

## **October 9, 2019, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants via teleconference on October 9, 2019. Appeals Panel members were Dave Gray, former superintendent of Franklin-Monroe Local Schools; Phil Ackerman, former superintendent of Switzerland of Ohio Local Schools; and Tony Mantell, former superintendent of Portsmouth Clay Local Schools. Mr. Gray served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance via teleconference: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Deborah B. Moore, OHSAA Senior Director of Compliance and Sports Medicine; and Kristin Ronai, OHSAA Director of Compliance.

### **A. Bylaw 4-7-4/4-7-6, Transfer, A 12th-Grade Student, Akron East High School (Northeast District)**

An 11th-grade student transferred from Akron Ellet High School to Akron East High School during the 2018-19 school year. He then also began his 12<sup>th</sup> grade year (the 2019-20 school year) at Akron East. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible beginning with the second 50 percent of the maximum allowable regular season contests and the OHSAA postseason tournament(s) in any sport in which the student participated during the 12 months immediately preceding the transfer. The Executive Director's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-4 or Bylaw 4-7-6, Intradistrict Transfer, were applicable.

The student's parents, De'Shawn and Tamar King; and Joe Vassalotti, Athletic Director for the Akron Public School System, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Akron East High School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.