

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 10, 2013

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Dave Derocher, Reese
Ken Dietz, Watervliet

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.

Covert and Benton Harbor-DREAM Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – On Aug. 7, 2013, the Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application pending support from the league or future opponents for a cooperative program in several sports and into the following tournaments: football (2014) volleyball (2014-Class C), boys and girls basketball (Class C), girls competitive cheer (Div. 4), boys and girls track & field (Div. 3), baseball (Div. 3) and softball (Div. 3). The combined enrollment is 395 students. Covert sponsored all sports but competitive cheer and softball previously and would be the primary school for all programs. The deadline has passed for fall sports 2013. If approved, the programs in football and girls volleyball would be effective in the fall of the 2014-15 school year. Due to emergency financial and personnel matters, Covert requested an extension for finalizing the agreement until the Oct. 2, 2013 Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee approved the request for an extension of the deadline date until not later than its Oct. 2 meeting.

Ironwood-LL Wright and Bessemer-AD Johnston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 425 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. LL Wright sponsored skiing previously and will be the primary school. Support from future opponents was submitted.

Traverse City-St. Francis, Bellaire, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, Kingsley, Leland, Mancelona, Maple City-Glen Lake and Suttons Bay High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Bellaire to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed in one form or another since 2000. Buckley High School was added last year and is withdrawing due to lack of interest. St. Francis will continue as the primary school of this nine-team program whose combined enrollment of 2,579 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Support from the Northern Michigan Hockey League was submitted.

Hale 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 enrolled to begin the 9th grade in the 2009-10 school year for eight trimesters at Warren-Fitzgerald High School. The student had a troubled academic and attendance record for most of three school years and also was recovering from knee surgery in the second trimester of 2011-12. The student withdrew from Fitzgerald on March 16, 2012, and did not attend school later in the spring of 2012 while he and his mother relocated to Hale. Because the student received insufficient credit, he will need a fifth year of high school to graduate (2013-14). The student completed his fourth first semester/trimester and fourth second semester/trimester since first enrolling in the 9th grade during the 2012-13 school year at Hale High School. The first semester of the 2013-14 school year would be the student's fifth first semester/trimester.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lincoln-Alcona 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 attended Lincoln-Alcona Schools through the 7th grade before moving to South Carolina with his mother. The student had discipline and attendance issues and received one high school credit before withdrawal from school on Dec. 6, 2010. The student did not attend school during the second semester of 2010-11. Over the summer of 2011, the student returned to live with a friend's family in Alcona, and he has passed all of his classes since the 2011-12 school year. The first semester of 2013-14 would be the student's fifth first semester since first enrolling in the 9th grade.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was diagnosed with cancer and withdrew from school on Oct. 19, 2012. The student has completed therapy, is in remission and has returned to Brother Rice to begin the 2013-14 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Norway High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who did not pass sufficient credits for the second semester of 2012-13 due to emotional problems which led to academic deficiencies. The student is enrolled at the Intermediate School District where credit is applied to a Norway transcript.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Port Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was diagnosed with kidney cancer and had a kidney removed in December 2012. Because the student was ill and underwent chemotherapy, he was on homebound status and only received credit in two of the four classes necessary to achieve 66 percent of full credit load potential for a full-time student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Aug. 27, 2013, the Executive Committee did not approve a request for eligibility at the subvarsity level for a student as he participated in football while in the 9th grade at Forest Hills Eastern. The school subsequently requested full eligibility because the enrollment at Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian for the second semester of 2012-13 was not socially or academically what the student was looking for. The student was ineligible for the second semester of 2012-13 and is again ineligible for the first semester of 2013-14. The student's younger sister remains enrolled at NorthPointe Christian.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of one 12th-grade and two 10th-grade foster students, eligible under Exception 3, who have been placed with a host family in a home approximately one mile closer to Jackson Christian than to Lenawee Christian. The host family has a 12th-grade son enrolled at Lenawee Christian since January 2013 and a daughter who also previously attended Lenawee Christian Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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 is returning to Adrian-Madison after attending Adrian Schools for the 7th-10th grades. The student is enrolling to begin the 2013-14 school year so as to not become involved with bad behaviors of his peer group at the former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bangor 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 St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic and believed she was bullied by a group of five girls, causing the student to be absent from school for 24 days and to enroll at Bangor to begin the 2013-14 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bellaire 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 foreign exchange student from a CSJET-approved program whose host family resides in the Mancelona School District, but two 10th- and 12th-grade students of the host family have attended Bellaire High School for the past two years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Benton Harbor-Countryside Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest charter school) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who moved from California with his ill mother to the home of his father in Benton Harbor. The student enrolled at Countryside Academy to begin the 2013-14 school year. Another charter school is closer to the student's new residence but the father prefers the student enroll at Countryside Academy.

The Executive Committee did not approve 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 10th-grade student who has attended Deerfield Schools since Kindergarten except for the first day of school on Sept. 3, 2013 when the student enrolled at Ottawa Lake-Whiteford. The student reenrolled at Britton-Deerfield on Sept. 4, 2013.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Chesaning High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has attended Chesaning Schools since 2001-02 except for ten school days to begin the 2013-14 school year when the student was enrolled in school in Florida. His parents own a business involving extensive travel and the grandparents live with the family in Chesaning while the parents are away working. The family purchased a second home in Florida in the midst of a competitive housing market and kept their primary residence in Chesaning. The family has moved back to the primary residence in Chesaning.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Coldwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has attended Coldwater his entire career except for one day, Sept. 3, 2013, when the student enrolled at Quincy High School with an incoming 9th-grade sister. The student returned to Coldwater on Sept. 4, 2013. The sister remained at Quincy.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Comstock Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who resides in Grand Rapids and practiced cross country for two days with Kentwood-Grand River Preparatory on Aug. 16 and 19, 2013. The student was placed on a waiting list on Monday, Aug. 19 and also practiced with Comstock Park on that same day. The student was accepted at Comstock Park on Thursday, Aug. 22. The request was for full eligibility as Comstock Park does not have a subvarsity cross country team.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver at the varsity level but did approve the request for participation at the subvarsity level until Jan. 20, 2014.

Farmington Hills-Mercy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Wheaton, Illinois-St. Francis School for ten school days and participated in golf to begin the 2013-14 school year while living with her divorced father whose employment was transferred to Chicago. The student has returned to the residence of her mother and submitted an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form. The request was for eligibility at the former school which the student attended in the 9th and 10th grades. Mercy is not the closest Catholic school to the mother's residence in Troy.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and permit the use of a second Educational Transfer Form was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who moved from his mother to his father in August 2012 and attended Wayland Union for the 2012-13 school year. The student's father has been incarcerated; and with no alternative residence, the student returned to the home of his mother in the Ottawa Hills School District where he had attended school in the 9th and 10th grades. A second Educational Transfer Form has been completed.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grandville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother relocated her job to Grand Rapids due to her former municipal employer going into receivership. The mother, student and siblings moved to Grandville and the father has remained in Allen Park with a 19-year-old college student attending school in Dearborn. The father was unable to find employment in Grand Rapids and is employed in Plymouth in a position involving extensive overseas travel. The student previously attended Allen Park-Cabrini and participated in athletics. The student would like to participate in JV cross country.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ida 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 two 12th-grade students from a CSIET-approved program. The host family lives in the Ottawa Lake-Whiteford School District which has reached its cap for enrollment of foreign exchange students. Ida was contacted as the neighboring district and accepted the students to begin the 2013-14 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-approved program whose host family resides in a home closer to Lumen Christi than to Jackson Christian. The host family has had three children in attendance at Jackson Christian for over ten years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson-Vandercook Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is attending his fourth high school since beginning the 9th grade and whose mother has been incarcerated and is unable to care for the student. A family in the Vandercook Lake School District has taken the student in and he has enrolled to begin the 2013-14 school year. The student's history includes abuse and neglect of the student and an eight-year-old sister for whom the student is the primary caregiver. The student has no history of athletic participation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jonesville 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 three foreign exchange students from CSJET-approved programs (two 11th-graders and a 12th-grader). Two of the students' host families live in the Litchfield School District and the other in the Hillsdale School District. All of the host families have had students enrolled in Jonesville Schools for at least one school year prior.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kingsley 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 whose encounters with a former staff member caused the student to experience anxiety attacks. The student has enrolled at Kingsley to begin the 2013-14 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marion High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Marion since elementary school and McBain High School for two days, Sept. 3-4, 2013, before reenrolling at Marion High School on Sept. 4.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

McBain 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 whose mother received a teaching job at McBain this school year. The student practiced, played in a preseason scrimmage and participated in the first football game for Manton High School before enrolling at McBain on Sept. 2, 2013.

Pursuant to the specific requirement of this Section, that the student has not previously participated in an MHSAA sport, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Mona Shores 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 her father while attending Muskegon in the 9th grade and moved last school year into the home of her mother in the Mona Shores School District. The student continued to attend Muskegon High School for the 10th grade. To begin the 11th grade the student has enrolled at Mona Shores. The parents never married, and an Educational Transfer Form is in process.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Pentwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother begins a prison term on Sept. 19, 2013, and who has moved to the residence of the grandparents in Pentwater. The father has not been part of the student's life since birth. The student previously attended Grand Ledge and has no previous athletic participation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pigeon-Elkton Pigeon Bay Port Laker High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose family moved in June to the home of an aunt and uncle in the Laker School District. On July 29, 2013, the student's aunt, uncle and cousin were killed in an auto accident and the home they were living in is no longer a residential option. The student had participated with Laker athletic teams over the summer and is now living with a family in the Laker School District. The mother is living with the grandmother in the neighboring Kinde-North Huron School District and caring for another cousin injured in the accident. The student's father is deceased.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Port Huron Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who returned to his former school on the same day as an Educational Transfer Form was signed by the MHSAA and sent to Ypsilanti-Lincoln. The student had lived with his father and attended Port Huron Northern High School for the 9th and 10th grades before moving to his mother's home in the Ypsilanti-Lincoln School District over the summer. The student began practicing with Lincoln in August, did not play in a game as the birth certificate was in process; but he scrimmaged prior the birth certificate being returned, in violation of the transfer regulation. Lincoln has reported the violation and forfeited the scrimmage. Just prior to school beginning, the student returned to his father's home in the Port Huron Northern attendance area. The student has been withheld from the first two games of the season, one at each school. The request was to permit eligibility with the resubmission of the Educational Transfer Form with Port Huron Northern as the new school and Ypsilanti-Lincoln as the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Portland 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 an 11th-grade student who previously attended East Jackson while living with her divorced mother and has moved in with her father and stepmother who reside in Saranac. The stepmother is a teacher at Portland and the student rides to school with her. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form is in process.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Potterville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has enrolled to begin the 2013-14 school year at Potterville due to bullying experienced at Lansing-Waverly. The student has lived in Potterville his whole life and attended Waverly Schools since Kindergarten.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Richmond High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Richmond Schools his entire career except for one day, Sept. 4, 2013, when he attended Fair Haven-Anchorage Bay High School. The student reenrolled at Richmond on Sept. 5, 2013. The student did not go to any school on Sept. 3, 2013. The student has been withheld from competition since changing schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-South Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose unmarried parents are in the military. The father is posted in San Diego and the mother, living in Virginia with the student, has learned that she will be sent overseas. The mother has moved the student from family in Tennessee to the home of an aunt in the South Lake School District. The student has previously participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Standish-Sterling 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 an 11th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSJET-approved program whose host family resides in the AuGres-Sims School District but who has an 11th-grade student who has attended Standish-Sterling since 9th grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Warren-Lincoln 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 an 11th-grade student who moved from the home of his mother in Durand to the home of his father in the Warren-Fitzgerald School District and enrolled at Lincoln to begin the 2013-14 school year. The student attended Lincoln for three semesters to begin the 9th grade in 2011-12, and when moving to his mother's home, attended Durand for the second semester of 2012-13. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted. The student did not complete and Educational Transfer Form when he enrolled at Durand.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Warren Woods-Tower 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 lived with his father and attended Redford Union for the 11th grade in the 2012-13 school year. The student has returned to the residence of his mother who has since moved to Eastpointe. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form is in process. The request was for eligibility at the former school which the student attended in the 9th and 10th grades (Warren Woods-Tower).

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
Freeland	9	Freeland Community Baptist	Sept. 10, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Grand Rapids-South Christian	10	South Bend, IN	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Grant	10	Grand Rapids-Union	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Imlay City	10	Oregon, St. Paul's	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Madison Heights-Madison	10	Michigan Math & Science Academy	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Reese	10	Saginaw-Arthur Hill	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014

Temperance-Bedford High School (Regulation II, Section 11[F]) – A request was made to enter preliminary wrestling bouts in a tournament hosted by Springfield High School in Holland, Ohio on Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, one day earlier than the date allowed for competition (Saturday, Dec. 7). The school has attended in the past and it is in close proximity to Temperance. The event is within the travel limitation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this event, and it authorized MHSAA staff to approve future requests for wrestling tournaments that existed prior to the rule change that have previously involved Friday competition for the junior varsity and/or varsity levels of the tournament and involved the MHSAA school(s) making the request.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to 2013-14 *Handbook* Interpretation 262, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation for the following junior high/middle schools to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th- and/or 8th-graders for the sports listed in the 2013-14 school year only (unless otherwise indicated below).

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
AuGres-Sims/ Twining-Arenac Eastern Coop	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball	126 & 78 Combined=204	Combined: 56 7 th -graders 60 8 th -graders
Hillsdale Academy	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball	72	35 7 th - & 8 th -graders

Fremont and Fremont Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two member schools. Fremont sponsored football previously and will be the primary school.

Lapeer—Rolland-Warner and Lapeer-Zemmer Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country between these two schools of the same district. Zemmer sponsored cross country previously, but Rolland-Warner will be the primary school. The schools are currently in a cooperative program in baseball with Zemmer as the primary school.

Reese and Reese-St. Elizabeth Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football, boys and girls cross country and boys and girls track & field between these two member schools. Neither school sponsored these sports previously. Reese 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:

Taylor Preparatory High School is a charter school with a current 9th and 10th grade class located at the former St. Alfred Catholic Grade School on Telegraph in Taylor. The school is chartered through Grand Valley State University and operated by PrepNet, Network of College Preparatory High Schools. This is the company's fourth MHSAA member high school (Arbor, Grand River and Well Spring Prep). It has approximately 150 students in grades 9 and 10 and 125 middle school students, with a capacity of 250 high school students. It has a competition-level gymnasium with seating for 300 and a tartan floor, and anticipates a gymnasium renovation in 2014. There is access to outdoor fields for practice, but competition will likely be off site. The school intends to sponsor JV girls volleyball and boys soccer this fall and JV boys and girls basketball in the winter. The signed 2013-14 Membership Resolution was received Aug. 7, 2013, as was the Preliminary Enrollment Declaration. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct has been submitted. If the 2014-15 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 26, 2014, and all other regulations are followed, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2014-15 school year.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing.