

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD – OHSAA

AKRON/FAIRLAWN HOLIDAY INN, AKRON, OHIO

Monday May 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sean Jackson @ 4:00p.

Attending the meeting –

Brian Banfield	“AA” Rep.-{Excused}
Jeffrey Cassella	“AAA” Rep.-
Sean Jackson,	Ethnic Minority Rep-
Andy Jalwan	“AAA” Rep-{Excused}-
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—{Excused}	
Ron Knight—Northeast District Administrator of Officials	

There was a motion by Paul Powers seconded by Rocco Nero to approve the meeting Agenda as presented.. Motion Passed 8-0.

There was a motion by Steve Watkins seconded by Jeff Cassella to approve the minutes of the previous {4/19/17}-meeting. Motion Carried 8–0.

Treasurer Mark McGuire Reported The Northeast District Board Bank Balance on April 30, 2017 was \$462,734.05. He noted that there are still Bowling Tournament Entries Due From 5 Schools. Looking at the Monthly Balances Comparing 2015-16 with 2016-17, the Northeast Is down \$35,000. At the end of April, 2017.

There was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Bill Nye to approved the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed 8-0.

There was a motion by Jeff Cassella and seconded by Sean Jackson to approve Payment of the bills. Motion passed 8-0.

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

Vice-President Sean Jackson, 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—The State Board has not met since the Northeast Board's last meeting on April 19th. There was discussion on the letter sent across the State from the Ottawa Glandorf District Superintendent regarding the OHSAA Referendum Issues being voted on by the member School Principals along with rebuttal letter sent from the OHSAA State Board President.
Referendum—Voting and Voting For District Board Members Is Scheduled—May 1st thru 15th.

Thanks To Paul Powers and Rhonda Rickelman For Their Representation/Work !

-----State, District Athletic Board Review Committee met on May 3, 2017.

Items Discussed Included—Tournament Formats Across The State,
Online Seeding & Bracketing Procedures and Policies On Passes To OHSAA Events.

-----Finance Committee—The Finance Committee will Discuss and Review with the Board Sectional/District Tournament fees and costs and recommend appropriate changes for The 2017-18 School Year.

-----Officials Committee Chairman Paul Powers reported all is well in the Officiating Department at this time. Work Was Completed On Officials Assignments for 2017 Spring Sports--- Baseball and Softball. As the Spring Season progresses and tournament games are rescheduled due to weather, Paul Powers and Ron Knight will assist/help Managers with any necessary adjustments.

-----The Board discussed implementation of the Seeded Bracketing process this Spring in the Sports of Baseball and Softball. A Press Release From The Board President, Prepared By The Secretary Was Sent on March 14, 2017--- Announcing This Change— To Members Schools And To NEO Members of The OHSAA Sports Writers Association.

-----Overall it was a Smooth Transition to the Bracketed Seeding process. The Tournament Committee, NEB Secretary and NEB Officials Administrator met on Saturday, April 29.2017 @ 1:30p. in the Paradigm Building at Mentor High School to Finalize the Brackets for the Baseball and Softball Sectional/District Tournaments. Thanks to all who helped with the transition/process and Special Thanks to Web Master Gene Zimmerly who handled the communicating, protocol and posting for the Baseball and Softball online seeding process which predicated the Bracketed Seeding process.

-----Reminder As The Tournament Seasons 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 Shall Be Made Aware Of Any Adjustments/Changes/Updates By Email.

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

The Scholarship Committee met before the Board Meeting and reviewed all OHSAA—Northeast District Scholarship Applications By Classification Groups—“A”, “AA”, “AAA”. The Board decided following the Spring Sports Addendum which are due on or before June 6, 2017, the Scholarship Committee will designate the final candidates who along with their parents will be invited to the Northeast District Scholarship Banquet on June 21, 2017.

Secretary Acker reported that the final registration is completed for the 2017 OHSAA—All District Boards Summer Conference scheduled June 11th through June 13th in the Southeast District—Ohio University Inn, Athens, Ohio.

There being no further business there was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Steve Watkins to adjourn the meeting at 6:10p. Motion carried 8-0

The Summer Work Meeting of The Northeast District Board Is Scheduled
On Tuesday June 20th and Wednesday June 21st, 9:00a. to 4:00p.
At The Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road, I-77 At Route 18
Akron, Ohio 44333

Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker, Secretary