

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 4, 2009

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Steve Newkirk, Clare

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.

Byron Center-Zion Christian and Kentwood-West Michigan Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls soccer to a cooperative program which currently exists between these two schools in baseball, track & field and cross country. The combined enrolment of 119 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Zion Christian will be the primary school and was previously in an agreement with Wyoming—Tri-unity Christian which has been dissolved. Support from the Alliance League was received.

Eben Junction-Superior Central High School (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – Superior Central (enrollment 127) and Munising (enrollment 230) currently participate in an 11-player football cooperative agreement. Six students from Superior Central participate in this program. Superior Central is trying to begin its own eight-player team in 2010 but is uncertain if it will accomplish this. The school sought options for students who wish to be certain they have an opportunity to play football next year at either school.

The Executive Committee confirmed that a school may both participate in a cooperative program in 11-player football and sponsor a separate team in eight-player football. However, a school which is part of a cooperative program in 11-player football may not, under Regulation II, Section 15(B), participate in the eight-player division of the MHSAA Football Playoffs, if provided. The Executive Committee also confirmed that Superior Central students who participate in the cooperative program with Munising and then transfer to Munising after the fourth Friday of February would not be eligible for football at Munising under Regulation I, Section 9(C) but would be subject to the period of ineligibility under Sections 9(A) and 9(D).

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in baseball. The combined enrollment of 141 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. St. Mary sponsored baseball previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Cherryland Conference was received.

Portage Northern and Portage Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls lacrosse to a cooperative program which currently exists between these schools of the same district in girls gymnastics. Neither school sponsored girls lacrosse previously. Portage Northern will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 2,667 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Support from future opponents was received.

Taylor-Trillium Academy and Wyandotte-Mt. Carmel High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball and girls softball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 240 students will remove one softball team from Division 4 and continue the placement of a team in Division 4 baseball. Both schools sponsored softball previously; only Trillium Academy sponsored baseball. Trillium Academy will be the primary school. Support from the Charter School Conference was received.

Williamston and Haslett High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls lacrosse to a cooperative program which currently exists between these schools in boys lacrosse, girls gymnastics and ice hockey. Neither school sponsored girls lacrosse previously. Williamston will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 1,546 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was received.

Wolverine and Vanderbilt High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 180 students will place a team in the Division 4 tournament. Both schools sponsored baseball previously; Wolverine will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was received.

Wyoming-Godwin Heights and Wyoming—Tri-unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls softball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 663 students will place the team in the Division 2 tournament. Godwin Heights sponsored softball previously and will be the primary school. Tri-unity Christian was the primary school in a cooperative program with two other schools which has been dissolved. Support from the OK Conference was received.

Otisville-Lakeville High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request was made to waive the previous academic credit record regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Mt. Morris Alternative High School before moving with his mother and enrolling at Lakeville High School to begin the 2009-10 school year. The student did not achieve a satisfactory previous academic credit record in the second semester of the 2008-09 school year due to poor attendance.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Allegan High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended high school in Illinois while living with his parents before moving to the grandmother's home in Allegan and enrolling at Allegan High School on Oct. 5, 2009. The student moved to Allegan to assist his grandmother with health issues.

The Executive Committee approved the request for eligibility effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Allegan High School commencing Oct. 5, 2009.

Auburn Hills-Avondale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended the 9th and 10th grades at Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice before moving to Arizona with his parents and enrolling in school there for the 11th grade. Over the summer of 2009, the student and his father moved from their home in Arizona to a condominium in Arizona, after which the student and his father moved to Auburn Hills and the student enrolled at Avondale High School to begin the 2009-10 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bath High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Bath schools since the 5th grade except for six weeks when the student attended Eaton Rapids High School for the beginning of the 2009-10 school year. The family moved in the spring to start a business venture, after which time the parents separated. The student has returned to the original home in Bath with his mother and an older brother. The father and younger brother remain in Eaton Rapids. The student reenrolled at Bath on Oct. 12, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for eligibility effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Bath High School commencing Oct. 12, 2009.

Breckenridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Merrill High School before enrolling at Breckenridge High School because Merrill dropped its wrestling program.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Britton-Macon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who now resides with her stepfather in the Britton-Macon School District and enrolled to begin the 2009-10 school year. The student previously attended Ida High School and was required to leave her biological father's house before moving to the stepfather. The student's biological mother has relocated to an unknown location in Texas. The student's stepfather and biological mother are still married.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Center Line High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended L'Anse Creuse while living with her mother. Because of long-standing domestic problems, the student has moved to reside with an uncle in the Center Line School District, enrolling on Oct. 16, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Constantine 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 and who attended Constantine for the 9th and 10th grades while living with her father. In October 2009, the student moved to the home of her mother in neighboring Centreville where the student attended Centreville High School for ten school days from Oct. 12-23, 2009, before reenrolling at Constantine on Oct. 26. The student did not complete an Educational Transfer Form or participate in athletics at Centreville. The student continues to reside in Centreville with her mother.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Erie-Mason High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who moved with his mother to Monroe and enrolled at Monroe High School for five school days from Oct 12-16, 2009, before reenrolling at Erie-Mason on Oct. 19. The student had attended Erie-Mason his entire career and moved with his mother due to family issues which have since been reconciled.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother passed away when the student was in the 5th grade and whose father has not been involved in the student's life. The student attended Haslett Schools through the 5th grade, but when the mother died, the student relocated to live with an aunt in Williamston and was mentored by the most current guardian. The student's guardian since 2008 has been a sister who is being deployed to the Middle East. On June 25, 2009, with no reasonable alternative, the sister turned guardianship over to the current guardian (former mentor) who lives in Haslett. The student enrolled to begin the 2009-10 school year and would like to participate in gymnastics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose father is deceased and who previously attended Kalamazoo Central High School while living with his mother and stepsister. In anticipation of medical treatment for his mother, his guardianship was given to the student's cousin who lives in Holland. The student moved to that cousin in the Holland School District and enrolled there to begin the 2009-10 school year. On Oct. 30, 2009, the student's mother moved to Holland; the stepsister remains with the grandmother in Kalamazoo.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother is deceased and whose father is in a residential rehab center. The student previously attended school in Illinois before moving to Jackson to live with her aunt and uncle, enrolling Sept. 1, 2009. Jackson Christian is the closest nonpublic school to the student's new residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – On Aug. 10, 2009, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Kalamazoo Christian High School and participated in athletics. The student enrolled at Kalamazoo Central in March of 2009. The matter was resubmitted with additional specific information and a communication from the principal at the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for eligibility effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Kalamazoo Central High School.

Lake Linden-Hubbell 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 lives in Lake Linden and enrolled at Houghton High School to begin the 2009-10 school year before returning to his school of residence, enrolling at Lake Linden-Hubbell High School on Oct. 19, 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for eligibility effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Lake Linden-Hubbell High School commencing Oct. 19, 2009.

Lincoln-Alcona High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Alpena High School before enrolling at Alcona to begin the 2009-10 school year. The student's twin sister had transferred to Alcona during the 2008-09 school year. The student changed schools because of issues with a former coach at Alpena High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Manistee 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 at the subvarsity level only. The student previously attended Manistee-Catholic Central High School and participated in volleyball before enrolling at Manistee High School on Oct. 19, 2009 because her mother was terminated from an elementary teaching position at Catholic Central.

Citing the specific requirement of the subvarsity section (no previous participation), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level; however, the request for waiver for any level of play was approved effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Manistee High School commencing Oct. 19, 2009.

Manistee 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 at the subvarsity level only. The student previously attended Manistee-Catholic Central High School and participated in volleyball before enrolling at Manistee High School on Oct. 19, 2009 because one of her guardians was terminated from an elementary teaching position at Catholic Central.

Citing the specific requirement of the subvarsity section (no previous participation), the Executive Committee did not approve the request for immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level; however, the request for waiver for any level of play was approved effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Manistee High School commencing Oct. 19, 2009.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Gwinn High School and participated in swimming & diving. For 2009-10, Gwinn High School has become part of a cooperative agreement in swimming & diving with Ishpeming, Negaunee and Republic-Michigamme High Schools. The student has enrolled at Marquette High School to begin the 2009-10 school year because several classes were not available to him at Gwinn High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Mason 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 9th-grade student who began the 2009-10 school year and played football at Ionia High School while living with his mother and stepfather. The student changed residences and schools on Nov. 2, 2009.

Citing the specific restriction of this Section (no previous participation), the Executive Committee did not approve 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 an 11th-grade student who previously attended Centreville High School while living with his parents in Sturgis and who has moved to the residence of an aunt and uncle in Middleville. The student enrolled to begin the 2009-10 school year as the family intends to relocate eventually to the aunt and uncle's home in Middleville once their home in Sturgis is disposed of. The parents have remained in Sturgis until the housing situation reaches a conclusion and also because the stepfather is undergoing medical treatments in Ann Arbor.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Milan High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Ypsilanti-Lincoln High School for the 9th grade and participated in the ice hockey cooperative program between these two schools. The student moved to the residence of his divorced mother in the Willow Run School District and enrolled to begin the 2009-10 school year at Milan. Lincoln has sent a letter of support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for ice hockey only until Jan. 18, 2010.

Northport 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 an 11th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-listed program who began the school year at Suttons Bay High School. The agency changed the student's host family for what has been a traditionally acceptable reason to another host family also in Suttons Bay. The new host family has a 2008 graduate of Northport High School and a currently enrolled 10th-grade student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Painesdale-Jeffers High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Chassell High School and participated in the ice hockey cooperative program between these two schools and Ontonagon, Dollar Bay and Lake Linden-Hubbell High Schools. The student enrolled at Jeffers High School to begin the 2009-10 school year. Support from Chassell High School was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for ice hockey only until Jan. 18, 2010.

Pinckney High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended the 9th grade at Farmington Hills-Mercy High School, residing in Pinckney with both parents. The mother and student moved to Whitmore Lake on June 15, 2009. The student and mother returned to the family residence in Pinckney on Sept. 30, 2009. The student enrolled at Pinckney on Oct. 5.

The Executive Committee approved the request for eligibility effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Pinckney High School commencing Oct. 5, 2009.

Saginaw-Heritage High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Oct. 5, 2009, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously lived with her mother and attended Carrollton High School for the 9th grade. When her mother died on Dec. 10, 2008, the student moved to live with her father and subsequently moved to the residence of her older sister. The student enrolled at Heritage High School on Sept. 28, 2009. Additional documentation was submitted, including a letter from the student's former counselor at Carrollton and police reports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saginaw High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretations 58 and 59 (multi-high school district, enrolling at school of attendance area). The student previously attended Flint-Beecher High School before moving with his mother over the summer to the Saginaw-Arthur Hill High School attendance area. The student enrolled at Saginaw High School and participated while ineligible in three football contests, which have been forfeited. Other school age children also enrolled in schools outside the attendance area of their school of residence.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. Unless there is a complete change of residence earlier, the student becomes eligible for the fourth contest for his team after Jan. 17, 2010.

St. Clair Shores-Lake Shore High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School and participated in grades 9 and 10 in the ice hockey cooperative program between these two schools. The student enrolled at Lake Shore High School to begin the 2009-10 school year. Support from Lakeview High School was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for ice hockey only until Jan. 18, 2010.

Springport 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 had previously attended Parma-Western High School, experienced academic difficulties and enrolled at Springport. The family had visited Springport in February and enrolled the student in March of 2009. The student participated in three football games which the school has forfeited and requested eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment due to compelling circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's fourth contest after his 91st school day of enrollment at Springport High School.

Warren Mott 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 who previously attended Detroit-Pershing High School and participated in basketball. The student made a full and complete residential change into the Warren-Cousino attendance area but enrolled at Warren Mott High School under the district's open enrollment policies.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who lives in the Waterford Mott attendance area and who previously attended Oak Park High School. On June 16, 2009, the student registered to enroll at Waterford Mott High School because the mother was ill and the family wanted the student closer to home.

The Executive Committee did not approve 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
Burton-Genesee Christian	9	Flint—Carman-Ainsworth	Oct 21, 2009	Remainder of 09-10 school year
Dearborn Hts-Robichaud	10	Detroit-Denby	Sept. 8, 2009	To Jan. 18, 2010
Freeland	9	Bay City Central	Nov. 9, 2009	Remainder of 09-10 school year
Manistee	9	Brethren	Oct. 6, 2009	Until 91 st school day of enrollment
Marquette	10	Gwinn	Sept. 8, 2009	To Jan. 18, 2010
Pellston	9	Alanson-Littlefield	Oct. 7, 2009	Until 91 st school day of enrollment

Albion High School (Regulation II, Section 11) – Pursuant to Interpretation 224, a request to waive the three- or four-player rule is made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is also the coach of the Albion Aquacats, which includes students ages 5-14 from multiple school districts in two counties. The program averages 50 participants with fewer than ten participants from Albion Schools in grades 7-12.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2009-10 school year only.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to Interpretation 249, the Executive Committee approved the following junior high/middle school requests 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 2009-10 school year only:

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Rapid River	7 th -grade boys basketball	129	11 7 th -grade boys 10 8 th -grade boys
Wakefield-Marenisco	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	65	18 7 th graders 20 8 th graders

Flint-Center Academy (Regulation III, Section 1(C)) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to allow 6th graders to participate with and against 7th and 8th graders in boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track & field, boys soccer and girls volleyball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver because the school has 60 7th-grade and 60 8th-grade students,

Benton Harbor-Fair Plain Middle School (Regulation V, Section 3) – On Oct. 13, 2009, the middle school football coach removed his team in protest. The Officials Report and the actions of the school district were submitted in lieu of an appearance by the school administration before the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee accepted the actions of the school without the additional requirement of the administration and coach to meet with the committee.

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 schools:

Detroit-Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies is operated by Henry Ford Learning Institute and recently chartered by Grand Valley State University. Currently there are 130 9th-grade students enrolled with 130 students in the 6th grade and 130 in the 7th grade. An 8th grade will be added in 2010-11. The school is located in the former Argonaut Building in the Detroit New Center area. The building also houses the A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education College. A new gymnasium for competitions has been built onsite with no outdoor facilities. In the years ahead, the school intends to sponsor boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track & field, boys and girls tennis and boys and girls golf. The signed 2009-10 Membership Resolution was received Sept. 30, 2009. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Preliminary Enrollment Declaration were received. If a 2010-11 Membership Resolution is received prior to Oct. 2, 2010, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2010-11 school year.

Galien Alternative High School and Middle School is an alternative school located in the building formerly occupied by Galien High School which closed at the end of the 2003-04 school year due to low enrollment. A full-size gym and outdoor fields are present. An alternative education program and grades K-8 remained open at that time. At present there are 87 students enrolled in grades K-8 and 91 students in grades 9-12. The school is operated by the elected Galien Board of Education and has some students who live in Galien and others who are attending as alternative education students from nearby school districts. Even though it is called an Alternative High School, as a school with an athletic program, Galien's out-of-district students would not have eligibility at their school of residence even if that school counted and listed Galien Alternative Education on its Enrollment Declaration Form. Like most alternative education schools the learning is self-paced, Internet based through Nova-net. It is intended that a wrestling and subvarsity boys basketball program be offered this school year. The school does not have many girls (but greater than 25 percent), so it is doubtful that a girls basketball program would be offered. Galien has a "Technical Agreement" with River Valley to educate high school students who reside in the Galien School District.

The signed 2009-10 Membership resolution was received Aug, 17, 2009. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Preliminary Enrollment Declaration have been received. If the Executive Committee approves membership on Nov. 4, 2009 and a 2010-11 Membership Resolution is received prior to Oct. 1, 2010, the school would be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2010-11 school year.

MHSAA Constitution – The Executive Committee reviewed and asked questions about a draft of editorial and substantive changes to the MHSAA Constitution, which will next be discussed by the Representative Council.

MHSAA Committees – The Executive Committee approved MHSAA committee appointments for those meetings which occur after Jan. 1, 2010 (second phase of meeting appointments).

December Representative Council Agenda – The Executive Committee reviewed and offered suggestions for the agenda for the Representative Council's Dec. 4, 2009 meeting.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in East Lansing (with the Representative Council meeting the following morning); Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Classification Committee meeting at 1 p.m.); Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Audit and Finance Committee meeting to follow); and Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing (with the Representative Council meeting the following morning).