## MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

East Lansing, October 4, 2017

Members Present:

Staff Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven Vic Michaels, Detroit Kris Isom, Adrian Cheri Meier, Okemos Chris Miller, Gobles Tom Rashid Jack Roberts (Recorder)

<u>Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility</u> – 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 postseason 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.

Ann Arbor-Skyline, Huron and Pioneer High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls gymnastics between these three schools of the same district whose combined enrollment is 5,376 students. The application was made under the new program startup provision as none of the schools sponsored gymnastics previously. Skyline will be the primary school. Support from the Southeastern Conference was submitted. The program will be allowed to operate for four school years under this provision, through the 2020-21 season, and must separate or reform to a combined enrollment of under 3,500 students to begin the 2021-22 season.

<u>Fowlerville, Byron, Perry and Pinckney High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1])</u> – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Perry and Pinckney High Schools to a girls gymnastics cooperative agreement which currently exists between Fowlerville and Byron. The combined enrollment will be 3,006 students. Fowlerville will continue as the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Gladwin, West Branch-Ogemaw Heights and Roscommon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – Pending approval of the Ogemaw Heights Board of Education and receipt of support from future opponents, the Executive Committee approved the addition of Roscommon to an ice hockey cooperative program which currently exists among the other two schools. The combined enrollment of 1,597 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Gladwin and Ogemaw Heights were previously in an agreement that included Harrison. Gladwin will continue as the primary school.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic and Bridgman High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls tennis between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 369 students will place one team in the Division 4 tournament. Lake Michigan Catholic will be the primary school. Support from the BCS Conference was submitted.

Traverse City West and Traverse City Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls competitive cheer between these two schools of the same district whose combined enrollment of 2,929 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Traverse City West has sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from future opponents was submitted. The application was submitted under a recent provision to allow schools of the same district to combine to form one team in certain sports based on a history of inadequate participation. This provision was established as an experiment by the Representative Council and the agreements may not continue beyond the 2018-19 school year without additional Representative Council action.

<u>Materford Mott, Waterford Kettering and Walled Lake Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-3]</u> – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 5,039 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. This application was made in accordance with a provision in the rules to permit teams that have been dropped in the previous school year due to low participation to form an agreement for four years in excess of the 3,500-student enrollment cap. Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering had previously been in an agreement that was dropped in 2016-17. Walled Lake Central also cancelled its season last year. Waterford Mott will be the primary school. The program will be allowed to operate for four school years under this provision, through the 2020-21 season, and must separate or reform to a combined enrollment of under 3,500 students to begin the 2021-22 season. Support from the Lakes Valley Conference was submitted.

Wolverine and Vanderbilt 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 104 students will continue placement of teams in the Division 4 tournaments. Wolverine sponsored both sports previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was submitted.

<u>Ypsilanti-Arbor Preparatory and Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E])</u> – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 452 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Arbor Prep attempted to sponsor a team in 2016-17 but dropped the program due to low participation and will be the primary school. Support from the Charter School League was submitted.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose father was harassing the student and mother, causing the family to separate in January 2016. The mother moved into a safe house and the student with friends. The student attended Ypsilanti-Arbor Preparatory High School during the 2016-17 school year and lived with his family in Ypsilanti Township. To begin the 2017-18 school year, the student enrolled at Pioneer and is living with a family in the Pioneer attendance area. The mother is also living with a friend, but due to space limitations, is not living with her son. Court documents show the dispute between the parents from December 2016 through February 2017 with the court awarding sole custody to the mother in May 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bear Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Bear Lake Schools since Kindergarten except for the first day of school, Sept. 5, 2017, when the student enrolled at Manistee-Casman Academy. The student reenrolled at Bear Lake on Sept. 6, 2017, and had no involvement with athletics at Casman.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Benton Harbor High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment for compelling reasons was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Berrien Springs. The student and his sister enrolled at Benton Harbor on May 10, 2017, because of multiple problems with students and staff at the former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook Kingswood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who chose to withdraw from school on May 24, 2017 for the balance of his 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year due to violations of the school's handbook policies that required disciplinary action. The student enrolled in an online school for the balance of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and earned enough credits to advance to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The school has accepted all credits. Through an internal appeal process, the school determined the student could reenroll to begin the 2017-18 school year as a 10<sup>th</sup>-grader. The student participated in athletics in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The school requested eligibility under Exception 14 (reenrollment of an expelled student into the former school) as the student is returning to the high school from which he withdrew after meeting preexisting criteria for his return.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver on this one occasion only for this student.

<u>Cedar Springs High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade international student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family lives in the Greenville School District but has a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade daughter who has attended Cedar Springs her entire academic career.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Chelsea High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student with a physical disability who was the victim of social media harassment at his former school. The family has pursued moving into Chelsea but has delayed this relocation as the student's grandfather is terminally ill and in need of family care. The student participated in sports while a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Stockbridge whose administration has written to support immediate eligibility. The student enrolled at Chelsea to begin the 2017-18 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Clio High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who enrolled at Clio to begin the 2017-18 school year due to dissatisfaction with the previous school's handling of racial issues.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Constantine High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Constantine Schools since 2006 except for ten school days from Aug. 17-30, 2017 when the student attended Elkhart Memorial High School in Indiana. The student's parents are divorced. The student was visiting the father, who enrolled the student in school without the mother's knowledge. The student had no participation in sports at Elkhart and reenrolled at Constantine on Aug. 30, 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Corunna High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade international student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family lives in the Owosso School District but has three graduates from Corunna (2012, 2013, and 2014).

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B])</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who enrolled at Farmington to begin the 2017-18 school year. Due to financial reasons, the student was unable to continue attending Orchard Lake-St. Mary. The student participated in athletics at St. Mary.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Grandville before enrolling at Catholic Central on Monday, Feb. 27, 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver following the student's 90<sup>th</sup> scheduled school day of enrollment at Catholic Central High School beginning Feb. 27, 2017.

<u>Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Grandville-Calvin Christian because of inappropriate communication by the girls basketball coach in the 2016-17 school year. The former school investigated the allegations and found no unlawful activity, but employee professional code of conduct issues.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hamilton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose mother did not have the resources to care for the student and three other siblings, one disabled. The student was about to drop out of school when his aunt intervened and took the student into her home in the Hamilton School District. The student previously attended Howard City-Tri County for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades, has no history of athletic participation, and enrolled at Hamilton to begin the 2017-18 school year. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family made a full and complete residential change from Chicago. The student enrolled at Petoskey for two school days on Sept. 5-6, 2017, before enrolling at Harbor Light on Sept. 7. The family relocated to northern Michigan on Aug. 19, 2017, as both parents were recently employed by the school. The student's 12<sup>th</sup>-grade sister began the school year at Harbor Light. The student was not involved with athletics at Petoskey. Harbor Light is the closest nonpublic school to the new residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hemlock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Saginaw-Swan Valley and enrolled at Hemlock to begin the 2017-18 school year on Aug. 29, 2017 because of a history of bullying at his former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Highland-Milford High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has moved into the home of an older married sister in the Milford School District. Over the summer of 2017, the student was sent to live with his mother in Indiana. When the stepfather lost his job, the mother informed the student she cannot afford him and he needs to find a place to live. The student has been under three guardianships since the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and attended Birmingham-Groves for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades while living with a great aunt. The student enrolled at Milford on Sept. 14, 2017. The student's father is deceased.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hudsonville-Libertas Christian School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Hudsonville before enrolling at Libertas on March 6, 2017.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver following the student's 90<sup>th</sup> scheduled school day of enrollment at Libertas Christian School beginning March 6, 2017.

<u>Ishpeming High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C])</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Negaunee and participated in the ice hockey cooperative program between these two schools. The student participated in the cooperative program during the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. Support for eligibility from the former school was submitted. The student enrolled at Ishpeming to begin the 2017-18 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for ice hockey only until Jan. 15, 2018.

<u>Manistee Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Manistee Catholic Central for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2016-17 school year after moving to Michigan from Minnesota. The student enrolled at Manistee High School for nine school days from Sept. 5-15, 2017, before reenrolling at Manistee Catholic Central on Sept. 18, 2017. The student was not involved in athletics while at Manistee.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Manton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose father created an unhealthy environment. The student left the family home in the summer of 2017 to reside with a family in Manton. The student's father has been unstable. The student attended Manton Schools from the 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades before the family moved to Mesick for the student's 11<sup>th</sup> grade in 2016-17. The student reenrolled at Manton to begin the 2017-18 school year.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver.

<u>Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D])</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Baraga High School. The student enrolled at Marquette on Oct. 2, 2017. The student changed residences from her parents' home to that of an aunt living in the Marquette School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver following the student's 90<sup>th</sup> scheduled school day of enrollment at Marquette High School beginning Oct. 2, 2017.

Midland-H. H. Dow High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose mother will be residing at a health facility for the next six months and who has moved into her grandmother's home in the H. H. Dow attendance area. The student began the school year at Midland High while living with her mother and attended three school days (Sept. 5-9, 2017) before moving into her grandmother's home and enrolling at H. H. Dow on Sept. 11, 2017. The student had no involvement with athletics while at Midland High.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Olivet High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade international student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family lives in the Bellevue School District but has an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade daughter who has attended Olivet since the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Pigeon—Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents are in the process of divorcing. The student's mother moved with her children over the summer into the Laker School District to get away from her husband who provided an unhealthy environment for her children. The family is living with an aunt and receiving benefits from the Department of Health and Human Services. The student participated in athletics while enrolled at Livonia-Clarenceville in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Scottville-Mason County Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was kicked out of his home over the summer by his stepfather. The student lived with friends and on the street until he was taken in by his grandparents in the Mason County Central School District. Support for immediate eligibility was received from the student's previous school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Shelby High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is returning to live with his grandparents with whom he has lived since elementary school. Over the summer, the student's grandmother was hospitalized, causing the student to move to Indiana with his mother. The student's father is not in his life. The student enrolled in school in Indiana for one month and participated in football. Because the mother is unstable, the student returned to his grandparents' home and enrolled on the first day of school at Shelby (Sept. 5, 2017). The school requested eligibility under Exception 2 (returning to live with the parents) as the grandparents are more the student's parents than are his parents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

South Lyon East High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has been in treatment for health issues since September 2014. The student was on homebound status with South Lyon East for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade in 2015-16 and the first semester of 2016-17 until he was withdrawn for non-compliance with home school meeting protocols. The student returned to school In January 2017 but was unable to attend school for more than a few days. The student then enrolled in online courses, which the school has accepted for credit. The student has made up his credits and is on track for graduation. The student's doctor has cleared the student to return to school. The student is interested in participating in soccer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Taylor-Truman High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade special services student whose mother abandoned the student and whose father has been in jail. When the student was 15, the mother told the student she could not care for him and he could not live with her. The student has been staying in the homes of various classmates for some time. The student attended Taylor middle schools and has a grandmother who lives in Taylor but is unable to care for the student on a regular basis, as several other grandchildren reside with her. He has attended four schools in four years, including Ypsilanti for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades, Truman for 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Detroit-Central for 10<sup>th</sup> grade (played football) and Romulus for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The mother's whereabouts are unknown.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Walled Lake Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Sept. 6, 2017, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Waterford Kettering while living with his parents and moved over the summer with his mother only into the Walled Lake Central attendance area. The student enrolled to begin the 2017-18 school year. The mother was battling cancer for several years and a family friend moved into the home to assist in the mother's care. The mother found it necessary to secure an apartment in Walled Lake (14-month lease provided effective March 14, 2017). The student finished the school year at Waterford Kettering before enrolling to begin the 2017-18 school year at Walled Lake Central. Recent emails were submitted from both the superintendent and athletic director at the former school that the change of schools was not related to athletics. A completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted, giving consideration that the student's enrollment be permitted one time as under Exception 8.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver on this one occasion only for this student.

Westland-Huron Valley Lutheran High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is moving between divorced parents (Exception 8) but whose new residence with his father is not the closest nonpublic school. The student's father is Lutheran and he has been a member of St. John Lutheran Church and School that is a feeder school of Huron Valley Lutheran. The student previously attended Canton-Salem while living with his mother in Canton and enrolled to begin the 2017-18 school year on Aug. 24, 2017. A completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

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 9<sup>th</sup>- or 10<sup>th</sup>-grade students (after entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade, before completing 10<sup>th</sup> 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
Concord	9	Dearborn Heights- Robichaud	Sept. 15, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
Kalkaska	10	Walled Lake Northern	Sept. 5, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
Lansing Christian	10	Lansing-New Covenant Christian	Aug. 29, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
Wayne Memorial	10	Romulus	Sept. 5, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018

<u>Dundee High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H])</u> – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2017-18 school year was made on behalf of the girls swimming & diving coach whose main source of income is head coach for the Southern Michigan Aquatics Club. The program is open to the public and currently has 50 members ages 5-18, four of whom are currently Dundee swimmers. In addition to Dundee, the program involves students from the following school districts: Erie-Mason, Ida, Monroe and Temperance-Bedford.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2017-18 school year.

Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison High Schools (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2017-18 school year was made on behalf of the head boys swimming & diving and girls assistant coach of this cooperative program. This coach is also the head of "dROP Aquatics," which is a community swim program and business run by the coach and his wife, which is his sole income. The program has 137 participants ages 5-56. Eighty-seven of the participants are in grades 7-12 from 21 high schools and nine middle schools in the region. Fifty-nine of the 87 participants are from six Farmington Public Schools, 36 are students attending Farmington and Harrison High Schools. This request has been approved previously for this coach and this program since 2015-16.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2017-18 school year.

<u>Gwinn and Rock-Mid Peninsula Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D])</u> – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two member middle schools in football (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined). Gwinn sponsored football previously and will be the primary school.

Holland-Harbor Lights, Holland-Macatawa Bay and Holland-Corpus Christi Catholic Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 9[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Corpus Christi to a cooperative program in football that currently exists between the other two middle schools. There will be a 7<sup>th</sup>-grade only team and an 8<sup>th</sup>-grade only team. Harbor Lights sponsored football previously and will be the primary school.

Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian and Muskegon Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two member middle schools in boys and girls soccer (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined). Western Michigan Christian sponsored boys soccer previously and will be the primary school.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation V, Section 4) – On Aug. 3, 2016 and June 14, 2017, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to modify the executive director's penalty for a violation of undue influence on the part of the head football coach, that he not be allowed to coach in any MHSAA tournament in any sport through the 2017-18 school year. This was in addition to the school's action to prohibit the presence of the head coach at the first preseason scrimmage and first two football games of 2016. The school athletic director, principal and superintendent submitted a rationale, asking for reconsideration of the second-year playoff prohibition set to occur this fall.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request to modify the penalty.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at 12 Noon in East Lansing (followed by the Audit and Finance Committee meeting; Representative Council meets next day).