

## **May 30, 2024, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on May 30, 2024, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Mr. Phil Ackerman, superintendent of Switzerland Local Schools of Ohio; Dr. Kathy McFarland, chief executive director of Ohio School Boards Association; Dr. John Richard, former superintendent of Perry Local Schools; and Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of Euclid City Schools and Westerville City School District. Mr. Ackerman served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Joseph Fraley, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA director of communications and special projects; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA associate executive director; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA senior manager of eligibility and technology; Lizzy Wilson, OHSAA manager of compliance; Alexis Holderman, OHSAA manager of membership services; and Preston Miller, OHSAA Eligibility Staffer.

### **A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Sandusky Central Catholic High School (Northwest District)**

An 11<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from Sandusky High School to Sandusky Central Catholic High School in March 2024. As a transfer student, the student becomes 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.

Sandusky Central Catholic Principal, Brian Ferber, and Steve Ruthsatz, Sandusky Central Catholic Athletic Director, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Sandusky Central Catholic High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.