



## BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS: AUGUST 4 AND 18, 2008

The August 4, 2008, meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Kushner, D. Matsook, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, W. Sinning, W. Suit, F. Vulcano, R. Wadding, T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was J. Collins.

The August 18, 2008, meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Kushner, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, W. Sinning, W. Suit, J. Thomas, R. Wadding, T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was J. Collins.

### ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

#### Age Provision

The following student was granted a waiver for relief from Article I, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Canon McMillan.....Jonathon Vermilya

#### Transfer Provision

##### Foreign- Exchange Provision

The following foreign-exchange students were granted eligibility under Article VII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Charleroi Area.....	Vinzenz Greving
Chartiers Valley.....	Lisa Landmann Marita Marondel
Ellwood City.....	Simone Ianucci
Franklin Regional.....	Christina Milstam Lorella Verrochi
Hempfield.....	Alina Meine
Highlands.....	Mohamed Zayed
Keystone Oaks.....	Martina Fregonese Ola Udtian
Kiski Area.....	Urs Beckmann
Montour.....	Florenca Abrati
Mt Lebanon.....	Mohamed Abdalla Abubaker
Neshannock.....	Alice Desbarax
North Hills.....	Timo Steffens
Pine Richland.....	Anna Reiffer
Plum.....	Juray Pavliak Francesca Pedrazzini Maria DoCormo Vasconcelos
Quaker Valley.....	Frederique Brunnert
Riverside.....	Michele Calloni Sandra Fernlund
Shaler.....	Satoshi Goto
Springdale.....	Maximilian Lang
West Allegheny.....	Danila Csuko

Woodland Hills.....	Tobian Menges
Washington.....	Anna Baginova
Woodland Hills.....	Jong Lee

The following students were declared eligible under Article VI, Section 2C of the PIAA By-Laws:

Beaver Falls.....	Shacqueal Craft Larance Lowe
Greensburg Salem.....	Naquan Martin David O'Neal
Hempfield.....	Dominique Steban
Keystone Oaks.....	Bryant Wells
Monessen.....	Michael Pace
Mt Lebanon.....	Angela Nepa

Mt. Lebanon.....	Nicholas Relich Brandon Seitz
Penn Hills.....	Darche Jackson
Uniontown.....	Taylor Campbell Marcus Thomas

The following students were declared eligible under Article VI Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws:

Beaver.....	Nicholas Pallone Alexis Widmer
Bishop Canevin.....	William Zimmer
Burrell.....	Maria Jacob
Chartiers Valley.....	Christopher Profetta Lance Semich
Elizabeth Forward.....	Gina Sporio
Ellis.....	Annie Cestra
Greater Latrobe.....	Rebecca-Hawkins Braham
Greensburg Central Catholic.....	Ryan McLarnon Jordan Pinkey Daniel Ranieri David Nowicki Emily Nowicki
Hempfield.....	Brandon Grisnik
Jeannette.....	Brandon Hamilton
Keystone Oaks.....	Anthony Virgara
Monessen.....	Nichoplas Bolias
Laurel Highlands.....	Brian Lyon
Lincoln Park.....	Jevan Smith Jevon Smith David Hutchinson
Mars.....	Brad Weischedel
McKeesport.....	Benjamin Druskin
Montour.....	Brandon Massey
North Allegheny.....	Stephanie Avalli
North Catholic.....	Jodi Mueller Ronald Zangaro Keegan Mahoney Carly Szramowski
Norwin.....	Louis Kober Christian Bryan

Oakland Catholic.....Katherine Carbine  
 Krista Loeffler  
 Davis Shaquela  
 Holly Smith  
 Christina Lewis  
 Allison Milko  
 Penn Hills.....Davida Penn  
 Erin Wallace  
 Pine Richland.....Joseph Franz  
 Ian Kolling  
 Hannah Zawadski  
 Pgh Central Catholic.....Anthony Persinski  
 Anthony Pompeo  
 Joseph Conner  
 Jeong Hwan Lee  
 Plum.....Cory Padvasnik  
 Quaker Valley.....Patrick Conlan  
 Quigley Catholic.....Kelsey Farrand  
 Rebecca Farrand  
 Helane Michalik  
 Serra Catholic.....Shannon Mains  
 Aaron Bott  
 Paul Rubenstein  
 Doug Szeckely  
 Seton LaSalle.....Stephanie Folino  
 Gregory Hardesty  
 Hanna Hoover  
 Steven Heiser  
 Ashley Motta  
 Michael Rickard  
 Zach Bombich  
 Cory Deighan  
 Chariton Klavin  
 Meagan Nestler  
 Shady Side Academy.....Kelsey Hickey  
 Robert Trischler  
 Caroline Werstraeten  
 Lisha Gu  
 Allison Hull  
 Kate Rosenzweig  
 Scott Norris  
 Sewickley Academy.....Ian Hrycenko  
 Richard Stinson  
 John straka  
 St Joseph.....Hanna Hoover  
 Southmoreland.....Aryn Askin  
 Thomas Jefferson.....Adrian Foster  
 David Paladino  
 Uniontown .....Dontay Bradley  
 Vincentian Academy.....Adam Dian  
 Eric Dian  
 Bryan Reppermund  
 Winchester Thurston.....Emily Dressen  
 Woodland Hills.....Dominique Timbers

Ringgold.....Angela Beck  
 Rochester.....Cassie Rose  
 Shane Hettish  
 West Greene.....Christopher Hart  
 South Side.....Colton Swogger

The following student was denied an attendance waiver under Article III, section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Penn Hills.....DeVaughn Taylor  
 Mohawk.....Jordan Sager

### **Participation**

The following student was denied a participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 21 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Lincoln Park.....Joseph Hages

## **ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

### **Valley-Petit**

After considering the testimony and presentations made, a WPIAL hearing panel has denied the period of participation waiver submitted by Valley High School on behalf of Patrick Petit subsequently making Patrick ineligible to participate in the interscholastic athletic program at Valley High School for the 2008-09 school year. This decision was based on the fact that the testimony given did not meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article VIII of the PIAA By-Laws

### **Beaver Falls-Omogrosso**

After considering the testimony and presentations made at a hearing regarding the transfer of Anthony Omogrosso from Blackhawk HS to Beaver Falls HS, the BOC declared Anthony Omogrosso eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at Beaver Falls HS for the 2008-09 school year, provided he is eligible in all other aspect of the rules. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 21 of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Bishop Canevin-Warford**

After considering the testimony and presentations made at a hearing regarding the transfer of Grant Warford from Bethel Park HS to Bishop Canevin HS, the BOC declared Grant Warford eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at Bishop Canevin HS for the 2008-09 school year, provided he is eligible in all other aspect of the rules. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 21 of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Attendance Provision**

The following students were granted an attendance waiver under Article III, section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

## Clairton-Gregory

After considering the testimony and presentations made, a WPIAL hearing panel has denied granting an exception to the Age rule for Kevin Gregory subsequently making Kevin ineligible to participate in the interscholastic athletic program at Clairton High School for the 2008-09 school year. This decision was based on the fact that the testimony given did not meet the criteria required for granting an exception as identified in Article I of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The following persons were approved by the BOC for steering committee appointments:

Boys' Lacrosse.....Gene Deal, AD, Shady Side Academy  
Boys' Lacrosse.....Tom Hazjus, Principal, Peters Twp  
Boys' Lacrosse.Tim Hastings, Coach, Sewickley Academy  
Golf.....Matt Gross, Coach, Mt Pleasant HS  
Golf.....Bryan Kyle, AD/Principal, Northgate HS  
Soccer.....Lloyd Price,AD, Ringgold HS  
Softball.....Vince Sortino, AD, Baldwin HS  
Sportsmanship....Donna Nugent, Sup't. Beaver Falls SD  
Swimming.....Ryan Berberich, AD, Kiski Area HS  
Tennis.....Brian Geyer, AD, Seton LaSalle HS

### **ADJUNCT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

**Jan McDowell**, who retired from the Deer Lakes School District was approved as an adjunct member of the Girls' Lacrosse/FieldHockey Committee..

**Ed Driscoll**, former AD at Quigley HS was approved as an adjunct member of the Wrestling Committee. Mr. Driscoll was transferred from the Softball Committee.

In addition, twenty-two (22) current adjunct committee members were approved following their submission of written notice to be retained as adjunct members.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENTS**

**Dr. Kathy Harrington**, Pine Richland Middle School Principal, was appointed as Chairperson of the Sportsmanship Committee. Dr. Harrington replaces Charles Geyer who resigned.

**Gene Deal**, Shady Side Academy AD, was appointed as chairperson of the newly formed Boys' Lacrosse Committee. Mr. Deal was transferred from the Soccer committee.

### **COACHES' COMPLETION OF ASEP PROGRAM ACCEPTED**

The BOC accepted Jeannette and North Catholic High Schools' coaches completion of an ASEP Coaching

Principles class as required by a March 12 hearing sanction.

As per the sanction of March 12, each school is required to present a sportsmanship program to the WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee at their October 2 meeting for their endorsement and approval.

### **AWARDS POLICY REVISION**

Awards for field hockey and girls' and boys' lacrosse were approved as part of the awards policy as follows: In each of the sports, champion and runner-up teams will receive trophies. Members of the champion and runner-up teams will receive individual medals (25 per team). The changes for these sports are consistent with the awarding of medals and trophies for other team sports.

### **HOST SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP OF 50-50 RAFFLE**

The PIAA has amended a by-law provision that permits host schools at PIAA tournament activities to conduct 50-50 raffles. Most districts have been permitting 50-50 raffles for some time.

With the By-Law change, the WPIAL BOC gave approval for host schools to conduct and be the beneficiary of a 50/50 raffle at WPIAL championship events.

Each school that conducts a 50-50 will be required to read a PA announcement that the host school and not the WPIAL will be the beneficiary of the raffle.

### **OFFICIALS FEE INCREASE**

As provided for in the 2008-09 budget, the BOC granted a \$5 increase per contest or individual tournament for contest officials working team and/or individual events.

### **INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

#### **WPIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS**

The deadline for member schools to submit sportsmanship applications has been extended to September 21, 2008. Interested schools must submit a completed "Member School Self-Assessment Form" which can be downloaded from the home page of the WPIAL web site.

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee will convene on October 4 to review submitted applications for 2007-08 Sportsmanship Awards.

## **WPIAL SCHOOLS WITH ARTIFICIAL SURFACES**

The trend toward artificial athletic surfaces among WPIAL schools continues. For the 2008-09 school year, Eight (8) schools (Baldwin, Butler, Mt. Pleasant, Neshannock, Seton LaSalle, Shady Side Academy, Valley, and Winchester Thurston) have installed artificial turf on their athletic field. Two additional schools, North Allegheny and West Mifflin, have replaced their existing turf fields with new turf. There are now 60 schools with turf fields in the WPIAL.

## **STUDENT VOCALISTS NEEDED**

The WPIAL has established the practice of utilizing member school students to sing the National Anthem at championship events. The League is seeking volunteers for the 2008-09 school year. Any principal or athletic director who would like one of their students to perform at a championship event should please mail or e-mail Jim Collins ([jcollins@wpial.com](mailto:jcollins@wpial.com)) at the League Office. Please provide the following information: school name, principal or AD name, student name and grade. If selected, the principal or AD who recommended the student will be contacted.

## **BRAD CASHMAN ELECTED TO NFHS BOARD**

PIAA Executive Director, Brad Cashman, was elected to a one-year term for 2008-09 on the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Board of Directors. Mr. Cashman has been a member of the NFHS Rules Committee since 1982 and currently serves as that committee's chair.

## **PIAA SOCCER EXPERIMENT**

The National Federation of High Schools has approved a PIAA experiment with the NFHS soccer penalty phase of the misconduct rule. The NFHS penalty as written is: "A cautioned player shall leave the field and may be replaced. Should the team with the cautioned player, elect to play shorthanded, the cautioned player may not re-enter nor be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity".

The PIAA's experiment will be as follows: "A cautioned player shall leave the field and may be replaced. Should the team with the cautioned player, elect to play shorthanded, the cautioned player may not re-enter nor be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity **after a mandatory five-minute playing time sit-out**".

During the last six year's , the PIAA has experienced over 2,550 hard, red-card ejections. According to PIAA Assistant Executive Director, Dr. Robert Lombardi, it is hoped that the experiment will result in a reduction of hard, red cards during the season.

## **HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION INCREASES AGAIN**

For the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the number of student participants in high school athletics increased in 2007-08 according to the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS). Participation in the 50 states and District of Columbia set an all-time high of 7,429,381. In addition, boys' and girls' participation reached all-time highs, with 3,057,266 girls and 4,372,115 boys participating in 2007-08. Overall, 54.8 % of students enrolled in high schools participate in athletics.

Competitive spirit squads gained the most female participants in 2007-08 with 16,130, followed by soccer with 8,913, and cross country with 5,042. Lacrosse gained the most participants among boys, sports with 11, 336, followed by soccer with 5,562, swimming and diving with 5,158, and cross country with 5,042.

Basketball remained the most popular sport for girls with 449,450 participants, followed by outdoor track, volleyball, fast pitch softball, and soccer. In boys sports, 11-player football topped the list with 1,108,286 participants, followed by basketball, outdoor track, baseball, and soccer.

## **TEAM ROSTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

As team photo sessions are scheduled for fall sports, athletic directors are reminded to include a 5"x7" b/w photo of their varsity football team for use in the League championship game program. The football photograph and team rosters for soccer, football and girls' volleyball will be requested from schools in a separate memo with roster specifications included.

A special thank you to those dedicated athletic secretaries who prepare and submit the rosters in a timely manner.

### **Congratulations to Retirees**

Several educators who were strong supporters of interscholastic athletics and/or active members of a League committee have retired recently. The WPIAL extends congratulations and best wishes to:

**Enrico Antonini, Western Beaver, Sup't**  
**Jan McDowell, Deer Lakes AD**  
**Ken Misiak, Geibel AD**  
**Don Phillips, Center AD**

## WELCOME

### New Principals

Brad Diamond-Beaver Falls HS  
Tim Chirdon-Serra Catholic HS  
Luca Passarelli-Neshannock HS  
Jon Banko-Valley HS  
Steve Wellendorf-Western Beaver HS  
Michael Hower-Fox Chapel  
Dan Stephens-Woodland Hills  
Cindi McCall-Cornerstone Prep. Academy  
Dr. Ken Williams-Mt Pleasant HS  
Tim Hasselhof-Thomas Jefferson HS

### New Athletic Directors

Ray Bartha-Apollo Ridge HS  
Cindy Guthrie-Beaver County Chjristian School  
William Sacco-Cornell HS  
Ron Busby-Deer Lakes HS  
David Dickson-Frew Mill School  
Rick Watkins-Geibel Catholic HS  
Jim Vendemia-Center HS  
Kate Barkowski-St. Joseph HS  
Brandon McCall-Cornerstone Prep. Academy

### WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS 2008-09

FOOTBALL  
Spalding J5V

BOYS' and GIRLS' SOCCER  
Select 01-253

BOYS' AND GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL  
Spalding TF5000

BOYS' BASKETBALL  
Rawlings Vision Comp-WPAVB

GIRLS' BASKETBALL  
Rawlings Vision Comp WPAWVB

BASEBALL  
Rawlings R100-WPA

SOFTBALL  
Spalding (Dudley) SB-12L

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