

The following are the preliminary minutes from the April 24, 2025, OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its June 6, 2025, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (April 24, 2025)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the OHSAA Office in Columbus. President Jay Selgo 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: Jay Selgo, president; Andy Bixler, vice president; David Alvarado; Stephanie Evans; Molly Feesler; Mark Rose; Paul Stone; Randy Tevepaugh, and Glen Gillespie (ex-officio).

Board Members Excused: Walt Skaggs and Kim Miller (ex-officio).

Staff Members In Attendance: Doug Ute, executive director; directors Bob Goldring, John Kronour, Beau Rugg and Tim Stried, and staff members Charles Anderson, Greg Bossick and his daughter, Monroe Britton, BJ Duckworth (participated virtually), Amanda Harding, Alexis Holderman, Keaton Jones, Michelle Kern, Claudia Markoff, Ronald Sayers, Kelly Schoenly (participated virtually) and Lizzy Wilson.

Others In Attendance: Incoming Board of Directors members John Carter, Doug Foote, Ray Hibbs and Matt Hutchinson; Joe Fraley, 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; Gerald Cooke and Steve Hale, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association, and Scott Gerber.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Molly Feesler second by Paul Stone to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the April 24, 2025, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Stephanie Evans, second by David Alvarado to **approve** the minutes from the February 20, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting, and the March 21, 2025, Board of Directors Special Meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Recommendation to Approve 2023 OHSAA 990 (From August 1, 2023-July 31, 2024)

Senior Director of Finance Laura Vermilya provided the Board with the 2023 OHSAA tax form (IRS Form 990) from August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024, which the Association is required to file as a 501(c)(3) organization. She said the Executive Director’s Office recommended that the form be approved.

Motion by Molly Feesler, second by Mark Rose to **approve** the 2023 OHSAA 990 as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

B. OHSAA Financial Report Through March 31, 2025

Senior Director of Finance Laura Vermilya provided the financial report through March. After briefly reviewing the winter tournaments, she said the Association currently has \$9 million of operating cash, and \$19.2 million when including investments and board-designated funds. Total cash and investments as of March 31 can cover 9.4 months of expenses. The financial report is summarized as follows:

OHSAA Financial Report Through March 31, 2025)

<u>District</u>	<u>Total Cash</u>	<u>Year to Date Gross Revenue</u>	<u>Year to Date Gross Expenses</u>	<u>Year to Date Net Profit/Loss</u>
OHSAA Office	\$13,006,882	\$13,418,344	\$11,394,233	\$2,024,111
Central	\$979,233	\$764,419	\$885,473	— \$121,055
East	\$914,289	\$422,105	\$393,686	\$28,419
Northeast	\$634,426	\$1,215,914	\$1,562,962	— \$347,048
Northwest	\$1,584,092	\$1,374,005	\$1,303,301	\$70,704
Southeast	\$767,354	\$475,995	\$473,936	\$2,059
Southwest	\$1,321,481	\$1,058,965	\$1,346,058	— \$287,093
Totals	\$19,207,757	\$18,729,747	\$17,359,649	\$1,370,097

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
Checking	\$7,992,201	\$7,205,896	\$11,300,965
Savings	\$1,024,392	\$1,021,957	\$988,010
Total Operating Cash	\$9,016,593	\$8,227,853	\$12,288,975
Months on Hand	4.4	3.9	6.3
Board Designated Funds	\$1,003,101	\$999,925	\$481,000
Investments - Morgan Stanley	\$9,188,064	\$9,302,668	\$8,763,181
Total Investments	\$10,191,165	\$10,302,593	\$9,244,181
Months on Hand	5.0	4.9	4.8
Total Cash & Investments on Hand	\$19,207,758	\$18,530,446	\$21,533,156
Months on Hand (Cash & Investments)	9.4	8.8	11.1
Athletic Enrichment Fund	\$3,141,500	\$3,130,191	\$2,513,270

Motion by Paul Stone second by Mark Rose to **approve** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Review of Winter Sports Tournaments

OHSAA sport administrators provided brief updates to the Board on their respective winter sports tournaments. Of note, the girls and boys **basketball** tournaments moved from four to seven divisions this year, and the state semifinals matchups were rebracketed based on geography and were held during a separate weekend from the state finals. Attendance was good for the state semifinals and finals when four first-time state champions were crowned in girls basketball and five in boys basketball. In **swimming & diving**, it was noted that official Joel Vogt was recognized for his 50 years of service. In **girls wrestling**, it was noted that this was the first year that a sectional and district format was used prior to the state tournament. OHSAA District Athletic Boards, site managers and host sites were thanked for all of their work.

B. Update on OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings

Executive Director Doug Ute informed the Board that three of the six in-person OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meetings have been held, with another meeting taking place later that day in Cambridge and the final ones in Westerville on Monday and in Tiffin on Wednesday. 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 or staff member Ronald Sayers reviewing those items. The three meetings that have been completed have been in Streetsboro, Clayton and Logan. Mr. Ute thanked the schools that have volunteered to host some of the meetings.

C. Reminder of 2025 Referendum Voting Process

Staff member Ronald Sayers reminded the Board that on-line voting for the 13 referendum issues (2 Constitution, 11 Bylaws) will begin on Thursday, May 1, and will be closed on Thursday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. Member school principals are required to vote but may abstain on any issue.

D. Reminder of 2025 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 Wednesday, April 30, and that voting for the expired and unexpired positions will take place between May 1 and 15. There are 15 expiring and/or interim positions that will be voted upon that will follow the normal election process.

E. Reminder of Process/Date to Approve 2025-26 General Sports Regulations and Sport-by-Sport Regulations

Director John Kronous 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 13 Board of Directors Meeting that will be held in Akron.

F. Update on Appeals, Legislative Issues and Legal Cases

Staff member Lizzy Wilson provided the Board with a list of schools that have recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **North Ridgeville High School** had a student-athlete violate General Sports Regulation 7.2 when he participated in a non-interscholastic contest after establishing himself as a member of the boys bowling program. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the student was suspended for two regular season contests. **Dayton Dunbar High School** had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-5-5 when he participated in a boys' basketball tournament game while expelled. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-3, Forfeitures, Dunbar was required to forfeit the contest in which the ineligible student participated, and the team Dunbar defeated advanced in the tournament. **Cleveland Central Catholic High School** had a student-athlete violate Wrestling Regulation 1.8, Wrestling Weight Management, when the student did not follow the weight management protocol of establishing his minimum weight at which the athlete would be allowed to compete in. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, and Wrestling Regulation 1.8 B, Penalties, the student was suspended for the remainder of the 2024-25 Wrestling Season. **Olentangy Berkshire Middle School** had two student-athletes violate Football Regulation 6.1 when they participated in a non-inter-

scholastic tackle football contest outside of the interscholastic season. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, both students were suspended for the 2025 football season. However, after additional information was presented for consideration, one student's penalty was modified to a period of ineligibility which includes one preseason and three regular season games during the 2025 season. **Middletown Madison High School** had a varsity baseball coach violate Baseball Regulation B when he held a one-day tryout prior to the designated coaching start date of February 24, 2025. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the school's start date of baseball coaching, tryouts and instruction was pushed back by one day for the Madison baseball program. **Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown High School's** girl's lacrosse coaching staff violated General Sports Regulation 10.1.7, Open Gyms, when they conducted a structured open gym. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the school's number of summer coaching days in 2025 has been reduced from 13 to 11. **Parma Padua Franciscan High School** had a student-athlete who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility in regards to the Transfer Bylaw under Bylaw 4-7-7, Same System of Education. However, the Cleveland Diocese failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to the 15th school day. The Executive Director's Office restored the student's eligibility retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school was fined \$100. **Columbus Franklin Heights High School** had a student-athlete in boys basketball violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, when he participated during the second half of the season and the OHSAA tournament without obtaining approval from the Executive Director's Office. In accordance with Bylaws 10-2-3 and 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the eight victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated, including the school's postseason tournament contest. Additionally, in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the school is publicly reprimanded for a violation of Bylaw 3-1-1, Primary Responsibility and Oversight. **Lima Senior High School** had a student-athlete in girls lacrosse who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility in regards to the Scholarship Bylaw under Bylaw 4-4-1, Exception 1. However, the school failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to the student participating in a scrimmage and regular season contest. The Executive Director's Office restored the student's eligibility retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school was fined \$100. **Urbana High School** had a student-athlete in football violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when he participated in a post-season game after failing to pass five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, Urbana High School was required to forfeit the contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Gahanna Lincoln High School** had six student-athletes violate Wrestling Regulation 1.1, Participation Limitation, when they exceeded the 20-point limitation. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-5, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contests in which the ineligible students participated. **Granville High School** had a student-athlete in softball violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, when she participated in two contests after failing to pass five 1-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school was required to forfeit any victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Rossford High School** had a student-athlete in girls basketball violate Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, when she participated during the second half of the season without obtaining approval from the Executive Director's Office. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Mentor Lake Catholic High School** had a student-athlete who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility in regards to the Transfer Bylaw under Bylaw 4-7-7, Same System of Education. However, the Cleveland Diocese failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to the 15th day of school. The Executive Director's Office restored the student-athlete's eligibility retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, Lake Catholic was fined \$100. **Pickerington High School Central** had a student-athlete in baseball violate General Sports Regulation 7.2 when he participated in a non-interscholastic contest after establishing himself as a member of the school's baseball program. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the student was suspended for two regular season contests. **Lewis Center Olentangy High School** had a student-athlete in boys volleyball violate Volleyball Regulation 6, Sets Limitation, when he exceeded the maximum of six sets per day per common opponent. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Grove City Jackson Middle School** had a student-athlete in football violate Bylaw 4-4-5, Scholarship, when he participated in regular season contests after failing to pass four classes in the immediately preceding grading period. In accordance with Bylaw 10-2-1, Forfeitures, Jackson Middle School was required to forfeit any victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Cleveland Benedictine High School** had a student-athlete who was eligible to qualify for full eligibility in regards to the Transfer Bylaw under Bylaw 4-7-7, Same System of Education. However, the Cleveland Diocese failed to submit the request for eligibility to the Executive Director's Office prior to the 15th day of school. The Executive Director's Office restored the student's eligibility retroactively and prospectively, but, in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-1, Administrative Error, the school was fined \$100.

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Staff member Alexis Holderman provided the Board with an update on appeals. She said the OHSAA Appeals Panel has made 68 rulings on appeals held during 14 hearings this school year, and eight appeals have either been granted or the penalties modified. Staff member Ronald Sayers also provided the Board with an update on current legislative issues. In addition, OHSAA Legal Counsel Joe Fraley provided the Board with an update on current legal cases.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT)

A. Recommendation to Approve School Fees for 2025-26 School Year

Executive Director Doug Ute reminded the Board that at the Board of Directors Special Meeting on May 3, 2021, the Board-approved annual fee for OHSAA member schools would be \$100 per OHSAA recognized sport. At that meeting and at corresponding meetings during the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, Mr. Ute recommended that the fee be reduced to \$50 per OHSAA recognized sport. At this meeting, Mr. Ute again recommended that the fee again be reduced to \$50 per OHSAA recognized sport.

B. Recommendation to Approve 2025-26 and 2026-27 Basketball Dates

The Board was provided with proposed basketball dates for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, and Executive Director Doug Ute recommended that the dates be approved. He noted that the state girls and boys basketball tournaments will return to a format that will include the semifinals and finals all being held within a three- or four-day period, with all finals remaining at the University of Dayton and all semifinals at the University of Dayton or other sites in the Dayton area. The starting date for regular season contests will remain the same as previously published for the 2025-26 season, so eliminating an extra week for the state semifinals means schools will have an extra week to schedule regular season games prior to the start of OHSAA tournaments. In 2026-27, the start of the regular season will be a week later, so that extra week in the regular season will no longer be available. Tournament draw dates have also been modified. Here are the dates for the next two years:

<u>Girls Basketball</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>Boys Basketball</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
Coaching	10/24	10/30	Coaching	10/31	11/6
Season Starts	11/21	11/25 (Wed.)	Season Starts	11/26 (Wed.)	12/4
Draws	2/8 (III-VII)	2/7 (III-VII)	Draws	2/15 (III-VII)	2/14 (III-VII)
	2/15 (I-II)	2/14 (I-II)		2/22 (I-II)	2/21 (I-II)
Sectional (III-VII)	2/16-2/21	2/15-2/20	Sectional (III-IV)	2/23-2/28	2/22-2/27
District	2/23-2/28	2/22-2/27	District	3/2-3/7	3/1-3/6
Regional	3/2-3/8	3/1-3/7	Regional	3/9-3/15	3/8-3/14
State Tournament	3/12-3/14	3/11-3/13	State Tournament	3/19-3/21 or 22	3/18-3/20 or 21

C. Recommendation to Approve 2025-26 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 2025-26 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 2025-26 *OHSAA Handbook*.

D. Recommendation to Approve Tournament Divisional Assignments and Representation for Fall Sports

The Board was provided with 2025 tournament divisional assignments for the Competitive Balance sport of football; 2025 tournament representation and divisional assignments for the Competitive Balance sports of girls volleyball, boys soccer and girls soccer, and 2025 tournament representation and divisional assignments for boys cross country and girls cross country. The latter two sports were updated for the second year of the two-year cycle since a fourth tournament division has been added. And even though this is the second year of a two-year cycle for girls tennis, representation was recalculated since one school opted up to Division I in 2024, but that same school chose to remain in Division II in 2025. Staff member Ronald Sayers reviewed the changes, and the Board was asked to approve the information as presented

Mr. Sayers said approval of the representation and/or divisional assignments includes the movement of teams that requested to move up to Division I. The approved changes are as follows:

Girls Volleyball: Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy; Cleveland St. Joseph Academy; Copley; Loveland, and Morrow Little Miami move to Division I. **Boys Soccer:** Columbus St. Charles moves to Division I. **Girls Soccer:** Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit moves to Division I.

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.

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Football

Proposed 2025 school tournament divisional alignments are as follows:

Division I, 72 teams (592 males or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2024 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 104 teams (378 to 591 males)

Division III, 107 teams (268 to 377 males)

Division IV, 105 teams (202 to 267 males)

Division V, 106 teams (157 to 201 males)

Division VI, 106 teams (112 to 156 males)

Division VII, 106 teams (111 or less males)

Total Teams: 706

Girls Volleyball

Division I, 69 teams (581 females or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2024 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 69 teams (402 to 580 females)

Division III, 129 teams (257 to 401 females)

Division IV, 130 teams (188 or 256 females)

Division V, 130 teams (132 to 187 females)

Division VI, 132 teams (89 to 131 females)

Division VII, 131 teams (88 or less females)

Total Teams: 790

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2025 would be: **Division I:** Central 6; Combined Northeast and Northwest 4, and Southwest 6; **Division II:** Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 4; Northeast 8; Northwest 1, 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 1; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3, and **Division VII:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Boys Soccer

Division I, 65 teams (626 males or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2024 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 72 teams (431 to 625 males)

Division III, 145 teams (248 to 430 males)

Division IV, 144 teams (166 to 247 males)

Division V, 144 teams (165 or less males)

Total Teams: 570

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

*The Board of Directors and staff held draws to break the tie for representation in Division IV, which resulted in the East remaining at 2 representatives, the Northwest remaining at 3 representatives, the Southeast remaining at 2 representatives and the Southwest going from 4 to 3 representatives.

Girls Soccer

Division I, 65 teams (582 females or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2024 Competitive Balance factors)

Division II, 71 teams (388 to 581 females)

Division III, 127 teams (236 to 387 females)

Division IV, 127 teams (167 to 235 females)

Division V, 130 teams (166 or less females)

Total Teams: 520

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2025 would be: **Division I:** Central 6; Combined Northeast and Northwest 5, 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 2; Southeast 2, and Southwest 4, and **Division V:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 5; Northwest 4; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4.

*A coin flip to break a tie in Division IV resulted in the Central going from 2 to 1 representatives and the Southeast remaining at 2 representatives.

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Boys Cross Country

Division I, 81 teams (554 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 167 teams (245 to 553 males)

Division III, 167 teams (141 to 244 males)

Division IV, 163 teams (140 or less males)

Total Teams: 578

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments (96 total) for 2025 would be: **Division II:** Central 13 (Pickerington); East 4 (Pickerington); Northeast 39 (Boardman); Northwest 15 (Tiffin); Southeast 5 (Pickerington), and Southwest 20 (Troy); **Division III:** Central 9 (Pickerington); East 11 (Pickerington); Northeast 26 (Boardman); Northwest 18 (Tiffin); Southeast 12 (Pickerington), and Southwest 20 (Troy); **Division IV:** Central 9 (Pickerington); East 4 (Pickerington); Northeast 20 (Boardman); Northwest 34 (Tiffin); Southeast 10 (Pickerington), and Southwest 19 (Troy).

Representation from the regional to the state tournament (20 total for Division I; 24 total for Divisions II through IV) for 2025 would be: **Division I:** Pickerington 7; Boardman (Combined Northeast and Northwest) 6, and Troy 7; **Division II:** Pickerington 5; Boardman 10; Tiffin 4, and Troy 5; ***Division III:** Pickerington 8; Boardman 7; Tiffin 4, and Troy 5; **Division IV:** Pickerington 6; Boardman 5; Tiffin 8, and Troy 5.

*A coin flip to break a tie in Division III resulted in Boardman remaining at 7 representatives going to the state tournament and Tiffin going from 5 to 4 representatives to the state tournament.

Girls Cross Country

Division I, 66 teams (528 females or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 133 teams (242 to 527 females)

Division III, 137 teams (141 to 241 females)

Division IV, 134 teams (140 or less females)

Total Teams: 470

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments (96 total) for 2025 would be: **Division II:** Central 12 (Pickerington); East 3 (Pickerington); Northeast 39 (Boardman); Northwest 16 (Tiffin); Southeast 4 (Pickerington), and Southwest 22 (Troy); **Division III:** Central 9 (Pickerington); East 13 (Pickerington); Northeast 25 (Boardman); Northwest 19 (Tiffin); Southeast 11 (Pickerington), and Southwest 19 (Troy); **Division IV:** Central 9 (Pickerington); East 6 (Pickerington); Northeast 19 (Boardman); Northwest 36 (Tiffin); Southeast 8 (Pickerington), and Southwest 18 (Troy).

Representation from the regional to the state tournament (20 total for Division I; 24 total for Divisions II to IV) for 2025 would be: **Division I:** Pickerington 8; Boardman (Combined Northeast and Northwest) 6, and Troy 6; **Division II:** Pickerington 5; Boardman 10; Tiffin 4, and Troy 5; **Division III:** Pickerington 8; Boardman 6; Tiffin 5, and Troy 5; **Division IV:** Pickerington 6; Boardman 5; Tiffin 9, and Troy 4.

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 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 2; Combined Northeast and six East schools (Cambridge, East Liverpool, East Liverpool Beaver, Millersburg West Holmes, Uhrichsville Claymont, Zanesville) 5; Northwest 4; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4.

- E. Recommendation to Approve Preliminary Tournament Divisional Assignments and Representation for Winter Sports
The Board was provided with the 2026 preliminary tournament representation and divisional assignments for the Competitive Balance sports of girls basketball and boys basketball along with 2026 preliminary tournament representation and divisional assignments for boys bowling; girls bowling, boys swimming & diving; girls swimming and diving, and boys wrestling. Even though this is the second year of a two-year cycle for the latter five sports, the Board could still approve some modifications to the representation and divisional assignments once the deadline is met for schools to request to move to a higher division in those individual sports should the referendum item on that issue pass during the May 1-15 voting period. Additionally, changes could also occur in girls basketball or boys basketball should a school(s) decide to move to Division I. 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.

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Boys Basketball

Division I, 65 teams (625 males or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2025 Competitive Balance factors)
Division II, 73 teams (431 to 624 males)
Division III, 130 teams (269 to 430 males)
Division IV, 129 teams (196 or 268 males)
Division V, 131 teams (144 to 195 males)
Division VI, 130 teams (100 to 143 males)
Division VII, 132 teams (99 or less males)
Total Teams: 790

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2026 would be: **Division I:** Central 6; Combined Northeast and three Northwest schools (Findlay, Perrysburg and Toledo Whitmer) 4, and Southwest 6; **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 2; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3; **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 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Girls Basketball

Division I, 64 teams (577 females or more from October 2023 enrollments plus 2025 Competitive Balance factors)
Division II, 72 teams (407 to 576 females)
Division III, 127 teams (262 to 406 females)
Division IV, 128 teams (189 or 261 females)
Division V, 127 teams (132 to 188 females)
Division VI, 125 teams (91 to 131 females)
Division VII, 126 teams (90 less females)
Total Teams: 769

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2026 would be: **Division I:** Central 7; Northeast 4; Northwest 1, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Northeast 8; Northwest 1, and Southwest 4; **Division III:** Central 2; Combined East and Southeast 1; Northeast 6; Northwest 3, and Southwest 4; **Division IV:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 4; **Division V:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 2; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division VI:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 4 Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 2, and **Division VII:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 5; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

*A coin flip may be utilized to determine the Division I representation in 2026 for the Central (will likely have 7 or 6) and Northeast (will likely have 4 or 3) 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 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 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.

Boys Swimming & Diving

Division I, 133 teams (353 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)
Division II, 135 team (352 or less males)
Total Teams: 268

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boy swimming for 2026 would be: **Division I:** Central 3; Combined Northeast and two East schools (Dover, New Philadelphia) 3; Combined Northwest and 16 Northeast Teams 3, and Southwest 3. **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.

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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 swimming for 2026 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central and one East school (Dresden Tri-Valley) 3; Combined Northeast and one East school (Dover) 3; Combined Northwest and 17 Northeast schools 3, and Southwest 3. **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.

Boys Wrestling

Division I, 163 teams (353 males or more from October 2023 enrollments)

Division II, 164 teams (192 to 352 males)

Division III, 164 teams (191 or less males)

Total Teams: 491

Representation from the district to the state tournaments for 2026 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central and one Southeast school (Logan) 4; Combined Northeast, two East schools (Dover, New Philadelphia) and four Northwest schools (Ashland, Fremont Ross, Mansfield Senior, Toledo St. John's Jesuit) 7; Northwest 1, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 1; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 5; Southeast 1, and Southwest 2.

In Division I, the Northwest District will host one sectional tournament and send four teams (Ashland, Fremont Ross, Mansfield Senior and Toledo St. John's Jesuit) to the Northeast District. The Northeast District to host seven sectional tournaments with the three most western sectionals to combine with the Northwest sectional tournament for district competition to be hosted by the Northwest District.

In Division II, the the Central district will host two sectionals. The northernmost sectional will feed into the Northwest district tournament. The southernmost sectional will feed into the Southwest district tournament. The Northwest and Southwest will host district tournaments in both 2025 and 2026. The two East District sectional tournaments and the two Southeast District sectional tournaments will combine for district competition to be hosted by the Southeast District in 2026 after the East hosted in 2025.

In Division III, the East, Southeast and one sectional from the Northeast will combine for District competition to be hosted by the East District in Coshocton in both 2025 and 2026. The Central, Southwest and one sectional from the Northwest will combine for District competition to be hosted by the Northwest District in Troy in both 2025 and 2026.

F. Recommendation to Approve 2025 Football Tournament Regional Assignments

Director Beau Rugg provided the Board with a draft of 2025 football tournament regional assignments and recommended that the assignments be approved. The assignments will be posted on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org).

G. Recommendation to Approve Self-Supporting Requirements for 2025-26 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). Staff member Ronald Sayers reviewed the requirements and said the Executive Director's Office recommended that the requirements remain the same as those approved for 2024-25, with the minimum monthly income earned remaining at \$500.

Motion by Mark Rose, second by Stephanie Evans to **approve** New Business Consent Items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E., VI. F. and VI. G. as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (OTHER)

None

VIII. ONCE AROUND

Board members said they are looking forward to the spring tournaments and were pleased with the winter tournaments, where several new state champions were crowned thanks to the expanded tournament format in some sports. The OHSAA staff was also thanked for their professionalism, for providing information to Board members and for reaching out to schools, the coaches associations and administrators to obtain feedback on current issues. The state coaches associations were also thanked for their work. With this being the final meeting in Columbus for the 2024-25 Board, the outgoing members said it has been an honor and privilege to serve the past three years and they hoped the incoming members can continue to move the OHSAA forward. In addition, Executive Director Doug Ute thanked the Board for their work, especially considering that they have full-time jobs back at their respective schools or school districts.

Motion by Randy Tevepaugh, second by Molly Feesler to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 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: June 13, 2025 (8:30 at Canal Park in Akron).

2025-26 School Year: August 28, 2025; **Friday**, September 26, 2025; October 23, 2025; January 15, 2026; February 19, 2026; April 23, 2026; June 12, 2026 (8:30 at Canal Park in Akron).