

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD – OHSAA

Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn
4073 Medina Road Akron, Ohio 44333

Wednesday October 18, 2017, 3:00p.

The meeting was called to order by President Sean Jackson @ 3:00p.

Attending The Meeting –

Brian Banfield	“AA” Rep.-
Jeffrey Cassella	“AAA” Rep.-
Sean Jackson,	Ethnic Minority Rep—President
Andy Jalwan	“AAA” Rep--
Rocco Nero,	“A” Rep.-
William Nye	“A” Rep.-
Paul Powers	“AA” Rep.-State Bd. Rep.—State Pres.
Rhonda Rickelman	Female Rep--State Bd. Rep. & Vice Pres.
Steve Watkins	7/8 Grade Representative
Secretary-- Larry Acker	Treasurer-- Mark McGuire

--Ron Knight—Northeast District Administrator of Officials—

There was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Rhonda Rickelman to adopt the Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion passed 9-0.

There was a motion by Steve Watkins and seconded by Brian Banfield to approve the minutes of the previous {9/11/17}-Meeting. Motion Carried 9–0.

Treasurer Mark McGuire Reported The Northeast District Board Bank Balance on September 29, 2017 was \$343,273.91. He reported that the 2017 Fall Golf and Girls Tennis financial reports are done. There are 4 outstanding checks yet to be cashed for the 2016-17 school year. It has been advised that a savings account be set up for \$200,000. of the account balance in order to guarantee insurance coverage for NEDAB funds.

There was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Sean Jackson to approve the Treasurer's Report and Payment of the Bills. Motion passed 9-0.

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

Board and Committee Reports included the following:

State Board Meeting Report— The State Board of Directors Met on Thursday, September 21, 2017; a work session meeting was held Wednesday, September 20, 2017. There was discussion and a presentation on OHSAA technology operations and use of myohsaa and arbiter across the State.

There was discussion on the cost/expense--{\$50,000. To \$75,000.}-- of the OHSAA Foundation Leadership Conference held in September in Columbus, Ohio. There was a Motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Rhonda Rickelman that the Northeast Board contribute \$3000. toward the expense of the 2017 Conference. Motion passed 9-0.

The next OHSAA Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017 @ 9:00a.

Thanks To NEO—State Board Representatives; Paul Powers, State Board President and Rhonda Rickelman, State Board Vice President For Their Representation/Work !

-----OHSAA District Athletic Board Review Committee will meet on October 25, 2017., NEB Rep. Bill Nye shared that planned discussions to center on efforts to normalize or standardize tournaments across the State as seeding procedures and other operational protocol seems to vary considerably.

Items before this committee include—Tournament Formats Across The State, Online Seeding & Bracketing Procedures and Policies On Passes To OHSAA Events.

-----Finance Committee—The Finance Committee reviewed briefly the Sectional/District Tournament fees/costs changes as the 2017-18 School Year. Online seeding program fees for 2017-18 are arranged/set season by season. The actual costs are \$600. for Fall Tournaments and \$600. For Winter Tournaments. The Finance Committee plans to meet prior to the start of the 2018 Winter Sports Tournaments— to determine if any adjustments are needed for the fees and tournament operational costs.

-----The Officiating Committee reported that Fall Tournament Officiating Assignments were completed well ahead of the fall, 2017 tournament season. Ron Knight and Paul Powers both worked on coordinating the work. The committee will schedule-- “work sessions” --during Christmas Break to do the Winter Sports Tournament Officials' Assignments.

-----The NEDAB Tournament Committee Chairman, Jeff Cassella presented the Committee's Work on the 2018 NEO Winter Sports Tournament Sites and Managers and Team/School Assignments. This information was reviewed by the Board in detail—Sport by Sport and updated as needed to include the Managers contact information. Thanks to the Committee for much time spent and extra work especially with the re-classification year— Involving numerous changes and updates.

The matter of considering---in Boys—D—1 Basketball District Finals Only---District Championship Games—all 6 Districts being scheduled/played at CSU on Friday March 9th and Saturday March 10th—was discussed at length. The board did not decide to pursue this 6 District Finals Venue at this time for numerous concerns and reasons. There may however be 1 or possibly 2 District Final Games scheduled away from the named District Site depending on teams and fan base of finalists. The Board Will Consider/Review That Matter Should A Scenario Arise.

There was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Bill Nye to approve the 2018 Winter Tournament Sites, Team/School Assignments and Managers as presented/recommended and updated by the Tournament Committee. Motion passed 9-0.

The 2017 NEO Winter Tournament Sites, Managers, and Team/School Assignments will be posted on the NEDAB Web Site in a couple days—once all contact information is reviewed/verified/updated.

There was brief discussion on the matter of Sectional/District Tournament groupings by geography as several-- “AAA” D-1 Soccer Coaches-- have expressed concern on the level of competition variance from Tournament Site to Tournament Site. With the NED having the largest number of schools and being spread over 14 counties, travel becomes an issue—costs/expenses and time involved with travel on week nights especially if another or different format were to be considered.

The board suggested/recommended that Coaches and or Athletic Administrators having any concerns with respect to NEO Sectional/District Tournament structure, operations and management should channel their communications to their respective Building Principal.

The NEO High School Principals are the Administrators/Individuals to whom the NEDAB and OHSAA—State Board are responsible according to the OHSAA Constitution. The Principals Are the ones who vote on the selection of District Board Members and on OHSAA Constitution issues—changes and updates.

There being no further business there was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Steve Watkins to adjourn the meeting at 5:50p. Motion carried 9-0

Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker, Secretary, Northeast District Athletic Board