

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS JANUARY 22, FEBRUARY 19, and MARCH 17, 2008



The January 22 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, R. Antonini, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Kushner, D. Matsook, T. Shirey, B. Sinning, W. Suit, J. Thomas, T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was J. Collins.

The February 19 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, R. Antonini, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Kushner, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, L. Shultz, B. Suit, R. Wadding, T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were M. Manzo and J. Collins.

The March 17 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, R. Antonini, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, T. Kushner, A. Lydon, D. Matsook, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, L. Shultz, W. Sinning, R. Wadding, F. Vulcano, T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were M. Manzo and J. Collins.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

- Charleroi.....Max Typolt
- Greensburg Central Catholic.....Ivan Lora
- Plum.....Brigida Gianzi

The following foreign exchange student was denied eligibility under Article VII, Section 2 of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Bethlehem Center.....Vanessa Velasquez

Transfer Provision

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

- Aliquippa.....Devin Polzot
- Avella.....Demetrius Smith
- Beaver Falls.....Joseph Barto
- Butler.....Kylee Anthony
Tanner McCaw
- Derry Area.....Gideon Clayton
- Fox Chapel.....Petra Person

- Franklin Regional.....John Parcell
- Greensburg Central Catholic.....Mark Kiesel
Zachary Petrosky
Ashley Arabia
- Pgh Central Catholic.....Liam Bedortha
- Lincoln Park.....Sean Shirley II
- McKeesport.....Clifford Meriwether
- Montour.....Christian Truskowski
Justin Truskowski
- Mt Pleasant.....Jodeci Saunders
- North Catholic.....Desirae Madison
Kory Gribbin
Natalie Vallecorsa
- North Hills.....Blase Nasiadka
- Oakland Catholic.....Aloni Garcia
Mary Miller
- Plum.....Brandon Wright
- Quaker Valley.....Caitlin Kennedy
- Quigley.....Jason Bender
- Riverside.....Ashley Lotz
- Serra.....Oliver Girman
Alyssa Borkowski
- Seton LaSalle.....Logan Litman
Samantha Mordecki
David Pletcher
- Shaler.....Joshua Fairley
- Steel Valley.....Codi Joyce
- Uniontown.....Darroll Gregg
Joseph Newberry

Participation

The following student was granted eligibility under Article VIII, of the PIAA By-Laws after considering the testimony and presentations made at a hearing before the BOC. The student is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for the 2007-08 school year.

- Beaver Falls.....Torre Brueckner

The following students were denied participation in interscholastic athletics for the 2007/08 school year under Article VIII, Sections 1 of the PIAA By-Laws. 2004:

- Valley.....Patrick Petit
- Aliquippa.....Ahman Milot

Attendance

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

- Elizabeth Forward.....Gina Sporio

Chartiers Houston.....	Brittany Lyle
Monessen.....	Joseph Janosik
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.....	Devin McGrath
Steel Valley.....	Stephanie Keane
	Joley Stegena
West Greene.....	Danielle Bryan

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

Western Beaver.....	Ernest Clark
Steel Valley.....	Michael Sabolcik

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Serra Catholic-Cody and Billy Vickers

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfers of Cody and Billy Vickers from South Allegheny High School to Serra Catholic High School High School, a Hearing Panel of the BOC determined the following action:

Cody Vickers was declared eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at Serra Catholic for the 2007-08 school year provided he is eligible in all other aspect of the rules.

Billy Vickers was denied eligibility under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws and found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose relating to football. Accordingly, the BOC declared Billy ineligible to participate in football only for a period of one year from the date of the transfer, January 15, 2008. The student is eligible immediately to participate in all other sports

Thomas Jefferson-Giansante

After considering the testimony and presentations made at a hearing regarding the transfer of Nicholas Giansante from Elizabeth Forward to Thomas Jefferson High School a hearing panel of the BOC declared Nicholas Giansante eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at Thomas Jefferson High School for 2007-08, provided he is eligible in all other aspect of the rules. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2I of the PIAA By-Laws.

Serra Catholic-Amanda Brown

After considering the testimony and presentations made at a hearing regarding the transfer of Amanda Brown from Greensburg Central Catholic HS to Serra Catholic HS, the BOC declared Amanda Brown eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at Serra Catholic High School for 2007-08, provided she is eligible in all other aspect of the rules. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2I of the PIAA By-Laws.

Lincoln Park-Joseph Hages

After considering the testimony and presentations made at a hearing regarding the transfer of Joseph Hages from Center HS to Lincoln Park School, the BOC declared Joseph Hages eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at Lincoln Park School for the 2007-08, provided he is eligible in all other aspect of the rules. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2I of the PIAA By-Laws. Based on the information presented and PIAA By-Law Article VIII, Section 1A, 2007-08 is Joseph's last year of eligibility.

USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Valley High School

The BOC reviewed information regarding the use of an ineligible boys' basketball player and determined the following action:

1. The Valley High School boys' basketball coach, athletic director, and principal are publicly censured for use of an ineligible player.
2. The BOC has accepted the forfeiture letters sent to all opponents in which an ineligible player was used.
3. The Valley High School administration must submit procedural guidelines outlining steps that will insure this situation will not reoccur.

The BOC subsequently approved the procedural guidelines submitted by the Valley High School administration outlining steps to ensure the use of eligible student athletes

MEMBERSHIPS APPROVED

The BOC accepted the membership of the **Duquesne City School District** for a *junior high* membership for the 2008-09 school year. The membership was forwarded to the PIAA and subsequently approved by the state organization.

A senior high application for membership was approved for the **Beaver County Christian School** for the 2008-09 school year. The membership was forwarded to the PIAA and subsequently approved by the state organization.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATION/APPOINTMENT

The BOC accepted the resignation of **James Lembo**, Athletic Director, Connellsville School District from the baseball steering committee and approved the appointment of **Thomas Spohn**, Athletic Director, Greensburg Salem High School.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPROVED

The BOC approved the Nominating Committee For the 2008-09 Board of Control election as follows:

Erwin Weischedel.....Sup't, Cornell School District
Tom Karczewski.....Principal, Beaver Falls HS
Lisa Rullo.....Principal, Greensburg Salem HS
Jeff Finch.....Principal, Hampton HS
Ann Bisignani.....Principal, South Fayette HS

BASKETBALL CONTEST OFFICIAL INCIDENT

A WPIAL Hearing Panel has requested that the PIAA bring appropriate action against a registered PIAA basketball official for actions found to be unacceptable. The recommendation is based on the following:

- The official failed to cooperate with a WPIAL directive to appear in person to establish the facts related to the incident.
- The official failed to submit an ejection report for a South Allegheny junior varsity coach as required by PIAA By Laws.
- The official ignored PIAA By Laws by permitting the coach to participate in the varsity game after ejecting him from the junior varsity game on the same night,

SENECA VALLEY-PETERS TWP SWIMMING INCIDENT

The BOC reviewed the information presented regarding an incident that occurred at the WPIAL Swimming Championships and determined the following action:

- The Seneca Valley swimming coach is publicly censured for his inappropriate interaction with a student from Peters Twp. HS.
- The Seneca Valley swimming coach is required to enroll in and successfully complete an ACEP coaching program course by September 1, 2008.

JEANNETTE-NORTH CATHOLIC BASKETBALL INCIDENT

After considering the testimony and presentations made at a hearing on March 11, 2008, the WPIAL found that the conduct of the Jeannette and North Catholic Boys' Basketball Teams was unsportsmanlike and resulted in actions which were detrimental to individual, school and/or public welfare and/or which are prejudicial to the purposes of the PIAA. The WPIAL BOC has taken the following actions regarding the game of March 8:

- The Jeannette and North Catholic HS Principals are publicly censured for failure to administer the school code of conduct in response to the incident following the game.

- The Jeannette and North Catholic HS Boys Basketball Head Coaches are publicly censured for failure to control the members of their team following the game.
- The Jeannette and North Catholic HS Athletic Directors are publicly censured for failure to effectively administer to their boys' basketball program so as to have avoided the incident following the game.
- The Jeannette and North Catholic Boys' Basketball Programs are publicly censured for their unsportsmanlike actions following the game.
- The Jeannette and North Catholic School Districts Interscholastic Athletic Program are formally placed on probation beginning Wednesday, March 12, 2008 and running through June 30, 2010. The conditions are as follows: (a)-All members of the 2007-08 Boys' Varsity Basketball Teams and coaches must enroll in, attend, and successfully complete by June 1, 2008 an Anger Management/Conflict Resolution Program offered by a certified agency; (b) – All Jeannette and North Catholic Varsity Basketball Coaches must enroll in and successfully complete an American Coaching Education Program (ACEP) by September 1, 2008. (c)-The Jeannette and North Catholic Principals must design and implement a Sportsmanship program designed to positively promote sportsmanship throughout the entire Interscholastic Program and must present their program to the WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee for their endorsement and approval at their October, 2008 meeting. The Principal of each school must also file an annual report to summarize the impact and success of the required initiative by no later than June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2010; (d)-The Jeannette and North Catholic Principals must submit in writing a proactive plan to ensure that their student athletes will be supervised and monitored from the time they leave their locker room until the time they return following the conclusion of all contests.

Any reoccurrence of behavior by Jeannette or North Catholic High schools similar to the incident of March 8, 2008 will result in the forfeiture of any and all post season championship tournament opportunities through the entire probation period.

COMMITTEE NOTES

- Schedule alignments were approved for fall sports for the 2008-09 school year. They include-football, boys/girls soccer, girls tennis, field hockey, golf and girls volleyball. Alignments, scheduling grids, calendars and informational memos are available on the "Schedule" link on the WPIAL website.

- After considerable discussion, the BOC approved the committee recommendation to participate only in the PIAA individual tournament series. The committee will continue to explore League participation in the PIAA team tournament in the future.
- A revised format for boys/girls golf sectional qualifying tournaments was approved. Players will advance from each sectional qualifying tournament to the semifinal round by: (1) Placing in the top 5 scores in each sectional, or (2) Shooting the designated target score (within 10 shots of the course rating for boys and within 20 shots for girls).

- **Boys' Swimming**
Class AA Shady Side Academy
Class AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls' Swimming**
Class AA Oakland Catholic
Class AAA Bethel Park
- **Girls Gymnastics**
Moon
- **Rifle**
Avella

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

WPIAL REVENUE SHARING 2007-08

The WPIAL revenue sharing program for 2007-08 resulted in \$365,203.69 being returned to member schools participating in the football, soccer, basketball and team wrestling tournaments. The revenue shares were determined using the League's revenue share ratio of 50% for schools and 50% for the League. The 2007-08 revenue shares represent a 23.7% increase from the 2006-2007 revenue share program.

A revenue share paid by sport include~Football (\$254,461.28), basketball (\$74,447.08), soccer (\$31,588.87), and team wrestling (\$4,706.46). Ten (10) schools received revenue share checks in excess of \$10,000. These schools include~Jeannette (\$25,288.47), Beaver Falls (\$18,773.77), Pgh Central Catholic (\$18,178.03), Montour (\$16,270.23), Gateway (\$12,819.25), Springdale (\$11,729.06), Thomas Jefferson (\$11,287.38), North Allegheny (\$11,132.43), Norwin (\$11,005.31), and McKeesport (\$10,807.47).

SPORTS REPORT

WPIAL WINTER SPORTS CHAMPIONS 2008 TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Boys' Basketball**
Class A Serra Catholic
Class AA Jeannette
Class AAA Blackhawk
Class AAAAA Pgh Central Catholic
- **Basketball**
Class A Mt. Alvernia
Class AA South Park
Class AAA Hampton
Class AAAAA Upper St Clair
- **Wrestling**
Class AA Burrell
Class AAA Connellsville

WPIAL STATE CHAMPIONS WINTER TEAM SPORTS: 2007-08

Oakland Catholic.....AA Swimming
Jeannette.....AA Boys Basketball
Serra..... A Boys Basketball
BurrellAA Wrestling

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