

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Steve Newkirk, Clare
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Kris Isom, Adrian
Chris Riker, Portage

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Mark Uyl (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 MHSAA is a private, nonprofit corporation, made up of voluntary membership; it is neither a state agency nor a court of law, and is not bound by any particular legal standard of review or burden of proof when applying its Regulations or while administering an internal appeal. The *MHSAA Handbook* may identify which party bears the burden of proof, depending on the particular situation or if a particular Regulation is at issue. The MHSAA staff, its Executive Committee, or its Representative Council, where appropriate, shall determine whether the circumstances in each situation, as presented to the MHSAA, warrant application or waiver of a particular Regulation or Interpretation. To make that determination, the MHSAA considers what a reasonable person given the same information would decide.

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient 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 vacated.

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 agreement 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 postseason 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 2019-20 Waivers – During the 2019-20 program year, there were 354 requests by member schools to waive regulations (versus 448 in 2018-19, 461 in 2017-18, 420 in 2016-17, 453 in 2015-16, 467 in 2014-15, 449 in 2013-14, 522 in 2012-13, 506 in 2011-12 and 462 in 2010-11). Of those requests, 271 were approved by the Executive Committee (versus 355 in 2018-19, 379 in 2017-18, 350 in 2016-17, 381 in 2015-16, 362 in 2014-15, 345 in 2013-14, 416 in 2012-13, 386 in 2011-12 and 337 in 2010-11). Of the total, 226 requests involved the transfer regulation (versus 315 in 2018-19, 322 in 2017-18, 285 in 2016-17, 291 in 2015-16, 300 in 2014-15, 316 in 2013-14, 338 in 2012-13, 352 in 2011-12 and 320 in 2010-11). Of those involving the transfer regulation, 153 were approved (238 in 2018-19, 253 in 2017-18, 234 in 2016-17, 224 in 2015-16, 213 in 2014-15, 229 in 2013-14, 259 in 2012-13, 265 in 2011-12 and 219 in 2010-11).

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. 1, 2019, 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 teamwork 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.

Freeland, Frankenmuth, Reese, Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central and Saginaw-Valley Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Frankenmuth and Reese to a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) which exists among the other three schools. The combined enrollment of 1,940 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Freeland will continue as the primary school. Support from the Mid Michigan Hockey Conference was submitted.

Mancelona-North Central Academy and Gaylord-St. Mary Cathedral High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – On June 22, 2020, the Executive Committee tabled a request pending further information from the Ski Valley Conference to permit a 12th-grade student from North Central Academy to continue in a newly approved 8-player football cooperative program between Gaylord-St. Mary, Alba and Boyne Falls. The original cooperative program request approved by all four boards of education prior to April 15, 2020, and sent to the Ski Valley Conference and MHSAA, was to add Boyne Falls to this 8-player agreement which existed with Gaylord-St. Mary, Alba and Mancelona-North Central Academy (Boyne Falls had been in a JV-only football coop the year prior). The school requested that this one North Central Academy student who has participated in the program for four years be grandfathered in to allow him to participate in the 2020-21 program, after which North Central Academy would not be involved in the agreement. The enrollment of North Central is 32 students and it would not change the placement of the team in the Division 1 8-player tournament. The three schools' combined enrollment is 174 students; adding 32 North Central students would be a combined enrollment of 206 students and would not affect the placement of the team in the 8-player tournament. MHSAA staff communicated with the president of the Ski Valley Conference regarding this request for this one student to participate in football during the 2020-21 school year.

The Executive Committee approved eligibility for this one North Central Academy student only in the 2020-21 school year.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory and Ortonville-Brandon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 1,429 students will continue placement of one team in the Division 3 tournament. Notre Dame sponsored hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Flint Metro League was submitted.

Portage Northern and Portage Central High Schools Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of ice hockey (varsity only) to a cooperative program between these two schools of the same district which exists in skiing and girls lacrosse. The combined enrollment of 2,608 students will result in one team in the Division 2 tournament. Both schools sponsored hockey previously and had opted to play in Division 2 previously. Portage Northern will be the primary school. Support from the South Central High School Hockey League was submitted.

East Lansing High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A request to waive the age rule was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student (D.O.B. Aug. 29, 2001) who was held back in the 5th grade due to respiratory impairment, asthma and medical conditions and who has cognitive learning disabilities that have qualified the student for special education services in both Texas and Michigan. The student continues under treatment and programming for these health issues while in high school. The student is 5'11", 197 lbs., is two days short of a Sept. 1 birthdate, and does not appear to present a significant risk of injury to himself, teammates or opponents or create a competitive advantage in comparison to teammates and opponents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Memphis High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A request to waive the age regulation was made on behalf of a 19-year-old 12th-grade student (DOB Aug. 4, 2001) who in 2013 (5th grade) was diagnosed with a medical condition as well as a learning disability. The student was under treatment and medication, and left Armada Middle School to attend Imlay City Christian School where he repeated the 5th grade. The student began the 9th grade at Memphis, participated in football for three years and is 5'11" tall and weighs 175 lbs. The student's birthdate is 28 days from September 1. The documentation submitted did not indicate that the student had the condition or disability at the time the waiver was requested.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is returning from a boarding school to live with his parents in the Ann Arbor-Huron attendance area. The student has learning disabilities and will be enrolled in a home building program that is offered in the morning at Pioneer and the afternoon at Huron. The student's learning plan and psychologist recommend the physical hands-on learning activity of the building program be taken in the morning, followed by traditional academic instruction in the afternoon.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Pennfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who struggles with health issues and a learning disability, resulting in two hospitalizations. In the winter of 2019, because the mother was unable to provide for the student's needs, he relocated to a family friend's home in the Pennfield district where he enrolled on Dec. 6, 2019. Because the family friend has a medical condition, the student again relocated to another family that resides outside of the Pennfield district but the student continues enrollment at Pennfield. The student had previously attended Plainwell where he played three years of soccer. Support for eligibility was provided by the soccer coach from the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Birch Run High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation for eligibility in volleyball at the subvarsity level is made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who has been in treatment for a mental health issue since December 2019 while a student at Flushing who participated in JV volleyball. The former school has indicated it was aware of the student's anxiety and supported eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level in volleyball.

Blanchard-Montabella High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who suffers from a medical condition and whose mother lost her job. The student has lived in the Montabella School District and attended Lakeview Schools since the 6th grade. Due to the mother's job loss, transportation to the former school is no longer feasible. The student participated in volleyball during the 2019-20 school year. The school was concerned that with the COVID-19 precautions and potential situations, the student's condition would be stressed.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is moving from his mother's home in Fennville to his father's home in Gobles. The parents never married, and an Educational Transfer Form has been completed. The student will be enrolling at Bloomington because his younger siblings who live with the father are attending Bloomington.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Canton-Plymouth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th- and 11th-grade brothers whose father was killed in military action and have attended Ann Arbor-Father Gabriel Richard through a program sponsored by a veterans association. The organization was not able to fulfill the commitment this year due to COVID-19 and the students intend to enroll at Plymouth to begin the 2020-21 school year. The students previously participated in football at the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Chelsea High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was the subject of harassment by other students at Manchester Schools in the 5th and 9th grade. The family home-schooled the student in grades 6-8 before returning to the former school for the 9th grade, where the harassment continued. The student participated in soccer during the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Coldwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended a non-MHSAA member school, Athens-Factorville Christian, as a 9th-grader in 2019-20. The school has an enrollment of 65 students, mostly in grades K-5. The student participated in three soccer games with a coed team consisting of 7th-12th graders and ten basketball games with 7th-12th grade boys. The teams were more recreational than interscholastic. The student prefers the educational and competitive experience of Coldwater, his school of residence, and will be enrolling to begin the 2020-21 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in boys soccer only after he is withheld from the first three boys soccer matches of the 2020-21 school year. The student is not eligible for boys basketball for the 2020-21 school year.

Dearborn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th- and 11th-grade siblings whose father has recent medical issues and is enrolling all six children in the Dearborn Public Schools for health and economic reasons. The 10th-grade boy previously attended Dearborn-Divine Child and participated in JV football and basketball. The school requested subvarsity eligibility for this student. An 11th-grade girl attended Allen Park-St. Frances Cabrini where she played subvarsity volleyball and basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Dearborn Heights-Annapolis High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-3]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit immediate eligibility or eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who played subvarsity football and wrestling while a student at Dearborn-Divine Child during the 2019-20 school year. The student had attended Annapolis Schools previously, was struggling with a medical condition and could not adapt to his new surroundings and religious teaching.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Galesburg-Augusta High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who participated in two JV football scrimmages during the fall of 2019-20 for Galesburg-Augusta before transferring to Richland-Gull Lake in January 2020. The student has no other high school sports participation. The student left Galesburg after the first semester of the 9th grade due to concerns over another student's mother who has since been removed from the situation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first football game of the 2020-21 school year.

Goodrich High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Fenton and participated in tennis. The student had a difficult academic year in 2019-20. To begin the 2020-21 school year, the student will be enrolling at Goodrich where the father is on staff and can assist more directly in the student's academic progress. The change of schools is not athletic related.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose family is moving to Grand Rapids from Washington State. The student prefers the diverse environment of Grand Rapids Christian. The closest nonpublic school to the new home is North-Pointe Christian which supported of the request for eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Haslett on Nov. 1, 2019, when he moved to the home of his aunt who has two sons attending Haslett. The student has spent summers and most weekends at his aunt's home. The mother is on state assistance and had difficulty caring for the student. The student previously attended Lansing-Sexton while living with his mother and participated in football before enrolling at Haslett. The student did not play any sports at Haslett; he was not eligible for basketball, which he played in the 9th grade at Sexton. On Jan. 23, 2020, limited guardianship was granted to the aunt by the Ingham County Probate Court based on a recommendation from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hazel Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was removed from the father's home in the winter of 2020 while a student at Walled Lake Western due to Child Protective Services intervention. The student returned to his mother's home in Detroit in January 2020 but was unable to reenroll at Hazel Park because their school of choice window was closed. The student enrolled at Ben Carson Academy, which is one block from the student's home. The student participated in four football games at Hazel Park and three-four basketball games at Walled Lake Western during the 2019-20 school year before CPS was involved and he relocated. The parents have never married. The student attended Hazel Park for the 9th grade and first part of the 10th grade.

The Executive Committee approve the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first four football and boys basketball games of the 2020-21 school year.

Hopkins High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose parents were killed in an airplane crash in July 2019 after which the student moved in with an older sister in Cedar Springs, enrolled in the 9th grade and participated in volleyball and basketball. The living situation was a difficult adjustment, and the student has moved in with an aunt in Hopkins where she attended school through the 2018-19 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Houghton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and elements of a full and complete residential change was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose family is building a home in the Houghton School District that will not be completed until December 2020. The family has accepted an offer on the current home in Chassell and will need to vacate the property in the next month or so. Renting a home in Houghton is not an option, so the family will likely live during the interim with a relative who does not live in the Houghton district. The student's sibling has attended Houghton Middle School since January 2020. The student participated in cross country and basketball while a student at Chassell in the 9th and 10th grades.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending submission of further documentation regarding the sale status of the former and future residences.

Laingsburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was the target of bullying and social isolation while in the 8th and 9th grades at Grand Ledge Schools. The student participated in volleyball, basketball and softball at the former school. For mental and emotional safety, the student will be enrolling at Laingsburg to begin the 2020-21 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Livonia-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who played in five baseball scrimmages in February and March 2020 while a student in California before COVID-19 shut down school and sports on March 3, 2020. The student would like to move to his grandfather's home in the Livonia-Stevenson attendance area to assist with the grandfather's medical issues. The parents will remain in California. The student will move to Livonia in mid to late August and intends to enroll at Stevenson to begin the 2020-21 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On May 1, 2020, the Executive Committee did not approve eligibility in football for a request to waive the transfer regulation made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Warren-De La Salle Collegiate for the first semester of the 2019-20 school year. Eligibility in basketball was approved after four games in 2020-21. The student enrolled at Cardinal Mooney in January 2020 because of the environment at his former school. The student participated in football and four basketball games until his withdrawal on Dec. 26, 2019. Significant additional information was submitted that the student had personal health concerns and consulted medical professionals who advised the student to withdraw from his former school immediately. The student was the only member of the football team other than 12th-graders to change schools during the 2019-20 school year and the only player to withdraw from the school at the semester's end. The student has not participated in athletics since December 2019 at either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for eligibility in football.

Mayville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who, along with both his parents, has several preexisting medical conditions which make the family more susceptible to the COVID-19 virus. The family resides in North Branch and the student attended Marlette where he participated in football and basketball during the 2019-20 school year. The student's father became an employee at Mayville in the 2018-19 school year. The request was made to reduce the risk of infection by limiting the family to one school population (Mayville) as opposed to two school populations. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Newaygo High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is moving into the home of foster parents who adopted and care for two of the student's younger brothers. The student is one of ten siblings removed from their biological mother and placed in foster care. The student was in foster care separated from siblings for several years until an aunt adopted him in 2017. The relationship with the aunt has become strained and the student has bounced through several relatives before the aunt and current family agreed to the current arrangement. On May 7, 2020, the student began residing with the foster parents who adopted his brothers and they intend to adopt the student as well. The student previously attended Grand Rapids-Northview and participated in football, wrestling and track & field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A confidential request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was the victim of an incident while a student at Orchard Lake-St. Mary in the winter of 2019-20. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Richmond High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was the subject of harassment, both in person and through electronic media, while a 9th-grader at Armada who participated in soccer. The harassment and conduct were reported to the school. The harassment began in the 8th grade and continued into the summer and fall of 2019. On Nov. 7, 2019, the student received a medical diagnosis and was urged to switch schools. On Nov. 11, 2019, the student went on homebound status at Armada before enrolling at Richmond High School on Dec. 9, 2019.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Joseph-Michigan Lutheran High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Aug. 22, 2018 and Oct. 10, 2019, the Executive Committee approved requests to waive the condition of Interpretation 94 that a boarding school have a minimum enrollment of 25 students. Michigan Lutheran has offered a boarding program since 2014. In previous years, the school has enrolled very close to 25 students. The school had 26 boarding students in the summer of 2018 and notified the MHSAA of its intention to use the Boarding School Exception and file Educational Transfer Forms for all 10th- through 12th-grade incoming domestic boarding school students and international students in any grade, including 9th grade. In August 2019, the school had 21 students boarding on the first day of school and requested its status be allowed to continue as it anticipated reaching 25 boarding students this school year. The transient nature of some of its troubled boarding school students causes the enrollment to fluctuate. Due to COVID-19, it is not likely that the school will reach the minimum 25 students. To provide more private sleeping quarters, the school will only have accommodations for 18-20 students in 2020-21.

The school did reach 25 boarding school students for the 2018-19 school year and 21 students in 2019-20. Six Educational Transfer Forms were processed in 2019-20 for Michigan Lutheran students. The school requested its status as a boarding school continue for 2020-21. The school's total enrollment reported in February 2020 is 118 students. The school has again been licensed by the Department of Education as a boarding school.

The Executive Committee approved the boarding school status for the 2020-21 school year.

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose family moved to the grandparents' home in the Utica Eisenhower attendance area in the summer of 2019 due to the father losing his job in Alabama. The student attended the first semester of the 2019-20 school year and participated in football. The father was offered his job back and the family returned to Alabama at the end of the first semester. The student has a medical condition that was out of control in Alabama and the mother and student are returning to the grandparents' home while the father continues employment in Alabama. The student's medical condition requires that he receive care from the former physician he saw while in Michigan.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-1]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has been diagnosed with three health issues and is under the care of medical professionals. The student's parents were having difficulties, and in the summer of 2019, the student and father moved to Roseville while the mother and siblings remained in Shelby Township. In March 2020, the student and father returned home while the student continued the 2019-20 school year at Warren-De La Salle where the student played 9th-grade soccer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for eligibility at the subvarsity level in soccer.

Traverse City Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was the subject of harassment from the home crowd of her own high school, Traverse City West, on Jan. 17, 2020. The student was then subjected to targeting and harassment on social media. The student was allowed to enroll at Traverse City Central, a school of the same district, on Jan. 24, 2020. The student is currently in counseling and under medical treatment brought on by the incident. The student participated in JV volleyball as a 10th-grader at the former school in 2019-20.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Warren-Regina High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Pontiac-Notre Dame Prep for two years and participated in girls golf. The student prefers the all-girls school atmosphere to the former coed school. The student had been isolated at home for several months and would benefit from interaction with students at her new school.

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 12th-grade student whose father had kidney surgery in the spring of 2020 and is at high risk for COVID-19, causing the student to stay at his uncle's apartment in the Waterford Mott attendance area. The student and father also lived in the Waterford Mott attendance area, but the student began the 9th grade at Waterford Kettering, a school of the same district, where he has played basketball for three years.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti-Arbor Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who brought to the attention of the head girls basketball coach and high school administration an inappropriate relationship between a staff member and student. The staff member was terminated. The student received threatening text messages and social media posts which resulted in a very hostile/bullying and uncomfortable learning and athletic environment while a student at the former school. The student began online learning for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year and will be enrolling at Arbor Prep to begin the 2020-21 school year. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Regulation II, Section 14 (Live Streaming) – The Executive Committee approved proposals regarding live streaming of regular season and MHSAA tournament contests due to spectator limitations in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fowler-Waldron and Fowler-Most Holy Trinity Catholic Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of football (7th and 8th grades combined) to a cooperative agreement in several sports between these two member schools. Neither school sponsored football previously; Waldron will be the primary school.

Litchfield and Coldwater-Pansophia Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) between these two member schools. Litchfield sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. High school cooperative programs currently exist between these two schools in football and track & field.

Manistee Catholic Central and Ludington Area Catholic Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two member middle schools in football (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined). Neither school sponsored middle school football previously; Manistee Catholic Central will be the primary school.

MHSAA Committees – The Executive Committee approved appointments to MHSAA committees that meet prior to Jan. 1, 2021.

Personnel – The Executive Committee approved the employment contract and 2020-21 Performance Agreement for the executive director.

Representative Council Elections – The Executive Committee approved an electronic ballot and voting process for the 2020 Representative Council election cycle.

Future Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council next day).