



## **May 2020 Board Report**

### **Spring Sports Update**

On April 21, the IHSA cancelled the spring sports seasons. Summer contact days for this summer have also been temporarily suspended.

### **Activity Update**

OHS Senior Megan Buttens was selected as the State FFA Proficiency Winner in Forest Management and Products. FFA recognizes students in fifty different areas based on their work-based learning, also known as Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE). FFA members who demonstrate outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through record keeping, leadership, and scholastic achievement are considered for this award. Megan was selected as the State Winner by a committee of agriculture teachers knowledgeable in this work-based area who reviewed records online and conducted virtual interviews from homes and offices throughout the state. Megan is now eligible to compete in the National FFA Awards Selection process in July, 2020.

### **Other information regarding athletics**

- Spring sports uniforms and equipment were collected the week of May 4-8. Over 95% of spring athletes turned in their gear. Head coaches will continue to attempt to reach those that have not.
- Head coaches of OHS programs that typically take advantage of the IHSA's allowable summer contact days have been told to plan for three possible scenarios as follows:
  - 1) Effective June 1, IHSA allows for summer contact days
  - 2) Effective July 1, IHSA allows for summer contact days
  - 3) No summer contact days this summer
- The Big Northern Conference athletic directors have been meeting via Zoom. Preliminary discussion was held regarding the likelihood of IHSA activities commencing this coming fall. The current start date for fall sports practice is Monday, August 10. We are expecting to receive guidance from the IHSA as to what will and will not be allowed as we move towards the end of the summer. Currently, full OHS and DLR fall sports schedules are set and are ready to go in August. While there has been no official word on anything yet from the IHSA, the recent directives from the Governor's office would seemingly make it difficult to have spectators in attendance at any of these events, let alone even being able to conduct them.
- Schedules for winter of the 2020-21 school year are mostly done at this time. Currently, spring of 2021 schedules are being put together.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Lawton*