

The following are the preliminary minutes from the July 18, 2023, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its August 31, 2023, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES (July 18, 2023)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special virtual meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. President Bill Nye called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

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

Board Member Excused: Jay Selgo.

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

I. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommendation to Approve 2023-24 OHSAA District Athletic Boards and 2023-24 OHSAA Staff Handbooks
The Board was provided with drafts of the 2023-24 OHSAA District Athletic Boards and the 2023-24 OHSAA Staff handbooks as prepared by Chief Operating Officer Kim Kiehl. Following discussion, it was decided that additional reviews of both handbooks for liability purposes by our insurance company counsel need to occur and that, once that takes place, the Board will take action on approving the handbooks at a future meeting.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Gina Franks to **table** action until further reviews of both handbooks occurs.

Motion passed 8-0.

- B. Recommendation to Approve Modifications to the 2023-24 OHSAA Officials Handbook
The Board was provided with the latest draft of the 2023-24 OHSAA Officials Handbook, and Director Beau Rugg reviewed the proposed modifications. He said the biggest changes include new language in the unethical conduct section and modifications to many of the fee structures for officials working OHSAA tournament contests or multiple-day tournament events. Mr. Rugg said the Executive Director's Office recommended that the modifications be approved.

Motion by Andy Bixler, second by Molly Feesler to **approve** the modifications to the handbook as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

- C. Recommendation to Approve Continued Use of an Appeals Panel for 2023-24 School Year
The OHSAA Constitution permits the Board of Directors to appoint an Appeals Panel that will have jurisdiction over appeals pertaining to all rulings made by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office, including student eligibility. The Article also says that decisions by the panel will be final, and bylaws cannot be waived, amended or set aside and must be applied as written. At this meeting, Executive Director Doug Ute asked the Board to approve appointing an appeals panel for the 2023-24 school year, which would be the 12th consecutive year for such a panel.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Bo Arnett to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

- D. Recommendation to Approve Fee Structure for OHSAA Legal Counsel
Executive Director Doug Ute recommended that a fee structure for OHSAA Legal Counsel Steve Craig be approved for the 2023-24 school year. The structure would be similar to that utilized during the 2022-23 school year.

Motion by Gina Franks, second by Molly Feesler to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Executive Director Doug Ute reviewed various items with the Board of Directors, including the OHSAA's transition to DragonFly Athletics as a technology solution and other items the staff has been addressing.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Paul Stone to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 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.)

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 or 7, 2024 (8:30 a.m. at Canal Park in Akron).