

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 1, 2017

Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Fred Smith, Stevensville
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.

Cooks-Big Bay de Noc High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive the 50-student enrollment cap to allow 7th-grade students from Big Bay de Noc Middle School to participate in athletics with the high school teams in girls volleyball, basketball, golf and track & field. The high school enrollment submitted in February 2017 was 55 students. The school's enrollment in October 2017 is 42 students. The school does not anticipate enough participation to field competitive teams.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Benton Harbor and Benton Harbor-Dream Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in several sports between these two schools of the same district, effective with spring sports of the 2017-18 school year. For the spring of 2018, the sports approved were baseball (varsity and JV) girls softball, boys golf, and boys and girls track & field. All teams will participate in the Division 2 tournaments in these sports during the spring of 2018. The combined 2017-18 enrollment is 814 students. **Beginning with fall sports of the 2018-19 school year**, the sports approved were girls volleyball (varsity and JV), wrestling (varsity), and girls basketball (varsity, JV and freshman). Benton Harbor sponsored all sports previously and will be the primary school. Support from four future opponents was submitted.

Dearborn-Edsel Ford and Dearborn High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee waived the Aug. 15, 2017 winter sports deadline and approved the addition of girls competitive cheer to a cooperative program which already exists in girls gymnastics and ice hockey between these two schools of the same district. The combined enrollment of 3,487 students will place one team in the Division 1 tournament; Edsel Ford will not compete in Division 2. Edsel Ford will be the primary school. Support from four future opponents was submitted. The application was made under the provision for schools of the same district in nine sports where there is a demonstrated history of inadequate numbers of participants. Edsel Ford will not have enough students to field a team. This multi-school district allowance is an experiment that may not extend beyond the 2018-19 school year without additional Representative Council action.

Farmington Hills-Harrison, Farmington and Farmington Hills-North Farmington High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved two cooperative programs in girls basketball among these three schools of the same district. Harrison will be closing at the end of the 2018-19 school year, and insufficient interest exists for Harrison to sponsor its own girls basketball team. Harrison's reported enrollment in February 2017 was 1,030 students and is now 865 students. North Farmington's enrollment is 1,294 and Farmington 1,177. The cooperative program allows four current Harrison 12th-grade students to participate with either Farmington or North Farmington, depending on the location of their residence (two students per team). The students will participate at the school of their residence based on the newly drawn boundaries effective with the 2019-20 school year when Harrison will be closed and the district will merge into two high schools. The reported Harrison enrollment of 1,030 students will be split in half for classification purposes between North Farmington and Farmington. Because all schools are Class A in girls basketball, it will not impact tournament classification. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington, Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1]) – The Executive Committee approved two cooperative programs at the subvarsity level only in girls basketball (JV and 9th-grade teams) among these three schools of the same district because of the closure of Harrison after the 2018-19 school year. The district will divide current Harrison students between Farmington and North Farmington. The students will participate at the school of their residence based on the newly drawn boundaries effective with the 2019-20 school year when Harrison will close and the district will merge into two high schools. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls soccer (varsity and JV) between these two schools of the same district whose combined 2017-18 enrollment is 2,207 students and will place one team in the Division 1 tournament. The application was made under the provision for schools of the same district in nine sports where there is a demonstrated history of inadequate numbers of participants. It has been announced that Harrison High School will close in June 2019, resulting in decreased incoming enrollment and sports participation. Both teams sponsored girls soccer previously; Farmington will be the primary school. This multi-school-district allowance is an experiment that may not extend beyond the 2018-19 school year without additional Representative Council action. Currently, these two schools have cooperative programs in boys and girls bowling, boys and girls swimming & diving and a three-school cooperative program in girls gymnastics. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball (varsity and JV) between these two schools of the same district whose combined 2017-18 enrollment is 2,279 students and will place one team in the Division 1 tournament. The application was made under the provision for schools of the same district in nine sports where there is a demonstrated history of inadequate numbers of participants. It has been announced that Harrison High School will close in June 2019, resulting in decreased incoming enrollment and sports participation. Both teams sponsored baseball previously; North Farmington will be the primary school. This multi-school-district allowance is an experiment that may not extend beyond the 2018-19 school year without additional Representative Council action. Currently, these two schools have cooperative programs in ice hockey, boys lacrosse, girls golf and boys and girls alpine skiing. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Gladwin and Roscommon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – On Oct. 4, 2017, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools and West Branch-Ogemawa Heights pending the Ogemaw Heights Board of Education approval. Since that time, Ogemaw Heights has decided not to enter into this agreement. At this meeting, the Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between Gladwin and Roscommon in ice hockey. Support from four future opponents was submitted. The combined enrollment of the two schools is 971 students and will now place a team in the Division 3 tournament. Gladwin was previously in an agreement with Harrison and Ogemaw Heights. Gladwin will be the primary school.

Ironwood-Luther L. Wright, Bessemer-A. D. Johnston and Wakefield-Marenisco High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls soccer to a cooperative program which exists between these three schools in football and boys and girls alpine skiing as well as the addition of Wakefield-Marenisco to the boys and girls golf cooperative program that already exists between the other two schools. The combined enrollment of 448 students will place a new team in the Division 1 golf tournament. Ironwood and Bessemer previously participated in a soccer cooperative agreement. Luther L. Wright will be the primary school. Support from the West Pac Conference was submitted.

Ishpeming-Westwood and Republic-Michigamme 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 395 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Westwood sponsored softball previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Mid-Peninsula Conference was submitted.

McBain and McBain-Northern Michigan Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball (varsity and JV) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 397 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. McBain sponsored baseball previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Highland Conference was submitted.

Negaunee and Ishpeming High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls golf to a cooperative program that exists between these two schools in girls gymnastics and boys and girls bowling. Ishpeming has been in a golf agreement with Republic-Michigamme that is dissolving. The combined enrollment of 663 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournaments. Both schools sponsored boys and girls golf previously. Negaunee will be the primary school. Support from the Mid-Peninsula Conference was submitted.

Painsdale-Jeffers and Chassell 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 395 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Jeffers sponsored softball previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Copper Country Conference was submitted.

Sebewaing-Unionville Sebewaing and Cass City High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls soccer to a cooperative program that exists between these two schools in boys soccer. The combined enrollment of 549 students will place a new team in the Division 3 tournament. Unionville Sebewaing sponsored girls soccer previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Greater Thumb Conference was submitted.

Traverse City Central and Traverse City West High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys lacrosse (varsity and JV) to a cooperative program that exists between these two schools of the same district in girls competitive cheer. The combined enrollment of 2,929 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Neither school has sponsored boys lacrosse previously; Traverse City Central will be the primary school. Support from future opponents was submitted.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer 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 was registered to attend Detroit-Delta Prep during the 11th grade in the 2015-16 school year where he was considered a student but did not complete courses or receive credit. The student's living accommodations were unstable and left him with deficiencies in academic credits. The student did not play sports from the 9th grade in 2013-14 through the 11th grade in the 2015-16 school year. His first participation in athletics began in January 2017 when the student played basketball for Pioneer. In the 2017-18 school year, the student resides with the family of two Pioneer students and has a stable living situation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver, noting that the specific requirements for waiving Sections 4 and 5 (*Handbook* p. 32) were not addressed.

Adrian-Madison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lived in his mother's three-bedroom home in Flint that was occupied by over 15 people. Residing in the same home with the student and his mother were three siblings, the student's older sister and her children, and another homeless family. Due to the living conditions, the mother determined that the student should move in with his grandparents who live in the Madison School District. The student's 10th-grade uncle also lives with the grandparents and attends Madison. The student previously attended Flint—Carman-Ainsworth, participated in JV basketball during the 9th grade only, and enrolled at Madison to begin the 2017-18 school year on Sept. 5, 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Algonac High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who experienced harassment from wrestling teammates during the 2016-17 school year related to the student cutting weight to wrestle in a lower weight class. The harassment continued into the baseball season. Police reports were submitted from 2013 and 2015 showing vandalism to the father's vehicle. The student has attended Anchor Bay his entire life and has both academic and athletic achievement. The harassment caused the student to change schools and enroll at Algonac to begin the 2017-18 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Belding 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 10th-grade student who previously attended Ionia, participated in athletics and enrolled at Belding on Oct. 16, 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver following the student's 90th scheduled school day of enrollment at Belding High School beginning Oct. 16, 2017.

Belding 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 10th-grade student who previously attended Greenville, participated in athletics and enrolled at Belding on Oct. 17, 2017.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

DeWitt 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 Bath High School before enrolling at DeWitt on Oct. 10, 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver following the student's 90th scheduled school day of enrollment at DeWitt High School beginning Oct. 10, 2017.

Fremont High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 12th-grade sisters who seek eligibility as home school transfer students under Exception 11 (achieved the highest grade available at the home high school) and Interpretation 78. The students began home schooling in the 9th grade during the 2014-15 school year and continued through the 2015-16 school year. To begin 2016-17 school year, the students enrolled as 11th-graders at Grant High School, continued to also be home schooled and took classes through Grant at the Newaygo County Career Tech Center and a dual enrollment class from Baker College. The students received four credits of a possible six at Grant in 2016-17. The former school and parents maintain that the students were considered home schooled students during 2016-17. There was no onsite attendance at Grant and no participation in athletics. The students participated with a home school basketball team that disbanded for 2017-18. The family are residents of Fremont and the students enrolled to begin the 2017-18 school year because the Career Tech courses and Baker College courses are now available through their school of residence, Fremont.

The Executive Committee determined the students had been enrolled at Grant High School in 2016-17, and did not approve the request for waiver.

Hartland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lived with her grandmother and attended Hartland throughout high school except for five school days (Sept. 6-12, 2017) when the student attended Holly because the mother had taken custody of the student. The student reenrolled at Hartland on Sept. 13, 2017, and is residing with friends in the Hartland School District because the mother was recently hospitalized. The student did not participate in athletics at Holly and has been in competitive cheer for three years at Hartland.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hemlock 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 Midland-Bullock Creek and enrolled at Hemlock on Oct. 9, 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver following the student's 90th scheduled school day of enrollment at Hemlock High School beginning Oct. 9, 2017.

Kingsford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose family resided in Puerto Rico and was displaced by Hurricane Maria. The student was previously enrolled through an online Lutheran school from California and enrolled at Kingsford on Oct. 23, 2017. The student, her mother and a 9th-grade brother are living with her grandparents in the Norway School District. The father is a Lutheran minister who graduated from Kingsford in 1996 and will become the pastor at a Lutheran church in Kingsford beginning in June 2018. The father remains serving in Puerto Rico. The family plans to buy a house in Kingsford when the father returns in June.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lapeer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Lapeer Schools through the 7th grade, Davison in the 2015-16 school year, and an online academy for the 2016-17 school year. Information regarding 8th grade is missing. The student has no history of high school athletic participation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Livonia-Franklin 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 Dearborn-Divine Child before enrolling at Franklin on Oct. 12, 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver following the student's 90th scheduled school day of enrollment at Franklin High School beginning Oct. 12, 2017.

Manton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Oct. 4, 2017, the Executive Committee tabled a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose father created an unhealthy environment. The student left the family home in the summer of 2017 to reside with a family in Manton. The student attended Manton Schools from the 6th-10th grades before the family moved to Mesick for the student's 11th grade in 2016-17. The student reenrolled at Manton to begin the 2017-18 school year. The student's residential and enrollment history was submitted and showed that the student lived with his parents in three cities (Manton, Cadillac and Harrietta) while attending Manton from grades 6-10. The student lived with his parents in Harrietta and enrolled at Mesick for the 11th grade in 2016-17. Due to the unhealthy home environment, the student moved in with a family in Manton and reenrolled to begin the 2017-18 school year as a 12th-grader at Manton. The parents continue to live in Harrietta.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who struggles with health issues. The student previously attended Otsego. The student's older sister graduated this past spring from Otsego. In case the student has a relapse, the parents prefer to have the student attending school closer to the father. The student participated in athletics at Otsego and enrolled at Thornapple Kellogg on Oct. 24, 2017. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Olivet High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment, due to compelling circumstances, was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who had a conflict with a teacher and students while at Bellevue. The student enrolled in the 9th grade at Olivet on April 10, 2017. Four grade school age siblings transferred to Olivet the preceding January 2017.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Pinconning High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who moved with his mother and her boyfriend to Grand Haven in the summer of 2017 and attended school at Grand Haven for three weeks before reenrolling at Pinconning on Sept. 26, 2017. The student attended Pinconning Schools for the majority of his life while living with his mother at the home of his grandmother in Pinconning through the 9th grade. The mother was recently diagnosed with a medical condition. Shortly after moving to Grand Haven, it became clear that the mother's condition made her unable to care for the student and the mother sent the student back to live with his grandmother. The student did not participate in athletics at Grand Haven but did participate at Pinconning during the 2016-17 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Portland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother died on Oct. 2, 2017, and who has moved into the home of her sister in the Portland School District. The student lived with her mother previously, attended Belding, and enrolled at Portland on Oct. 13, 2017. The student's father has not been a part of the student's life. Child Protective Services placed the student with her sister in Portland.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Richmond 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 moving from her divorced father's home in Ontario, Canada to her mother's home in the St. Clair School District. The student attended Richmond Schools since August 2013 until moving to her father in Canada in November 2016. The student enrolled at Richmond on Sept. 7, 2017. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form is in process.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending completion of the Educational Transfer Form by both schools and the MHSAA.

St. Clair Shores-Lake Shore High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in ice hockey only was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who participated in the cooperative program in 2016-17 between Lake Shore and St. Clair Shores-Lakeview where the student was previously enrolled. The student enrolled at Lake Shore on Oct. 9, 2017. Support was submitted from the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for ice hockey only until Jan. 15, 2018.

St. Joseph High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who abruptly departed Texas with her mother because of conflicts with the student's father. The student and mother moved into the grandmother's home in Benton Harbor and enrolled at St. Joseph on Oct. 12, 2017. The mother is on disability and could not afford the rent in St. Joseph.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Traverse City-Grand Traverse Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in girls basketball only was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Traverse City Christian and participated in the cooperative program between these two schools. The student enrolled at Grand Traverse Academy on Sept. 5, 2017. Support from the former school was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for girls basketball only until Jan. 15, 2018.

Waterford Kettering 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 9th-grade student who attended South Lyon East and participated in fall sports before enrolling at Waterford Kettering on Sept 29, 2017 (the fourth Friday after Labor Day). The parents decided to modify their custody agreement for the student and are now sharing legal and physical custody. The student's primary address will be in Waterford but the student will be alternating between the two households – the mother in South Lyon and the father's home in the Waterford Mott attendance area. The mother agreed to the transition only if the student enrolled at Waterford Kettering. The Waterford School District approved the request and allowed the student to enroll at Waterford Kettering rather than Waterford Mott, a school of the same district. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level for the following transferring 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
Allen Park-Cabrini	10	Dearborn-Divine Child	Aug. 18, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
Galesburg-Augusta	9	Parchment	Oct. 25, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
Holland	9	Muskegon	Oct. 16, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
Holland	9	Zeeland East	Sept. 20, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
Holland Christian	9	Holland-West Ottawa	Oct. 25, 2017	Remainder of 17-18 school year
Mattawan	10	Kalamazoo Central	Oct. 2, 2017	91 st scheduled school day
Niles-Brandywine	9	John Glenn, Walkerton, IN	Oct. 23, 2017	Remainder of 17-18 school year
Scottville-Mason County Central	10	Muskegon River Youth Home	Oct. 2, 2017	91 st scheduled school day
South Haven	10	Covert	Sept. 5, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018

Elsie—Ovid-Elsie and Ashley Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two member middle schools for a 6th-7th-8th-grade combined team. Ovid-Elsie sponsored middle school wrestling previously and will be the primary school.

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 school:

Dearborn Heights-WISE Academy – This is a nonpublic tuition-based school with an impressive new facility under construction set to open in November 2017. Currently, the school is renting rooms from a mosque in Dearborn. The school is a K-12 school and has operated for five years. The current 9-12 enrollment is 46 students, with a middle school enrollment of 63 students that will include 6th-8th grade participation. The WISE Academy Junior High/Middle School was also approved for MHSAA membership. The new facility has an all-purpose gymnasium with seating on one side for 200 spectators and a 25-yard eight-lane pool. Limited outdoor areas are available with consideration given to developing a playable soccer field. The school currently uses Robichaud High School's track and soccer fields. The school intends to sponsor boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field with hopes to add sports in the future. A signed 2017-18 MHSAA Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form were received on Sept. 8, 2017. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct has been submitted and the current volunteer athletic administrator attended an AD Orientation in September 2017. If a 2018-19 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 28, 2018, and all other regulations are followed, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2018-19 school year.

MHSAA Committees – The Executive Committee approved a list of committee members on MHSAA committees meeting after Jan. 2, 2018.

Representative Council Meeting Agenda – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the agenda for the Dec. 1 Representative Council meeting.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Executive Committee is Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at 12 Noon in East Lansing (Rep Council meets next day).