

The following are the preliminary minutes from the June 30, 2024, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its August 29, 2024, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (June 30, 2024)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special meeting on Sunday, July 30, 2024, that was called to order at 8:57 a.m. by President Gina Franks. The meeting was held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place during the National Federation of State High School Associations Annual Summer Meeting.

Board Members In Attendance: Gina Franks, president; Jay Selgo, vice president; David Alvarado; Andy Bixler; Molly Feesler; Bill Nye; Paul Stone, and Jeff Wheeler.

Board Members Excused: Bo Arnett and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio) and Scott Hunt (ex-officio).

Staff Members In Attendance: Doug Ute, executive director; Kristin Ronai, associate executive director; Laura Vermilya, senior director of finance; directors Bob Goldring, John Kronour and Beau Rugg, and staff members Emily Mason and Ronald Sayers.

There was a unanimous motion to **adopt** the agenda for the June 30, 2024, Board of Directors Special Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation to Approve Modification to Previously Approved 2024 Girls Tennis Tournament Format and Representation

At its June 7, 2024, meeting, the Board of Directors was informed that 14 request from 11 schools were approved to move up to Division I for the 2024-25 school year following the 2024 referendum issue passing that allowed schools to choose to move up to Division I for tournament competition. In girls tennis, Chagrin Falls Kenston moves to D1; Chardon Notre Dame Cathedral Latin moves to D1; Ashtabula St. John School moves to D1. With those changes, staff member Ronald Sayers said the Executive Director's Office requested that the Board approve modifications to tournament formats and representation in Division II as follows (the previous tournament divisional dividing lines and representation was approved at the April 25, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting): The East District will now have its own sectional, but, due to capacity limitations, the qualifiers will now advance to the Central District rather than the Northeast District. With this change, representation from the district to the state tournament in **Division II** will be: Combined Central and East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 4; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4.

B. Recommendation to Approve Modification to Previously Approved 2024 Divisional Breakdown in Boys Wrestling

At its June 7, 2024, meeting, the Board of Directors approved 2025 and 2026 tournament divisional assignments and representation for boys wrestling. With the deadline for wrestling extended for schools who desired to move up to Division I following the 2024 referendum issue passing that allowed schools to make such a request, only one school — Cincinnati LaSalle — requested to move up to Division I. With that change, staff member Ronald Sayers said the Executive Director's Office requested that the Board approve a modified number of schools in Divisions I and II for 2025 (with the change having no impact on representation. Tournament division dividing lines for 2024 would then be:

*Division I, 164 teams (352 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)

#Division II, 163 teams (192 to 351 males)

Division III, 164 teams (191 or less males)

Total Teams: 491

*Was previously 163 teams (353 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)

#Was previously 164 teams (192 to 352 males)

Motion by Andy Bixler, second by Jay Selgo to **approve** Action Items A. and B. as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

There was a unanimous motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 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.)

2024-25 School Year: August 29, 2024; September 25, 2024; October 23, 2024; January 16, 2025; February 20, 2025; April 24, 2025, and June 13, 2025 (8:30 at Canal Park in Akron).