

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

East Lansing, March 26, 2021

Members Present:

Eric Albright, Midland
Jay Alexander, Detroit
Nicole Carter, Novi
Judy Cox, Auburn
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Kris Isom, Adrian
Sean Jacques, Calumet
Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake
Mark Mattson, Maple City
Will McKoy, Romulus
Jason Mensing, Ottawa Lake
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Chris Miller, Gobles
Steve Newkirk, Clare
Chris Riker, Portage
John Thompson, Brighton
Alex Tiseo, Marquette

Member Absent:

Kyle Guerrant, Lansing

Also Present:

Scott Eldridge, Lansing
Bill Zaagman, Lansing

Staff Members Present:

Sam Davis
Andy Frushour
Nate Hampton
Dan Hutcheson
Geoff Kimmerly
Andi Osters
Tom Rashid
Brent Rice
Adam Ryder
Mark Uyl (Recorder)
Karen Yonkers

Accounts of Meetings – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Chris Miller, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council meeting of Feb. 22, 2021, the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of Dec. 3, 2020, Jan. 13, 2021 and Feb. 24, 2021, and the minutes of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee meeting of Feb. 25, 2021. Adopted.

REPORTS

Legislation – The Council heard a verbal report from Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. regarding COVID restrictions and regulations, along with legislative proposals including transgender issues.

Litigation – MHSAA legal counsel presented a verbal report.

Administration – The executive director provided a brief review of the current status of 2020-21 classifications of member schools. Schools will be notified of their tournament divisions for sports by April 2, 2021. Schools will also be reminded that sports physicals will be required for all students for the 2021-22 school year. Regulation I, Section 3 was not changed for the coming school year. Health Questionnaires, in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic, will not be in use during the coming school year. A valid 2021-22 sports physical must be performed by an MD, DO, NP or PA on or after April 15, 2021. The director also provided a brief winter tournament report and the Council discussed upcoming spring sports with many concerns about required antigen testing being shared by those school representatives. The challenges include testing over 100,000 spring sport athletes statewide, along with issues with the current online submission process for test result reporting. Council members noted spring testing topics that need additional clarification.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit and Finance Committee Report – This committee is responsible for reviewing past financial performance and future projections, reviewing and making revenue and expense recommendations for MHSAA programs, and finalizing the annual budget for the Council's approval in May. The Council received a brief report on the committee's Feb. 24 meeting. The Audit and Finance Committee will meet again in April and will complete the 2021-22 budget for approval in early May.

The executive director reported that the National Federation of State High School Associations will be holding its summer meeting in late June. Fewer than usual MHSAA staff and Council members will be attending.

May Representative Council Meeting – The May 2-3, 2021 Representative Council meeting will be held in Gaylord this year.

Vern L. Norris Award – Based on votes by the Council, the winner will be announced soon and arrangements will be made to honor the recipient at an appropriate time and event in the future.