

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, December 1, 2011

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Fred Smith, Buchanan
William Chilman, Beal City

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.

Commerce-Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls lacrosse between these three schools of the same district in accordance with the provision that allows schools which have not sponsored a sport previously to form a cooperative agreement in excess of 3,500 students for a three-year period. Walled Lake Northern will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 4,960 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament for no longer than through the end of the 2013-14 school year. Support from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was submitted.

Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian High School and Burt Lake-Northern Michigan Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of baseball and girls soccer to a cooperative program which previously existed between these two schools in boys and girls track & field and girls basketball. The combined enrollment of 108 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 Baseball Tournament and add a new team to the Division 4 Girls Soccer Tournament. Harbor Light Christian sponsored baseball previously and will be the primary school in baseball; Northern Michigan Christian Academy will be the primary school for girls soccer. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was submitted.

Lansing Christian, Lansing-New Covenant Christian and Holt Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 260 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Lansing Christian sponsored baseball previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Southern Michigan Activities Association was submitted.

Lansing Christian and Holt Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls softball to a cooperative program that exists between these schools in boys track & field. The combined enrollment of 224 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Lansing Christian sponsored softball previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Southern Michigan Activities Association was received.

Fenton High School (Regulation I, Sections 1, 7 & 8) – A request to waive the enrollment, previous and current academic credit record portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was diagnosed with a neurological disease in June 2011 that involved many medical procedures and months of hospitalization until Sept. 1, 2011. The student is on track to graduate even though her doctors restricted her class load to four classes this semester and four classes for the second semester of 2011-12. Sixty-six percent of full credit load potential for a full-time student at Fenton High School is five of eight classes. The student has a satisfactory previous academic record from spring 2011. The request was for waiver of her previous and current semester record as she will be one class short due to the restricted course load. In addition, the student is also one course short of 66 percent under the enrollment regulation (Section 1 [A] 3). The student hopes to participate in competitive cheer competitions in January.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Escanaba 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 12th-grade student whose academic records indicate he began the 9th grade in 2007-08 at Detroit-Pershing High School and attended there for four semesters until his birth father took a job in Las Vegas and the student and a sister relocated there and enrolled in high school where the student participated briefly in basketball prior to an injury. After a few months the student moved back to Detroit with his sister but he did not enroll in high school for the second semester of his 11th grade (2009-10). To begin the 2010-11 school year the student moved to his mother's home in Escanaba and enrolled at Escanaba High School. An Educational Transfer Form was completed for the student in November 2010. The student is currently enrolled in his eighth semester overall and fifth first semester since beginning high school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grandville 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 12th-grade student who withdrew from Grandville High School on Nov. 1, 2011. Thus, the student was enrolled past the fourth Friday after Labor Day in his seventh semester overall and fourth first semester, the current first semester of 2011-12. The request was to permit the student to repeat his entire 12th grade in the 2012-13 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Lee 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 12th-grade student who has been enrolled continuously since he began the 9th grade in the 2007-08 school year. The student's family has had economic difficulty, relocating their residence several times; and one home exploded due to a gas leak. While the student received grades and credits in 12 consecutive trimesters, he met academic eligibility standards in only two terms.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Adrian-Madison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lived with his uncle in Missouri for the 9th grade in the 2010-11 school year and has moved to the residence of his divorced father in the Adrian School District. The student attended Adrian-Madison Schools from the 6th through 8th grades.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bath High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Alma High School before enrolling at Bath High School on March 3, 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Bath High School.

Bridgman High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Bridgman Schools through the 8th grade before enrolling at St. Joseph High School to begin the 9th grade in the 2011-12 school year and participating in football. The mother suffered an illness which prevented her from being able to drive and transport the student to St. Joseph. The student reenrolled at Bridgman on Nov. 2, 2011. The request was for subvarsity eligibility immediately or, if not granted, for eligibility at the subvarsity level on the 91st school day of reenrollment at Bridgman High School.

Pursuant to the specific requirements of Section 9(B), the requests for waiver were not approved.

Burt Lake-Northern Michigan Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Harbor Light Christian which is in a girls basketball cooperative program with Northern Michigan Christian Academy. The student began the 9th grade at Northern Michigan Christian, transferred to Harbor Light Christian in December 2010 and has reenrolled at Northern Michigan Christian to begin the 10th-grade in the 2011-12 school year. The student was a team member during the previous season but did not participate in any games.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for basketball only until Jan. 16, 2012, when the student is eligible without limitation insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned.

Coldwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Union City High School until enrolling at Coldwater High School on Nov. 3, 2011. The circumstances surrounding the move include a physical confrontation on Oct. 26, 2011, which caused the student to change residences to an aunt in Coldwater.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Colon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has lived with three relatives since junior high school and has been enrolled in four schools since starting the 9th grade. The student's parents are not in his life. He lived with his grandmother in junior high, but the grandmother allowed her guardianship to expire. The student most recently lived with a cousin and attended Battle Creek-Pennfield High School. The student moved back to Colon in mid November and is residing with his girlfriend and her mother. He enrolled at Colon High School on Nov. 23, 2011.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Escanaba 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 driver in a fatal auto accident on the way to baseball practice in May 2011 while a 9th grader at Bark River-Harris High School. The student underwent a long recovery and was unable to cope with the emotional stress of returning to Bark River-Harris. The one passenger who was killed in the accident has a twin brother at Bark River-Harris. The student enrolled at Escanaba High School to begin the 2011-12 school year. He had participated in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – 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 previously attended Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School, participated in 9th grade football and, because the family was unable to afford tuition, enrolled to begin the 2011-12 school year at Farmington High School, his school of residence.

Pursuant to the specific requirements of Section 9(B), the request for waiver was not approved.

Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who was enrolled for two days (Sept. 6 and 7, 2011) in the International Baccalaureate program at Farmington Hills-Harrison High School. The student participated in one volleyball tournament with Harrison before school began and has not participated in sports since enrolling at Farmington High School on Sept. 9, 2011.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Goodrich High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and apply Exception 8 was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Grand Blanc High School while living with her mother and the mother's boyfriend since 2008. The mother and boyfriend have been together for 15 years and never married. The student considers him her father and a part of her life. In June 2011, the mother and boyfriend broke off the relationship. The student and mother have moved to Goodrich, and the student enrolled to begin the 2011-12 school year. The mother's former boyfriend is renting the former home in Grand Blanc pending relocation closer to Detroit due to a new job.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending submission of an Educational Transfer Form.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother died when she was 12 years old in June 2008. The student then lived with her father for the first time in her life. The student attended Jackson-Lumen Christi High School and participated in athletics. Due to an unhealthy living environment, the student moved in August 2011 to the residence of an aunt and uncle in the Forest Hills Northern attendance area and enrolled to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began 9th grade at Muskegon High School, was expelled and attended the 10th grade at Kelloggsville-Discovery Alternative High School for the 2010-11 school year. In May of 2010 the student left the home of his mother and moved into the home of his father in the Ottawa Hills attendance area. The student was not allowed to enroll at Ottawa Hills for the 2010-11 school year due to a policy that does not permit students serving a 180-day suspension to enroll. The student began the 2011-12 school year at Ottawa Hills.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Harris—Bark River-Harris High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has been living on his own or in residential youth facilities in Florida since age 12. In the summer of 2011, the student moved in with friends in Escanaba to be closer to his mother whose health is declining. To begin the 2011-12 school year, the student enrolled at Bark River-Harris where his uncles had previously attended. The student is residing with a family in the Bark River-Harris School District. The student has not lived with his father since 2006.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hart High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Hart High School, left home and lived with friends from mid-September to March 2011 and enrolled at Shelby High School. When the student's mother was hospitalized in the spring of 2011, the student returned home but completed the 2010-11 school year at Shelby and reenrolled at Hart to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father is deceased and whose mother died this fall. The student lived with her mother and previously attended Saginaw-Arthur Hill High School before moving to Holland to reside with her older sister and brother-in-law. The student enrolled at Holland High School on Oct. 24, 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Howell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Howell High School in the 2008-09 school year, has been in foster care and residential treatment programs, and has returned to his divorced father's home in Fenton. The student reenrolled at Howell High School to begin the 2011-12 school year. The student's step-siblings have attended Howell Schools since 1999, including a current middle school student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who lived since birth with his mother and the mother's longtime boyfriend who is the biological father of two older step-siblings. In June 2007, their relationship ended and the Lenawee County Circuit Court granted physical custody of the student and stepsisters to the boyfriend. The birth father is not in the student's life and has a history of drug use and incarceration. Over the summer, the student moved in with his mother in Adrian and enrolled at Adrian-Madison to begin the 2011-12 school year. When the mother lost her home this fall, the student returned to the boyfriend's home in Hudson, the same home he had lived in for years, and reenrolled at Hudson on Nov. 4, 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending submission of a completed Educational Transfer Form.

Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Jenison High School before enrolling at Hudsonville in October 2011. The student has suffered emotionally and mentally because of a manipulating relationship which occurred with another Jenison student. The student played soft-ball in the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Hudsonville High School.

Lowell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is moving to Lowell from the state of Wyoming with his mother only due to a change in employment for the mother. The father is not in the student's life. A 12th grade sister will remain at the family's residence in Wyoming to graduate high school this spring and attend will Michigan State University in the fall of 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Marysville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father was laid off and who moved with his mother to Florida to begin the 2011-12 school year. The mother found employment in Florida and the father remained at the family residence as he was called back to work soon after the mother and son went to Florida. The mother intends to return to Michigan as soon as possible; the student will complete the first semester in Florida and reenroll at Marysville to begin the second semester of 2011-12.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Midland-Bullock Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive or interpret the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 64 (moving with all the persons the student was/has been living) was made on behalf of 9th and 10th grade sisters whose mother lived for two years in the home of the mother's boyfriend and his teenage daughter in the Midland School District. In the fall of 2011-12, the student, mother and sisters moved to an aunt's home in the Bullock Creek School District. The mother's boyfriend and his daughter remained. The student participated in 9th grade softball and intends to continue attending Midland High School before enrolling at Bullock Creek to begin the second semester of the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee determined that the circumstance described in this specific case only would be considered a residential change insofar as Interpretation 64 is concerned.

Midland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Midland High School since the 9th grade except for one day, Oct. 26, 2011, when the student enrolled at Pinconning High School. The student returned to Midland High School the next day. The parents have joint custody of the student, one parent living in Pinconning and the other in Midland.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Montrose-Hill McCloy High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father has a seizure-causing condition and is a teacher at Hill McCloy High School. The student was previously enrolled at Flushing High School and had enrolled at Hill McCloy to drive his father to work each day and be in the building in the event the father suffers another seizure.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Hill McCloy High School.

Oxford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, and specifically the date on which a student becomes eligible (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Jan. 16, 2012), was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Davison High School before enrolling to begin the 2011-12 school year at Oxford. The request was to permit eligibility in ice hockey only at the end of the first semester at Oxford which is Dec. 16, 2011.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended school in Wyoming while living with his parents. When the mother took a new job, the student and mother changed residences to Petoskey in the summer of 2011. The student enrolled at Petoskey High School to begin the 2011-12 school year. The father stayed in Wyoming to retain his employment and maintain their residence.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who wishes to transfer at the semester from his current school, Portage Northern, due to anxiety he is experiencing because of domestic concerns.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Reese High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who had attended Reese Schools since the first grade until November 2010 when he left his mother's house and moved in with his father in Holland, enrolling at Holland-West Ottawa. In January 2011, the student left his father's home due to an unfit environment. The student then moved to Vassar to live with his grandmother and aunt, and he reenrolled at Reese High School to begin the 2011-12 school year. The student has not previously participated in sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Rochester-Adams High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has an illness which in part impacts the student's socialization skills. The student previously attended Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice, participated in bowling, and enrolled at Adams High School to begin the 2011-12 school year because it could provide education services not available at the former school. The student tried out for and made the JV hockey team.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Suttons Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose parents were divorced in November 2010 while the student studied in Lithuania. The parents both changed residences: the father from Suttons Bay to Leland, the mother from one residence in Suttons Bay to another. The student now lives part-time with both parents. Upon her return home in the spring of 2011 (Exception 2), the student returned to her former school, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary, where she attended classes but paid no tuition and received no credit. Over the summer, the student took some course work through the Suttons Bay Schools and enrolled at Suttons Bay High School to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Temperance-Bedford 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 another school and was the victim of bullying at home and school over many years described as constant, threatening, and containing both sexual and racial content. The former principal and superintendent contacted Bedford High School to facilitate a change of schools, which occurred on Oct. 21, 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Vicksburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student whose mother lost her home and gave up parental rights to the student's aunt and uncle who reside in the Vicksburg School District. The father is unknown and the mother has health issues and is losing her home. The student has not participated in athletics previously but was involved in sideline cheerleading while enrolled at Marysville High School to begin the 2011-12 school year. The student enrolled at Vicksburg on Nov. 29, 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Walled Lake Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who fled to Canada with his parents in September 2002 to escape the civil war in Serbia (the United States rejected the relocation). The economy has prevented the family from relocating to the United States and from properly caring for the student. The student was attending school in Windsor, Ontario until this fall when of an aunt and uncle in the Walled Lake Western attendance area became his guardians. The student enrolled at Walled Lake Western on Sept. 30, 2011.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was the victim of harassment, threats and stalking via electronic media from classmates and teammates at her previous high school in the winter of 2010-11. The student had stress-induced medical and anxiety reactions to the harassment which led to two hospital visits. The former school submitted communication that supported the change of schools. The student enrolled at Our Lady of the Lakes in April 2011.

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 only for the following transferring 9th- or 10th-grade students (after entering 9th grade, before completing 10th 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
Auburn Hills-Avondale	9	West Bloomfield	Nov. 9, 2011	Remainder of 11-12 school Year
AuGres-Sims	9	Oscoda	Nov. 17, 2011	Remainder of 11-12 school year
Bay City-John Glenn	10	Standish-Sterling	Sept. 6, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Fennville	10	Eau Claire-Augusta, WI	Sept. 6, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Flint Southwestern Academy	10	Flint Northern	Sept. 12, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian	10	Kentwood-West Michigan Aviation	Sept. 6, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Grand Rapids-Union	9	East Kentwood	Oct. 20, 2011	Remainder of 11-12 school year
Grosse Pointe North	10	Detroit-U of D Jesuit	Sept. 7, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Hale	9	Farwell	Nov. 9, 2011	Remainder of 11-12 school year
Jenison	9	Hudsonville	Oct. 4, 2011	91 st school day of enrollment at Jenison
Maple City-Glen Lake	10	Glen Arbor-Leelanau	Sept. 6, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Maple City-Glen Lake	10	Traverse City West	Sept. 6, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
North Branch	9	Flint-Powers Catholic	Nov. 28, 2011	Remainder of 11-12 School Year
Onsted	9	Tecumseh	Dec. 2011	Remainder of 11-12 school year
Onsted	9	Tecumseh	Dec. 2011	Remainder of 11-12 school year
Portage Northern	9	Portage Central	Nov. 7, 2011	Remainder of 11-12 school year
Southgate Anderson	9	Wyandotte-Roosevelt	Oct. 25, 2011	Remainder of 11-12 school year
Warren-Cousino	10	Eastpointe-East Detroit	Sept. 6, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Warren-Cousino	10	Center Line	Sept. 6, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
White Lake-Lakeland	9	Highland-Milford	Dec. 2011	Remainder of 11-12 school year
Wyoming-Rogers	10	Wyoming Park	Sept. 7, 2011	Jan. 16, 2012

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to 2011-12 *Handbook* Interpretation 261, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and/or 8th graders for the sports listed in the 2011-12 school year only.

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Auburn Hills Christian	boys basketball	44	35 7 th & 8 th graders

Covert Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – Covert Public Schools requested waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and 8th graders in boys basketball. The high school enrollment is 174 students, and there are 20 7th-grade and 19 8th-grade boys enrolled in the middle school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Member Schools – Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership adopted by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for the following schools:

Detroit-Jalen Rose Leadership Academy is a charter school chartered by Central Michigan University and managed by Operation Graduation, a company associated with Michigan Future Schools. There are currently 120 9th-grade students enrolled with plans to add a class each year. The school is located in the former Detroit-Vandenberg Elementary School with limited gymnasium space but outdoor tennis courts, ball diamonds and grounds that can accommodate football and soccer. Plans include expansion to add classrooms and a new gymnasium. The school intends to sponsor boys and girls basketball at present and other sports in the future.

The Membership Resolution and Preliminary Enrollment Declaration were received after the fourth Friday after Labor Day in 2011-12 (Oct. 24, 2011). The athletic department code of conduct has been received. The school will become a member effective with the 2012-13 school year provided a Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 28, 2012 and prior to the 2013-14 deadline, and provided all other rules are complied with; and the school would then be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2013-14 school year.

Kalamazoo-Lakeside Academy is a residential school where students are sent to attend by court order and come from many states. The 40-acre facility is 102 years old, was originally Lakeside for Children owned by the Upjohn family and one of 31 schools nationwide affiliated with the Sequel Youth Services. The Kalamazoo Intermediate School District superintendent is also the superintendent of Lakeside Academy whose funding comes in part from the federal government, each state and county which places a student. The intermediate school district contracts all staff. Onsite enrollment is 93 students in grades 9-12 who generally are at the facility for one year. The school intends to sponsor boys and girls basketball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track & field, football and girls volleyball. The school currently participates in the Michigan Alternative Athletic Association and has no indoor athletic facilities but plans on construction of a new gym and athletic field.

There are unresolved eligibility issues which may involve separate Executive Committee requests and action for the school to field teams, including possible status as a bona fide boarding school and the absence of satisfactory previous academic credit records for most students. It may be that all students are eligible under the transfer rule as wards of the court placed in the facility.

The Membership Resolution, Preliminary Enrollment Declaration and athletic department code of conduct were received after the fourth Friday after Labor Day in 2011-12 (Oct. 3, 2011). Should the Executive Committee determine the school could become a member effective with the 2012-13 school year, provided a Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 28, 2012 and provided all other rules are complied with, the school would then be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2013-14 school year. Consideration may be given to delaying action until staff can address student eligibility issues with the school.

Pinckney-Livingston Christian High School is a private religious high school with an onsite enrollment of 31 students in grades 9-12. The school has grown from Livingston Christian School which has been a K-8 school for 25 years and currently participates as an independent school sponsoring boys and girls basketball for its high school and junior high, which is not interested in membership at this time. The school anticipates forming a league with other similar schools and has indicated plans to sponsor several sports in the future (girls volleyball, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track & field and boys and girls golf). The school has limited outdoor grounds and a small gymnasium with seating for approximately 200 on one side. The current board president is also the school's basketball coach. The Membership Resolution and Preliminary Enrollment Declaration were received on Sept. 29, 2011. The athletic department code of conduct has also been received. If the 2012-13 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 28, 2012 and provided all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2012-13 school year. Clarification is needed as to the sports the school anticipates sponsoring.

Form 990 – The Executive Committee reviewed and accepted the MHSAA's Form 990 filing for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2011.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. (Classification Committee at 1 p.m.); Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Audit and Finance Committee meeting follows); Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meeting on Friday, March 23); Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Audit and Finance Committee meeting follows); Sunday, May 6, 2012, time TBA, in Gaylord (Representative Council meeting follows); Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Oct. 1, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing.