

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Northeast District Athletic Board Meeting  
Streetsboro High School

1:00p. Monday June 28, 2021

Meeting Called to Order by—President Steve Watkins @ 12:40p.

Roll Call---Attending The Meeting –

Rich Berlin           “AAA” Representative-{Excused}  
Jeffrey Cassella      “AAA” Representative & State Board President.  
Shyla Metsker        Female Representative-  
William Nye, Jr.      “A” Representative-{Arrived-1p.}  
Matt Rodriguez      “AA” Representative  
Joe Siefke            “A” Representative-{Excused}  
Randy Tevepaugh    “AA” Representative-  
Steve Watkins    7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative & State Board Rep.  
John Carter        New Ethnic Minority Representative  
Secretary-- Larry Acker   Treasurer-- Mark McGuire  
District Officials Administrator—Ron Knight  
NED Officials Assignor—Pat Montana

There was a motion by Matt Rodriguez and seconded by Randy Tevepaugh to adopt the Meeting Agenda as prepared/provided by the Secretary. Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion by Jeff Cassella and seconded by Shyla Metsker to approve the minutes for the May 10, 2021, Board Meeting. The motion passed 6-0.

Board President Steve Watkins opened the business meeting with a couple announcements.

1. President Watkins and The Board Welcomed John Carter, New NED Board Ethnic Minority Representative.
2. President Watkins--Thanked The NED Board Members/Officers, All NED Sport Coordinators & Sport Liaisons for their hard work and commitment in providing leadership and guidance through the 2020-2021 school year in serving the NED/OHSAA Member Schools and Student Scholar—Athletes Across Northeast Ohio.

Board Treasurer Mark McGuire provided a 2021 NED Spring Tournament Summary Report Which Included Spring Tournament Financial Summaries Dating Back To 2014. He also announced that he had received a check from Royal Publishing, for Programs Provided In Volleyball & Basketball—2020-2021. There are several reports for 2021--Spring Sports Tournaments yet to be filed/received from Tournament Managers/Sites.

The NEDAB June 7,2021 Financial Report; For The Period Ending, May 28,2021 Is:

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| Checking Account Balance -----         | \$446,593.61 |
| Cash Concentration Account-----        | \$131,264.19 |
| 2020-21Tournament Officials Paid-----  | \$392,107.20 |
| Ending Arbiter Account Balance-----    | \$12,892.80  |
| Outstanding Debt-{Estimate}-Flat Fees- | \$30,000.00  |
| Districts-BB/SB & Track---             | \$15,000.00  |
| Outstanding Checks-----                | \$61,987.55  |
| Final Estimated Balance- 6/7/21-----   | \$503,774.21 |

There was a motion by Matt Rodriquez and seconded by Randy Tevepaugh to approve the report. Motion Passed 7-0. The Board Thanked Treasurer Mark McGuire For The Reports/Updates.

State Board of Directors Representatives President Jeff Cassella--“AAA” Representative and Steve Watkins—7/8 Grade Representative reported on State OHSAA Board and State/Office items/updates and reported on the June 8,2021 Board Meeting. The meeting was rather quick and efficient; they reported that all State Office Staff Evaluations were completed/finalized for the 2020-2021 staff. All referendum issues that were voted on by the Membership in May,2021 passed. The football playoff expansion for 2021 to 16 teams in each division has been approved and will be implemented this fall--2021.

The Board Thanked NED “AAA” State Board Member--Jeff Cassella For His Leadership As State Board President and Representing The Northeast District Board & Member Schools along with NED 7/8 Grade Representative Steve Watkins, who will be The OHSAA State Board sVice-President for the 2021-2022 School Year, Starting August 1,2021. Also, representing NEO on the State Board of Directors starting in August will be Class “A” Representative, Bill Nye.

The State OHSAA Board and The State OHSAA Office Staff conducted an All District Athletic Boards Meeting & Workshop in Columbus on Wednesday June 9,2021 at Hamilton Township High School on the South Central Edge of Columbus. OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute, Chaired the Meeting. The event was well attended and provided a great opportunity for the District Athletic Board Members to meet new Board Members from other districts and several new OHSAA Office Staff Persons during the meeting/workshop. Thanks to all who attended and participated in this event.

The District Athletic Board Review Committee has been resurrected and they met on Thursday June 24,2021. Jeff Cassella who is completing his term on the State Board will be the NEO Representative on the DAB Review Committee. Jeff reported several pertinent issues were discussed at length, one of which was the need for uniformity in operating/running Sectional/District OHSAA Tournaments across the State. This topic has been studied in the past and it is one that needs to be addressed to avoid certain litigations.

The NED Finance Committee Chairman Steve Watkins presented an item to the Board pertaining to a NED Tennis Tournament that was held at Jackson Park in NW Massillon. Jackson Park has been hosting this Tournament Event for several years and has not charged the board any rental fee. The Board and those involved in the Tournament are very appreciative and the Board felt it would be appropriate to send a Donation to the Park. There was a motion by Jeff Cassella and seconded by Mat Rodriguez to send a Donation of \$200 to Jackson Park. Motion passed 7-0.

Northeast District Director of Officiating Ron Knight and Officials Assignor Pat Montana reported that the 2021 Spring Sports Tournament Season started with cancellation/postponement of games due to the weather—reassigning officials was the order of the day. The Committee proceed accordingly as the change of season moderated/shifted to more-- "Sunshine and Warm Temperatures". Spring Sports Tournaments in NEO accounted for 420 plus events/games requiring over 1600 Officials.

Thanks To Ron Knight and Pat Montana For Their Help/Work !

The Board's Tournament Committee held a " Work Meeting" starting at 9a. on June 28,2021 prior to the 1p., Board Meeting. Jeff Cassella, Chairman of the Committee Chaired The Meeting. First off, Bill Schumacher, Sport Coordinator for Baseball and Softball attended the Committee Meeting and shared an overview—Report of the NED Sectional/District Tournaments. He also reviewed some recommendations/suggestions for Baseball and Softball Tournament in the future. He will prepare a written follow-up report for the Board. The Board Thanked Bill for his diligence, help and work.

Tournament Committee Chairman Jeff Cassella will finalize and summarize the work of the Board and Tournament Committee for 2021 NED Fall Tournament Team/School Assignments, Sites and District Tournament Managers. The Sports Coordinators and Board Member Liaisons will assist verifying any tournament assignment information needed as well as any changes or updated moving forward. There was a motion by Randy Tevepugh and seconded by Matt Rodriguez to approve the 2021 Fall Sports Tournament Assignments with the proviso the Tournament Committee Chairman will approve any necessary adjustments moving forward. Motion Passed 7-0.

Any necessary changes/updates should be communicated to Jeff Cassella who in turn will Inform Secretary Larry Acker to forward/report to the State OHSAA Office Staff by July 5,2021.  
-----The 2021 Fall Tournament Assignments will also be posted on the NED Web Site-----

The Board reviewed Meeting Dates for the 2021-2022 NED Calendar and shifted/updated The Board Meeting calendar dates to avoid conflicts with the –State OIAAA and National NIAAA Conference Meetings.

At the close of the Meeting---State Board President Jeff Cassella and NED Board Vice President Randy Tevepough presented NED Board President Steve Watkins With A—"Gift of Appreciation"—For His Leadership and Professionalism Throughout This Year-2020—2021 !  
----It Was A Difficult Task With All The changes & Uncertainties From Season to Season-----  
THANK YOU STEVE !

There being no further business to be transacted at this time, there was a motion by Jeff Cassella and seconded by Matt Rodriquez by to adjourn the meeting at: 2:10p. Motion passed 7-0.

The Next Regular Meeting of The Northeast District Board is Scheduled On Wednesday, August11, 2021 @1:00p. It will be an in-person meeting held at Streetsboro Schools Annex Building or a Virtual Meeting Held Through--- Microsoft Teams.

-----The Northeast District Board Meeting Schedule & NED Managers Meeting Schedule--  
---For The 2021-2022-School Year Will Be Posted on The NED Web Site--

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Respectfully Submitted by Larry Acker, Secretary-Northeast District Athletic Board