

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 2, 2016

Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Fred Smith, Benton Harbor
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Kris Isom, Adrian
John Thompson, Brighton

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 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 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.

Detroit-Osborn High School (Regulation I, Section 1[A]) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was not enrolled in a high school prior to the fourth Friday after Labor Day. The student took two summer school classes, was then incarcerated and took no classes while incarcerated. The student will be returning to Osborn the third week of November 2016. The student attended Osborn and participated in basketball during the 2015-16 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Greenhills and Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls softball to a cooperative program which exists in ice hockey between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 545 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Greenhills sponsored softball previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was received.

Birmingham-Seaholm and Beverly Hills-Groves High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee waived the Aug. 15 deadline for winter sports cooperative programs and approved a girls competitive cheer cooperative program in excess of 1,000 students between these two schools of the same district. The combined enrollment of 2,604 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Only Seaholm sponsored competitive cheer previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association and documentation regarding the history of participation were submitted. This program is permitted for three school years and is subject to Representative Council action to continue beyond the 2018-19 school year.

Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook Kingswood and Clarkston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a **subvarsity** ice hockey cooperative program between these two schools due to a demonstrated history of inadequate numbers of participants. The combined enrollment is 3,480 students. Both schools sponsor varsity ice hockey teams; Cranbrook Kingswood sponsored a JV team and will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League and the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central and Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a girls softball cooperative program in excess of 1,000 students between these two schools of the same district due to a demonstrated history of inadequate numbers of participants. The combined enrollment of 2,416 students will place one team in the Division 1 tournament. Both schools sponsored softball previously; Forest Hills Central will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference and documentation showing the participation among the schools in softball was submitted. This program is permitted for three school years and is subject to Representative Council action to continue beyond the 2018-19 school year.

Holland Christian and Hudsonville-Unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys lacrosse between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 1,376 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Holland Christian sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Prep and Kalamazoo-Heritage Christian Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls softball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 340 students will place a new team in the Division 3 tournament. Hackett sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Southwestern Athletic Conference was submitted.

Newberry and Engadine High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of baseball to a cooperative program which exists in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 303 students will place a new team in the Division 3 tournament. Newberry sponsored baseball previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Eastern Upper Peninsula Athletic Conference was submitted.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic, Benton Harbor-Countryside Academy and Watervliet-Grace Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls soccer between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 276 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Lake Michigan Catholic sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the BCS League was submitted.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic and Benton Harbor-Countryside Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls track & field to a cooperative program which exists between these two schools in football and whose combined enrollment of 232 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Lake Michigan Catholic sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the BCS League was submitted.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic and Watervliet-Grace Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls softball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 148 students will place one team in the Division 4 tournament. Both schools sponsored softball previously; Lake Michigan Catholic will be the primary school. Support from the BCS League was submitted.

Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian and Warren-Macomb Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball, football (2017-18) and boys soccer (2017-18) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 217 students will continue placement of one team in the Division 4 baseball and boys soccer tournaments. Parkway Christian sponsored all three sports previously, Macomb Christian sponsored baseball. Parkway Christian will be the primary school for all three sports. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was submitted.

Watersmeet and Ewen-Trout Creek High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls golf to a cooperative program which exists between these two schools in eight-player football. The combined enrollment is 115 students. Watersmeet sponsored golf previously and will be the primary school. Both boys and girls teams will continue placement in the Division 3 Upper Peninsula tournament. Support was submitted from two future opponents.

Whitmore Lake, Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner and Pinckney High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys lacrosse between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 1,678 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Whitmore Lake and Rudolf Steiner were previously in a cooperative agreement with Ypsilanti-Arbor Prep which has dissolved as Arbor Prep is sponsoring its own team. Whitmore Lake will be the primary school. Support from four future opponents was submitted.

Wixom-St. Catherine of Siena and Ann Arbor-Greenhills High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls lacrosse between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 729 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Neither school sponsored the sport previously; St. Catherine will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation I, Section 5[B]) – A request to waive the maximum competition regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is seeking to participate in boys swimming & diving as she was unable to participate in girls swimming & diving due to a broken leg suffered in a non-athletic accident this fall. The student went to 12 swim practices and participated in one swim meet before the accident and the school offered to withhold the student from the same number of meets and practices if the waiver is approved.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver without limitations on practices. The student must be withheld from the first meet.

Ann Arbor-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has always lived in the Huron attendance area, attended Ann Arbor-Skyline for the 9th grade and enrolled at Huron to begin the 2016-17 school year, preferring the semester structure and International Baccalaureate program of Huron to that of her former school. The student has excelled academically and previously participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Oakland Christian School since the 6th grade except for six school days from Aug. 24-31, 2016 when the student attended Rochester Hills-Lutheran Northwest. The student reenrolled at Oakland Christian on Sept. 6, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Britton-Deerfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Britton-Deerfield Schools her entire career except for three school days (Sept. 6-8, 2016) when the student moved with her family to Carleton-Airport. The student did not participate in athletics at Airport and reenrolled at Britton-Deerfield on Sept. 9, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ferndale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who made a full and complete residential change from Detroit with his mother into the home of an aunt in Farmington and enrolled at Ferndale where he has cousins in attendance who could support the student during this turmoil in his life. The relocation was due to family issues brought about by the sudden death of the student's father in March 2016. The student previously participated in athletics while enrolled at Detroit-Martin Luther King during the 9th grade in 2015-16 and enrolled at Ferndale on Sept. 6, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint-Kearsley 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 a 12th-grade student who previously attended Clio High School and enrolled at Kearsley on March 7, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Kearsley High School starting March 7, 2016.

Goodrich 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 lives in the Goodrich School District but attended Grand Blanc for the 9th grade and most of the 10th grade in 2015-16. The student enrolled at Goodrich on Monday, March 21, 2016. The school was closed for four days due to snow (Feb. 25 - March 1, 2016).

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Catholic Central 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 an 11th-grade student who has moved from her divorced mother's home in the Thornapple Kellogg School District where the student attended previously, to the father's home which is six miles from Catholic Central. The student enrolled at Catholic Central on Aug. 30, 2016. The student and father are Catholic and lifelong members of a feeder parish. Catholic Central is the closest Catholic high school but not the closest nonpublic school. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 84b (International Student – “play one, wait one”) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Rockford as a foreign exchange student present in the US in an Approved International Student Program but who did not participate in athletics during the 11th grade at Rockford. The student remains in the country on an F-1 visa and enrolled to begin the 2016-17 school year at West Catholic as Federal regulations do not permit the student a second year of enrollment at a public school. In December 2015, the host father became the student's full legal guardian and the student is under the family health insurance. Support for eligibility from the former school was submitted. The student is interested in participating in girls competitive cheer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Harper Woods-Chandler Park Academy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who began the school year at Detroit-East English Village the week of Sept. 15, 2016, and did not participate in athletics. The student was accepted from the waiting list at Chandler Park the week of Sept. 19, 2016, and enrolled at Chandler Park on Sept. 28, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hesperia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose health issues caused the student to change schools based on the recommendations of her physician. The student's mental health issues were influenced by the divorce of her parents and caused medical problems. The student underwent professional counseling and medication. The student attended Fremont her entire career until enrolling in Big Rapids Virtual School for the start of the second semester of the 10th grade in 2015-16. Seeking a more traditional school, the student enrolled at Hesperia to begin the 2016-17 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ishpeming-Westwood 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 Negaunee and reenrolled at Westwood on Oct. 7, 2016. The student attended Westwood for the 9th grade and first semester of the 10th grade and attempted to reconnect with family by enrolling at Negaunee for the second semester of 2015-16.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Westwood High School starting Oct. 7, 2016.

Lake Odessa-Lakewood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived with his mother and stepfather in the Lakewood School District most of his life until they divorced in 2013. When the student's mother died, the student moved to Chicago to live with his father. For the 2015-16 school year, father and son moved to the Detroit area and the student enrolled at Detroit Country Day. The student is returning to the Lakewood School District and is living with an aunt to be closer to the family he grew up with. The student reenrolled at Lakewood on Sept. 16, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Linden-Lake Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[E]) – In June 2016, a request was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student (2016-17) to set aside the executive director's decision of 180 days of ineligibility in wrestling assessed under the athletic-motivated portion of the transfer regulation. The student attended Corunna through the second semester of the 2015-16 school year before enrolling at Lake Fenton on Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 – one school day after the fourth Friday of February – due to school being cancelled at Lake Fenton on Feb. 24-26, 2016. The Executive Committee tabled a request for eligibility on the 91st school day due to the allegation that the change of schools from Corunna was primarily for athletic reasons.

After exchanging correspondence between the executive director and both schools, it was determined that the change of schools was more for athletic reasons than any other compelling factor and that Item 2 of Section 9(E) best described the primary motivation: the student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, has a problem with a coach on either a personal or professional level. The father had a disagreement with the head coach and requested Corunna have the assistant coach provide coaching when this student is wrestling. Corunna complied prior to the transfer.

Lake Fenton appealed to the Executive Committee in June 2016 on the basis that the decision did not reflect the parenting situation for the student or address the mother's position. The family in this instance is not a traditional collaborative or unified group. The student's parents are divorced and the student lives with his mother and siblings. The mother was not involved in the meeting when the father asked that the son be coached by an assistant but rather had expressed concerns related to academics that were part of the decision to change schools. However, the Executive Committee affirmed the decision of the executive director.

Lake Fenton requested reconsideration of the student's status and submitted additional information. Also provided was the response of Corunna High School administration.

The Executive Committee affirmed the decision of the executive director.

Livonia-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9[F]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to set aside the decision of the executive director that the athletic-related transfer regulation (links rule) is applicable to this student's transfer and warrants 180 days of ineligibility in girls basketball. The school requests eligibility on Jan. 16, 2017 (MLK Day). The student previously attended Livonia-Churchill and participated in volleyball and girls basketball. In July 2016, prior to being registered to enroll at Livonia-Stevenson (a school of the same district), the student attended two open gyms and a three-day team camp at Northwood University with the Stevenson girls basketball team. The Stevenson coach is a first-year coach and was unaware of the regulation and that the student had not been registered to enroll. Prior to summer activities, the student and father were advised by the former school's athletic director to make contact regarding MHSAA rules, but that did not occur.

Subsequent to the MHSAA executive director's decision, the school now reports the transfer process was initiated in advance and the family was planning on changing schools prior to any summer basketball activity: 1) on June 13, 2016, the father obtained from the Livonia-Churchill main office a District Transfer Application; and 2) the first-year coach had learned from a current Stevenson family that the student was planning on attending Stevenson next year and emailed the student on May 5, 2016, inviting her to summer activities and team camp.

The Executive Committee affirmed the decision of the executive director. The student is eligible for all sports except basketball on Jan. 16, 2017, and remains ineligible for basketball for 180 scheduled school days.

Manistee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 18 year old 12th-grade student who attended Benzie Central through the end of the 11th grade in 2015-16. An Educational Transfer Form for the student was declared void in the summer of 2016 because of undue influence reported by Manistee High School on the part of its former wrestling coach. The student enrolled at Manistee to begin the 2016-17 school year and is ineligible, insofar as the transfer regulation is concerned, until Jan. 16, 2017 (MLK Day). Since the original violation and change of schools in the summer and fall of 2016, the student has found a supportive home in Manistee through a community organization. The student has good attendance, academic and behavior records at his new school. The student has not participated in fall sports due to the period of ineligibility. The school sought eligibility for the full wrestling season with no bearing on all other sanctions related to the student's change of schools.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. The student becomes eligible for all sports on Jan. 16, 2017.

Mason High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose nose was broken by a football teammate at Lansing-Eastern and whose concerns for his academics and personal safety caused the student to change residence to an aunt and uncle in Mason. The student has a learning disability and intends to enroll at Mason on Nov. 7, 2016, following the nine-week marking period.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

McBain 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 whose family has made a full and complete residential change from Georgia to Cadillac and enrolled at McBain on Oct. 19, 2016. The father was a McBain graduate, several cousins attend McBain and the new home is equidistant between Cadillac and McBain Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Orchard Lake-St. Mary Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father's job changed to Boston at the end of the 2015-16 school year. The family moved to Boston and the student enrolled to begin the 2016-17 school year at an all-boys Catholic high school. The student is unhappy there and intends to return to St. Mary to begin the second semester of 2016-17. The mother and student will return to the original family home in Bloomfield Hills while the father will remain in the home in Boston and commute on weekends and other work breaks.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central 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 a 9th-grade student who previously attended Saginaw-Heritage, played 9th-grade football and enrolled at Nouvel on Oct. 5, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Nouvel Catholic Central High School starting Oct. 5, 2016.

Scottville-Mason County Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was placed in the care of her aunt in January 2016 after it was determined the student was unsafe in the care of her mother. The student previously attended Ludington and enrolled at Mason County Central on Oct. 25, 2016. The aunt lives in Ludington but has two children who have been enrolled in Mason County Schools their entire careers. The aunt is a teacher in Mason County Schools who has full guardianship of the student as of Aug. 22, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Troy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose parents are both deceased and who is residing with an aunt in Troy who is his only living relative in the United States. The student previously attended a boarding school in Connecticut and participated in hockey. His father lived in Korea and died on Sept. 20, 2016; his mother died years ago.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Utica 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 in the foster care program as a neglected youth since he was nine years old. He has lived for two years in an independent living home in the Utica attendance area, residing with a Sterling Heights-Utica Henry Ford II teacher who enrolled the student at Henry Ford II. Due to the nature of the independent living arrangement, and because the probate court judge is adamant that wards of the court complete driver's training, the student is changing schools to Utica High School which is three blocks from the student's home and the driver's training facility. The student can walk to driver's training and school and will be enrolling at Utica High School on Nov. 7, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Walled Lake Western 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 a 12th-grade student who previously attended Walled Lake Central and enrolled at Walled Lake Western on Oct. 10, 2016.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Walled Lake Western High School starting Oct. 10, 2016.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level 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
Ashley	10	Ithaca	Sept. 12, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Clare	9	South Carolina	Oct. 19, 2016	Remainder of 16-17 school year
Hart	9	Mission, TX	Sept. 21, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Hart	10	Michigan Virtual Academy	Oct. 7, 2016	91 st school day of enrollment
Lansing Christian	10	Nexus Academy	Oct. 3, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Port Huron (2)	10	Richmond	Sept. 28, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
St. Louis	9	K-12 Virtual School	Oct. 21, 2016	Remainder of 16-17 school year

Berkley High School (Regulation II, Section 11[F]) – A request was made to permit an ice hockey game to be played prior to the allowed start date of Nov. 14, 2016. The school was informed that the Berkley Ice Arena was closing due to mechanical problems, causing the school to seek ice time at several other ice rinks in the area.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Charlotte and Charlotte-St. Mary Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls volleyball, boys and girls swimming & diving, boys and girls basketball, wrestling and boys and girls track & field between these two member schools. St. Mary is a new member school. Charlotte will be the primary school.

Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian and Grand Haven Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls competitive cheer between these two member middle schools. Western Michigan Christian sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school.

Representative Council Meeting Agenda – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the Representative Council agenda for the Dec. 2, 2016 meeting in East Lansing.

MHSAA Committees – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved committee membership for committees whose meetings are held after Jan. 1, 2017.

MHSAA Employee Flexible Benefit Plan – The Executive Committee approved the restated MHSAA Flexible Benefit Plan and authorized the executive director to execute the restatement and any other documents necessary to implement the restated plan. The most significant change is to cap the prescription drug reimbursement feature at \$500, consistent with the Affordable Care Act.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are schedule for Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, at 1 pm in East Lansing (Rep Council next day); Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, at 1 pm in East Lansing (Classification Committee at 9:30 am); Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017, at 9 am in East Lansing (Audit & Finance meeting follows); Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 9 am in East Lansing (Rep Council next day); Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 9 am in East Lansing (Audit & Finance meeting follows); Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 10:30 am in Glen Arbor (Rep Council meets that afternoon); and Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 9:30 am in East Lansing.