

The following are the preliminary minutes from the April 25, 2024, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its June 7, 2024, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (April 25, 2024)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the OHSAA Office in Columbus. President Gina Franks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance and introductions of guests in attendance. Gerald Cooke of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association reviewed his associations’ recent state clinic and other activities.

Board Members In Attendance: Gina Franks, president; Jay Selgo, vice president; David Alvarado; Bo Arnett; Andy Bixler; Molly Feesler; Bill Nye; Paul Stone (excused at 9:25 a.m.); Jeff Wheeler, and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio) and Scott Hunt (ex-officio).

Staff Members In Attendance: Doug Ute, executive director; Kristin Ronai, associate executive director; directors Bob Goldring, John Kronour, Beau Rugg and Tim Stried, and staff members Charles Anderson (participated virtually), Kate Barnett, Greg Bossick and his daughter, Monroe Britton, Alexis Holderman, Keaton Jones, Claudia Markoff, Emily Mason, Ronald Sayers and Lizzy Wilson (participated virtually).

Others In Attendance: Incoming Board of Directors members Stephanie Evans, Mark Rose and Walt Skaggs; Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Joe Fraley, incoming OHSAA legal counsel; Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Joe Balogh, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Dugan Hill, Ohio Association of Cross Country and Track & Field Coaches, and Gerald Cooke and Steve Hale, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Jeff Wheeler second by Bill Nye to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the April 25, 2024, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Andy Bixler, second by Paul Stone to **approve** the minutes from the February 15, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting; the March 23, 2024, Board of Directors Special Meeting, and the April 1, 2024, Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. OHSAA Financial Report Through March 31, 2024

Staff Accountant Greg Bossick provided the financial report through March. The OHSAA currently has \$12.2 million of operating cash; \$9.2 million in investments and board designated funds, and \$21.5 million in total funds. The latter amount can cover 11.5 months of expenses. Mr. Bossick said the OHSAA winter tournaments stayed below projected expenses and exceeded projected revenues, although the data shown does not reflect the approximately \$350,000 that has been reimbursed to schools for tournament expenses and other expenses. He also noted that winter sports combined with fall sports are ahead of budget by approximately \$1.7 million. In addition, Mr. Bossick said the Athletic Enrichment Fund currently totals over \$2.5 million. The financial report is summarized as follows:

District	Checking	Savings	Board Designated	Investment	Total	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date
						Gross Revenue	Gross Expenses	Net Profit/Loss
OHSAA Office	\$11,300,965	\$866,323	\$481,000	\$2,849,027	\$15,497,315	\$14,387,825	\$9,905,621	\$4,482,204
Central	—	—	N/A	\$933,950	\$933,950	\$929,784	\$864,868	\$64,916
East	—	—	N/A	\$872,010	\$872,010	\$407,794	\$230,248	\$177,546
Northeast	—	—	N/A	\$605,088	\$605,088	\$1,541,639	\$1,577,194	— \$35,555
Northwest	—	—	N/A	\$1,510,839	\$1,510,839	\$1,558,511	\$1,141,634	\$416,876
Southeast	—	—	N/A	\$731,870	\$731,870	\$583,711	\$344,843	\$238,868
Southwest	—	—	N/A	\$1,260,397	\$1,260,397	\$1,365,361	\$1,242,801	\$122,560
Totals	\$11,300,965	\$866,323	\$481,000	\$8,763,181	\$21,411,469	\$20,774,625	\$15,307,209	\$5,467,515

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Checking	\$11,300,965	\$9,281,993	\$10,687,763
Savings	\$988,010	\$988,010	\$866,382
Concentration Account	—	—	—
Total Operating Cash	\$12,288,975	\$10,270,003	\$11,554,145
Months on Hand	6.6	5.5	6.4
Board Designated Funds	\$481,000	\$480,053	\$709,931
Investments - Morgan Stanley	<u>\$8,763,181</u>	<u>\$8,644,406</u>	<u>\$8,014,501</u>
Total Investments	\$9,244,181	\$9,124,459	\$8,724,432
Months on Hand	4.9	4.9	4.8
Total Cash & Investments on Hand	\$21,533,156	\$19,394,462	\$20,278,577
Months on Hand (Cash & Investments)	11.5	10.3	11.2
Athletic Enrichment Fund	\$2,513,270	\$2,502,167	—

Motion by Bill Nye, second by Jay Selgo to **approve** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Update on Member School Dues for 2024-25 School Year

Executive Director Doug Ute informed the Board that no changes are recommended for member school dues for the 2024-25 school year. That means that the action taken by the Board of Directors at the May 3, 2021, Special Meeting will remain in place for the 2024-25 school year: the \$100 approved fee will continue to be \$50 per OHSAA recognized sport.

B. Update on OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings

Executive Director Doug Ute informed the Board that four of the six in-person OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings have been held, with another meeting taking place later today in Cambridge and the final one in Tiffin on Tuesday. 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 have been spent with Associate Executive Director Kristin Ronai reviewing those items. The four meetings that have been completed have been in Clayton, Streetsboro, Athens and Westerville. Mr. Ute said participation and feedback from the meetings have been positive.

C. Reminder of 2024 Referendum Voting Process

Associate Executive Director Kristin Ronai reminded the Board that on-line voting for the six referendum issues (all Bylaws) will begin on Wednesday, May 1, and will be closed on Wednesday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. Member school principals are required to vote but may abstain on any issue.

D. Reminder of 2024 District Athletic Board Election Process

Staff member Ronald Sayers reminded the Board that petitions for OHSAA District Athletic Board positions are due by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, and that voting for the expired and unexpired positions will take place between May 1 and 15. There are 10 expiring and/or interim positions that will be voted upon that will follow the normal election process.

E. Reminder of Process/Date to Approve 2024-25 General Sports Regulations and Sport-by-Sport Regulations

Staff member Emily Mason informed the Board that several members of the OHSAA Executive Director's Office have met and will be meeting again to discuss changes to the General Sports Regulations. The recommended changes will be reviewed by Executive Director Ute in the near future before a virtual meeting will take place in late May to obtain approval of the proposed changes from the Board of Directors. The sport-by-sport regulations will be presented at the June 7 Board of Directors Meeting that will be held in Akron.

F. Update on Appeals, Legislative Issues and Legal Cases

Staff member Ronald Sayers provided the Board with an update on appeals. He said the OHSAA Appeals Panel has made 71 rulings on 69 appeals during 14 hearings this school year, and 21 appeals have either been granted or the penalties modified. In addition, Associate Executive Director Kristin Ronai provided the Board with an update on current legislative issues and OHSAA Legal Counsel Steve Craig provided the Board with an update on current legal cases.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Approve Modification to Previously Approved Boys and Girls Lacrosse Tournament Regulations

Staff member Kate Barnett said the OHSAA Executive Director's Office recommended that the Division I state tournament matchups be modified to the previous format in which Region 1 would face Region 2 and Region 3 would face Region 4. Ms. Barnett said the previously approved matchups were recommended by the state coaches associations as possibilities to consider in the future.

Motion by Molly Feesler, second by David Alvarado to **approve** the recommendation as presented.

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Motion passed 9-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

A. Recommendation to Approve 2024-25 Tournament Entry/Withdraw Dates and Tournament Draw/Seed Dates

The Board was provided with proposed tournament entry and withdraw dates and the dates for the draw/seed meetings for each sport for the 2024-25 school year, and Director John Kronour said the Executive Director's Office recommended that the dates be approved. The dates will be published as part of the General Sports Regulations in the 2024-25 OHSAA Handbook.

B. Recommendation to Approve Tournament Divisional Assignments and Representation for the Fall and Winter Sports

The Board was provided with tournament representation and/or divisional assignments for the fall and winter sports as follows:

2024 and 2025 Fall Sports

- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Boys Golf
- Girls Golf
- Girls Tennis

2024 Fall Sports (Competitive Balance)

- Football (divisional alignments only)
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Volleyball

2025 and 2026 Winter Sports

- Boys Bowling
- Girls Bowling
- Gymnastics (representation only)
- Ice Hockey
- Boys Swimming (divisional alignments only)
- Girls Swimming (divisional alignments only)
- Boys Wrestling — **tabled**
- Girls Wrestling (divisional alignments only)
- Diving Process (use real-time data gathered in January 2025)

2025 Winter Sports (Competitive Balance)

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball

Staff member Ronald Sayers reviewed the changes, and the Board was asked to approve the information as presented.

It should be noted that tournament divisions and representation are always based on the schools that competed in the tournament the previous year, and the data includes their OHSAA Board of Directors-approved tournament enrollment from the most recent cycle of the EMIS count (October 2023). The list of schools posted on the OHSAA website are those schools that competed in last year's tournament and are used to determine the tournament divisions.

Boys Cross Country

Division I, 189 teams (310 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 190 teams (156 to 309 males)

Division III, 189 teams (155 or less males)

Total Teams: 568

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments (64 total) for 2024 and 2025 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, East and Southeast 16 (Pickerington); Northeast 24 (Boardman); Northwest 7 (Tiffin), and Southwest 17 (Troy); **Division II:** Central 6 (Pickerington); East 6 (Pickerington); Northeast 19 (Boardman); Northwest 11 (Tiffin); Southeast 8 (Pickerington), and Southwest 14 (Troy); **Division III:** Central 7 (Pickerington); East 3 (Pickerington); Northeast 14 (Boardman); Northwest 22 (Tiffin); Southeast 7 (Pickerington), and Southwest 11 (Troy).

Representation from the regional to the state tournament (20 total) for 2024 and 2025 would be:

Division I: Pickerington 5; Boardman 8; Tiffin 2, and Troy 5; **Division II:** Pickerington 6; Boardman 6; Tiffin 4, and Troy 4; **Division III:** Pickerington 5; Boardman 4; Tiffin 7, and Troy 4.

Girls Cross Country

Division I, 160 teams (307 females or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 160 teams (163 to 306 females)

Division III, 159 teams (162 or less females)

Total Teams: 479

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments (64 total) for 2024 and 2025 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) and one Southeast school (Logan) 17 (Pickerington); Northeast and one East school (Dover) 23 (Boardman); Northwest 7 (Tiffin), and Southwest 17 (Troy); ***Division II:** Central 6 (Pickerington); *East 6 in both 2024 and 2025 (Pickerington); Northeast 20 (Boardman); *Northwest 13 in 2024/12 in 2025 (Tiffin); Southeast 7 (Pickerington), and *Southwest 12 in 2024/13 in 2025 (Troy); **Division III:** Central 6 (Pickerington); East 4 (Pickerington); Northeast 15 (Boardman); Northwest 23 (Tiffin); Southeast 5 (Pickerington), and Southwest 11 (Troy).

*A coin flip determined the Division II representation in 2024 and 2025 for the East, Northwest and Southwest Districts

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Representation from the regional to the state tournament (20 total) for 2024 and 2025 would be: **Division I:** Pickerington 6; Boardman 7; Tiffin 2, and Troy 5; **Division II:** Pickerington 6; Boardman 6; Tiffin 4, and Troy 4; **Division III:** Pickerington 5; Boardman 5; Tiffin 7, and Troy 3.

Field Hockey

Total Teams: 37

Boys Golf

Division I, 208 teams (263 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 207 teams (142 to 262 males)

Division III, 212 teams (141 or less males)

Total Teams: 627

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2024 and 2025 would be: **Division I:** Central 3; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 1, and Southwest 3; **Division II:** Central 1; East 2; Northeast 3; Northwest 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 2; **Division III:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 4; Southeast 1, and Southwest 2.

Girls Golf

Division I, 200 teams (217 females or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 199 teams (216 or less females)

Total Teams: 399

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2024 and 2025 would be: **Division I:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 2, and Southwest 3; **Division II:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 2; Northwest 4; Southeast 2, and Southwest 2.

Girls Tennis

Division I, 186 teams (291 females or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 187 teams (290 or less females)

Total Teams: 373

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2024 and 2025 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central and two Southeast schools (Chillicothe, Logan) 4; Combined Northeast and two East schools (Dover and New Philadelphia) 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 1; Combined Northeast and six East schools (Cambridge, East Liverpool, East Liverpool Beaver, Millersburg West Holmes, Uhrichsville Claymont, Zanesville) 6; Northwest 4; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4.

Football

Proposed 2024 school tournament divisional alignments are as follows:

Division I, 70 teams (612 males or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2023 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 105 teams (382 to 611 males)

Division III, 106 teams (264 to 381 males)

Division IV, 106 teams (205 to 263 males)

Division V, 105 teams (158 to 204 males)

Division VI, 105 teams (113 to 157 males)

Division VII, 105 teams (112 or less males)

Total Teams: 702

Boys Soccer

Division I, 64 teams (626 males or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2023 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 64 teams (448 to 625 males)

Division III, 146 teams (251 to 447 males)

Division IV, 145 teams (168 to 250 males)

Division V, 146 teams (167 or less males)

Total Teams: 565

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2024 would be: **Division I:** Central 6; Northeast 3; Northwest 1, and Southwest 6; **Division II:** Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 5; Northeast 7; Northwest 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 6; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3, and **Division V:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 4.

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Girls Soccer

Division I, 64 teams (576 males or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2023 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 64 teams (404 to 575 males)

Division III, 126 teams (239 to 403 males)

Division IV, 127 teams (168 to 238 males)

Division V, 130 teams (167 or less males)

Total Teams: 511

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2024 would be: ***Division I:** *Central 7; *Northeast 3; Northwest 1, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Northeast 7; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division III:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 6; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4, and **Division V:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 4; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

*A coin flip determined the Division I representation in 2024 for the Central and Northeast Districts

Girls Volleyball

Division I, 64 teams (575 females or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2023 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 64 teams (412 to 574 females)

Division III, 131 teams (265 to 411 females)

Division IV, 130 teams (190 or 264 females)

Division V, 132 teams (134 to 189 females)

Division VI, 131 teams (91 to 133 females)

Division VII, 130 teams (90 or less females)

Total Teams: 782

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2024 would be: ***Division I:** *Central 6; *Northeast 4; Northwest 1, and Southwest 5; ***Division II:** *Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Northeast 8; *Northwest 2, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; Northeast 6; Northwest 3; Combined Southeast and five East schools (Chillicothe, Chillicothe Unioto, Dover, Dresden Tri-Valley and New Philadelphia) 1, and Southwest 4; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4; **Division V:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division VI:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 2, and **Division VII:** Central 1; East 2; Northeast 3; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

*Coin flips determined the Division I representation in 2024 for the Central and Northeast Districts and the Division II representation for the Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) and Northwest Districts.

Boys Bowling

Division I, 228 teams (244 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 231 teams (243 or less males)

Total Teams: 459

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boys bowling for 2025 and 2026 would be:

Division I: Central 3; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5.

Division II: Central 2, East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4.

Girls Bowling

Division I, 199 teams (227 females or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 202 teams (226 or less females)

Total Teams: 401

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in girls bowling for 2025 and 2026 would be:

Division I: Central 3; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5.

Division II: Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4.

Gymnastics

Total Teams: 106

Representation of teams from the district to the state tournament in gymnastics for 2025 and 2026 would be: Combined Central, one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Combined Northeast and one East school (Magnolia Sandy Valley) 5; Northwest 2, and Combined Southwest and one Southeast school (Washington Court House Miami Trace) 2.

Representation of individuals from the district to the state tournament in gymnastics for 2025 and 2026 would be: Combined Central, one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) and one Southeast school (Logan) 8; Combined Northeast and one East school (Magnolia Sandy Valley) 16; Northwest 6, and Combined Southwest and one Southeast school (Washington Court House Miami Trace) 6.

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Ice Hockey

Total Teams: 65

Boys Swimming & Diving

Division I, 133 teams (353 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 135 teams (352 or less males)

Total Teams: 268

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in girls bowling for 2025 and 2026 would be: **Division I:** Central 3; Combined Northeast and two East schools (Dover, New Philadelphia) 4; Northwest 1, and Southwest 4. **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast 3; Northeast 3; Northwest 3, and Southwest 3. In addition, 20 at-large swimming qualifiers in each division will be selected based on times recorded in the district level of the tournament.

Note: Representation for the state diving tournaments is calculated based on the entries for the current season at the first level of competition.

Girls Swimming & Diving

Division I, 157 teams (304 females or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 158 teams (303 or less females)

Total Teams: 315

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in girls bowling for 2025 and 2026 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central and one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) 3; Combined Northeast and one East school 5; Northwest 1, and Southwest 3. **Division II:** Combined Central, East 3; Northeast 3; Northwest 3, and Southwest 3. In addition, 20 at-large swimming qualifiers in each division will be selected based on times recorded in the district level of the tournament.

Note: Representation for the state diving tournaments is calculated based on the entries for the current season at the first level of competition.

Girls Wrestling

Total Teams: 63

Boys Basketball

Division I, 64 teams (625 males or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2024 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 64 teams (448 to 624 males)

Division III, 134 teams (277 to 447 males)

Division IV, 134 teams (198 or 276 males)

Division V, 134 teams (146 to 197 males)

Division VI, 134 teams (98 to 145 males)

Division VII, 134 teams (97 less males)

Total Teams: 798

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2025 would be: **Division I:** Central 6; Combined Northeast and two Northwest schools (Perrysburg and Toledo Whitmer) 4, and Southwest 6; **Division II:** Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 5; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 6; Northwest 3, and Southwest 4; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 4; **Division V:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 4; **Division VI:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 4 Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3, and **Division VII:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Girls Basketball

Division I, 64 teams (582 females or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2024 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 64 teams (418 to 581 females)

Division III, 127 teams (271 to 417 females)

Division IV, 129 teams (192 or 270 females)

Division V, 128 teams (135 to 191 females)

Division VI, 131 teams (93 to 134 females)

Division VII, 129 teams (92 less females)

Total Teams: 772

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Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2025 would be: **Division I:** Central 6; Northeast 4; Northwest 1, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 4; Northeast 7; Northwest 2, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 6; Northwest 3, and Southwest 4; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 6; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4; **Division V:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 3; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division VI:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4 Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 2, and ***Division VII:** *Central 2; *East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

*A coin flip determined the Division VII representation in 2025 for the Central and East Districts

C. Recommendation to Approve Modifications to the 2024 Football Regulations for OHSAA Handbook and 2024 Tournament Regional Assignments

Director Beau Rugg reviewed proposed modifications to the football regulations that will appear in the 2024-25 OHSAA Handbook and said the Executive Director's Office recommended that the modifications be approved. Most of the modifications reflect date changes or were made to provide clarity. Some key clarifications or modifications: 1.) Football coaches are permitted 13 contact days beginning May 15, 2024, and ending July 31, 2024. In addition to these 13 days, football coaches are permitted five additional contact days intended to be used between July 15 and 31, 2024, to complete the acclimatization process. Therefore, football coaches are permitted a total of 18 contact days between May 15, 2024, and July 31, 2024. These contact days may not be mandatory. 2.) Grades 7 & 8 may participate in two scrimmages after three days of full contact practice (eliminated the regulation that said two scrimmages are permitted if a maximum of seven regular season games are scheduled). 3.) Guidance was provided on the number of team members who can participate on the non-interscholastic team. 4.) Varsity officials shall be OHSAA Class 1 football officials only. The minimum crew number shall be at least six with a center judge. Five officials may be used in areas (or specific contests) where six are not available.

Mr. Rugg also provided the Board with a draft of 2024 football tournament regional assignments and recommended that the assignments be approved. The assignments can be found at:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/news-media/articles/ohsaa-announces-2024-football-divisions-and-regional-assignments>.

D. Recommendation to Approve 2024 Modifications to Golf Regulations

Staff member Monroe Britton said the Executive Director's Office recommended that three modifications be made to the Golf Regulations that will appear in the 2024-25 OHSAA Handbook beginning with the 2024 season. The modifications are: 1.) Two (rather than one) school board-approved coaches/designees assigned to a contest/event are permitted to speak with their players without delay of play at any time; 2.) Players must walk off the green should they wish to converse with their coach at any time (eliminated 'or stand outside the bunker'), and 3.) Coaches are permitted to enter the bunker after the player has played their shot strictly to rake the bunker. Mr. Britton said the latter two measures should help with pace of play.

E. Recommendation to Approve Self-Supporting Requirements for 2024-25 School Year (Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 4)

OHSAA bylaws require that the Executive Director's Office annually establish requirements for transfer students who do not live in the same school district as their parents or legal guardians but are financially self-supporting (Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Exception 4). Associate Executive Director Kristin Ronai reviewed the requirements and said the Executive Director's Office recommended that the requirements remain the same as those approved for 2023-24, with the minimum monthly income earned remaining at \$500.

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

Motion passed 8-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

A. Recommendation to Approve Extension of NFHS Network Contract

Executive Director Doug Ute recommended that the Board give approval to extending the OHSAA's current contract with the NFHS Network to provide live streaming coverage of selected tournament contests. The Board originally approved a contract with the NFHS Network at its October 2020 meeting, the current contract expires in 2028 and the specific recommendation is to extend the contract through the 2032-33 school year.

B. Recommendation to Approve Contract for New Legal Counsel Services

Executive Director Doug Ute recommended that the Board give approval for Pencheff & Fraley Co., L.P.A., to provide legal counsel services for the Association with the upcoming retirement of current legal coun-

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sel Steve Craig. Joe, Josh and David Fraley would provide legal counsel services, with Attorney Craig continuing to provide services as needed.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Bo Arnett to **approve** New Business Items VII. A. and VII. B. as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

VIII. ONCE AROUND

Board President Gina Franks, Vice President Jay Selgo and Executive Director Doug Ute recognized Annie Bossick, daughter of Staff Accountant Greg Bossick, who was in attendance during national "Bring a Kid to Work Day."

Board members welcomed new OHSAA Director of Sport Management John Kronour who recently joined the staff. Board member Andy Bixler said the Southwest District Athletic Board will appoint an interim Class AA representative to replace Dr. Kronour on its board. Board ex-officio member Glen Gillespie, executive director of the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA), thanked the OHSAA for allowing his association to host its annual summer institute at the OHSAA offices June 11-13. Board members also thanked the outgoing Board of Directors members for their dedication and commitment and welcomed the incoming Board members who officially assume their duties August 1. The Board and staff were also recognized for their work on the expansion of seven OHSAA team tournaments, and the staff was thanked for the hours of work done prior to Board meetings to help make the Board Work Sessions and Meetings run smoothly.

IX. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS (ELECTION OF 2024-25 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS)

Board President Gina Franks asked for nominations for the position of president of the Board of Directors for the 2024-25 school year.

David Alvarado nominated Jay Selgo to serve as president of the Board of Directors for the 2024-25 school year. Molly Feesler seconded the motion.

Jeff Wheeler moved to close nominations. Bill Nye seconded the motion.

There was a unanimous motion to close nominations.

Jay Selgo was unanimously elected president of the Board of Directors for the 2024-25 school year.

Board President Franks asked for nominations for the position of vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2024-25 school year.

Jay Selgo nominated Andy Bixler to serve as vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2024-25 school year. Bo Arnett seconded the motion.

Jay Selgo moved to close nominations. Bill Nye seconded the motion.

There was a unanimous motion to close nominations.

Andy Bixler was unanimously elected vice president of the Board of Directors for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion by Jeff Wheeler, second by Bo Arnett to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 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: June 7, 2024 (8:30 a.m. at Canal Park in Akron).

2024-25 School Year: August 29, 2024; September 26, 2024; October 24, 2024; January 16, 2025; February 20, 2025; April 24, 2025, and June 13, 2025 (8:30 at Canal Park in Akron).