

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS

March 16 and April 23, 2009



The March 16 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Matsook, J. Patton, B. Rocco, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were M. Manzo, and J. Collins.

The April 23 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Kushner, D. Matsook, J. Patton, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, W. Sinning, F. Vulcano, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were M. Manzo, and J. Collins.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

- Albert Gallatin.....Timothy Harris
- Aliquippa.....John Lord
- Beaver Falls.....Latisha Battles
- Deer Lakes.....Zachary Bozeman
- Fox ChapelMax Rosenbloom
- Greensburg Central Catholic.....Erica Brooks
- Lincoln ParkDevantae Watson
- McKeesport Aaika Raab
- Jamont Neal
- North CatholicLamont Branch
- Jacob Miller
- Peters Twp.Joseph Vibonese
- Serra Catholic Jonathan Jerina
- Seton LaSalle.....Alaina Coury
- Uniontown Tiffany Kovach
- Brian Lyon

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

- Elizabeth ForwardGrant McCarty
- HempfieldKadeedra Norris
- Seneca ValleyHunter Williams

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

- Center.....Roman Scott
- MonessenTaylor Harrison
- McKeesport.....Sayhia Moore

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

- Montour Christopher Butler

ATTENDANCE

The following students were granted an attendance waiver to participate in interscholastic athletics for the 2008/09 school year provided they are eligible in all other aspects of the rules. This action was taken under Article III, Sections 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

- Butler.....Levi Bartolicius
- Mt. Lebanon.....Jennifer Challburg
- North Allegheny Intermediate.....Hunter Bamberger

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The following students were declared eligible under Article VII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Belle Vernon.....Nopporn Kittiprassert
- California.....Laurence Delcroix
- Kittanning.....Joao Pedro Castro
- Riverside.....Petra Bauer
- Keito Takahashi

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Hempfield-Meisner

After considering the testimony and presentations made, a WPIAL hearing panel has denied the period of participation waiver submitted by Hempfield Area High School on behalf of Shane Meisner subsequently making Shane ineligible to participate in the interscholastic athletic program at Hempfield for the 2009-10 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, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

NOTE: At an appeal hearing, the above decision was sustained by the PIAA

LACROSSE INCIDENT

The Quaker valley head boys lacrosse coach took his team off the field prior to the conclusion of a game. The incident occurred before the end of a contest with Shaler HS on March 20, 2009. After listening to the testimony and reviewing the information presented, a Board of Control Hearing Panel determined the following action:

1. The head coach is publicly censured for taking his team off the field before the end of the contest.
2. A Quaker Valley administrative presence is required at all Quaker Valley home lacrosse games through the end of the 2009 season.
3. The Quaker Valley boys' lacrosse coach must enroll in and successfully complete an American Coaching Education Program by March 1, 2010.

USE OF INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

South Side Area HS

BOC accepted the South Side Area administration letters of forfeiture to opponents for use of an ineligible middle school basketball player and procedural guidelines outlining steps to ensure the use of eligible student athletes.

Center HS

After reviewing the information presented regarding the use of an ineligible track and field athlete, the Board determined that Center must forfeit three (3) contests the athlete participated in on March 31, 2009, against Sto-Rox, Cornell, and New Brighton.

NOTE-The above decision was reversed upon appeal by the PIAA, and Center was not required to forfeit the matches.

Ringgold High School

After reviewing the information presented regarding the use of ineligible baseball players, the Board accepted the Ringgold High School administration letter of forfeiture to Elizabeth Forward for using an ineligible player. It was recommended that the Ringgold Head baseball coach enroll in and successfully complete an ASEP Coaching Principle Course. The Ringgold administration was commended for their proactive approach in resolving the problem.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS – FOOTBALL

The WPIAL BOC voted to accept conditionally McDowell Senior High School as an associate member in the sport of football only beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. The conditional acceptance is based on the following:

- 1) The maintenance of the current PIAA four (4) classification system for the sport of football.
- 2) Receipt of a formal written release from District X.
- 2) The formal approval by the PIAA Board of Directors permitting the request to play through District 7 into the PIAA football tournament.

Once these conditions have been established, the WPIAL BOC will formally vote on the request.

Altoona and Hollidaysburg Senior High Schools were previously conditionally approved as associate members in football subject to the same conditions as above.

STEERING COMMITTEE

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

The temporary appointments of Terry Smith, Gateway HS Athletic Director, and Ricci Rich, Moon Area HS Athletic Director were approved for the 2008-09 season.

NEW MEMBER SCHOOL

The WPIAL BOC accepted a membership application for 2009-10 school year from First Love Christian Academy High School. The school is in Washington, PA. and enrolls students in grades 9 – 12.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS

Riverview-Springdale

The Board of Control accepted the request from Riverview School District and Springdale School District to form a cooperative sponsorship in the sport of Jr High Wrestling for the 2009/2010 school year with Riverview as the host school.

Center-Monaca

The request from the merged district to form a cooperative sponsorship agreement in the following sports: senior high boys' tennis, girls' golf, girls' gymnastics; middle school boys' cross country, football, soccer, track and field, wrestling; and middle school girls' basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, and track and field for the 2009-2010 school year was accepted. Center School District will serve as the host school.

The WPIAL has recommended to the PIAA Board of Directors approval of these requests effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS ACCEPTED

St. Joseph High School

The Board accepted the St Joseph High School administration's actions in handling the use of an ineligible softball player in a scrimmage and commended their proactive approach in resolving the situation.

FORFEITURE LETTERS ACCEPTED

Mt. Lebanon High School

The Board accepted the Mt. Lebanon High School administration letters of forfeiture for use of an ineligible girls' lacrosse player.

Upper St. Clair High School

The Board accepted the Upper St. Clair High School administration letters of forfeiture to opponents of two boys' tennis matches for failure to follow the rules applicable to the required ladder line-up.

Seneca Valley High School

The Board accepted the Seneca Valley High School administration letters of forfeiture for use of an ineligible baseball player.

2009/2010 WINTER ALIGNMENTS APPROVED

The Board approved sectional alignments in basketball, gymnastics, rifle, and wrestling. Each of these alignments were for the second year of the two-year scheduling cycle. The only changes made were prompted by the addition and/or deletion of teams to the program. Schools requesting a change in alignment will receive consideration for the 2010-2012 scheduling cycle.

Basketball-Boys

Aquinas Academy added,
Elderton/Frew Mill dropped

Basketball-Girls	Aquinas Academy added Elderton dropped
Gymnastics	No Changes
Rifle	No Changes
Wrestling	Beaver Area added Elderton dropped
Swimming / Diving-Boys	Bishop Canevin, Freeport, Springdale added
Swimming / Diving-Girls	Bishop Canevin added

2009 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Upon the recommendation of President Rich Constantine, the BOC approved the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2009-10 Board of Control election. The Nominating Committee includes:

Dr. Erv Weischedel	Ambridge Superintendent
Michael Allison	Hopewell Principal
Dr. Lisa Rullo	Greensburg Salem, Student Srv.
Jeff Finch	Hampton, Principal
Stu Albaugh	Jeanette, Principal

Dr. Weischedel serves as Committee Chairman.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Upon the recommendation of President Constantine, the BOC approved the following persons to serve on the budget committee to assist in developing the 2009-10 budget:

- Rich Constantine
- Jack Fullen
- Dan Cardone
- Dan Matsook
- Bart Rocco
- Jon Vallina, Chairperson

BOC ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Board Of Control election for 2009-10 were announced at the annual meeting on April 23, 2009, by Wes Creese representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, & Co. Listed in alphabetical order, the elected members of the 2009-10 BOC are:

- Dan Cardone**-Athletic Director, North Hills HS
- Kathy Charlton**-Principal, Hempfield Area HS
- Bill Cleary**-Athletic Director, Serra HS
- Richard Constantine**-Admin. Ass't., Uniontown Area SD
- Jack Fullen**-Athletic Director, Blackhawk SD
- Dan Matsook**, Sup't, Center Area SD
- Dr. Bart Rocco**- Sup't, Elizabeth Forward SD
- Scott Seltzer**-Co-Principal, Moon Area HS
- Thomas Shirey**- Principal, Highlands HS
- John Vallina**-Athletic Director, Burgettstown HS
- Dennis Zieger**-Athletic Director, Southmoreland HS

BOC REORGANIZATION

Pursuant to the PIAA Constitution, the following were re-elected as WPIAL Officers by the BOC for the 2009-10 school year:

BOC Officers

President.....	Richard Constantine
Vice President.....	Jack Fullen
Treasurer.....	Jon Vallina

PIAA BOC Representatives

District VII Chairman.....	Richard Constantine
District VII Vice Chairman	Jack Fullen
District VII Treasurer.....	Jon Vallina
District VII Alternate.....	Pam Cherubin

Girls' Athletic Representative to BOC

Linda Messich.....Athletic Director, Mapletown HS

Parent Representatives to BOC

Dan Conn.....	Seneca Valley School District
Janice Patton.....	North Hills School District

BOC APPOINTED MEMBERS

The following persons were appointed to two-year terms by their respective organizations. Each will be serving their second year during the 2009-10 school year.

Athletic Director's Representative-Scott Heinauer, Athletic Director, Mars Area High School, was appointed by the WPIAL Athletic Directors Association.

School Board Representative-Robert Wadding, Aliquippa School District, was appointed by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

Superintendent's Representative-Dr. Ron Dufalla Superintendent, Brentwood School District, was appointed by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Member school principals submitted 61-male and 63 female applications for the 2008-09 Scholar-Athlete Awards. After an intensive review of each application, the Scholarship Committee selected two male and two female winners. A one-time \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to each of the winners during the first year of study at the college of his/her choice. The four scholar athletes were honored at a luncheon with their parents, principal, and athletic director at the Embassy Suites Hotel on May 18, 2009. In addition to the scholarship, each student was presented an attractive plaque as a permanent token of their selection. In the event that the student athlete is unable to accept the stipend, the scholarship will be deposited in the WPIAL Scholarship Trust Fund in memory of the student awardee.

The committee also selected 16 scholar athlete finalists each of whom received a one-time stipend of \$500 and an attractive shadow box plaque emblematic of their selection as a WPIAL Scholar Athlete Finalist.

In addition, each student from a member school who submitted an application will receive an attractive certificate symbolizing each as the WPIAL Scholar-Athlete for their school.

Four member schools, Waynesburg, Baldwin, Connellsville, and Montour each have had three scholar-athletes selected. Including the current year, the WPIAL has awarded \$426,000 in scholarship grants to 238 different students from member schools in the 17-year history of the Scholar-Athlete Program.

(NOTE-A listing of 2008-09 scholar-athletes and finalists is listed on the WPIAL web site in the "general Info" link.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dan Cardone, North Hills High School Athletic Director, has been named the 2009 National Sportsmanship Director for the high school division by the institute for international sport. Dan is only one of five individuals tapped to lead this national initiative.

WPIAL Board of Control member, **Dr Bart Rocco**, was recently named as the Superintendent of the Elizabeth Forward School District. Bart was formerly the Assistant Superintendent of the West Mifflin School District.

SPORTS REPORT

WPIAL SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONS 2008 TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Baseball**
Class A Serra
Class AA Shady Side Academy
Class AAA Moon
Class AAAA North Allegheny
- **Softball**
Class A Vincentian Academy
Class AA Riverside
Class AAA Franklin Regional
Class AAAA Hempfield
- **Boys Tennis**
Class AA Sewickley Academy
Class AAA North Allegheny
- **Boys' Track**
Class AA Riverside
Class AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls' Track**
Class AA Freedom
Class AAA Norwin
- **Girls Lacrosse**
Division I Peters Twp.
Division II Quaker Valley
- **Boys Lacrosse**
Division I Mt. Lebanon
Division II Hampton
- **Boys' Volleyball**
Class AA Ambridge
Class AAA North Allegheny

WPIAL OFFICIAL BALL LIST 2009-2010

**FOOTBALL
SPALDING J5V**

**BOYS' & GIRLS' SOCCER
SELECT 01-253**

**BOYS' & GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
SPALDING TF500**

**BOYS' BASKETBALL
SPALDING TF 1000 ZK PRO**

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL
SPALDING TF 1000 ZK PRO, 28.5**

**BASEBALL
DIAMOND D1-NFHS OR D1-PRO-NFHS**

**SOFTBALL
DUDLEY SB-12L**

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