

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS AUGUST 4 AND AUGUST 17 2009



The August 4 Board of Control meeting was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, R. DuFalla, S. Heinauer, D. Matsook, L. Messich, B. Sinning, J. Patton, B.

Rocco, R. Wadding, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was J. Collins, and M. Manzo,

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ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

- Beth Center.....Bryan Stein
- Bishop Canevin.....Gregory Garbera
Michael Marks
- Butler.....Lance Gray
John Weinel
- Center.....Jacob Young
- Greensburg Central Catholic.....Mia Capuzzi
Hannah Frankhauser
Anthony McClure
Romulus Marino
Breanna O'Brien
Alyssa Kuta
Maranda Mull
- Greensburg Salem.....William Shaeffer
David Nowicki
Michael Nowicki
- Hampton.....Devin Conley
- Keystone Oaks.....Dominick Maggs
Dan Maloney
Joseph Reed
Alexandra Smith
- Lincoln Park.....Alexander Kross
- McKeesport.....Luke Gilmore
- Monaca.....Jeffery Grace
- Montour.....DeVante King
- New Castle.....Jordan Izzo
- North Allegheny.....Tiffany Kollah

- North Catholic.....Kamerin Goins
- Oakland Catholic.....Alexandra Bauer
Maura Littlefield
Rachel Miller
Isabella Bergstein
Kacie Planausky
Kimberly Flit
- Our Lady of Sacred Heart.....Matthew Sangermano
- Pine Richland.....Zachary Zywojko
- Pittsburgh Central Catholic.....Robert Cessar
Austin Coniker
Louis Craven
Gerald Peterson
Paul Ajak III
Brenden Alfery
H. Haines Donnelly
Maxwell Mauro
Austin Smith
Bradford Wynn
Douglas Hamilton
- Plum.....Taylor Ulmberger
- Quigley.....Alec Pander
Alexander Etherson
Anthony Veon
- Rochester.....Alexus Widmer
Holt Hoffmeier
- Serra Catholic.....Leah Liberi
Daryan Robinson-Foy
Lauren Mrazik
Jorge Ramos
Rebecca Scrip
Alexandra Shaver
- Seton LaSalle.....Chad Dawgiello
Brendan Derry
Matthew Morton
Vanessa Pallone
Benjamin Miller
Nicolette Byrne
Ryan Waligorski
- Sewickley Academy.....Kerry Lennen
Hunter Ligo
Eva Sung
Brett Campisi
Patrick Edson
- Shady Side Academy.....Aubrey Jaicks
Emma Tulsy
Mike Magnotto
Kathleen Oliver
Sabina Rizzo
Spencer Levy
Logan Stout
- St. Joseph.....Jacob Ford
Laura Harpster

Steel Valley.....Shannon McDonough
 Corey Keyes Jr.
 West Mifflin.....Micah Jeffries

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

California.....Thomas O'Shea
 Center.....Kristin Karnos
 Tre Compton
 South Park.....Beaudraux Haskin
 Steel Valley.....Kevin Ohm

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

Center.....Kevin Tabb
 Cailee Anastas
 Center.....Justin Smith
 Connellsville.....Paul Martin
 Adam Siecinski
 Belle Vernon.....Charles Harris
 Hempfield.....Travis Day
 McKeesport.....Zachary Wonderly
 Mars.....Yulian Lutsiv
 Monaca.....Davon Clements
 Desmon Clements
 Robert Foster
 Montour.....DeVante King
 Steel Valley.....Travis Maloy

Foreign Exchange Provision

The following students were granted eligibility as Article CSIET sponsored J-1 Visa exchange students:

Butler.....Alesandro Scarlatti
 Chartiers Valley.....Jana Leonhards
 Hampton.....Lucas Carqueijo
 Keystone Oaks.....Asser Toennesen
 Montour.....Anna Eiberger
 Joscha Seidler
 Mt Lebanon.....Fabian Kurz
 Penn Hills.....Nora Collander
 Penn Trafford.....Nora Rentschler
 Peters Twp.....Berend Grube
 Pine Richland.....Sophie Charansol
 Riverside.....Adrian Calderon

Attendance

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

Butler.....Devon McDonald
 Mapletown.....Travis Corso

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

Southmoreland.....Chelsea Pence

Period of Participation

The following students were denied a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 1A:

Plum.....Ethan Thomas
 Mars.....Ibn Hoffman

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Greensburg Central Catholic – Robert Noble

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Robert Noble from Kiski Area High School to Greensburg Central Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible for the 2009-10 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Greater Latrobe – Ean Jury

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Ean Jury from Hempfield Area High School to Greater Latrobe Area High School, the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible for the 2009-10 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

North Catholic – Morgan Porter

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Morgan Porter from Our Lady of Sacred Heart High School to North Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible for the 2009-10 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Shady Side Academy – Eugene Thorpe III

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Eugene Thorpe from Shaler Area High School to Shady Side Academy, the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible for the 2009-10 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

**COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP
 TERMINATION**

The BOC approved a request of the Cornell School District to terminate the cooperative sponsorship agreement at the conclusion of the 2009/10 school year between Cornell and Our Lady of Sacred Heart in football only. All other cooperative sponsorship agreements between the schools remain in effect

STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

Baseball

Ricci Rich.....AD, Moon Area HS

Terry Smith.....AD, Gateway HS
Tom Paterline.....Prin., Yough MS

Basketball

Ralph Blundo.....Ass't. Prin., New Castle HS
Mike O'Brien.....AD, Fox Chapel HS
Brian Kyle.....AD/Prin., Northgate HS
John Menhart.....Prin., Carmichaels HS

Football

Stuart Albaugh.....Jeannette HS

Golf

Jared Stratton.....AD, Mohawk HS
Brian Farley.....Coach, Thos. Jefferson HS

Boys' Lacrosse

Mike Ghilani.....Prin., USC HS
Scott Millburn.....Ass't. Prin., Bethel Park HS

Scholarship

Terry Kushner.....Retired Ass't Sup't, USC SD
Bill Suit.....Retired Prin., Shaler HS

Soccer

Ed Dubis.....AD, Quigley HS
Scott Roebuck.....AD, Brownsville Area HS
Denise Manganello.....Ass't., Prin., Seneca Valley HS

Softball

Bob Natale.....AD, Union Area HS
Tom McClaine.....AD, West Shamokin HS

Track/Cross Country

Tim Tyler.....Coach, Mars Area HS
Joseph Lemley.....Elem. Prin., Chartiers Houston SD

Volleyball

Ron Busby.....AD, Deer Lakes HS

Wrestling

Ron Ledbetter.....AD, South Side Area

Hall of Fame

Terry Kushner.....Retired Ass't Sup't, USC SD

**WPIAL AND McDONALD'S RENEW
SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT**

The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) is pleased to announce that local McDonald's Restaurants will continue as a major corporate sponsor for three more years. McDonald's has been a corporate sponsor of the League since 2003. The three-year agreement provides that McDonald's will continue to be a title sponsor in all WPIAL championships. The championship finals in all sports will be designated the "WPIAL-McDonald's Championships".

"All of us at McDonald's are delighted to partner with the WPIAL," said Dan Delligatti, President of the local consortium of McDonald's Restaurant Owner/Operators. "McDonald's is committed to supporting the athletic and academic development of young people across this region. We are pleased to help sustain the WPIAL's impressive track record of success."

Founded in 1906, the WPIAL is a charter member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). The WPIAL helps to establish and enforce the PIAA eligibility rules and sponsors interscholastic athletic

tournaments for boys and girls in baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, girls' gymnastics, lacrosse, rifle, swimming, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. The League's membership includes 140 high schools and 164 junior high and middle schools.

According to WPIAL Executive Director Tim O'Malley, "McDonald's has a long and successful heritage involving schools, kids, and families. The WPIAL is delighted to continue having McDonald's as a major corporate sponsor". The revenue provided by major corporate sponsors facilitates the League's efforts to host championships at top-notch venues; such as Heinz Field, PNC Park, and the Palumbo Center. The sponsorships also help to support the WPIAL's scholar-athlete and sportsmanship programs as well as enhance the League's website which serves as a year-round resource for athletic directors, student-athletes, media, and fans of interscholastic athletics.

McDonald's is the leading foodservice retailer in the global consumer marketplace, with more than 30,000 restaurants serving more than 46 million people each day. Approximately 80 percent of McDonald's restaurant businesses are locally owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs who live in the communities where they do business.

**REVENUE SHARING
TEAM WRESTLING**

The WPIAL Board approved the discontinuation of granting revenue shares in team wrestling. Historically, individual and team wrestling were part of the league's revenue share program with football and basketball. In 1999, soccer was added to the revenue share program with football, basketball, and wrestling. In August, 2001, the Board eliminated individual wrestling events from the revenue share policy. Except for the championship finals, most of the individual events operated with a loss or a very small profit. At about the same time, the PIAA schedule resulted in a compacted team-tournament season from two weeks to six days. As a result of having less events and decreased interest in wrestling, profits have resulted in significantly less revenue to be shared with member schools. In the past season, to contrast with the other revenue share sports, football returned \$141,974.30, basketball - \$82,708.05, soccer - \$19,226.31, and wrestling only \$601. The team champion, Burrell, received a revenue share of only \$228.81 and 15 of 32 schools did not qualify for revenue shares. The remaining 16 schools shared \$323.01 for an average return of only \$20.19.

EMBASSY SUITES SELECTED WPIAL EVENT HOST

Following their review of submitted proposals, the BOC approved the Embassy Suites Hotel to host meeting/dinner events for the 2009/10 school year. Requests for Proposals were sent to several area hotels and five submitted proposals in a timely manner. All proposals were reviewed focusing on specifications required and cost factors.

NEW MEMBER SCHOOLS

The WPIAL BOC accepted a membership application for 2009-10 school year from the following:

Redeemer Lutheran Academy, is a private school located in Oakmont, PA and enrolls students in grades 6 – 8.

Manchester Academic Charter School was approved as a transfer from District 8 to District 7. The is located in Pittsburgh and enrolls students in grades 6-8.

The schools will not receive schedules for the 2009-10 school year. Each must request specific schedules in writing to be included in the 2010-11 school year schedule and each must demonstrate their ability to field a team by submitting their 2009-10 exhibition schedule.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS ACCEPTED BY WPIAL BOC

Plum

Accepted the administration's response to an alleged softball coaching violation and found there were no violations of PIAA By-Law Article XVI, Season and Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations.

LETTERS OF FORFEITURE ACCEPTED BY WPIAL BOC

McKeesport

Accepted the administration's letters of forfeiture to girls' soccer opponents for cancellation of the girls' soccer season due to lack of participants.

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

WPIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS

The deadline for member schools to submit sportsmanship applications is September 18, 2009. Interested schools must submit a completed "Member School Self-Assessment Form". Additional information and required forms can be downloaded from the home page of the WPIAL web site.

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee will convene on October 5 to review submitted applications for 2008-09 Sportsmanship Awards.

WPIAL SCHOOLS WITH ARTIFICIAL SURFACES

The trend toward artificial athletic surfaces among WPIAL schools continues. For the 2009-10 school year, four (4) schools (California, Hopewell, Indiana, and Montour) have installed artificial turf on their athletic field. Two additional schools, Elizabeth Forward and Franklin Regional, have replaced their existing turf fields with new turf. There are now 63 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 2009-10 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) 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.

TEAM ROSTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

As team photo sessions are scheduled for fall sports, athletic directors are reminded to include a 5"x7" 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.

WELCOME

New Principals

Baldwin-John Wilkinson (Acting)
Pgh Central Catholic-Brother Robert Schaefer
Clairton-Debra Maurizio
Cornell-Aaron Thomas
Connellsville-Nick Bosnic
Deer Lakes-Karen Hulse
East Allegheny-Don McFann
Elizabeth Forward-Randal Sydeski
Ellwood City-Kirk Lape
Fort Cherry-Jeremy Huber
Frazier-Kelly Lombard

Geibel Catholic-John Lipchik
 McKeesport-Dr. Karen Chapman
 Mars-Todd Kolson
 Moon-Scott Seltzer (co-prin.)
 Penn Hills-Darci Gatti
 Plum-Ryan Kociela
 Shaler-Tim Royall
 South Fayette-TBD
 Springdale-James Mullen (Interim)
 Steel Valley-Jeff Soles

New Athletic Directors

Avonworth-Chet Fuhrman
 East Allegheny-Tim Cortazzo
 Freeport-Todd O'Shell (Assistant)
 Quaker Valley-Mike Mastroianni
 Rochester-Ryan Bauer
 Sto-Rox-Bill Palermo
 Washington-Joe Nicolette
 Waynesburg-Jim Caruso
 Yough-Tom Evans

WPIAL CONTEST OFFICIALS HONORED

Congratulations to the following PIAA Officials from the WPIAL who were honored at the annual PIAA Official's Convention in August with the presentation of a PIAA OFFICIAL wristwatch. To qualify for the award, male officials must have 35 years and female officials 25 years of service.

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| Orin Bache | Football |
| Robert J. Cloherty | Football, Basketball |
| Larry Croston | Softball, Basketball, Football |
| Robert J. Gillespie | Football |
| John J. Hanlon | Football |
| Charles W. Knoer | Baseball, Lacrosse |
| Richard A. Kotarsky | Softball, Basketball |
| Thomas F. Nolan | Baseball, Softball |
| Susan Osleger | Basketball, Softball, Volleyball |
| Michael Propcheck | Baseball |
| Thomas P. Rocco | Basketball |
| Gregory M. Smith | Basketball |
| John Yanni | Basketball |

WPIAL OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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**WPIAL "OFFICIAL BALL" LIST
2009-10**

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2009-10 school year and beyond is listed below:

| SPORT | MANUFACTURER | OFFICIAL BALL | EXPIRATION |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Football | Spalding | J5V | June 30, 2011 |
| Soccer - B & G | Select Sport | Royale 01-253 | June 30, 2012 |
| Volleyball - B&G | Spalding | TF5000 | June 30, 2011 |
| Basketball - B | Spalding | TF1000 ZK PRO | June 30, 2014 |
| Basketball - G | Spalding | TF1000 ZK PRO 28.5 | June 30, 2014 |
| Baseball | Diamond | D1-NFHS or D1-PRO-NFHS | June 30, 2012 |
| Softball | Spalding-Dudley | SB-12 | June 30, 2011 |

Schools qualifying for WPIAL post-season play in the sports specified above must compete with the WPIAL "Official Ball" provided for use in WPIAL District champion play (preliminary round through final, inclusive). While member schools are encouraged to use the WPIAL "Official Ball" during the regular season, they are not required to do so.

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