

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 25, 2010

8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Fred Smith, Buchanan

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.

Flint-Kearsley and Holly High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools whose combined 2010-11 enrollment of 2,424 students will place the team in the Division 1 tournament. Flint-Kearsley sponsored ice hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Flint Metro League was received.

Gaylord-St. Mary Cathedral and Boyne Falls High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a football cooperative program between these two schools whose 2010-11 combined enrollment is 138 students. St. Mary sponsored football previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Ski Valley Conference and the Northern Lakes Conference was submitted.

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to permit 8th-grade students from St. Mary High School to participate in the newly formed baseball cooperative program with Northport High School. St. Mary's 2009-10 enrollment of 89 students would allow 8th grade participation; however, the combined enrollment (141 students) with Northport (52 students) would not be permitted under the regulation. The schools do not wish to dissolve the agreement.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hamtramck and Highland Park High Schools (Regulation I, Section 3) – On Feb. 24, 2010, the Executive Committee approved a request from the Detroit Public Schools to extend the window for physical exams to 11 days earlier than April 15, 2010, so that physicals given to students during the week of April 5-9, 2010 at a health fair conducted by the Detroit Wayne County Health Authority will serve to fulfill the physical exam requirement for the 2010-11 school year. The Authority and other health care partners will provide physical exams to students in the Detroit Public Schools at no cost during this program which runs during the Spring Break of the Detroit Public Schools. The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to permit eligibility under this Section for all students of the Detroit Public Schools whose physical examinations are administered on or after April 5, 2010. This consideration is for the 2010-11 school year only because of the special arrangements being made for the Detroit Public Schools during its 2010 Spring Break.

The Detroit Wayne County Health authority also serves students from the adjacent school districts and would like the same opportunity to be extended to these students and communities. Hamtramck and Highland Park High Schools requested that the physical exam date also be extended for its students. It is anticipated that some of the other adjacent schools may also make this request.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, for the 2010-11 school year only, to permit eligibility under this Section for all students of Hamtramck and Highland Park High Schools whose physical examinations occur on or after April 5, 2010; and the Executive Committee authorized the executive director to extend this option to two other adjacent school districts should they request this.

Saline-Washtenaw Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 4) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has satisfactorily completed nine semesters of high school since the 2005-06 school year and has been diagnosed with several medical conditions.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sebewaing—Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School (Regulation I, Section 5) – A request was made to waive the maximum competition regulation and specifically Interpretation 32 on behalf of three girls (12th, 11th and 9th grades) who participated with the boys soccer team last fall before it was known that USA High School would also sponsor a girls team during the 2009-10 school year. The students practiced most of the season. The 11th- and 12th- grade students played in two games each, the 9th- grade student in four or five games.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with the condition that each student be withheld from as many games at the start of the spring season as she participated in during the fall season.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the previous academic credit record regulation. The student withdrew from school to enter a residential substance abuse program. Eligible under the transfer regulation, as the student has returned to his parents on March 13, 2010, the program recommended that the student not have contact with the high school during the treatment. The student has a strong academic history and did not participate in athletics during the first or second trimester of 2009-10.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, but indicated the academic term in question must count against the maximum number allowed under Sections 4 and 5.

Marine City 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 passed three of six courses in the first semester of 2009-10. The student has shown academic improvement since diagnosis and treatment.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waldron High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended the McKinley Education Center in Adrian, passing two of two classes to begin the 2009-10 school year before enrolling at Waldron on Jan. 11, 2010. The full credit load potential for a student at McKinley is unclear as students take three courses over five-week periods and work at their own pace. The student lived with his parents in Adrian, was asked to leave their home and has moved in with his grandmother. The student becomes 19 on April 1, 2010. A completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee had questions about the academic requirements of the McKinley Education Center and could not conclude that Waldron had accepted any credits. The request for waiver was not approved.

Adrian-Madison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended and participated in athletics at Leroy-Pine River High School while living with her mother and stepfather. The stepfather worked for a correctional facility which was closed down. The stepfather was relocated to a facility in Adrian and the family moved into a motel just outside the Madison School District. The student enrolled at Adrian-Madison in November 2009 as a homeless student. After several weeks of living in a motel, the parents moved into a house located in the Adrian School District.

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

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Adrian-Madison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended and did not participate in athletics at Belleville High School. The student has been court ordered to reside with an aunt and uncle who live in the Adrian-Madison School District. The student wishes to run track which does not have a subvarsity level.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Allegan High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Hopkins High School before enrolling at Allegan High School on March 5, 2010.

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

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 59 (closest nonpublic school). The student and a 6th grade sister were in foster care, attending Ishpeming-Westwood Schools, before being adopted on Feb. 16, 2010 by two parents, one of whom is a teacher at Gabriel Richard. The student has not participated in sports previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bad Axe High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 59 (public school of residence). The student's parents never married, but an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form and birth certificate were submitted as allowed under Interpretation 86. The student previously lived in Mt. Morris with her mother and two sisters and attended E. A. Johnson High School. In December 2009, the father moved from California to Port Austin in the Kinde-North Huron School District. Due to a deteriorating relationship with her mother, the student moved into the residence of the father, stepmother and step-siblings and enrolled at Bad Axe High School on Jan. 6, 2010.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Burton-Faith 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 Davison High School while living with his parents and who moved with his mother and sister from Davison to the Otisville-Lakeville High School District on Feb. 2, 2010. The behavior of the student's father caused the mother to relocate her children. The student has been in counseling. The mother enrolled the student at Faith High School on Feb. 22, 2010 because Faith High School is affiliated with their church. Genesee Christian is less than two miles closer to the student's current residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Corunna High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, and specifically Interpretation 59 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose parents are divorced and who lived with his mother in Ionia and attended Ionia High School. The student has moved to the residence of his father and stepmother in Ovid-Elsie and enrolled at Corunna High School on Jan. 25, 2010. The student's stepbrother is an 8th grader at Corunna Middle School since September 2009 and the father works in the city of Corunna.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Deckerville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Deckerville Schools throughout his career except for three weeks of the 10th grade in 2009-10 when the student moved to Port Huron with his father because he did not want to move with his mother to Croswell. After three weeks, the student moved to live with his mother and reenrolled at his former school, Deckerville, but not his school of residence, Croswell-Lexington. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Elk Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Feb. 24, 2010, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation made on behalf of an 11th-grade student, originally from Florida, who attended Elk Rapids High School for the 9th and 10th grades. The student's parents are divorced and the father has a history of violence and threats which include a warrant recently issued by the FBI on the father. Over the summer of 2009, the mother and two siblings moved to South Carolina and the student moved to Florida to live with grandparents. On Nov. 9, 2009, the student reenrolled at Elk Rapids and has been residing with a family in Elk Rapids. Additional information was submitted including information regarding the living situations and the relationships between the mother, father and student. The student does not feel safe with either the mother or grandmother in any part of the southeastern United States. Personal Protection Orders were issued against the father in October 2008.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Elk Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents are divorced. The student lived with his mother in Chelsea before moving in with his father in Ann Arbor, attending Pioneer High School for four weeks in the fall of 2008-09. The student then returned to Chelsea and remained until moving to Elk Rapids to live with an aunt, and enrolled there on Jan. 25, 2010.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ewart 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 Corunna High School while residing with her parents and who is the victim of several crimes in Shiawassee County which are currently being investigated. The student moved into the residence of her brother and sister-in-law who reside in the Clare School District in Clare County for her personal protection until these matters are resolved. The student is attending Ewart because her sister-in-law is a teacher there. A Personal Protection Order is being sought against a person in Shiawassee County related to the investigation. The student enrolled on Dec. 7, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint—Carman-Ainsworth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Carman-Ainsworth Schools previously and to begin the 9th grade in the 2009-10 school year. The student enrolled at Flint-Powers Catholic High School where he attended school for 13 days before reenrolling at Carman-Ainsworth on Feb. 24.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian High School before enrolling at Powers Catholic on March 5, 2010.

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

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment due to compelling circumstances. The student previously attended Flushing High School before enrolling at Powers Catholic in November 2009. The student attended Powers for the 9th and 10th grades (2007-2009) before enrolling at Flushing High School to begin the 11th grade. The father died on Nov. 5, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, effective with the student's 91st school day of reenrollment at Powers Catholic High School.

Gladwin High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose family is destitute and whose mother neglected and then abandoned the family, defaulting in a divorce and custody proceeding, and left the state. The student previously attended Tekonsha High School while living with his parents and brother. The father is disabled, not working, and moved the student and his brother to a friend's home in Gladwin due to the mother's neglect, enrolling the student at Gladwin High School on Nov. 30, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian 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 Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School and enrolled at Grand Rapids Christian on Feb. 1, 2010 due to situations brought about because the student's mother is a teacher at Forest Hills Eastern.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Northview 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 Grand Rapids-Central High School while residing with his mother who was incarcerated and will be for the time the student has left in high school. The father's whereabouts are unknown. The student has moved in with his maternal grandmother who lives in the Grand Rapids Public School District, and enrolled at Northview on March 12, 2010. A cousin, who also lives with the grandmother, has been enrolled at Northview for three years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grass Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Chelsea High School before enrolling at Grass Lake High School on March 8, 2010.

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

Grass Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Chelsea High School before enrolling at Grass Lake High School on March 10, 2010.

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

Haslett 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 Clio High School and whose mother's job was transferred to the Lansing area. The family has purchased a home in the Haslett School District and the student enrolled in January 2010 to begin the second semester at Haslett. The mother and student are residing in Haslett. The student's 12th grade brother continues to attend Clio High School while the father stays at both homes. The Clio residence is on the market. Once the Clio home is sold or the brother graduates and leaves for college, the father will move permanently to Haslett.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended West Ottawa for the 9th and 10th grades before moving to Colorado with his family in the summer of 2009 due to his father accepting a job there in November 2009. The student struggled academically in Colorado; and after one semester, the student has returned with his mother to the same residence as before while the father continues his employment in Colorado, hoping to find employment in Michigan. The student reenrolled at West Ottawa High School on Jan. 5, 2010.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ionia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who lived with her father in Colorado and has moved to the residence of an aunt and uncle in Ionia due to attendance, academic and transportation issues. The student participated in volleyball in Colorado. The student enrolled at Ionia on Jan. 10, 2010.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Remus-Chippewa Hills High School before enrolling at Lakeview High School on March 8, 2010.

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

New Lothrop High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Corunna High School and participated in wrestling before enrolling at New Lothrop on March 15, 2010.

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

New Lothrop High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Mt. Morris-E. A. Johnson High School, participated in athletics, and moved from his divorced father to the home of his mother which is on the border of three school districts: Flushing, Corunna and New Lothrop. Upon moving to the mother's home, the student attempted to enroll at Flushing, which misinformed the student that he lived in the New Lothrop School District. A substitute staff person at New Lothrop also misinformed the family. After enrollment at New Lothrop on Nov. 18, 2009, it was determined that the student lived in the Corunna School District. An Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Parchment High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Kalamazoo Christian High School before enrolling at Parchment High School on March 8, 2010.

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

Rochester Hills-Lutheran High School Northwest (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Madison Heights-Lamphere High School before enrolling at Lutheran Northwest on Jan. 25, 2010. The student changed schools for safety reasons. Lutheran Northwest is the closest Lutheran high school to their residence and is a feeder school of their Lutheran church, but is not the closest nonpublic school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Roscommon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Roscommon High School since 9th grade except for three school days when the student attended Houghton Lake High School in January 2010.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Whitehall High School previously before moving with her parents to California in late September 2009 when the father acquired a job there. The student was one of a number of students involved in a situation which resulted in a coach pleading guilty to criminal sexual conduct in September 2009. The student intends to return to Whitehall with her mother while the father will remain in California.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Whitmore Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Brighton Alternative High School before enrolling at Whitmore Lake on Oct. 9, 2009.

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

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
Bloomfield Hills-Lahser	9	West Bloomfield-Frankel Jewish Acad.	Feb. 1, 2010	Remainder of 2009-10 school year
Colon	10	Mendon	Nov. 9, 2009	Remainder of 2009-10 school year
Fenton	10	Burton-Bentley	Jan. 21, 2010	Remainder of 2009-10 school year
Flint-Powers Catholic	9	Flushing	Nov. 9, 2009	Remainder of 2009-10 school year
Lakeview	9	Morango, OH	March 8, 2010	Until 91 st school day
Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central	9	Reese	Jan. 22, 2010	Remainder of 2009-10 school year
Warren-Cousino	10	Warren-De La Salle Collegiate	Jan. 25, 2010	Remainder of 2009-10 school year
Watervliet-Grace Christian	9	Dowagiac Union	Dec. 1, 2009	Remainder of 2009-10 school year

Detroit Public Schools (Regulation I, Section 13[B]) – A request was made to waive the Limited Team Membership regulation to allow current students who have participated in national high school championships or all-star events to continue their high school eligibility.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, National Junior College Athletic Association, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, National Federation of State High School Associations, National Association of State Boards of Education and the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals are among those groups which have expressed opposition to high school all-star events and/or national high school championships.

It was noted that as fewer coaches are school faculty members and fewer coach multiple sports, they fail to appreciate that existing rules were designed to promote students' attendance in school and availability for practices and games of multiple school sports. The rationale for the rules is even more compelling today as schools are challenged to educate and graduate students at higher levels and to operate interscholastic athletic programs even less expensively. The Executive Committee believes that the limitations of existing rules are consistent with the best interests of both schools and their students and should not be waived for any school district or any event. The request for waiver was not approved.

Spring Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 13[C]) – A request was made to waive the 30-day notice requirement for a student to participate under the special allowances of this Section in a girls soccer national team training camp in California April 10-17, 2010, so that she may participate in any contests that might occur during the camp. The student was notified by the U.S. Soccer Federation by email on March 19, 2010.

While expressing its continuing disappointment with the activities of the U.S. Soccer Federation which violate the Amateur Sports Act that requires national sports governing bodies to minimize conflicts with school programs, the Executive Committee acknowledged the prompt attention of the school and approved the request for waiver for this student for the U.S. National Team activities of these dates.

Gladstone High School (Regulation II, Section 6) – A request to waive the 600-mile round-trip travel limitation (Interpretation 177) was made to allow Gladstone High School to play a two-year home and home football game with St. Anthony's Village, Minnesota on the ninth football date in 2010 and 2011 (Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010 and Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011). The one-way travel distance is 391 miles. Gladstone continues to struggle to complete a nine-game football schedule.

The Executive Committee observed that past waivers were granted when travel would not be required on a school day, which is not the case here, and when all options within the travel limitation had been exhausted, which also is not the case in this matter. The request for waiver was not approved.

Okemos High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 224, a request to waive the three-/four-player rule for the 2009-10 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach whose primary employment is as the associate head coach of the Haslett Community Education Spartan Swim Club which has approximately 100 participants annually in grades 1-12 from six different school districts including Okemos (Haslett, East Lansing, Mason, Williamston and DeWitt). It is expected that 25 students in grades 7-12 from Okemos will be participating in the program.

The request for waiver was approved for this coach for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to Interpretation 249, the Executive Committee approved the following junior high/middle school's request for waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and/or 8th graders for the sports listed in the 2010-11 school year only:

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Atlanta	All sports	126 (2009-10) 115 (2010-11)	32 7 th graders 33 8 th graders

Hancock Public Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – The junior high/middle school requested waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and/or 8th graders in boys and girls track & field for the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kent City Community Schools (Regulation III, Section 1(C)) – The junior high/middle school requested waiver of the enrollment regulation to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and/or 8th graders in girls soccer for the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Manistee and Manistee Catholic Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country and boys and girls track & field between these two member schools. Manistee Middle School will be the primary school.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Audit and Finance Committee meeting to follow); Sunday, May 2, 2010, at 9 a.m. in Gaylord (with the Representative Council meeting at 1 p.m.); and Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing.