

## BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS MAY 18, JUNE 17 2009



The May 18 Board of Control meeting was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, T. Kushner, D. Matsook, B. Sinning, B. Suit, F. Vulcano, R. Wadding, T. O'Malley. Also in

attendance were J. Collins, and M. Manzo.

The June 15 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, B. Sinning, B. Suit, R. Wadding, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and M. Manzo.

### ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

#### Transfer Provision

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

Bentworth.....	Dilyn Stevenson
Jeannette.....	Sayhia Moore
Geibel Catholic.....	Jessica Neifert
Greensburg Central Catholic.....	Brianna Antonucci
Hempfield.....	Andrew Hill
Keystone Oaks.....	Anthony Ringeisen
Monessen.....	Joshua Chaussinand Jesse Tatsch
Montour.....	Trevell Farmer
North Catholic.....	Cassie Hollihan DeAnn Ryan Sara Glaser Timothy Wood
Oakland Catholic.....	Hailey Farrell Kathleen Mullins Ashley Vojtek
Penn Hills.....	Jaquan Williams
Peters Twp.....	Andrew Erenberg Christopher Olivo
Plum.....	Lamar Smith Karleigh Weichler
Quaker Valley.....	Michael Ryan
Riverview.....	Chad Myburgh Benjamin Fayard
Serra Catholic.....	Brent Smith Desmond Ball Evan Bauder Daniel Francis
South Fayette.....	Jonathon Gardner
Uniontown.....	Anthony Jacobs

### ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

#### Greensburg Central Catholic-Jacob Swan

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Jacob Swan from Hempfield High School to Greensburg Central Catholic High school, a BOC Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4E and found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose relating to basketball. Accordingly, the BOC declared Jacob ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of the transfer, June 8, 2009. The student is eligible to participate in all other sports.

### 2009-10 BUDGET APPROVED

The WPIAL Budget Committee developed and approved a preliminary budget at planning meetings in May, 2009. Following discussion and modification, the WPIAL BOC adopted a \$1,843,266 operating budget for the year ending June 30, 2010. This budget represents a 2.4% decrease from the 2008-09 budget. In 2007-08 revenue exceeded expenses by \$94,000 which helps to maintain a healthy financial condition.

The 2009-10 budget includes the following:

- To maintain the dues at \$150 for high schools and \$50 for junior high schools.
- To maintain the revenue share ratio at 50% for schools and 50% for the League.
- To increase student ticket prices \$1 at championship final events only.
- To monitor costs carefully in daily operations and venue procurement for championship events.

### BASEBALL COACH EJECTIONS

After considering the information and materials presented at the July 2, 2009, hearing, the WPIAL Board of Control Hearing Panel determined the following:

- Beaver Falls High School head baseball coach and an assistant coach are publicly censured in response to their ejections from a WPIAL baseball consolation game played at W&J field on May 27, 2009.
- The Beaver Falls High School baseball program has been placed on probation through the end of the 2009-2010 school year.
- The head coach and an assistant coach must enroll in and successfully complete an ASEP Coaching Principle Course by March 10, 2010. The Beaver Falls Principal must verify in writing the successful completion of this requirement by

the deadline date. The Board found that the Beaver Falls administration was not in any way delinquent of their duties and responsibilities in this matter.

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- The Chartiers Houston administration is to be commended for their swift approach in resolving the situation.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS ACCEPTED BY WPIAL BOC**

### **2009/2010 SPRING ALIGNMENTS APPROVED**

#### **Canevin**

Accepted the administration's response to the late cancellations of baseball games during the spring season

The Board approved sectional alignments in baseball, boys' lacrosse, girls' lacrosse, softball, boys' tennis, boys'/girls/ track, and boys' volleyball. 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.

#### **Greensburg Central Catholic**

Accepted the administration's actions and response to the boys' lacrosse behavior after a match with North Hills.

#### **North Allegheny**

Accepted the administration's actions and response to the boys' tennis coach's behavior at a WPIAL championship match.

#### **Blackhawk**

Accepted the administration's response in reprimanding the varsity swim coach for falsifying swimming times.

Baseball	Elderton dropped
Boys' lacrosse	Seton LaSalle, Norwin added
	Taylor Allderdice added as associate member
Girls' lacrosse	Hempfield added
Boys' tennis	Ambridge added
	New Brighton dropped
Boys' track	Clairton, Ft. Cherry added
Girls' track	Clairton added
Boys' volleyball	Ford City added
	Elderton, Wilkinsburg, Woodland Hills dropped
Softball	Elderton dropped

### **LETTERS OF FORFEITURE ACCEPTED BY WPIAL BOC**

### **PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES ACCEPTED**

#### **St. Joseph's**

Accepted the administration's letter of forfeiture to an opponent for being unable to field a softball team.

#### **Plum High School**

Accepted the administration's letter of forfeiture to an opponent for using an ineligible player in a baseball game.

The BOC accepted the Plum High School administration's procedural guidelines outlining steps to ensure the use of eligible student athletes.

### **PENN HILLS USE OF INELIGIBLE SOFTBALL PLAYERS**

#### **Jeannette High School**

The BOC reviewed the information presented regarding the use of ineligible softball players and violation of PIAA By-Law XIX and determined the following:

The BOC accepted the Jeannette High School administration's procedural guidelines regarding the supervision of sports teams and acknowledges receipt of said guidelines in a timely manner.

- The Penn Hills High School head varsity softball coach is publicly censured for violations of PIAA By-Law Article XIX.
- The Penn Hills High School softball program is on probation for a period of one year.

### **BOC REPRESENTATIVES APPROVED**

### **CHARTIERS HOUSTON'S USE OF AN INELIGIBLE TENNIS PLAYER**

The Board of Control approved the appointment of the following for the 2009-10 school year.

- The Chartiers Houston High School head boys' tennis coach is publicly censured for using an ineligible tennis player. The head boys' tennis coach must enroll in and successfully complete an ASEP Coaching Principle Course by March 1, 2010. The Chartiers Houston Principal must verify in writing the successful

#### **Girls' Athletic Representative to BOC**

Linda Shultz.....Athletic Director, Mapletown HS

#### **Parent Representatives to BOC**

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

## **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 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Member school principals submitted 56 male and 54 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.

### **FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK "TIME TO BE FIRST" SCHOLARSHIPS**

First Commonwealth Bank recently announced the recipients of the First Commonwealth's "Time to Be First"

scholarships. The purpose of this new initiative is to recognize western and central Pennsylvania student-athletes who demonstrate success in the classroom, community, and in athletics.

Each recipient will receive \$1,000 from First Commonwealth toward their first semester as an undergraduate at the college of their choice. Eight of ten winners are from the WPIAL and include:

Kurt Bonnett.....	Canon McMillan HS
Michael Bulebosh.....	Mt. Pleasant HS
Megan DePrimio.....	Greensburg Central Catholic HS
Alisha Farrell.....	East Allegheny HS
Brighis Kelly.....	Oakland Catholic HS
Mikaela Longo.....	Moon Area HS
Benjamin McCombs.....	Trinity HS
Michael Vlah.....	North Hills HS

"We are proud to honor our local students in this way," said Michael Price, First Commonwealth Bank President. "This is one of many ways that First Commonwealth demonstrates its grassroots commitment to our communities."

### **WPIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY**

The 2009 class was inducted in the WPIAL Hall of Fame at the Embassy Suites hotel on June 19, 2009. Four hundred twenty people were present to honor the thirteen individuals and three teams selected. The individuals included coaches, athletes, contest officials, and contributors. The three teams selected were among the best ever to compete in the League in girls' volleyball, basketball, and wrestling.

A highlight of the banquet was the awarding of the first annual Courage Award. The award was presented posthumously to John Challis.

The 2010 induction ceremony has been scheduled for June 25, 2010. Member schools are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals from their school for possible induction.

A complete listing of the Hall of Fame Class is on the website in the "Hall of Fame" link.

## **SPORTS REPORT**

### **WPIAL SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONS 2009 TEAM CHAMPIONS**

- **Baseball**

Class A	Serra Catholic
Class AA	Shadv 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**  
Div. 1 Peters Twp.  
Div. 2 Quaker Valley
- **Boys Lacrosse**  
Div. 1 Mt. Lebanon  
Div. 2 Hampton
- **Boys' Volleyball**  
Class AA Ambridge  
Class AAA North Allegheny

### WPIAL STATE CHAMPIONS 2008-09

Thomas Jefferson.....AAA Football  
Seton LaSalle.....A Girls Soccer  
Shady Side Academy.....Girls Golf  
North Allegheny.....AAA Girls Tennis  
Canon McMillan.....AAAA Baseball  
North Allegheny.....AAA Boys Tennis  
Ambridge.....AA Boys Volleyball  
Oakland Catholic.....AA Girls Swimming  
Mt. Lebanon.....AAA Girls Basketball

### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY 2008-00

Fifty-six team champions were crowned in 23 sports in 2008-09. Schools garnering two or more team champions include:

**North Allegheny-8:** (Boys' Cross Country-AAA, Boys' Volleyball-AAA, Boys' Swimming-AAA, Girls' Volleyball-AAA, Girls Swimming-AAA, Baseball-AAAA, Boys' Track-AAA, Boys' Tennis-AAA)

**Shady Side Academy-5:** (Girls' Tennis-AAA, Girls' Cross Country-AA, Boys' Swimming-AA, Baseball-AA, Girls Golf)

**Sewickley Academy-4:** (Boys' Tennis-AA, Boys' Golf-Div II, Girls' Tennis-AA, Boys' Basketball-A)

**Peters Twp.-4 :** Boys' Golf, Div. 1, Boys' Soccer-AAA, Boys' Basketball-AAAA, Girls' Lacrosse-Div. 1)

**Mt. Lebanon-3:** (Girls' Soccer-AAA, Girls' Basketball-AAA, Boys' Lacrosse-Div. 1)

**Bethel Park-2:** (Football- AAAA, Wrestling-AAA)

**Norwin-2:** (Field Hockey, Girls' Track-AAA)

**Riverside- :** ( Boys' Track-AA, Softball-AA)

**South Park – 2:** (Girls' Basketball-AA, Girls' Soccer-AA)

**Mt. Lebanon-2:** (Girls Golf, Girls' Volleyball-AAA)

**Peters Twp. -2:** (Girls' Lacrosse, Baseball-AAAA)

**Latrobe –2** (Girls' Cross Country-AAA, Softball-AAAA)

**Riverside – 2** (Softball-AA, Boys' Track-AA)

**Hampton–2** (Boys' Basketball-AAA, Boys 'Lacrosse-D. 2)

**Quaker Valley–2** (Boys' Cross Country-AA, Girls' Lacrosse-Div.2)

**North Catholic–2** (Girls 'basketball-A, Boys' Basketball-AA)

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