualifiers - \$1,500 per game.

Motion by Jay Selgo, second by David Alvarado to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

### IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Audit Recognition

At the January 12, 2023, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved the OHSAA 2021-22 audit, and it was noted that the audit included an unqualified, clean opinion, the best that can be received, with no significant concerns. At this meeting, Board President Bill Nye and Executive Director Doug Ute recognized the OHSAA finance team, led by Laura Vermilya and overseen by Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl with assistance from Senior Accountant Susan Javery and Staff Accountant Maurice Jenkins, for their work in leading the OHSAA financial department and receiving the outstanding audit opinion.

B. Update on Upcoming Spring Meetings

Director Bob Goldring informed the Board that the sites and dates for the 2023 in-person OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings in April and May have been set. The OHSAA is required by the Constitution to conduct these meetings in order to explain the upcoming referendum issues, so the majority of the meetings will be spent with Director Kristin Ronai reviewing those items. The six locations are Athens, Cambridge, Clayton, Streetsboro, Tiffin and Westerville, with the Tiffin meeting in conjunction with a Northwest District Athletic Board awards recognition that is also taking place during that time. Registration material will be sent to the membership soon. In addition, the Executive Director's Office will be conducting an in-person meeting with the presidents of the various state coaches associations on Wednesday, April 26, at the OHSAA Office. This meeting is a chance for the staff to share important reminders and discuss hot topics while also hearing the concerns from the coaches associations. Mr. Goldring said invitations have already been emailed, and Board of Directors members are welcome to attend to listen to the discussion.

C. Update on 2023-24 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

Director Bob Goldring said that dates for OHSAA Board of Directors Meetings for the 2023-24 school year have been selected, and all will correspond with the 2021-22 dates. Unless noted, all meetings are on Thursdays at the OHSAA Office in Columbus and begin at 9:00. The dates are: 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 at Canal Park in Akron**). The Board will also conduct closed meetings during the state football finals in Canton in late November and during the state boys basketball tournament in Dayton in late March.

D. 2023 OHSAA OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame Members Selected

Director Beau Rugg informed the Board that 14 individuals have been selected to the 2023 OHSAA Officials

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Hall of Fame after the Hall of Fame Committee met earlier this year. Selected were: **Rick Bayless**, Delaware (BKB); **Dave Campbell**, Cincinnati (FB, XC, BKB, T&F); **Phil Colflesh**, Dublin (FB, BKB); **Charles “Ron” Golemon**, Van Wert (BKB, BSB); **Andrew Holloman**, Orwell (BKB, BSB, SOF); **Carl Jordan Sr.**, Pepper Pike (BKB); **Bill Mason**, Granville (BKB, LAX); **Donald Mason**, Zanesville (WR); **Cheryl Opperman**, Wellington (SOF); **Michael Porpora**, Wadsworth (SOC); **Michael Rauch**, Beverly (BKB); **Katie Roesch**, Galion (VB, BKB, T&F); **Kevin Schwarzel**, Athens (BKB), and **John Whitson**, Newark (FB, BKB, BSB). The hall of fame ceremonies will take place June 24 at the Hilton Polaris in Columbus.

### E. Update on Infractions, 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. **Amherst Steele High School** had a student-athlete in boys bowling violate General Sports Regulation 7.2.2, Non-Interscholastic Participation During Season, when they participated in five non-interscholastic contests after becoming a member of the school’s boys bowling team. After the participation in a non-interscholastic contest occurred, the student-athlete participated in three regular season contests for Steele High School. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, Steele High School was required to forfeit the three contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. Individual eligible athletes, however, were permitted to keep their points, places and any awards earned during these forfeited contests. Additionally, in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the student-athlete was suspended for the two regular season contests immediately following the reported violation. **Cincinnati Hughes High School** had a student-athlete in boys basketball who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility, with regard to transfer, under Bylaw 4-7-6, Intra-District Transfer, after they transferred to Hughes at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. However, the school failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director’s Office within 15 days of the start of the school year. The Executive Director’s Office restored the student-athlete’s eligibility retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school was fined \$50. **Grove City Beulah Park Middle School** had a student-athlete in boys basketball violate General Sports Regulation 7.2.1, Non-Interscholastic Participation During Season, when they participated in a non-interscholastic contest after becoming a member of the school’s boys basketball team. The Executive Director’s Office accepted Beulah Park Middle School’s self-imposed penalty of suspending the student-athlete for two regular season contests immediately following violation. **Stow-Munroe Falls High School** violated Bylaw 4-9-4 #6, Recruiting/Marketing, when a camp brochure was sent directly to individuals outside of the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District for distribution to the students of those respective districts. It has been noted that this distribution was completed by a member of the Stow-Munroe Falls youth hockey program without first consulting with the Stow-Munroe Falls High School ice hockey program or administration. The Executive Director’s Office has accepted Stow-Munroe Falls High School’s self-imposed corrective action plan. Further, in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director’s Office hereby publicly reprimands Stow-Munroe Falls High School. **Cleveland Central Catholic High School** had a student-athlete in boys wrestling violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when they participated in a 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, Cleveland Central Catholic High School was required to forfeit any victorious contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. Individual eligible athletes, however, were permitted to keep their points, places and any awards earned during these forfeited contests. **Toledo Whitmer High School** self-reported a violation of Bylaw 4-9-4 #3, Recruiting, when a boys basketball coach permitted a prospective student-athlete not enrolled at a school within the district to sit on the team’s bench during a contest. Based on additional information that was obtained, the Executive Director’s Office determined that, while the action was a violation of the recruiting bylaw, the action was not intentionally done in an attempt to influence the student’s enrollment at Whitmer High School. Thus, the Executive Director’s Office, in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, has accepted the school’s corrective action plan and hereby issues a public reprimand. Future penalties of such a nature will result in additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the Executive Director’s Office. **Dayton Stivers High School** had a student-athlete in boys basketball who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility, with regard to transfer, under Bylaw 4-7-2 Exception 9, Transfer to Public District of Residence, after they transferred to Stivers at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. However, the school failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director’s Office prior to the student-athlete participating in the second half of the regular season during the 2022-23 season. The Executive Director’s Office restored the student-athlete’s eligibility retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school was fined \$100. **Lorain General Johnnie Wilson Middle School** had a student-athlete in boys basketball violate General Sports Regulation 7.2.1, Non-Interscholastic Participation During Season, when they participated in a non-interscholastic contest after becoming a member of the school’s boys basketball team. The Executive Director’s Office accepted General Johnnie Wilson Middle School’s self-imposed penalty of suspending the student-athlete for two regular season contests immediately following violation. **Dalton High School** reported to the Executive Director’s Office a violation of the OHSAA’s Return to Play Protocol after a student-athlete in boys basketball was permitted to return to competition prior to receiving written authorization from an M.D. or D.O. indicating it was safe to return. The Executive Director’s Office has accepted Dalton High School’s corrective action plan to prevent future infractions involving the OHSAA’s Return to Play Protocol.

Further, in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office hereby publicly reprimands Dalton High School. **Cleveland St. Ignatius High School** had a student-athlete in ice hockey violate General Sports Regulation 7.2.1, Non-Interscholastic Participation During Season, when they participated in a non-interscholastic contest after becoming a member of the St. Ignatius High School ice hockey team. After the participation in a non-interscholastic contest occurred, the student-athlete participated in one regular season contest for St. Ignatius High School. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, St. Ignatius High School was required to forfeit the one contest in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. Additionally, The Executive Director's Office accepted St. Ignatius High School's self-imposed penalty of suspending the student-athlete for two regular season contests immediately following violation. Lastly, in accordance with General Sports Regulation 8 and Ice Hockey Regulation 2.1, Non-Interscholastic Participation Deadline, the student-athlete is ineligible to compete in the OHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament. **Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School** had a student-athlete in boys basketball violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, when they competed in contests, without meeting a transfer exception, after the first 50% of maximum allowable varsity regular season contests had been competed. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School was required to forfeit the contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. **Miamisburg High School** had a student-athlete in girls swimming & diving violate Bylaw 4-3-6, Graduate, when they competed in contests after graduating following the end of the first semester of the 2022-23 school year. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, Miamisburg High School was required to forfeit the contests in which the ineligible student-athlete participated. Individual eligible athletes, however, were permitted to keep their points, places and any awards earned during these forfeited contests. **Richmond Heights High School** had a student-athlete in boys basketball who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility, with regard to transfer, under Bylaw 4-7-2 Exception 1, Bona Fide Change of Residence, after they transferred to Richmond Heights at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. However, the school failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to the student-athlete participating in the second half of the regular season during the 2022-23 season. The Executive Director's Office restored the student-athlete's eligibility retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school was fined \$100. **Toledo Central Catholic High School** violated Bylaws 4-9-2, 4-9-4 #3, and 4-9-4 #4, Recruiting, when a girls basketball assistant coach had impermissible contact with a prospective student-athlete prior to an application fee being submitted to the school for potential enrollment. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office, has issued the following sanctions: 1.) Toledo Central Catholic is publicly reprimanded for its second girls basketball program violation of this nature; 2.) The assistant coach shall be prohibited from coaching during the 2023 OHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament; 3.) Toledo Central Catholic is required to conduct a recruiting seminar, led by an OHSAA compliance staff member, for all head coaches and any other personnel deemed appropriate; 4.) Toledo Central Catholic has been fined \$2,500, and 5.) Toledo Central Catholic's girls basketball program shall be placed on probation through the 2024-25 school year. Any additional recruiting violations which occur during the probationary period will result in additional penalties as deemed appropriate by the Executive Director's Office, including the team's removal from the OHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament.

Mr. Sayers also provided the Board with an update on appeals. He said the OHSAA Appeals Panel has heard eight appeals on three dates since the last Board of Directors meeting, with two appeals being granted. Overall, the panel has heard 65 appeals with 70 rulings on 13 dates this school year, and 15 appeals have either been granted or the penalty modified. In addition, OHSAA Legal Counsel Steve Craig provided the Board with an update on current legal cases. He said in four recent cases, two ended in favorable rulings for the OHSAA and two cases were resolved through mutual agreements.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Recommendation to Approve Additional 2023 Referendum Items

At its December 1, 2022, and January 12, 2023, meetings, the Board of Directors approved the recommendation to place four proposed changes to the OHSAA bylaws and one constitution item before the membership for referendum. At this meeting, Director Kristin Ronai reviewed five additional 2023 referendum items (all Bylaws), and recommended that they also be placed before the membership for referendum. She noted that one of the Bylaw issues had previously been approved by the Board but a modification to that was being proposed. If approved by the Board, member school principals would vote on the proposed modifications between May 1 and 15. The five new recommendations were the following:

#### **Bylaw 4-3-1, Enrollment and Attendance (New)**

This proposed new exception, which failed by a close margin by the membership last year, 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. **Note that there are several additional modifications to the proposal from the 2022 version, so administrators are highly encouraged to read the proposal in its entirety.**

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### **Bylaw 4-5-6, Conduct, Character, Discipline (Modifications)**

The first proposed change would clarify that a student cannot transfer to a new school simply to avoid a code of conduct violation penalty that occurred at the school from which the student transferred. The second proposed change would address a student who was issued an indefinite athletic suspension at one school and they subsequently transferred to a new school and want to play sports. The proposed language would provide the new school some discretion on how long the code of conduct violation penalty would remain in place at the new school, although the penalty would be required to last at least one calendar year from the date the student transferred. If passed, the proposed change from the original version approved by the Board of Directors in December 2022 would now require the sending school to alert the receiving school of any pending code of conduct violations.

### **Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer (Modifications)**

The first proposed change would add titles to each of the paragraphs to the transfer bylaw to assist those desiring to find applicable transfer regulations. The second proposed modification would remove the application of the transfer consequence for a student who is attending the school located in their residential district and obtains approval from the superintendent for home education, or for the student who was under home instruction and elects to come back to their local residential school. The third proposed change would clarify that students who are participating at their local public school in accordance with state law may transfer their participation opportunity back and forth between schools in between sports seasons (based on sports offered) without any transfer consequence. Additionally, the proposed language outlined in Note 2 would clarify which school is required to submit transfer exception paperwork when dealing with non-enrolled transfer student situations.

### **Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 5 (Modification)**

This exception was approved by the membership during the 2022 referendum voting, but a modification to criteria c. of the exception is being proposed following an appeal recently heard by the OHSAA Appeals Panel. If passed, the proposed modification would allow the Executive Director's Office to consider application for a senior, whereas the previous language required the transfer to take place prior to the student's junior year. Additionally, new language is also being proposed to waive the timing criteria entirely but only if the student came back to the same high school to which they have ALWAYS been enrolled and it also would only apply if the student did not play any other sports at the other school when they left.

### **Bylaw 8-3-2, Officials (New, then Renumber Remaining Bylaws in the Section)**

This proposed addition would require schools to protect the contact and personal information of contest officials before and after a contest unless first gaining permission to provide such information from the contest official.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)**

### **A. Recommendation to Approve 2023 Spring Sports Tournament Regulations**

Updates in regulations for 2023 spring sport tournaments were provided to the Board by OHSAA staff members Emily Mason (baseball and boys volleyball); Kate Barnett (softball); Beau Riugg (boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse), and Dustin Ware (boys tennis and track & field). Most updates reflect date changes or modifications or other changes made for clarity purposes. In **baseball**, it was noted that ticket prices have been modified as previously approved by the Board. In **boys volleyball**, it was noted that this is the first year the OHSAA will be conducting a tournament series for this emerging sport, and all regional and state tournaments in two divisions will be organized by the Executive Director's Office. In **softball**, clarity was provided on what constitutes a complete game during OHSAA tournaments, and it also noted that contests can be shortened or end at any time by mutual agreement of the coaches and plate umpire. In **boys lacrosse** and **girls lacrosse**, adjustments in regional assignments have been made, and it is now permissible to dress an unlimited number of players. In **boys tennis**, construction at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason means the state tournament will move to The Ohio State University Varsity Tennis Courts in Columbus, and the dates will move to a Thursday and Friday (May 25 and 26). In **track & field**, clarity was provided on how many alternates for relays will be admitted to the state tournament at no cost and how many must pay admission.

### **B. Recommendation to Approve Modifications to Sports Regulation 7.5 and Other Related Regulations (Summer Coaching Period/Regulations Permitting Coaches to Coach Their Own Student-Athletes on Non-Interscholastic Teams Outside the Interscholastic Team's Season)**

Executive Director Doug Ute said the OHSAA staff recommended that modifications to Sports Regulation 7.5 and other related regulations be approved, which would extend the period in which coaches are permitted to coach their own student-athletes on non-interscholastic teams outside the interscholastic team's season to 13 days and for that period to now begin May 15 and go through July 30 (in 2023). The previous regulation allowed for 10 days of coaching between June 1 and July 31. Previous stipulations within the regulation will not change:

- 1.) The 13-day maximum applies to the entire coaching staff and not towards each individual coach (for exam-

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ple, each coach of a team is not entitled to 13 different days of coaching). 2.) The 13-day maximum does not translate to hours (for example, 13 days does not permit 312 total hours of coaching). 3.) This regulation is different than Sports Regulation 8, which is regarding Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction. Administrators and coaches should review that regulation, which is NOT the same as team instruction. 4.) In the sport of football, only non-contact football is permitted. 5.) Student-athlete participation may not be made mandatory from May 15 – July 30.

- C. Recommendation to Approve Modification of the 2023 Start Date of Coaching for Fall Sports  
Executive Director Doug Ute said the OHSAA staff recommended that the start date for coaching for all fall sports in 2023 be Monday, July 31, since August 1 is on a Tuesday this year.
- D. Ratification of Recommendation from the Southeast District Athletic Board to Appoint Interim Class AAA Representative  
Board member Bo Arnett said the Southeast District Athletic Board (SEDAB) has recommended that Aaron Hammond, athletic administrator at Washington Court House Miami Trace High School, be appointed as the interim Class AAA representative on their board through July 31, 2023. If interested in continuing in that position, Mr. Hammond would then have to go through the election process in May to fill the six-year position beginning August 1, 2023. Mr. Arnett said the SEDAB interviewed several candidates for the position and asked that the Board ratify its recommendation.
- E. Recommendation to Approve Modification to Girls Volleyball Regulation on Individual Limitations to Six Sets from Five  
Staff member Emily Mason provided the Board with a recommendation from the OHSAA Executive Director's Office that the number of sets permitted to play for each individual in girls volleyball per day versus the same opponent be extended to six sets from five beginning with the 2023 season. The proposal is for all high school levels (varsity and sub-varsity).
- F. Recommendation to Approve Additional July Non-Mandatory Coaching Days in Soccer Between July 17 and 30  
Staff member Kate Barnett said the OHSAA Executive Director's Office recommended that girls and boys soccer teams be given an additional five days of non-mandatory coaching opportunities between July 17 and 30 to help participants better prepare for their first contest, which in 2023 is permissible on August 11. This aligns with a football regulation that was new last year in which teams are permitted to conduct their five days of acclimatization between July 17 and July 30. Approval of this recommendation would give both soccer and football 18 total days of non-mandatory coaching between May 15 and July 30.

Motion by Andy Bixler, second by Paul Stone to **approve** New Business Consent Items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E. and VI. F. as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

### VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

None

### VIII. ONCE AROUND

Gerald Cooke and Dick Kerschbaum, representing the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association (OHS-FCA), reviewed the recent OHSFCA State Coaches Clinic and provided Board of Directors and staff members with some handouts from the clinic. Board members wished fellow Board members and the staff good luck with the upcoming winter tournaments and thanked them for the preparatory work. Staff members were thanked for both their work on appeals and in preparing, explaining and discussing the referendum items. In addition, staff member Dustin Ware, newly hired a year ago, was singled out for his patience in handling the numerous changes that have come his way in the sports to which he has been assigned.

Motion by Bo Arnett, second by Gina Franks to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Motion passed 8-0.

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).