

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Northeast District Athletic Board Meeting

-----Virtual Zoom Meeting-----

1:00p. Monday, December 7, 2020

Meeting Called to Order by—President Steve Watkins @ 1:05p.

Roll Call---Attending The Meeting –

- Rich Berlin “AAA” Representative-
- Jeffrey Cassella “AAA” Representative & State Board President.
- Sean Jackson Ethnic Minority Representative-
- Shyla Metsker Female Representative
- William Nye, Jr. “A” Representative-
- Matt Rodriquez “AA” Representative-
- Randy Tevepaugh “AA” Representative-
- Steve Watkins 7th/8th Grade Representative & State Board Rep.

Secretary-- Larry Acker Treasurer-- Mark McGuire

District Officials Administrator—Ron Knight

OHSAA Executive Director—Doug Ute

There was a motion by Matt Rodriquez and seconded by Randy Tevepaugh to adopt the Meeting Agenda as prepared/provided by the Secretary. Motion passed 8-0.

There was a motion by Rich Berlin and seconded by Jeff Cassella to approve the minutes for the November 9, 2020, Board Meeting. The motion passed 8-0.

Treasurer Mark McGuire reviewed the NEDAB Monthly Financial Report. The December 4th report showed the following: Checking Account Balance----\$217,469.93
 The OHSAA Cash Concentration Account Balance-----\$231,264.19
 Total Asset For The Period Ending 11/3/20-----\$434,818.10
 Arbiter Account –Balance After Officials Fall Officiating-----\$ 12,671.15.

[Figures are not final, but 2020 fall sports tournaments will show a profit]

NE Board President Watkins Thanked Treasurer McGuire for the report & work !

There was a motion by Bill Nye and seconded by Randy Tevepaugh to approve the: December 4th Finance Report and Payment of the Bills. Motion passed 8-0

Another Virtual Meeting with DAB Treasurers/Secretaries and the State OHSAA Office Finance Department to discuss and review budgeting and financial matters pertaining to the 2020-2021 School Year is scheduled at 2p. Today.

State Board of Directors Representatives President Jeff Cassella—“AAA” Representative and Steve Watkins—7/8 Grade Representative reported on State OHSAA Board Meetings and State/Office items/updates. Administrator Updates are being sent weekly and as needed-- To Members School Administrators and District Athletic Board Members/Officers. The State Board held a meeting on Thursday December 3rd and conducted/reviewed several pertinent items of business.

-----The Track Coaches Association proposed adding a 4th division in Track/Field and the Board of Directors will Vote on this Proposal Next Month.

-----Fall Tournament Financial Reports were reviewed. All revenue is in—reconciled.

-----State Audit Report completed; Very Good Report.

-----Hired a new controller—to begin in January 2021.

-----Reviewed a sponsorship program in conjunction with NFHS.

-----Kristen Ronai is the Acting Compliance Officer ---OHSAA--By-Laws Constitution.

-----Academic guidelines will go back into place following the pandemic.

-----Next Regular State Board Meeting Is on January 14,2021-----

Our new OHSAA Executive Director, Doug Ute, Joined The Meeting.

Executive Director Ute Thanked our Board Members/Officers for their dedication and service especially during these difficult times with the COVID-19--Pandemic.

He proceeded to review the fall sports seasons strategies implemented in collaboration with the Governor's Office and area/county health offices. He profoundly thanked assisted—helped with the arrangements and conducting of the fall tournaments—DAB—Sectional/Districts and State OHSAA Board; State OHSAA Staff for guidance/help with the Regional and State Tournament Finals.

He exemplified the willingness, collaboration; dedication of the Massillon Community, School Administrators/Staff for all the necessary arrangements/assistance in hosting the 2020 State Football Championships when it became necessary to move out of Columbus; due to the COVID-19-Pandemic-Health Department Guidelines--at a very reasonable cost to the OHSAA.

Executive Director Ute reminded our Board Members of the All--District Boards Virtual Meeting scheduled on Tuesday December 15th starting at 10:30a.

Thanks to Executive Director Ute, State Board President Jeff Cassella and NED Representative Steve Watkins for Your Leadership and Work with the OHSAA State Board of Directors/Staff; Representing OHSAA Member Schools and Communities !

The following Finance Committee items were presented/reviewed---It was recommended that Steve Watkins replace Rocco Nero as Chairman of the NED Finance Committee and Co-Sign Checks in the amount of \$2500. or more. It was also recommended the flat fee for hosting Sectional & District Basketball Tournament Games be set at \$300 unless there is a change-- decision made at the State Level for the 2021 Tournament Season. There was a Motion by Bill Nye & Seconded by Randy Tevepaugh to approve these items of business. Motion passed 8-0.

The Tournament Committee and Board plans to move forward with the new Tournament Grouping/Structure--East and West Sections of NEO that was configured earlier in the Summer and presented to the NED Administrators for the 2021 Winter Sectional & District Tournaments—Basketball and Wrestling. The concept was implemented during the Fall Tournament Season and was followed/used in Soccer and Volleyball.

Jeff Cassella reported last month that the Site for the 2020—NED Gymnastics Tournament will be the Summit County Fairgrounds 3 days in February—the 18th,19th & 20th. The Districts will be held at Mentor High School on February 25th, 26th & 27th.

Board President Watkins announced that Board Member Matt Rodriguez will serve as the Boys Basketball Board Member Liaison and Board Member Shyla Metsker will serve as the Girls Basketball Board Member Liaison for the 2020-2021 School Year--Sectional/District Tournaments. They will begin working on securing Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament Managers. Once the Managers are selected for this Winter—2021 Secretary Acker will prepare and send those Managers who have served previously a letter of appreciation and thanks for their Commitment, Dedication and Work on behalf of the Northeast District Board and our OHSAA NEO Member Schools and Communities.

Northeast District Administrator of Officials Ron Knight reported that this is down time for his Committee. He expressed his appreciation to his Assistant Officials Assigner—Pat Montana and All the Dedicated OHSAA Contest Officials Who Have Served Especially In This Pandemic Environment Year.

Zoom Interviews with the “A” Open Position candidates will be conducted on December 21st By a NED Board Interview Committee. “A” Representative William Nye will chair the Committee along with “AAA” Representative Rich Berlin and Female Representative Shyla Metsker. Board Secretary Acker will contact the candidates and set up an interview schedule. Interviews will be scheduled for 30/45 minutes and the Interview Committee will report results of the interviews to the Board at its next Meeting on January 6,2021. The Board will subsequently make a recommendation to the State Board of Directors for an appointment to the position at the next Board of Directors Meeting which is set for Thursday, January 14,2021.

The new appointee will serve in the position for the next two years till July 31,2022. Elections will be held in May 2022 for a candidate to be elected for 1 year remaining in the term till July 31,2023. An election will then be held in May 2023 to fill the position for the next 6 years through July 31,2029.

There being no further business to be transacted at this time, there was a motion by Randy Tevepaugh and seconded by Jeff Cassella to adjourn the meeting at: 2:33p. Motion passed 8-0.

The Next Meeting of The Northeast District Board was originally Scheduled On Monday, January 11, 2021, but President Watkins recommended and the Board subsequently agreed due to the fact that the Winter Tournament Managers are scheduled to meet on Sunday, January 10th, the Board should meet on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 @ 1:00p. It will be a—Virtual Meeting—Microsoft—Teams-- unless plans change prior to the Meeting.

The Board was reminded that the Winter Tournament Managers Meeting is set for Sunday, January 10,2020 @ 2:00p.

-----The Adjusted/Updated NE Board Meeting Schedule & NED Managers Meeting Schedule--
-----For The 2020-2021-School Year. -----Is Posted on The NED Web Site-----

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