

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 6, 2013

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Jason Mellema, Pewamo

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 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.

Carney-Nadeau High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to waive the minimum enrollment of under 50 students was made to allow 7th-graders to participate with the high school team in girls basketball. The 2013-14 enrollment of 67 students permits 8th-graders to participate but not 7th graders. Carney-Nadeau currently has seven girls on its varsity team and five girls on the JV and anticipates dropping the JV team.

Noting that the 50-student limit has been established by the Representative Council and subsequently reviewed and reaffirmed by that Council, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Brethren and Bear Lake High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls soccer between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 267 students will place a new team in the Division 4 tournament. Neither school sponsored girls soccer previously. Brethren will be the primary school. Support from the three opponents in the Michigan D League which sponsor the sport was submitted.

Harper Woods-Heart Academy and Eastpointe-Eaton Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its Dec. 6 meeting a partially completed application for a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field and girls softball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 255 students would place teams in the Division 4 tournaments. Heart Academy sponsored track & field previously and would be the primary school for both programs. Support from future opponents is in process. Eaton Academy will be phasing out its high school. The 2014-15 school year will be its final graduating class. It will continue as a middle school.

Lansing-Waverly, Lansing Catholic and Lansing Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Lansing Christian to a boys lacrosse cooperative program which has previously existed between Lansing Catholic and Waverly and whose combined enrollment of 1,734 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Waverly would continue as the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Association was received.

Newberry and Grand Marais-Burt Township High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 269 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 UP tournament. Newberry sponsored track & field previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Straits Area Conference was received.

North Adams-Jerome and Pittsford High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the reinstatement of a cooperative program in boys golf between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 349 students will place a new team in the Division 3 tournament. North Adams-Jerome sponsored boys golf previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Southern Central Athletic Association was received.

Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian, Wyoming-West Michigan Lutheran and Wyoming—Tri-unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Tri-unity Christian to a boys and girls track & field cooperative program which has previously existed between The Potter's House and West Michigan Lutheran and whose combined enrollment of 311 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. The Potter's House will continue as the primary school. Support from the Alliance League was received.

Birmingham-Seaholm High School (Regulation I, Sections 2, 4 & 5) – A request to waive the age and maximum enrollment and competition regulations was made on behalf of a 19-year-old autistic student who is currently enrolled in his ninth semester of high school and has participated in boys swimming for four years.

The Executive Committee observed that there is no dispute that this student not only was enrolled in high school for eight semesters prior to the current school year, he has also participated on behalf of that school's interscholastic swimming team for four seasons, which is the maximum opportunity permitted any student whether or not the student has any recognized disabilities.

The Executive Committee noted that it has the authority to approve waivers in narrow circumstances when a student may miss out on opportunities to participate; but that is not the situation in this case.

The purpose of Sections 4 and 5 is to limit students to eight semesters of enrollment during which they have an opportunity for eight semesters of eligibility, and there is no undue hardship to a student who has eight semesters of enrollment and eight semesters of eligibility. Here, waiver would provide the student opportunities to participate that exceed the maximum allowed other students; and such a waiver would exceed the Executive Committee's authority, potentially establish an unfavorable binding precedent and tend to create the type of "immense administrative burden" that the US Court of Appeals determined the MHSAA need not impose upon this committee. The request for waiver was not approved.

Carson City-Crystal High School (Regulation I, Sections 8 & 9) – A request to waive or interpret the current academic credit record and transfer regulations was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who simultaneously was enrolled in 66 percent of full credit load potential for a full-time student at both Carson City-Crystal and Fellowship Baptist Schools for the second semester of 2012-13. The student participated in basketball for a non-school team of Fellowship Baptist Church during that time but did not participate in athletics for Carson City-Crystal.

It was determined that the student is eligible by rule under the Executive Committee's interpretation of the regulations.

Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade international student who attended a Christian school in Oregon and has returned for a second year to live with her host family which has relocated from Oregon to Adrian. The student has no prior athletic participation and neither of her US enrollments is from a CSIET-approved program. Lenawee Christian is the closest nonpublic school to the host family's residence.

It was determined that the student is eligible by rule under the Executive Committee's interpretation of the regulations.

Auburn-Bay City Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Saginaw-Valley Lutheran and participated in athletics before enrolling at Bay City Western to begin the 2013-14 school year. The student has an interest in the academic offerings at Bay City Western, resides in the attendance area and has a 12th-grade sister enrolled at Bay City Western. The student would participate in JV basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bad Axe High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically the elements of Interpretation 77 (home schooled student enrolling in a member school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has been home schooled most of her life along with other siblings. The student began the 9th grade at Bad Axe High School, enrolled in four classes (66 percent of a full credit load for a full-time student at Bad Axe) and was "shared-time" with her home school. For the 10th grade in 2012-13, the student was 100 percent home schooled and did not participate in athletics. The student has again enrolled in 66 percent at Bad Axe but has an older 12th-grade sister who continues to be home schooled, as do other siblings. The home schooled student does not meet Exception 6 (school ceasing to operate) or Exception 11 (achieving the highest grade available).

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attends Bay City-All Saints and intends to enroll at Central on Nov. 25, 2013, because of curricular and demographic concerns at the former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Boyne Falls High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Boyne Falls her entire career except four school days (Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2013) when the student attended Boyne City High School. The student reenrolled at Boyne Falls on Oct. 7, 2013.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Buchanan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Buchanan Schools his entire career except for 12 school days (Sept. 13-Oct. 1, 2013) when the student attended Eaton Rapids High School. The student moved to Charlotte to live with his father who had taken new employment while the mother remained in Buchanan. The student returned to live with his mother and reenrolled at Buchanan on Oct. 2, 2013. The parents are not divorced but live apart due to the father's employment. As an 8th-grader, the student participated in wrestling at Buchanan under the eligibility advancement provision, and the student will not be eligible under the maximum age rule as a 12th grader. The student did not participate in sports at Eaton Rapids.

The Executive Committee approved 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 10th-grade student who was a Burr Oak High School student for the 9th through the start of the 10th grade in the fall of 2013-14 and then attended Bronson High School for two hours on Sept. 18, 2013, before reenrolling at Burr Oak. The family had undergone a forced residential change which caused the change of schools. The student was anxious at the new school and was released back to his former school that same day.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dansville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is a resident of Dansville but attended Webberville High School since the 9th grade because an IEP assigned the student services available at Webberville. That program has been discontinued and the student is now enrolled at his school of residence where he will receive credit from a career center and school-to-work program.

Noting that the program prescribed by the student's IEP ceased to operate at Webberville and that the student's current program is associated with the student's school of residence, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Elsie—Ovid-Elsie 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 previously attended Corunna and enrolled at Ovid-Elsie on Oct. 15, 2013.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Elsie—Ovid-Elsie High School (Regulation I, Section 9[G]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically the deadline of being enrolled prior to Oct. 1 in order to participate in fall MHSAA tournaments. The student, who had played football at Corunna, moved between divorced parents, from mother in Corunna to father in Ovid-Elsie, and completed an Educational Transfer Form signed by the MHSAA on Oct. 2, 2013. The start of the school day was delayed due to fog on Monday, Sept. 30, 2013, when the student and father spent a few hours at Ovid-Elsie to register. When errors were discovered in the former school's transcript, the student and father drove to Corunna to obtain a corrected transcript and did not return to Ovid-Elsie until classes had dismissed for the day. The student's first day of attendance in a class at Ovid-Elsie was Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013.

The Executive Committee determined that this request for waiver is moot because the school is no longer involved in the MHSAA Football Playoffs.

Erie-Mason 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 previously attended Temperance-Bedford High School and enrolled at Erie-Mason on Oct. 4, 2013.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Erie-Mason beginning Oct. 4, 2013.

Flushing High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Flushing Schools her entire career except for 13 school days (Sept. 3-19, 2013) when the student attended Flint-Powers Catholic where she did not participate in fall sports. The student reenrolled at Flushing on Sept. 23. The student has participated in basketball and soccer previously at Flushing.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A confidential request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was the victim of a crime by a staff member at his former school, Kentwood-Grand River Preparatory. The student enrolled at Grand Rapids Christian to begin the 2013-14 school year.

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 a 12th-grade student whose mother is incapable of caring for the student and who has returned from living with relatives in Washington to a home with the family he lived with previously. The student attended Grand Rapids Christian School most of his career through the 11th grade until October 2012 when Child Protective Services sent the student to Washington to live with an aunt and uncle who eventually did not want the student. The student returned to the family he was living with and reenrolled at Grand Rapids Christian to begin the 2013-14 school year. The father has not been in the student's life except to assist in the execution of guardianship documents which the mother would not assist with.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Wellspring Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Grand Rapids-Creston for the 9th and 10th grades. Creston closed at the end of the 2012-13 school year and its residential boundaries were divided between the Grand Rapids-Union and Ottawa Hills attendance areas. The student enrolled at Wellspring Prep to begin the 2013-14 school year for academic and environment preferences.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holland Christian 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 the Icademy, an online charter school, before enrolling at Holland Christian on Oct. 3, 2013. The Icademy does not have athletics and the student has no prior participation. Holland Christian does not sponsor subvarsity competitive cheer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level until the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Holland Christian High School beginning Oct. 3, 2013, when the student becomes eligible at whatever level she is capable.

Macomb-Lutheran High School North (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who played in a 9th-grade high school football scrimmage and attended the first day of school at Shelby Township-Shelby Junior High School (the 9th-grade team of either Utica or Eisenhower High School, based on residence). The student enrolled at Lutheran North on Sept. 4, 2013.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 76 (full and complete residential change) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father recently accepted a job in Marquette. The student moved with her father to Marquette while the student's mother and younger siblings remain in Warren. The mother is a teacher who will be completing the 2013-14 school year in Warren and then moving with the entire family to Marquette. The former home is in foreclosure. The student previously attended Warren Woods Tower High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Memphis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Memphis Schools his entire career except for 15 school days (Sept. 3-24, 2013) when the student attended Fair Haven-Anchorage Bay High School and did not participate in athletics. The student began the 2013-14 school year at Anchor Bay because the family had intended to purchase a home there over the summer. On Sept. 23, the purchase agreement fell through and the student reenrolled at Memphis on Sept. 25, 2013.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Morley Stanwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9[E]) – A request to rescind the decision of the executive director was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose change of schools from Big Rapids to Morley Stanwood was determined to be primarily for athletic reasons and who is ineligible until August 2014. The school requested eligibility under Section 9(A) on Jan. 20, 2014, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The basis of the school's appeal is primarily twofold: first, that MHSAA staff depended on written statements from parents and school personnel; and second, that this Section 9(E) will lead to a "multitude of cases" where families with legitimate athletic and academic discussions will be labeled as "dissatisfied" or "seeking relief from conflict."

The Executive Committee recalled that the rule was intentionally written and approved to rely on school administrators' investigations at the local level, which is the fundamental operating principle of the MHSAA's voluntary membership; and the Executive Committee observed that in spite of the existence of this Section 9(E) since the 1998-99 school year (15 years), there have been only 34 occasions when the section has been utilized by member schools. In fact, it was the very limited use of this section that led the membership to request an additional Section 9(F) which takes full effect on Aug. 1, 2014.

The Executive Committee upheld the decision of the executive director and did not approve the school's request to reduce the period of ineligibility to Jan. 20, 2014.

Newaygo 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 Fremont-Providence Christian which closed in the second week of September, 2013. Under Exception 6 (school ceased to operate), the student enrolled and participated in volleyball for one week at Kent City-Algoma Christian. The student then enrolled at Newaygo, her school of residence, on Oct. 2, 2013.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for immediate eligibility but approved eligibility effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Newaygo High School starting Oct. 2, 2013.

Oscoda High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer rule was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother has a substance abuse problem, was abusive toward the student and no longer wants responsibility for the student. The student previously attended Lincoln-Alcona, had not played a sport since 9th grade basketball, and moved in with a family that resides in the Oscoda School District in March 2013. The student finished the 2012-13 school year at Alcona and enrolled at Oscoda to begin the 2013-14 school year. The father has not been in the student's life. The family the student lives with has three children in attendance in the Oscoda Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saline High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was hospitalized in the 10th grade and experienced family conflicts in the 11th grade. For a change of environment, the student enrolled in the Saline Alternative School in March 2013. The student previously attended Chelsea High School and participated in wrestling.

Based on the compelling circumstances presented, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st scheduled school day of enrollment at Saline High School.

Vermontville-Maple Valley 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 Bellevue High School before enrolling in Maple Valley's non-traditional school (Pathways High School) on Oct. 2, 2013. The student had attended Maple Valley elementary schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st scheduled school day of enrollment at Maple Valley High School starting Oct. 2, 2013.

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
Frankenmuth	10	Zilwaukee Independent School of Study	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Taylor-Trillium Academy	10	Detroit-Jalen Rose Academy	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014

Kingsford High School (Regulation II, Section 6) – A request to waive the 600-mile round-trip travel limitation was made to permit Kingsford High School to play Hopkins, Minnesota High School in football at Kingsford on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014. Hopkins is 338 miles from Kingsford which has made extensive efforts to find an opponent on the third date and been unable to do so.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Portage Northern High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 237, a request to waive the three-/four-player rule for the 2013-14 school year was made on behalf of two coaches the school would like to hire as its head and assistant boys swimming & diving coaches for whom the Portage Aquatics Club is the principal source of income. The Portage Aquatics Club is open to the general public and includes approximately 200 participants ages 5-55. The program involves participants from at least six school districts including Portage (Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Christian, Mattawan, Schoolcraft, and Vicksburg). It is estimated that there are 55 students grades 7-12 involved from the Portage Public Schools; 22 attend Portage Northern and 12 of these students are boys swim team members.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for these two coaches for 2013-14.

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

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Ashley	7 th -grade girls basketball	91	8 7 th -grade girls 11 8 th -grade girls

Lapeer—Rolland-Warner and Lapeer-Zemmer Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two member middle schools of the same district. Both schools sponsored wrestling previously. Rolland-Warner will be the primary school.

Dryden High School (Regulation V, Section 3[A]) – On Oct. 18, 2013, in the District Final boys soccer game vs. New Haven at Memphis, the coach removed his team from competition with 19 minutes remaining. The report of the athletic director and actions by the school were presented to the Executive Committee for review.

The Executive Committee tabled this matter so that additional information can be secured and reviewed.

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:

Bay City Academy High School is a charter school with a current 9th-grade class located in the facilities of the former Madison Church and Bay City YMCA. The school is chartered through Lake Superior State University and operated by Smart Schools which also operates Mancelona-North Central Academy. The Bay City Academy Middle School has an enrollment of 63 students and is currently an MHSAA member. Presently, there are 22 9th-grade students enrolled in the high school, which will add additional grades each year. The YMCA facility has a pool that is not in use, a gymnasium in need of renovation and a parking lot for recreational activities. There are no outdoor courts or fields for competition. The school intends to expand to other areas of the buildings as the enrollment expands. The school currently sponsors no competitive teams but has a running exercise club and internal basketball and cheer teams. The school hopes to sponsor cross country in the near future. A signed 2013-14 Membership Resolution was received Sept. 24, 2013, as was the Preliminary Enrollment Declaration. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct has been submitted. If the Executive Committee approves membership on Nov. 6, 2013, a 2014-15 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 26, 2014, and all other regulations are followed, the school would be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2014-15 school year.

Inkster-Peterson Warren Academy is a nonpublic religious school based upon the beliefs of the Seventh Day Adventist Faith. It is a tuition-based school operating K-12 since 1967 formed from the merger of the Berean School of Detroit and the Sharon Junior Academy of Inkster. It has an enrollment of 40 students in grades 9-12 and 19 middle school students. The school has limited athletic facilities with a small gym that may seat 200 spectators on one side. The school has not participated in a league but has played basketball against other high schools and Seventh Day Adventist games. The school has indicated an interest in sponsoring boys basketball and boys and girls track & field. Communications from the MHSAA, at both the in-school visit and in writing, have emphasized that MHSAA membership is a contract in which schools agree to adhere to tournament schedules which are not subject to religious or Sabbath observances. The signed 2013-14 Membership Resolution was received Aug. 13, 2013, as was the Preliminary Enrollment Declaration. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct has been submitted. If the Executive Committee approves membership on Nov. 6, 2013, a 2014-15 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 26, 2014, and all other regulations are followed, the school would be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2014-15 school year.

Committees – The Executive Committee reviewed nominees and approved membership on MHSAA committees and the dates of meetings which convene after Jan. 1, 2014.

Representative Council – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the Council Meeting Agenda for Dec. 6, 2013.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing.