

February 29, 2024, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on February 29, 2024, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of Euclid City Schools and Westerville City Schools; Mrs. Jan Wilking, former athletic administrator of Wyoming City Schools; and Mr. Mike Gallina, former superintendent of North Canton City Schools. Dr. Bell served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA director of communications and special projects; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance; Lizzy Wilson, OHSAA manager of compliance; Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance; and Preston Miller, OHSAA compliance staffer.

A. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, a 12th-Grade Student, Fremont Ross High School (Northwest District)

A 12th grade student at Fremont Ross High School did not pass five one-credit courses or the equivalent during the second grading period of the 2023-24 school year. The Executive Director's Office ruled that the student was ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the third grading period of the 2023-24 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship.

The student's parents, Susan and Dan Hottinger, and Chad Berndt, Fremont Ross Athletic Director, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Fremont Ross High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.