

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD – OHSAA

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Monday, January 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Banfield @ 4:00p.

Attending The Meeting –

Brian Banfield	“AA” Rep.-
Jeffrey Cassella	“AAA” Rep.-
Sean Jackson,	Ethnic Minority Rep-
Andy Jalwan	“AAA” Rep-
Rocco Nero,	“A” Rep.-
William Nye,	“A” Rep.-
Paul Powers	“AA” Rep.-
Rhonda Rickelman	Female Rep.-
Steve Watkins	7/8 Grade Representative

Secretary-- Larry Acker

Treasurer-- Mark McGuire-

Genne Zimmerly, Northeast District Board Web Master

Guests—Principal Michael Coury & Athletic Director Michael Chuppa-Copley High School  
John Bakalar, President, NEO Baseball Coaches Association  
Tim Shiban, President, NEO Softball Coaches Association

There was a motion by Bill Nye seconded by Sean Jackson to approve the meeting Agenda as presented.. Motion Passed 9-0.

There was a motion by Rocco Nero seconded by Andy Jalwan to approve the minutes of the previous {10/26/16}-meeting. Motion Carried 9–0.

Treasurer Mark McGuire Presented a Listing of Manager Fees last presented to the Board for review in August, 2014. It was recommended by the Treasurer that An Arbriter Fee be approved as a miscellaneous expense in Tournament Reports. The Northeast District Board Bank Balance on December 31, 2016 was \$317,338.37.

With aforementioned recommendation included in the motion it was moved by Paul Powers and seconded by Jeff Cassella to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion Passed 9-0.

There was a motion by Andy Jalwan and seconded by Rocco Nero to approved payment of the Bills. Motion passed 9-0.

-----The Board Thanked Treasurer Mark McGuire For His Report/Work-----

President Brian Banfield, proceeded to the next item on the Agenda---Board Committee Reports.

Committee Reports included the following:

- OHSAA State Board of Directors Representatives—Paul Powers and Rhonda Rickelman Report—January 18 & 19, 2017 State Board—Work Session and Board Meeting.  
OHSAA Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross Back Full Time Following Sick Leave  
Couple State Legislative Items/Updates—Cardiac Arrest Training Required  
College Credit Plus Students; Opportunity To Participate; Practices—After 7p.  
Arbiter System—Is Frustrating For Many Users—Assistance Is Available  
Competative Balance Is Ready For Implementation Fall 2017.  
OHSAA—Chief Financial Officer Will Report To The Board of Directors  
Member Schools Serving As Host Sites Have Tournament Operation Responsibilities  
Ron Knight, Past N.E. District & OHSAA State Board Member-NED Adm. of Officials,  
To Be Honored @ 2017 State BBK Tournament---NFHS Outstanding Service Award
  
- State District Athletic Board Review Committee will met again on February 21, 2017.  
Items Under Discussion Include—Tournament Formats Across The State,  
Home Sites For Sectionals, Online Seeding Procedures and Policies On Passes To Events.
  
- Finance Committee reported they met and reviewed the Status Of the NED--2016-17 Budget. No recommendation at this time on paybacks to member schools for a couple reasons—First off there are still 17 Soccer Tournament Reports and 2 Volleyball Tournament Reports due from the 2016 Fall Sports Tournament Season.  
Secondly There is a need to look at Office Equipment Upgrades for the Secretary and Treasurer.  
The Secretary's Copy Machine is 10 years old and in need of some major repairs at this time. The Treasurer's Office Equipment needs to be inventoried for any needed updating, etc.  
The Finance Committee will meet following the winter tournament season and review the aforementioned items, the 2016-17 Budget and tournament revenues, etc.
  
- Officials Committee Chairman Paul Powers reported all is well in the officiating department at this time. Tournament Managers are in the process of recording Officials Assignments for Winter Tournaments.
  
- Tournament Committee Chairman Jeff Cassella reported that Winter Tournament Assignments are all approved/set and he is currently monitoring entries and withdrawals for Winter Tournaments as the OHSAA Office reports those changes/updates to him.
  
- There was discussion on the protocol for assignment of schools/teams to tournaments based on geography even if there are adjustments made between reclassification cycles. The Board reiterated that geography is the main determining/guiding factor which they will continue to use in all Sports Sectional/District Tournament Assignments.
  
- The Board also discussed implementation of NCAA Bracketed Seeding beginning this spring in the sports of Baseball and Softball. The Committee will meet early in February to discuss what guidelines are needed for Tournament Managers to implement this change.

-----There was some discussion regarding Tournament Managers being present and accessible during the District Tournament Event especially where there are multiple events occurring at the same time. The Board President and Tournament Committee Chairman will follow up on this concern and report any needed adjustments back to the Board.

-----The 2017 Winter Sports Tournament Sites and Managers along with the Team/School Assignments were approved at the October 26, 2016 N.E.D. Board Meeting with the proviso that last minute—necessary changes or updates could be approved by the Tournament Chairman. Also, any last minute changes/updates should be communicated via email between meetings and shared with the Board.

-----Once the Tournament Season is in progress, the Board President is the only one who can authorize any adjustments or changes in the Tournament Schedule due to weather and or unavoidable conflicts. The Board via email should be made AWARE OF ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS/CHANGES.

-----With the Home Site Tournament Structure in Boys & Girls Basketball it is highly recommended that the Member School AD's attend the Drawing/Seeding Meetings On February 5<sup>th</sup>—Girls Basketball and February 12<sup>th</sup>—Boys Basketball and be made aware of the arrangements and protocol of hosting a "Tournament Event" which is not a regular season "Home Game".

-----The Board Discussed Again Briefly Using Sports Coordinators/Liaison for Various Sports To Help Facilitate Tournament Operations. This Program Could Operate As A Pilot Venture To Get A Read on Function, Value, etc., and If Sustained Determine Selection, Specified Role-- {Job Description} and Compensation/Stipend Level. Thanks To Rhonda Rickelman for putting together and sharing a flow chart for the Board to review/study showing how the Coordinator Positions could fit into an Operational Structure.

----Thanks To Chairman Jeff Cassella and The Tournament Committee For Their Work ! ----

There being no further business there was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Steve Watkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:05p. Motion carried 8-0. Paul Powers had to leave early a few minutes before the meeting ended to attend a School Board Meeting at his Home School.

Next Regular Meeting of The Northeast District Board Is Scheduled  
On Monday, March 6, 2017 4:00p.

Northeast District Board and Manager Meetings Are Held/Scheduled At The

Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road, I-77 At Route 18  
Akron, Ohio 44333

Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker, Secretary

Northeast District Athletic Board  
Conference Call Board Meeting—February 15, 2017  
9:00a.

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Banfield @ 9:00a.  
Attending/Participating online were Board Members—Brian Banfield, Jeff Cassella  
Andy Jalwan, Dr. William Nye, Jr. Paul Powers and Secretary Larry Acker.

There was a motion presented by Andy Jalwan and seconded by William Nye, Jr. to  
Approve the Northeast Board Tournament Committee's recommendation to adopt the  
--Bracket Seeding or Seeded Brackets—Procedure, effective with the 2017 Spring Sports  
Season—Baseball and Softball Sectional/District Tournaments. The motion passed 5-0.

It was decided that the Northeast Board Secretary will contact the Presidents of the  
Northeast District Baseball and Softball Coaches Association and let them know that  
The planned change will be in effect/operation this Spring—2017 For Sectional/District  
Tournaments.

The Board will finalize details for implementation at the next Northeast District Board  
Meeting set for Monday, March 6, 2017. There will be an email configured explaining/  
identifying the change and sent to Northeast Ohio High School OHSAA Member School  
Administrators—Especially the Athletic Directors and Principals. There can also be a Media—  
News Release prepared and shared across Northeast Ohio.

The Meeting Was Adjourned At 9:15a. on a Motion by Jeff Cassella and Seconded by Paul  
Powers. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker  
Secretary Northeast District Athletic Board