

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD – OHSAA

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Wednesday, September 30 , 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Borchik @ 4:00p.

Attending the meeting –

Brian Banfield “AA” Rep.-

Jim Borchik, ”AAA” Rep.-

Jeffrey Cassella “AAA” Rep.-

Sean Jackson, Ethnic Minority

Rocco Nero, “A” Rep.-

William Nye, “A” Rep.-

Paul Powers “AA” Rep.-

Rhonda Rickelman Female Rep.-

TBA 7/8 Grade Representative

Secretary-- Larry Acker

Treasurer-- Mark McGuire

Also Attending Were- Al Lopez, Treasurer Emeritus
Genne Zimmerly, Web Master
7/8 Grade Position Candidate -Steve Watkins

There was a motion by Bill Nye seconded by Jeff Cassella to approve the meeting agenda as presented.. Motion passed 8-0.

There was a motion by Paul Powers seconded by Rocco Nero to approve the minutes of the previous {6/24/15}-meeting. Motion carried 8–0.

Treasurer Mark McGuire presented a brief financial report and indicated there was still the State OHSAA’s share of the Basketball Tournament receipts to be paid to the State Office. The Northeast Board’s Checking Account Balance on 8/31/15 was \$560,643.06. Since 238 Northeast District/ OHSAA Member Schools were paid \$1000. each, the Bank Checking Balance is now--\$348,360.53.

The Board proceeded to approve the Treasurer’s report and payment of the bills. There was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Paul Powers to approve the payment of the bills. Motion passed 8-0.

President Borchik indicated that the 2015-16 Northeast Board Standing Committees are now finalized and posted on the NEDAB Web Site.

Committee Reports included the following:

- State District Athletic Board Review Committee will meet on October 20, 2015.
- Finance Committee reported that two new changes/initiatives have been put in place for this school year—A Ticket Manager and New Coordinator of Officiating Assignments.
- Officiating Committee reported that the assignments for Fall Sports Tournaments have been completed and are in the hands of the Tournament Managers.
- Tournament Committee reported that changes/updates—tournament entries and withdrawals seem to be ongoing—Chairman Jeff Cassella receives updates daily as changes are verified and reported by the State OHSAA Office.

Fall Sports Sectional/District Tournaments— This is the first year of reclassification so there are a number of changes in the sectional/district tournament configuration—sites and team assignments. There are also several new Tourney Managers due to retirements and per usual a number of changes in Athletic Director positions across the Northeast District.

Fall Sports Tournament Sites and Sectional/District Tournament Managers are all set with updates and contact information posted on the NEDAB Web Site.

The Tournament Committee and Northeast Board wishes to Thank N.E.Board Member Rhonda Rickelman for her help/work on organizing and updating the 2015 Fall Tournament Manager Guidelines for each sport!

Following a lengthy discussion and review of the cost/expense of hosting a Sectional or conducting a District Soccer Tournament event, the Board approved setting \$300 as the flat fee for Sectional Soccer and \$650 as the fee allowance for conducting a District Soccer event. Motion by Jeff Cassella and seconded by Rocco Nero. Motion passed 8-0.

President Borchik distributed a listing of the 2015 Northeast District Soccer Drawing/Seeding Meetings and Board Member Assignments for those Draw Meetings on October 11, 2015 @ 2p.

Following a lengthy discussion and review of the 2015 Sectional/District Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament format in view of arrangements and format for the 2016 Basketball Sectional/District Tournaments. It was decided there will no longer be “Blended Districts and no “Split Sectionals”. Home Site Sectionals will continue with the Game Site Sectionals going to the higher seeded teams which will continue through the Sectional Tourney Level. District Tournament Games—Semi-Finals and Final Games will be played on a Neutral Pre-Determined Site selected and approved by the Northeast District Board. Motion by Jim Borchik and seconded by Bill Nye. Motion passed 7-1.

---{Discussion included a review of the survey sent to NEO Member School Administrators}---

The Board received a “Thank You” from the Ed Wolfe Family. A \$250. Memorial Gift in memory of Ed Wolf was sent to: St. Ignatius High School. Mr. Wolfe was a Northeast District Tennis Tournament Manager for 35 years and he passed away in July,2015.

Steve Watkins, Principal of Chippewa Middle School, Doylestown, Ohio was nominated by the Board to fill the 7/8 Grade open position on the Northeast District Athletic Board.

There was a Motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Brian Banfield. Motion passed 8-0.

The State Board of Directors will need to approve/ratify this recommendation at their October Board Meeting.

Paul Powers—Northeast Board Vice President and OIAAA President Elect discussed with the Board, the process of transitioning from the myohsaa system to arbitrator which will likely take another school year.

Secretary Larry Acker reported to the Board that a State Committee has been formed to discuss, review and develop a OHSAA Commissioner Succession Plan. The plan when completed will be available to the State Board of Directors for their reference and or use when or if the OHSAA Commissioner's position becomes open in the future due to retirement and or resignation, etc.

There being no further business there was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Brian Banfield to adjourn the meeting at 6:15p. Motion carried 8-0

Next Regularly Scheduled Northeast District Board Meeting—December 5, 2015—7:15a.
{Columbus, Ohio—During State Football Playoffs}

Northeast District Board and Manager Meetings Are Held At The
Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn, 4073 Medina Road, I-77 At Route 18
Akron, Ohio 44333

Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker, Secretary