

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 7, 2012

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Mark Woodson, Romulus

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.

AuGres-Sims and Twining-Arenac Eastern High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its Nov. 29 meeting an application for the addition of boys and girls track & field to a cooperative program in volleyball and football started for the 2012-13 school year. The combined enrollment of 199 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. AuGres-Sims sponsored track & field previously and would be the primary school. Support from the North Star League is in process.

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and Leland High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls softball to a cooperative program which already exists between these two schools in boys soccer, boys golf and baseball. The combined enrollment of 176 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 Softball Tournament. St. Mary sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Northwest and Cherryland Conferences was submitted.

Lapeer West and Lapeer East High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys lacrosse between these two schools of the same district whose combined enrollment of 2,245 students will place a new team in the Division 1 Boys Lacrosse Tournament. Lapeer West sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Flint Metro League was received.

Lathrup Village—Southfield-Lathrup and Southfield High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these two schools of the same district whose combined enrollment of 2,576 students will place a new team in the Division 1 Boys Swimming & Diving Tournament. These agreements will not take effect until the 2013-14 school year. Southfield-Lathrup sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its Nov. 29 meeting a partially completed application for the addition of Northport to a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field which exists between Suttons Bay and St. Mary. Leland left the program in May 2012. The new combined enrollment of 299 students would move the team from Division 3 to the Division 4 Track & Field Tournament. Suttons Bay would continue as the primary school. Support from the Northwest and Cherryland Conferences has been submitted. Signatures and approvals from St. Mary are in process.

Suttons Bay and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys golf, baseball and girls softball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 247 students will continue placement of teams in Division 4 tournaments. Suttons Bay sponsored these sports previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Northwest and Cherryland Conferences was submitted.

Wyoming-The Potters House Christian, Byron Center-Zion Christian and Wyoming-West Michigan Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Zion Christian to a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field which already exists between The Potters House and West Michigan Lutheran. The primary school will change from West Michigan Lutheran to The Potters House. The combined enrollment of 317 students will move the team from Division 4 to the Division 3 Track & Field Tournament. Support from the Alliance League was submitted.

Wyoming-West Michigan Lutheran and Wyoming-Tri Unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 166 students will continue placement of one team in the Division 4 Baseball Tournament. Both schools sponsored baseball previously; West Michigan Lutheran will be the primary school. Support from the Alliance League was submitted.

Bloomington 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 school for 22 days in the first semester of 10th grade in 2010-11 and played in five football games prior to being dropped from the rolls on Oct. 11, 2010. The student was in school for 15 days during the second semester. The student lived on the streets or in others' homes for much of the 10th grade rather than live in an unhealthy home environment. In 2011-12, the student was taken in by a teacher at Bloomington and has made progress academically. He participated in basketball and track & field during 2011-12.

The Executive Committee noted that the student's personal behavior resulted in encounters with authorities which were at least partially under his control both prior to 9th grade and after. The committee noted that the student played in a significant number of athletic events and attended school for a significant number of days during both semesters of the school year in which he was incarcerated and which the committee is now being asked not to count against the maximum academic terms of enrollment and competition sections of the eligibility regulation in favor of an additional year of eligibility two years later. The Executive Committee determined that the student has received the maximum number of semesters/trimesters permitted all other students, and the request to waive the regulation to permit additional semesters/trimesters was not approved.

Allendale 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 Hudsonville-Freedom Christian High School before enrolling at Allendale to begin the 2012-13 school year. The father's job ended with his previous employer, and the family is unable to afford tuition. Three siblings have also enrolled at Allendale from Freedom Christian Schools. The student participated in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Burr Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Burr Oak Schools her entire career except for three days (Aug. 15-17, 2012) when the student moved with her father to Indiana due to an employment change. The student enrolled in 9th grade there, but did not practice or play in a scrimmage or game in Indiana. The student returned to Burr Oak to begin the 2012-13 school year. The parents are divorced; the father has custody, the mother lives in Marcellus. The student is living with an aunt and grandmother in the same home as previously with the father staying there when possible.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Clio High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 9th and 10th grade siblings whose father is relocating his business to Michigan. The father is moving into a newly purchased home in Clio on Nov. 17, 2012. The student's mother will be changing her residence to Clio on Nov. 8 but will return to Florida periodically due to employment requirement and to care for the 9th grade sister who is remaining in Florida at the former residence with the grandparents until Christmas to complete an AP course. The Florida home is for sale and will be rented to a non-family member in January. The 10th-grade student will enroll at Clio on Nov. 8, 2012, and had participated in athletics previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Detroit-U of D Jesuit High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was unable to attend classes in the U of D Jesuit building due to his immobility after a compound leg fracture and subsequent surgery in the fall of 2011. The student enrolled at Northville High School on Oct. 3, 2011 and attended Northville for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year. The student reenrolled at U of D Jesuit to begin the 2012-13 school year. The student did not participate in athletics at Northville.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Evert High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Evert Schools since 2002 and who moved to Novi to live with his father in late August 2012. The student was enrolled at Novi for four school days (Sept. 4-7) before returning to his mother's residence and reenrolling at Evert on Sept. 24, 2012. The student was not involved in athletics at Novi.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hale High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Hale High School previously before enrolling at West Branch-Ogemaw Heights to begin the 2012-13 school year. The student reenrolled at Hale on Oct. 12, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that the student becomes eligible on his 91st school day of enrollment at Hale High School starting Oct. 12, 2012.

Hanover-Horton 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 attended his school of residence through the 8th grade (Parma-Jackson County Western) and then Jackson Christian for grades 9-11. To begin the 12th grade in the 2012-13 school year, the student moved to Kentucky with his grandmother and enrolled in school there. On Sept. 25, 2012, he returned to his parents' home in Parma but enrolled at Hanover-Horton because Jackson Christian High School would not allow the student to return.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Harper Woods 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 whose mother moved over the summer from Detroit into a home in Harper Woods that is located in the Grosse Pointe School District. The student previously attended Harper Woods-Chandler Park Academy before enrolling at Harper Woods High School to begin the 2012-13 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jenison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A confidential request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who, on Sept. 12, 2012, brought forward allegations against a staff member at his former school. The student feels ostracized to the point where he is seeking a fresh start, and enrolled at Jenison on Oct. 29, 2012. The former school supports eligibility at the new school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Oct. 3, 2012, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose home was vandalized and who has been bullied to the point of receiving a threatening letter believed to be from older students on the basketball team. The student was on medication and undergoing counseling. The school submitted additional information and clarification. The student had been planning on withdrawing from his former school and was considering enrolling at Hackett prior to his participation with Hackett students in non-school basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Linden-Lake Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was sent to the home of her aunt in Lake Fenton due to economic hardships caused by the mother's job loss in 2009. The mother resides with a 23-year-old son. The student previously attended Canton High School where she participated in athletics. The student enrolled at Lake Fenton to begin the 2012-13 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Livonia-Franklin High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Aug. 28, 2012, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who left Livonia-Churchill High School due to bullying after the 10th grade, attended Westland-John Glenn where his mother is a teacher for the 11th grade, and wished to return to the Livonia Public Schools for the 12th grade. The bullying incidents resulted in a conviction against another student. The school district has agreed to the parents' request to enroll the student at Franklin rather than return to Churchill where the bullying occurred. Additional information was submitted including the reasons for the student's withdrawal from John Glenn, threats and harassment from other students both in school and at the student's work.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ludington 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 who previously attended Pentwater for the 9th grade and participated in athletics. The student enrolled at Ludington to begin the 2012-13 school year, preferring the academic offerings at Ludington.

Citing the specific requirement of Section 9(B) (no previous participation), the request for waiver was not approved.

Mancelona High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Alba-North Central Academy before enrolling at Mancelona on Oct. 5, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that the student becomes eligible on the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Mancelona High School starting Oct. 5, 2012.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who withdrew from Marquette on Jan. 31, 2012 and enrolled at North Star Academy where he attended classes for three days from Jan. 31, 2012 until reenrolling at Marquette High School on March 19, 2012. If full eligibility is not granted, the school requested eligibility on the 91st school day from March 19, 2012.

The Executive Committee did not approve either request for waiver.

Michigan Center 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 Jackson-Lumen Christi High School before enrolling at Michigan Center on Oct. 8, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver to the extent that the student becomes eligible on her 91st school day of enrollment at Michigan Center High School starting Oct. 8, 2012.

Michigan Center High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was removed from her sister's home in Springport this fall by the Department of Human Services due to domestic violence. The student has been taken in by a family in the Michigan Center School District and the school board allowed her to reenroll on Oct. 9, 2012. The student began the 9th grade at Michigan Center while living with her father who died during this time. Late in the 2010-11 school year, the student was expelled from Michigan Center and moved to her sister's home in Springport where she attended through the 2011-12 school year and participated in competitive cheer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central School (Regulation I, Section 9)– A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended St. Mary Catholic Central for the 9th grade before enrolling at Ida High School due to financial difficulties. The student played no sports at Ida but did participate in athletics in the 9th grade. The student delayed reenrolling at St. Mary Catholic Central until Nov. 5, 2012, when the former school's trimester concluded. The school requested eligibility on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 21, 2013.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Catholic Central 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 who began the 9th grade at Catholic Central and played in three subvarsity football games before enrolling at Fruitport on Sept. 25, 2012. After approximately 20 school days of attendance at Fruitport, the student reenrolled at Catholic Central on Oct. 24, 2012. The student had attended Muskegon Catholic Schools since beginning the 8th grade.

Citing the specific requirement of Section 9(B) (no previous participation), the request for waiver was not approved.

Muskegon-Catholic Central 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 who previously attended Muskegon High School and played in one game. The student enrolled at Catholic Central to begin the 2012-13 school year.

Citing the specific requirement of Section 9(B) (no previous participation), the request for waiver was not approved.

Okemos High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who moved with his mother and 9th grade brother from Georgia to Okemos on Oct. 19, 2012, after the mother filed for divorce after four months of marriage to the student's stepfather. The relocation was for safety reasons due to abuse and violent behavior by the stepfather. The student attended school in Missouri for the 9th grade and participated in athletics before moving to Georgia in preparation for the marriage on June 23, 2012. The student did not participate in athletics in Georgia.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Portage Central 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 12th and 10th grade siblings who attended Portage Central Schools previously before moving with their family to New Jersey for the 2009-10 school year due to the father's job transfer. The family recently returned to the area and when unable to find a home in Portage, purchased a home in the Mattawan School District. The students and a 6th grade sibling reenrolled at Portage Central Schools on Oct. 15, 2012, their former school but not the school of residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Royal Oak-Shrine High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who experienced social difficulties and bullying by other students at Farmington Hills-Mercy High School, causing the student to seek a new start by enrolling at Shrine on Oct. 29, 2012. The student participated in sports in the 9th and 10th grades, but not in the fall of 2012-13.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Vanderbilt High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother was incarcerated in April 2012 and who moved to the residence of an aunt in Mancelona. The student completed the 9th grade at Vanderbilt and began the 2012-13 school year in the 10th grade at Mancelona. On Sept. 25, 2012, the student and aunt changed residences to Vanderbilt and the student enrolled on Sept. 27, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Godwin Heights High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father was sent to prison this summer and whose mother has moved to Arizona. The student previously attended East Kentwood while living with his father and has moved to the residence of an aunt in the Godwin Heights School District. The student enrolled at Godwin Heights to begin the 2012-13 school year. Support from the former school (East Kentwood) was included.

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
Adrian	9	Adrian Madison	Oct. 9, 2012	91st school day of enrollment
Belding	10	Portage Northern	Oct. 10, 2012	91st school day of enrollment
Berrien Springs	9	Chicago, IL	Oct. 1, 2012	91 st school day of enrollment

Requesting High School	Grade	Former High School	Date of Enrollment	Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status
Big Rapids	9	Leo, Indiana	Oct. 1, 2012	91st school day of enrollment
Carsonville-Port Sanilac	9	Croswell-Lexington	Oct. 30, 2012	Remainder of 12-13 school year
Dexter	10	Washtenaw International	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills	9	Coopersville	Oct. 9, 2012	91st school day of enrollment
Hale	9	West Branch-Ogemaw Heights	Oct. 12, 2012	91 st school day of enrollment
Kalamazoo Christian	10	Orchard Lake-St. Mary	Aug. 28, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Kentwood-Grand River Prep	9	Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills	Oct. 25, 2012	Remainder of 12-13 school year
Kinross-Maplewood Baptist	9	Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area	Sept. 12, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Milan	9	Ypsilanti-Arbor Prep	Oct. 24, 2012	Remainder of 12-13 school year
Okemos	9	Richmond County, Georgia	Oct, 19, 2012	Remainder of 12-13 school year
Okemos	9	East Lansing	Oct. 1, 2012	91st school day of enrollment
Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek	9	Pontiac-Notre Dame Prep	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Rock-Mid Peninsula	10	Escanaba	Oct. 10, 2012	91 st school day of enrollment
Ypsilanti-Willow Run	9	Ann Arbor Multicultural Academy	Sept. 24, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013

West Bloomfield-Frankel Jewish Academy High School (Regulation II, Section 6) – A request was made to waive the 600-mile round-trip travel limitation to allow approximately three basketball games to be played at the David A. Yaffee Memorial Shabbaton weekend in Houston, Texas Feb. 7-10, 2013. The event is a religious assemblage celebrating Jewish rituals during the Sabbath.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Midland-Dow High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 236, a request to waive the three- (or four-) player rule for the 2012-13 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming coach who is retired from Dow Chemical and collects no compensation for coaching Kronos Aquatics Club in Midland. The program is open to the general public and includes approximately 20 participants ages 15-21. The program involves participants from six school districts including Midland-Dow (Bay City, East Lansing, Hemlock, Midland-Bullock Creek and Petoskey). Eight students from Dow High School are involved in the program. The coach formed this club to meet the requirement that students come from a club to enter US Swim meets in the summer. The coach operated the swim club within the three-player rule in years past, but the program has grown to requiring his involvement after Aug. 1 and during the school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to 2012-13 *Handbook* Interpretation 261, 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 2012-13 school year only (unless otherwise indicated below).

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Pentwater	boys & girls basketball	74	19 7 th graders 18 8 th graders
Pewamo-St. Joseph	girls competitive cheer	N/A	8 7 th graders 8 8 th graders
Walkerville	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	83	22 7 th graders 16 8 th graders

AuGres-Sims and Twining-Arenac Eastern Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls track & field to a cooperative program in football started for the 2012-13 school year. AuGres-Sims sponsored track & field previously and will be the primary school.

Lapeer-Rolland Warner Middle School (Regulation III, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 8th-grade special education student who was erroneously placed in the 9th grade at Lapeer West High School to begin the 2012-13 school year. After two requests, the student's records were not received from the former school (Hazel Park Advantage Alternative) until Oct. 31, 2012, at which time the student was placed in the 8th grade at Rolland-Warner Middle School. The student will turn 14 years old this November (age appropriate for 8th grade) and did not participate in a practice, scrimmage or contest at Lapeer West High School. The student was in 6th grade in 2009-10, repeated the 6th grade in 2010-11 and was in the 8th grade in 2011-12 at Hazel Park Advantage School. The student resides in the attendance area of both the high school and middle school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Leroy-Pine River High School (Regulation V, Section 3[A]) – On Sept. 28, 2012, the boys varsity soccer team was removed from the field by the coach in protest with approximately 20 minutes remaining in a game at Benzonia-Benzie Central. The Officials Report and actions of the school to prevent an appearance before the Executive Committee were provided.

The Executive Committee accepted the school's remedial actions and did not require a personal appearance by administration and coach.

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:

Grand Rapids-West Michigan Aviation Academy began in 2010 and is chartered by Bay Mills Community College. A new building with a regulation gymnasium is located on the grounds of the Gerald R. Ford Airport property. The curriculum emphasis is on some aspect of aviation ranging from pilot training to aviation business. Currently there are 246 students enrolled in grades 9-11; next year, the school will be a 9-12 high school with an enrollment cap of 500 students. The school offers boys and girls cross country in 2012-13 and hopes to offer volleyball and basketball in 2013-14. A signed 2012-13 MHSAA Membership Resolution was received Sept. 17, 2012. The Preliminary Enrollment Declaration and Athletic Code of Conduct have also been received. If a 2013-14 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 27, 2013, and provided all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2013-14 school year.

Committees – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved nominees and meeting dates for MHSAA committees which meet after Jan. 1, 2013.

Representative Council – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft agenda for the Representative Council's Nov. 30 meeting in East Lansing.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Sunday, May 5, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in Gaylord.