

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Northeast District Athletic Board Meeting

Streetsboro School Annex Building, Streetsboro, Ohio

1:00p. Wednesday August 12, 2020

Meeting was called to order by—President Pro-Tem- Jeff Cassella @ 1:20p.

Roll Call---Attending The Meeting –

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

Secretary-- Larry Acker Treasurer-- Mark McGuire

District Officials Administrator—Ron Knight and NED Officials Assignor—Pat Montana

First item of business was the election of officers for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Motion by Bill Nye to nominate Steve Watkins and seconded by Jeff Cassella. There being no further nominations, there was a motion by Matt Rodriquez to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Watkins, motion was second by Rocco Nero. Motion passed 7-0. Steve Watkins, abstained. Steve Watkins was elected President of the Northeast District Board for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Next item of business was the election of a Vice President. Jeff Cassella nominated Randy Tevepough and Bill Nye seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, there was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Sean Jackson to closed the nominations and cast a Unanimous ballot for Randy Tevepough. Motion passed 7-0, Randy Tevepough, abstained. Randy Tevepough was elected Vice President of the Northeast District board for 2020-2021.

There was a motion by Jeff Cassella and seconded by Sean Jackson to adopt the Meeting Agenda as prepared/provided by the Secretary. Motion passed 8-0.

There was a motion by Matt Rodriguez and seconded by Jeff Cassella to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2020, Board Meeting. The motion passed 8-0.

Financial updates for the period ending July 31, 2020 were provided by--Treasurer Mark McGuire. The Northeast Board checking account balance was--\$754,950.02. There is an outstanding debt—(estimate--\$461,996.13) which includes—2018-2019 and 2019-2020—Owed State OHSAA For Per Cent of NE District Basketball Tournament Receipts and other incurred expenses. Final Estimated Balance is: \$293,318.73.

There was a motion by Bill Nye and seconded by Randy Tevepaugh to approve the Financial Report. Motion passed 8-0.

Thanks to Treasurer Mark McGuire for the Report & Work !

OHSAA State Board of Directors Representatives—Jeff Cassella & Steve Watkins

State Board of Directors Representatives Jeff Cassella and Steve Watkins reported The State OHSAA Board has been having Virtual Executive Session Board Meetings to stay in tune with the Corona Virus Pandemic; closure of Schools across the State and the impact--- current and future on the status of the OHSAA Programs and its Operations.

The Governor is expected to make an official announcement in the next few days regarding the “Official Status” of Junior High and High School Fall Sports. Some schools in the heavily populated areas of the State have indicated either a delayed start or no Fall Sports in 2020.

Also, as announced by the State OHSAA Board of Directors and State Office Staff there has been a major change in the Fall Football Playoff structure where by all Schools will be eligible to be involved in the Football Tournament. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is August 27, 2020.

Thank You to the State OHSAA Board of Directors—Members & Officers—{Jeff Cassella and Steve Watkins, Representing NEO}-- for your continued leadership/work in addressing; fiscal management—in keeping with the OHSAA Mission—“The OHSAA Is Committed To Operating With Openness and Demonstrating Fiscal Accountability”

Finance Committee Chairman Rocco Nero was designated to Co-Sign Checks in The Amount of \$2500 or more. There was discussion and then a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Bill Nye to set a flat fee of \$300 to schools for hosting Sectional and Semi-Final District Soccer and Volleyball Tournament Games and a flat fee of \$500 to host District Final Soccer and Volleyball Tournament Games during the Fall 2020 Tournament Season.

NED Director of Officials—Ron Knight mentioned that across the District and State there is concern among the Officials groups with the age level being older for Officials, if the fall sports season is full go and the pandemic is still prevailing—Officials are venerable/susceptible to the Coronavirus-(COVID 19) as are Coaches, Players and Spectators.

The Tournament Committee reviewed the 2020 Fall Sectional/District Tournament Assignments and Sites at this point in time. With some schools as well as colleges cancelling fall sports, there is a need to verify the Sectional/District Sites that are affected/impacted by these decisions. It is the Board's plan to move forward with the new tournament groupings/structure that was configured earlier in the summer and presented to the NEO Administrators—Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators Virtually. With the cancellation of sports in several counties across the district, there will have to be adjustments in the initial tournament assignments. Therefore, the board has not posted Fall Tournament Assignments.

It is hoped/planned to have the postings on the NED Board Web Site shortly after September 1st, which has been set by the State OHSAA Office as the deadline for entries and withdrawals of teams in the OHSAA Fall Tournaments. The dates/times of the Fall Tournament Manager Meetings were adjusted--Sunday, August 30th—2p.—Boys and Girls Golf and Girls Tennis. The first meeting will be an in-person hybrid meeting to be held at Streetsboro High School with a virtual connection for those unable to attend. The second Managers Meeting will be an in-person meeting to be held on Sunday, September 20th—2p. at Streetsboro High School for Cross Country, Boys & Girls Soccer and Volleyball.

The Board updated the 2020-2021 Board Committee Assignments for 2020-2021 to include the new Board Members. These will be posted on the NED Board Web Site. Also, updated were the Sport Coordinator and Board Liaison Sport Assignments which will be posted as well. Heather Beck, Athletic Administrator at Elyria High School in Lorain County was appointed as the NE District Volleyball Sport Coordinator. Mark McGuire will serve as the Volleyball Sport Liaison.

The Board voted to recommend to the State Board of directors, the appointment of Rich Berlin, Associate Principal at Wadsworth High School in Medina County to fill the vacant—"AAA" Position on the NE Board which was the result of a recent resignation. Andy Jalwan, resigned his "AAA" representative position on the Northeast Board on July 31,2020. The board expressed their appreciation of the commitment, dedication and work of Andy Jalwan who also served as the Northeast Board President during the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board expressed their appreciation and condolences to the family of Randy Iceman who has served as a Golf Tournament Manager at Sable Creek golf Course in Hartville, Ohio—Stark County. Randy passed away of a heart attack on Tuesday, August 11th. He lived in Massillon, Ohio.

There being no further business items to discuss or transact at this time, there was a motion by Sean Jackson and seconded by Matt Rodriquez to adjourn the meeting at 3:15p. Motion passed 8-0.

-----[Our Thanks To Board Member Randy Tevepaugh for Hosting The Meeting]-----

The Next Meeting of the Northeast District Athletic Board is scheduled for August 12, 2020 @ 1:00p. The Meeting Site and Plan Will Be Announced Prior To The Meeting.

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

