

October 30, 2020, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on October 30, 2020, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Tony Mantell, former superintendent of Portsmouth Clay Local Schools; Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of the Euclid City Schools and Westerville City Schools; Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive director of the Ohio School Boards Association; and Dr. Dale Fortner, former superintendent of Wadsworth City Schools. Mr. Mantell served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA senior director of operations; Deborah B. Moore, OHSAA compliance advisor; Roxanne Price, OHSAA senior director of compliance; and Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance.

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 12th-Grade Student, Streetsboro High School North (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Akron East High School to Streetsboro High School for the 2020-21 school year. 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 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 1.

The student and his mother, LaDirdra Haring; and Lauren Sabo, the family's attorney, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Streetsboro High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.