

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

East Lansing, August 10, 2010

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Karen Leinaar, Benzonia  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility – The Executive Committee reviewed its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as “it was alleged” or “it was reported,” no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on “environment,” demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The contract the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is approved must be eligible in all other respects under all sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the post-season tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school’s board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Summary of 2009-10 Waivers – During the 2009-10 program year, there were 500 (versus 540 in 2008-09, 524 in 2007-08, 448 in 2006-07, 518 in 2005-06, 436 in 2004-05, 355 in 2003-04 and 408 in 2002-03) requests by member schools to waive regulations, of which 366 (419 in 2008-09, 396 in 2007-08, 326 in 2006-07, 387 in 2005-06, 297 in 2004-05, 24 in 2003-04 and 215 in 2002-03) were approved by the Executive Committee. Of the total, 320 (354 in 2008-09, 372 in 2007-08, 282 in 2006-07, 276 in 2005-06, 295 in 2004-05, 232 in 2003-04 and 291 in 2002-03) requests involved the transfer regulation, of which 217 were approved (263 in 2008-09, 275 in 2007-08, 198 in 2006-07, 204 in 2005-06, 196 in 2004-05, 144 in 2003-04 and 130 in 2002-03).

Rationale for Transfer Regulation – The following rationale for the transfer regulation, first established by the Executive Committee on Aug. 6, 1985 and last reviewed Aug. 11, 2009, was reaffirmed:

- a. The rule tends to insure equality of competition in that each school plays students who have been in that school and established their eligibility in that school.
- b. The rule tends to prevent students from "jumping" from one school to another.
- c. The rule prevents the "bumping" of students who have previously gained eligibility in a school system by persons coming from outside the school system.
- d. The rule tends to prevent interscholastic athletic recruiting.
- e. The rule tends to prevent or discourage dominance of one sport at one school with a successful program, i.e., the concentration of excellent baseball players at one school to the detriment of surrounding schools through transfers and to the detriment of the natural school population and ability mix.
- f. The rule tends to create and maintain stability in that age group, i.e., it promotes team stability and team work expectation fulfillment.
- g. The rule is designed to discourage parents from "school shopping" for athletic purposes.
- h. The rule is consistent with educational philosophy of going to school for academics first and athletics second.
- i. It eliminates family financial status from becoming a factor on eligibility, thus making a uniform rule for all students across the state of Michigan (i.e., tuition and millage considerations).
- j. It tends to encourage competition between nonpublic and public schools, rather than discourage that competition.
- k. It tends to reduce friction or threat of students changing schools because of problems they may have created or because of their misconduct, etc.

Bath and Lansing Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 849 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Bath sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Central Michigan Athletic Conference was provided.

Benzonia-Benzie Central, Buckley, Kingsley, Leland, Maple City-Glen Lake, Onekama, Traverse City Christian and Traverse City-College Prep Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its Sept. 9 meeting a partially completed application to form a cooperative program in ice hockey between these seven schools whose combined enrollment of 1,848 students would place a team in the Division 2 tournament. Benzie Central, Kingsley, Glen Lake, Traverse City-College Prep and Traverse City Christian sponsored ice hockey previously in a cooperative program which has dissolved. Benzie Central would be the primary school. Support from the six future opponents has been received. Forms from Traverse City Christian have not been received.

Berkley and Ferndale High Schools (Regulation I, Sections 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its Sept. 9 meeting a partially completed application for a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,207 students will place a team in the Division 1 tournament. Berkley sponsored ice hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Conference has not been received.

Highland-Milford and White Lake-Lakeland High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls gymnastics between these two schools of the same district whose combined enrollment is 3,318 students. Both schools sponsored gymnastics previously. Highland-Milford will be the primary school. The Kensington Lakes Activities Association submitted support for the program.

Howell and Fowlerville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – A request was made to allow a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who participated in a cooperative agreement in 2007-08 and 2008-09 as a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grader to continue to participate in this girls swim cooperative program between these two schools which has been dissolved because it was in excess of the 3,500-student limit. The student did not participate and was not on the roster for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade due to surgery. If approved, Howell would continue participation in Division 1, using the combined enrollment figures for classification purposes until the student graduates at the end of this school year (2010-11).

On April 21, 2010, the Executive Committee approved a request to allow one current male 9th-grade student the opportunity to continue participation until graduation in 2013 in a cooperative agreement in boys swimming & diving between Howell and Fowlerville High Schools which was dissolved because the combined enrollment for 2010-11 will be 3,624 students and was in excess of the 3,500-student limit. The girls swim agreement was also dissolved in March 2010.

The boys swimming agreement originally included Hartland High School which was made to dissolve in the 2007-08 school year when the 3,500-student limit was first in effect. The girls agreement only included Howell and Fowlerville and was not impacted until 2010-11. Howell High School's enrollment has increased from 2,461 students in 2009-10 to 2,706 students for 2010-11. Fowlerville High School's enrollment has declined from 953 students to 928 students.

Noting that this student participated in the cooperative program for two seasons prior to missing last season for medical reasons, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this student for the 2010 girls swimming & diving season.

Ishpeming and Republic-Michigamme High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls basketball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 294 students will continue placement of one team in the Class C tournament. Both schools sponsored girls basketball previously; Ishpeming will be the primary school. Support from the Mid-Peninsula Conference was submitted.

L'Anse, Baraga and Iron River-West Iron County High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than Sept. 9 a partially completed application to add West Iron County to a cooperative agreement in ice hockey which has existed between L'Anse and Baraga and whose combined enrollment of 691 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. L'Anse would continue as the primary school. Support from the five future opponents has been received, but the application is not complete from Baraga.

Manistee, Manistee-Catholic Central and Traverse City-St. Francis High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – Because support was lacking from the league and signatures were missing from one of the schools, the Executive Committee tabled until not later than its Sept. 9 meeting an application to add Traverse City-St. Francis to a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing which has existed between Manistee and Catholic Central and whose combined enrollment of 866 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Manistee High School would continue as the primary school.

Frankfort High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A late request to waive the maximum enrollment and competitions portions of the eligibility regulation is made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2006 -07 school year at East Grand Rapids High School but only earned 1.5 credits while his parents were undergoing a divorce. In 2007-08, the student moved to the residence of his grandparents where he was enrolled in six consecutive semesters, but participated for only two years in athletics because he did not pass 20 credit hours in a prior semester. The student's grades have improved.

The Executive committee noted that the student has been enrolled in eight semesters since beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and did not approve the request for waiver.

Greenville High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who enrolled in his fifth year of high school since beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2006-07 school year at Muskegon Technical Academy. The student lived with an aunt in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and attended Rockford High School. The student then moved to his father in Greenville for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who enrolled in classes to begin the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2006-07 school year at a residential treatment facility where courses were credited through East Kentwood Public Schools. The student left the facility and entered Wyoming-Rogers High School for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade; then Vassar Alternative Education and Allendale High School for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The student began the 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Allendale before moving in with a foster family in the Lakeview School District and enrolled at Lakeview High School for his eighth semester in December 2009.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Adrian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Lenawee Christian High School, participated in athletics and changed schools for personal reasons, enrolling at Adrian High School on March 22, 2010.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school). The student attended Brighton High School for grades 9-11, recently completed a residential program in Utah and has returned to his parents' residence in Brighton (exception 2) which is two miles closer to the all-male Novi-Detroit Catholic Central than to Gabriel Richard High School which is the closest coed Catholic high school to the student's home.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student played on a school lacrosse team at Canton-Salem High School which the school considered a club team.

Noting that the team's website lists the student on its interscholastic team, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents are both in the Air Force stationed in Germany. The student previously lived with both parents and attended the Department of Defense School in Germany for the 2009-10 school year. The mother has finished her deployment and will be returning to Battle Creek with the student, who will be reenrolling at Central High School to begin the 2010-11 school year. The father will remain in Germany to finish his tour of duty.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bronson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose mother abandoned the student early in life and the student resided with a guardian since 2003 and attended Bronson Schools from the 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades. In the fall of 2009, the student and an older sister were contacted by an older brother who encouraged them to move to Ohio with his family. The student was in a neglectful and unhealthy environment in Ohio and was directed to leave by his brother's wife. The older sister and student returned to Bronson, enrolling to begin the 2010-11 school year. The guardian has undergone a divorce, is raising one child and is no longer able to financially house both siblings. A family in Bronson has agreed to take the student into their home.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Caro High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence). The student previously attended Brooklyn-Columbia Central High School while living with his divorced father and has moved into the residence of his mother in the Cass City School District. A sibling, who has continuously lived with the mother, has attended Caro Community Schools since 2002. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Caro High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Cass City High School and has changed schools due to internal conflicts. Cass City and Caro are in a cooperative program in girls swimming in which the student would like to participate. The student was not a team member in any previous season. Support from the former school was submitted.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Charlevoix High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On June 16, 2010, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Ellsworth High School, participated in athletics, and whose father is changing jobs over the summer of 2010. The student intended to enroll at Charlevoix High School in February 2010 in anticipation of the father's job change. Due to issues involving an Ellsworth teacher in late February, the father decided it best that the student not transfer at that time but complete the school year at Ellsworth. Additional information was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Croswell-Lexington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents divorced six years ago and whose father died in September 2008 when the student was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The birth mother's whereabouts are unknown. When the father died, the student moved from Shelby Township to live with an older stepsister in Port Huron and attended Port Huron High School for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. The student has now moved to the residence of his father's first wife in Lexington who is the birth mother of the older stepsister.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Elsie—Ovid-Elsie High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Livonia-Churchill High School while residing with her divorced father. The student began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Ovid-Elsie in the 2008-09 school year before moving to her father's home in Livonia as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader, completing an Educational Transfer Form in November 2009. In the spring of 2010, the home environment worsened and it was determined that the student would finish the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Churchill, return to the mother's home and reenroll at Ovid-Elsie to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request to utilize the Educational Transfer Form a second time.

Ewen-Trout Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Ewen-Trout Creek before enrolling at Watersmeet at the end of the first semester of 2009-10 due to a four-day school schedule change and overexertion at Ewen-Trout Creek which affected her health and grades. The student intends to reenroll at Ewen-Trout Creek to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Flint-Kearsley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously lived in Florida and then attended Charlotte High School for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade while residing with his father. The student's mother died when he was three, the father remarried and the student has conflicted with the stepmother for some time. The father has recently given permission for the student to live with his grandmother in the Kearsley School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Fraser High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade siblings who previously attended Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian High School, participated in athletics and are changing schools due to organizational and academic concerns. The family has lived in Fraser for 17 years.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Forest Hills Public Schools for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades before enrolling at Grand Rapids-Catholic Central to begin the 9<sup>th</sup> grade because the mother was in a near fatal auto accident. The student lives in the Grand Rapids-Creston attendance area and was driven to school at Forest Hills by the mother. The student has not done well academically and wishes to enroll at Forest Hills Central High School to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Forest Hills Central High School and participated in girls swimming. Due to actions by classmates, the student intends to enroll at Forest Hills Northern High School to begin the 2010-11 school year. The student's 9<sup>th</sup> grade sister and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade brother will be enrolling in the Spanish immersion program at Forest Hills Northern High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School and will be enrolling at NorthPointe Christian to begin the 2010-11 school year. When the student ended a relationship with a male friend, actions by the Forest Hills Northern student and a friend were considered harassment. The student is changing schools for a new environment.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Ludington High School while residing with her mother. The student has moved in with her father and stepmother and intends to enroll at West Catholic to begin the 2010-11 school year. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted but West Catholic is between two- and four-tenths of a mile further from the new home than Grand Rapids-Catholic Central or NorthPointe Christian High School. The student is a practicing Catholic whose stepbrother attends a West Catholic feeder school. The stepmother and her extended family are all West Catholic alumni. Currently, four cousins attend West Catholic High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hart High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Ludington Schools for the past four years because the family intended to build a home in Ludington. With the poor economy, the family has been unable to sell their home in Hart and the student intends to reenroll at Hart to begin the 2010-11 school year. The grandfather died and the student's father has inherited the family business in Hart. The student's commute from Hart to Ludington has been too difficult.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hudsonville-Freedom Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was adopted from Lithuania in 2006 by a family whose children had previously attended Freedom Christian Schools through elementary. Due to the language barrier, the student first attended Hudsonville Schools in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2007-08 school year with the intent of transferring to Freedom Christian. The student participated in athletics at Hudsonville High School. The student will enroll at Freedom Christian to begin the 2010-11 school year. One sibling graduated in 2010, another is currently an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Freedom Christian.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Hudsonville-Freedom Christian High School and enrolled at Hudsonville High School on March 8, 2010, so as to coincide with the start of the trimester. The student has not participated previously in varsity athletics. The request was for full eligibility in the fall of 2010 as the student plays soccer only. Eligibility approved on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day would take effect the final week of the regular season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver for immediate eligibility but did approve the request for waiver effective with the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment at Hudsonville High School starting March 8, 2010.

Hudsonville-Unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Hudsonville High School and has changed schools to avoid conflicts with peers at Hudsonville High School resulting from pending criminal issues currently under investigation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Jackson-Northwest High School and intends to enroll at Jackson High School because the curriculum has been reduced at Northwest due to finances.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jonesville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Hillsdale High School and who ended a relationship with a boy at that school which led to mental health issues. In January 2010, the student was hospitalized and continues in counseling. A Personal Protection Order taken out against the male student has not prevented contact. The student has been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the sub-varsity level only. The student previously played sports at Portage Central and changed schools due to drug-related issues among other students. The student is interested in a faith-based education and her older brother attends Hackett.

Noting the specific requirement of this Section (no previous participation), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

L'Anse High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Escanaba High School and has moved to the residence of his grandmother who is a teacher in L'Anse. The student needed a fresh start in his life due to home and peer issues at his former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lansing-Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Lansing Catholic High School and enrolled at Eastern High School on March 3, 2010.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment at Eastern High School starting March 3, 2010.

Lansing-Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a second 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Lansing Catholic High School and enrolled at Eastern High School on March 3, 2010.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment at Eastern High School starting March 3, 2010.

Lapeer West High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Davison-Faith Baptist High School and intends to enroll at Lapeer West High School because the former school did not provide computer aided design and a broader curriculum.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lawton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Gobles High School and enrolled at Lawton High School on March 8, 2010.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment at Lawton High School starting March 8, 2010.

Lowell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Lowell High School in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and Kalamazoo Christian for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. The parents are divorced and the student has resided with her mother in Kalamazoo. The father died this summer and the student would like to move closer to a biological brother who resides in Lowell. The student would reside in the Grand Rapids-Northview district with an aunt and uncle and intends to enroll at Lowell.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Maple City-Glen Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A late request to waive the transfer regulation is made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents divorced during the 2009-10 school year and who began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Glen Lake before enrolling at Traverse City West High School in April 2010. The student has now returned to Glen Lake and intends to enroll to begin the 2010-11 school year. The student has lived continuously with her mother, enrolled at Traverse City West in April but did not move between parents.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Maple City-Glen Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A late request to waive the transfer regulation is made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose father is required to reside in Grand Traverse County and who owns a home in the Traverse City School District. The student previously attended Posen High School while living there and has relocated to Traverse City due to the father's job change from Posen to Grand Traverse County. The student prefers to attend Glen Lake High School which is located in Leelanau County.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Negaunee High School while living with both parents and has moved with her mother only to Marquette, enrolling on March 24, 2010.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically the language of exception 2 stating that a student must move to the residence of the parents, or single parent if divorced. The parents never married, and the father is listed on the birth certificate. The student previously attended Milan High School while residing with his grandmother and has moved to the residence of his mother in Monroe.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Mt. Pleasant-Sacred Heart Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose father is a physician who accepted a job with Central Michigan Community Hospital which will commence Oct. 1, 2010, due to contractual obligations with the former hospital. The student is moving with her mother to a residence in Mt. Pleasant, enrolling to begin the 2010-11 school year; the father will join the family Oct. 1, 2010. The student attended a Catholic school in Indiana and will be enrolling at the only Catholic high school in Mt. Pleasant rather than attend one month of school in Indiana.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

North Branch High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Ortonville-Brandon High School until the 11<sup>th</sup>-grade in 2009-10 when his mother moved to Tennessee for employment and his father took to the road as a truck driver. The student moved in with friends to continue at Brandon High School for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. On April 13, 2010, the student moved in with his grandfather in North Branch and enrolled at North Branch High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Oscoda High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously lived with his divorced father in North Carolina and had moved to the residence of an aunt in Oscoda because the father lost his job, his license and is fighting foreclosure on his home. The student's mother has an illness and a bad history with the student and a younger sibling.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Ignace-LaSalle High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended school and lived at the Muskegon River Youth Facility for the past 1½ years. The student has a history of domestic issues with his adopted father, and his mother's whereabouts are unknown. The student has moved into the residence of his biological brother's adopted mother in St. Ignace and will enroll to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Johns High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended school in Alabama while living with his mother, brother, stepfather and stepbrother. The mother has accepted a nursing position in Lansing and will be moving to St. Johns to live with the elderly grandfather whose wife died in June 2009. The stepfather and stepbrother will remain in Alabama until the home is sold. The family home was up for sale on Aug. 7, 2010.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

South Lyon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended South Lyon High School for one week to begin the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2009-10, participated in a preseason scrimmage at South Lyon and then enrolled at Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard for the remainder of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade; ineligible for the first semester. Because the mother's job recently changed, she is unable to drive the student to Ann Arbor. The student is reenrolling at South Lyon to begin the 2010-11 school year. The student missed the fall of her 9<sup>th</sup> grade year and did not participate in athletics the second semester of 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student previously attended Springfield Christian High School which is not a member of the MHSAA. The student has never played organized sports and his 10<sup>th</sup> grade brother is requesting subvarsity eligibility under the same circumstances.

Citing the specific requirement of this Section (for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders only), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Waterford Kettering for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and who changed schools to her school of residence, Waterford Mott, because the father's military assignment is expected to change and may not allow the father to assist in transportation to Waterford Kettering.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Westland-Lutheran High School Westland (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school). For the past seven years, the student lived in Azerbaijan with her parents who are missionaries. The parents will remain in Azerbaijan while the student moves to Livonia and enrolls at Lutheran Westland to begin the 2010-11 school year. The student's previous school ended through the 10<sup>th</sup> grade (Exception 11) but the student is changing residences without her parents to Livonia (exception 63). Livonia-Ladywood High School is the closest nonpublic school; Lutheran Westland is the closest Lutheran school. The student and her mother are Lutheran-Missouri Synod and the student previously attended a Christian elementary school. The student is living with an older niece and her family who have two students attending Lutheran Westland.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level for the following transferring 9<sup>th</sup>- or 10<sup>th</sup>-grade students (after entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade, before completing 10<sup>th</sup> grade) **who have not previously participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in any MHSAA sport at the high school level** (whether MHSAA member schools or not) and who do not qualify for one of the 15 stated exceptions to the transfer regulation and have transferred for reasons having nothing to do with athletics, discipline or family finances and would not require Executive Committee evaluation or comparison of school demographics or curriculum:

Requesting High School	Grade	Former High School	Date of Enrollment	Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status
Ann Arbor-Greenhills	10	Northville	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Leroy-Pine River	10	Rissumeijan Uji, Japan	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Linden	10	Lake Fenton	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Mattawan	10	Paw Paw	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Munising	10	Munising Baptist	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Waterford-OL of the Lakes	10	Springfield Christian	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to 2010-11 *Handbook* Interpretation 258, the following junior high/middle schools were granted waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students to participate with and against 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the sports listed in the 2010-11 school year only.

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Burt Lake-Northern Michigan Christian Academy	all sports	95	7 7 <sup>th</sup> graders 8 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Burton-Faithway	boys basketball, girls volleyball	61	26 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Cooks-Big Bay de Noc	boys & girls basketball	95	40 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Escanaba-Holy Name	boys & girls basketball, girls volleyball	NA	24 7 <sup>th</sup> graders 21 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Hillsdale Academy	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, boys & girls cross country, girls volleyball	71	34 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Litchfield	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, boys & girls cross country, girls volleyball	127	20 7 <sup>th</sup> graders 30 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
McBain- Northern Michigan Christian	boys & girls basketball, girls volleyball, boys soccer	80	16 7 <sup>th</sup> graders 17 8 <sup>th</sup> graders

<b>Junior High/ Middle School</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>	<b>High School Enrollment</b>	<b>Middle School Enrollment</b>
New Era Christian	boys & girls basketball	NA	22 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Powers-North Central	boys & girls basketball	145	29 7 <sup>th</sup> graders 32 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Waldron	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, boys & girls cross country, girls volleyball	119	25 7 <sup>th</sup> graders 24 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Warren-Macomb Christian	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls soccer, girls volleyball, girls softball, baseball	53	25 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Watersmeet	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	58	28 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> graders

Benzonia-Benzie Central and Frankfort Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these schools. An agreement presently exists at the high school level. Benzie Central will be the primary school.

North Muskegon and New Era Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in football. North Muskegon sponsored football previously and would be the primary school. New Era Christian is a new member middle school.

West Branch-Surline and Rose City Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls basketball between these two middle schools of the same district which both sponsored basketball previously. Surline will be listed as the primary school for recording purposes; the team will be designated as the West Branch-Ogemaw Heights Middle School team.

Broadcast Regulations – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved changes to policies regarding TV, radio, Internet and still photography.

Committees – The Executive Committee reviewed, revised and approved membership and meeting dates for MHSAA committees scheduled to meet prior to Jan. 1, 2011.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in East Lansing (with Representative Council meeting Dec. 9).

The Annual Business Meeting of the MHSAA will be in conjunction with the Update Meeting in Comstock Park on Oct. 11, 2010.