

The following are the preliminary minutes from the December 20, 2023, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its January 11, 2024, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES (December 20, 2023)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special virtual meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. President Gina Franks called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**Board Members Participating:** Gina Franks, president; Jay Selgo, vice president; David Alvarado; Bo Arnett; Andy Bixler (joined at 8:42 a.m.); Molly Feesler; Bill Nye; Paul Stone; Jeff Wheeler, and Scott Hunt (ex-officio, left at 9:31 a.m.).

**Staff Members Participating:** Doug Ute, executive director; Kim Kiehl, chief operating officer; Laura Vermilya, senior director of finance; directors Bob Goldring, Beau Rugg and Kristin Ronai, and staff member Ronald Sayers.

**Others Participating:** Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel.

### I. ACTION ITEM

- A. Recommendation to Approve 2024 OHSAA Winter and Spring Tournament Ticket Prices for Spectators  
Senior Director of Finance Laura Vermilya provided the Board with a draft of proposed ticket prices for spectators for 2024 OHSAA winter and spring tournaments. As has been recent policy, the proposal includes reduced priced tickets for students. It was noted that early-round ticket prices for boys volleyball has been reduced and that all-session and other ticket packages will again be available for the state girls basketball, boys basketball and wrestling tournaments. Details and sales will be available at [www.ohsaa.org/tickets](http://www.ohsaa.org/tickets). Ms. Vermilya said the Executive Director's Office recommended that the proposed prices be approved.

Motion by Bill Nye, second by Jay Selgo to **approve** the ticket prices as proposed.

Motion passed 8-0 (Mr. Bixler was absent).

### II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2024 Referendum Items  
Director Kristin Ronai provided the Board with a draft of proposed initial referendum items for 2024, and the Board and staff discussed the recommendations. Further discussion will take place at the January 10, 2024, Board of Directors Work Session.
- B. Additional Updates  
Executive Director Doug Ute provided the Board with updates on the OHSAA's open director position; on feedback he has received on the Board and staff's discussion on expanded tournament divisions in selected sports, and on other matters. Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel, provided the Board with an update on a new legal case.

Motion by Bill Nye, second by Jay Selgo to **adjourn** the meeting at 9:45 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.)

**2023-24 School Year:** January 11, 2024; February 15, 2024; April 25, 2024, and June 6 or 7, 2024 (8:30 a.m. at Canal Park in Akron).