

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD – OHSAA

Holiday Inn—4073 Medina Road,I-77@ Route 18

Akron, Ohio 44333

Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Gabor @ 4:00 p.m.

Attending the meeting –

John Ault, “AA” Rep.  
Jim Borchik, ”AAA” Rep.  
Howard Friend, “A” Rep.  
Dale Gabor, “AAA” Rep.  
Lynn Gotthardt, Female Rep.  
Bill Koppel, 7/8 Grade. Rep.  
Rocco Nero, “A” Rep.  
Bill Schumacher,”AA” Rep.  
Phil Stevens, Ethnic Minority Rep.

Treasurer Al Lopez and Secretary Larry Acker  
District Officials’ Committee Secretary, Fred Vicarel  
NEOIAAA , Paul Powers  
District Boards’ Committee/Officials Liaison, Ron Knight

There was a motion by Lynn Gotthardt seconded by Phil Stevens to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried 9– 0.

There was a motion by Bill Koppel seconded by Jim Borchik to approve the minutes from the previous [11/29/08] meeting –correction; basketball draw/seed meetings set for February 1<sup>st</sup>[Girls] and 8<sup>th</sup>[Boys] @ 2p. Motion carried 9 – 0.

Financial reports through October 31, 2008 as listed below were presented and reviewed by Treasurer Al Lopez.

October 31, 2008 – Northeast District Board

Checking Account	\$40,976.35
Savings Account	\$7,371.12
Certificate of Deposit	\$34,142.07 [1 <sup>st</sup> PI Bank)
Certificate of Deposit	\$74,296.86 [Chase Bank]
Net Assets	\$156,786.40
DOC Checking Account	\$18,217.76

There was a motion by Bill Schumacher and a seconded by John Ault to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion passed 9-0.

There was a review of the check listing and bills to be authorized for payment. Treasurer Lopez announced and recommended that the board authorize IRS mileage rates for 2009 be set @ \$.50 per mile round trip for tourney managers and \$.55 per mile round trip for board members and coordinators employed by the board. Howard Friend moved and Jim Borchik seconded a motion to authorize mileage reimbursement rates for 2009 and pay the bills. Motion passed 9 – 0.

Northeast Board of Directors representative Rocco Nero and 7/8 grade representative Bill Koppel commented very briefly on several follow--up state level items.

- State Board Committees – Progress/Updates Reviewed  
{Jr. Hi., Divisional Alignment, End of Season/Summer, Tourney Set-Up's}
- Legislative Issues Pending Were Reviewed
- OHSAA Contract Option Approved For State F.B. Tournament ---  
{State Football Playoffs--Stark County, 2009 & 2010}
- Foundation/Service Week—140 Events--{\$140,000.00}
- Coaching Education---Education Academy  
{Clarification Needed With Respect To Costs,Expenses,Profits,etc.}

Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled on January 15, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m. in Columbus.

President Dale Gabor reviewed briefly updates on the list of scheduled dates/times of district board meetings, manager's meetings, tourney draw/seed dates and state tournament events.

Howard Friend announced that the Finance Committee conducted 11 tournament audits during the month of November mostly in the eastern portion of the district – Mahoning/Trumbull County. The next area of the district scheduled for audits is the northwestern part of the district—Cuyahoga, Lorain and Summit `Counties.

A recommendation to change the practice of providing a gate ticket bonus in the amount of \$.50 for each ticket sold at the gate in lieu of the host school/site charging for parking was presented and reviewed with the board as follows:

1. For 2008-09 Tourney Sites Hosting Basketball and Wrestling at Middle Schools/High Schools will receive a parking reimbursement bonus of \$.25 for each ticket sold at the gate.
2. For 2009-10 Tourney Sites Hosting Volleyball, Basketball and Wrestling[any NED Tournaments] at Middle Schools/High School will not charge nor receive any reimbursement bonus for parking.

3. The Northeast District Board discourages---does not support charging for parking at sectional and district tournaments. Further any site that chooses to charge for parking or any site that is required by municipal agreement to charge for parking must notify the District Board in writing of the arrangement prior to the start of the tournament.
4. Maximum for any parking fee to be charged unless dictated otherwise by municipal agreement is \$2.00 and it is required to post for the public where any parking fees go—eg., municipality, boosters, school activity group, etc.
5. All OHSAA tournament financial reports--costs, expenses are reviewed annually and if any host site's operational expenses exceed the average cost basis, the board has the option of relocating any tournament to another site for the following year.

Following discussion by the board there was a motion by Howard Friend and seconded by Rocco Nero to adopt the recommended guidelines on parking charges and reimbursement effective January 1, 2009. Motion passed 9-0.

Tournament regulations will be updated as necessary to reflect the above changes.

Phil Stevens reported that assignment of officials for the basketball tournaments is progressing with the dedicated assistance of the board's officials committee following an In-service conducted by Brenda Murray on December 15, 2008, at Norwayne High School. He also announced that December 15<sup>th</sup> was the date set by the State for posting of the officials eligible for tournament assignments. Actual playing dates for all winter tournaments are being confirmed with the respective managers and the officials committee will proceed with the assignment process.

Mike Kovach is handling the assignment of the wrestling tournament officials and he is assisting/working electronically to help confirm all of the brackets—playing dates and times for basketball and wrestling.

Dale Gabor again reviewed tournament sites and assignments for the 2009 winter sectional/district tournaments including basketball, bowling, gymnastics, swimming and diving and wrestling. There will be minor adjustments as schools are continually entering and or withdrawing especially in the individual sports – gymnastics and swimming. Swimming managers will be the same as last year and some sites will have more than 1 session due to more total participants. Web Site listings are up-to-date.

Bill Schumacher[Girl's Basketball] and Jim Borchik [Boy's Basketball] presented a proposal whereby the tournament draw/seed meetings for Boy's and Girl's Basketball can be scheduled in 4/5 regions of the district simultaneously on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>; 2p., which is the time set across the State for these meetings. The plan will reduce travel and will still allow for at least one district board representative to attend each draw/seeding meeting.

Once all site and host locations are confirmed/finalized, the district board secretary will e-mail this information to all of the basketball tournament managers for their reference and planning.

In the area of Website operations it was noted that bracket information was gathered for winter sports – basketball and wrestling, to facilitate the officials' assignment process. Web site Coordinator Genne Zimmerly indicates bracket information following the respective tournament draw/seeding meetings would be doable given the technical protocol necessary. Mike Kovach, Phil Stevens Brenda Murray and Genne Zimmerly will need to collaborate on and discuss the specifics prior to the managers' meetings in January and the draw meetings then in early February.

Brenda Murray has indicated that she would like to attend the manager's meetings in January to present a mini in-service on recording and reporting various pieces of the tournament operations electronically. Arrangements will be made with the Holiday Inn for an electronic display screen to aide in this presentation and subsequent processes.

Fred Vicarel reported that the next District Officials Appeals Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13,2009, @ 5:30p. The next meeting of the District Officials Secretary's is Sunday, February 15,2009, @ 1p. in Rootstown.[Medical College]

Paul Powers announced that he will become President of the NEOIAAA next year[August.2009]. He also inquired regarding the history/status of a representative of the NEOIAAA attending the Northeast District Board meetings. It was stated that years back the District Board was comprised of Principals and Superintendents and the NEOIAAA desired to have a representative attend the meetings to share pertinent information with the NEOIAAA executive board and or members. In recent years there have been Athletic Administrators/Directors elected to the board, thus the need for an additional NEOIAAA member attending district board meetings can be evaluated.by the NEOIAAA.

Anyone from a member school is invited to attend Northeast District Board Meetings. If anyone desires to have an item placed on the agenda, please contact the President at least one week in advance of the scheduled meeting. A schedule of meetings and any changes or updates are posted along with minutes following each meeting on the district web site—[www.nedab.org](http://www.nedab.org).

The next meeting of the Northeast District Board is set for Tuesday, January 13, 2009-- lunch is planned for 1p.; the business meeting begins at 2p. at The Fairlawn/Akron Holiday Inn ,4073 Medina Road ,I-77 Route 18,Akron,OH. 44333.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.with a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Bill Koppel. Motion carried 9` – 0.

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Respectfully submitted by Secretary Larry Acker

