

**BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS**  
**March – April 2013**



The March 18, meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, and A. Scheuneman.

The April 8, meeting (hearing panel) meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, C. DeVivo, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, F. Vulcano, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The April 17, meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, C. DeVivo, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, A. Scheuneman, P. Mannarino, and G. Guido.

**ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS**

**Foreign Exchange Provision**

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

Fox Chapel . . . . . Katharina Fetting  
Hempfield . . . . . Luigi Scognamiglio  
Riverside . . . . . Elina Volz  
Woodland Hills . . . . . Ndeye Diop

**Transfer Provision**

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

Bishop Canevin . . . . . Jennifer Murtha  
Indiana . . . . . Nils Kavermann  
Jeannette . . . . . Sean LaVella  
Mars . . . . . Henry Joyce  
McKeesport . . . . . Colton Joseph  
Oakland Catholic . . . . . Mia Raymond  
Serra Catholic . . . . . Brandon Conklin  
Seton LaSalle . . . . . Tomasina Arrigo  
Sewickley Academy . . . . . Mar Guaza

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

Burrell . . . . . Dominic Mason  
Central Valley . . . . . Scott Hughes

**Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)**

Connellsville . . . . . Michael Wormack  
Indiana . . . . . Cody Conroy

**Attendance Provision**

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

Bentworth . . . . . Andrew Lutes

**Period of Participation**

The following students were granted a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws:

South Fayette . . . . . Joncarlo Patton  
Upper St. Clair . . . . . Rori Blair

**ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

**McKeesport – Luke Eckels**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Luke Eckels from Serra Catholic High school to McKeesport High school, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel declared Luke Eckels eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at McKeesport High School for the 2012-13 school year, effective April 8, 2013. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

**New Castle – Levar Ware**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the WPIAL Hearing Panel granted Levar Ware a period of participation waiver for the 2013/2014 school year effective April 8, 2013. This action was taken under Article VIII, Section 6 2B of the PIAA By-Laws.

**Chartiers Houston – Antonia Spossey**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Antonia Spossey from Trinity High School to Chartiers Houston, the WPIAL BOC found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to softball. Accordingly, the panel declared Antonia ineligible to participate in softball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, January 22, 2013. She is eligible immediately to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

## ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS (Cont'd.)

### Washington – Patrick Frey

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Patrick Frey from Trinity High School to McGuffey High School, the WPIAL BOC declared Patrick Frey eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at McGuffey High School for the 2012-13 school year, effective March 18, 2013. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

## BASEBALL COACH DISQUALIFICATION

### Chartiers Houston High School

The BOC reviewed the administration's response to the ejection of Head Baseball Coach, Adam Petras, from a game on April 12, 2013, and determined the following: 1) The baseball program will be placed on probation immediately **UNLESS** the administration imposes an additional (3) three-game suspension on Head Baseball Coach, Adam Petras, for his inappropriate and totally unacceptable physical contact with a PIAA game official. 2) If the administration is agreeable to this directive, the suspensions should begin immediately and will result in a total of four (4) games, the one imposed by rule by the PIAA and the three (3) additional imposed by administration that Head Coach, Adam Petras, will be suspended. 3) If the administration does not impose the (3) three-game suspension, the probationary period will begin April 18, 2013, and will remain in effect throughout the 2013 season including the post season playoffs for which the baseball team will be ineligible. 4) If the administration is agreeable to imposing an additional (3) three-game suspension on Coach Petras, the four dates are to be documented and sent to the WPIAL office. The WPIAL must be notified in writing by April 19, 2013, of the decision to this directive.

**NOTE:** Chartiers Houston High School has accepted the sanctions as agreed to the above.

## WRESTLER DISQUALIFICATION

### Washington High School

After an extensive review of the testimony and information shared during the hearing on April 8, 2013, regarding the disqualification of a Washington High School student athlete from a wrestling match on February 16, 2013, at the WPIAL Individual Section Wrestling Tournament at Charleroi High School, the WPIAL Board of Control Hearing Panel **unanimously** determined the following: **1)** The Washington High School Wrestling Program is suspended from competition during the 2013-2014 wrestling season **UNLESS AND UNTIL** Washington High School administration imposes and enforces the following discipline/requirements:

**A.** Student athlete will be directed by the Washington High School administration to write a letter of apology for his inappropriate and totally unacceptable behavior toward the PIAA wrestling official. The letter must be reviewed and approved by Washington High School administration prior to it being sent with said letter mailed to official with a copy to WPIAL on or before May 1, 2013.

**B.** Student athlete will be directed by the Washington High School administration to enroll in and successfully complete an anger management program by August 1, 2013. Said program should offer no less than four hours of instruction to student athlete. Documentation of enrollment and successful completion must be filed with the WPIAL. Washington High School administration must assist with locating a suitable course for student athlete. Provided that the above directives are accomplished within the above-described dates, the suspension of the Washington High School Wrestling Program will be lifted. **2)** Student athlete is ineligible to participate in any interscholastic wrestling scrimmages, tournaments, and/or contests until January 1, 2014. He may, and is encouraged to, participate in all other wrestling-team activities and practices prior to January 1, 2014.

## INELIGIBLE BASEBALL ATHLETE

### McKeesport High School

The Board of Control publicly censured the McKeesport High School administration for the use of an ineligible baseball player, placed the baseball program on probation for a period of one year through the 2014 baseball season, and required the McKeesport High School administration to develop and submit to the WPIAL by May 15, 2013, procedural guidelines outlining steps to ensure this situation does not reoccur.

## PIAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### Mother of Sorrows School

The BOC accepted the PIAA Membership application for Mother of Sorrows School, Grades K-8 located in Murrysville, PA, for the 2013-2014 school year. This application has been forwarded to the PIAA

## COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP APPROVED.

### Vincentian Academy – Aquinas Academy

The BOC has accepted the request from Vincentian Academy and Aquinas Academy to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport Agreement in the sport of boys' and girls' cross country beginning the 2013/2014 school year with Vincentian Academy serving as the host school.

## MEMBERSHIP WITHDRAWAL

### Leechburg Area School

The BOC approved the release of Leechburg Area School District as a member of the WPIAL beginning July 1, 2014. The release was rendered with the understanding that future membership in the WPIAL would only be if District VII membership is not affected negatively.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED

Upon the recommendation of President Fullen, the BOC approved the following persons to serve on the Budget Committee to assist in developing the 2013-14 budget:

Jon Vallina	Jack Fullen
Mike Allison	Scott Seltzer
William Sinning	Dr. Bart Rocco
Dan Cardone, Chairperson	

## 2013-14 SPRING SPORTS ALIGNMENTS APPROVED

All spring sports alignments for the 2013-14 school year, the second year of the 2012-14 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOC. 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 2014-2016 scheduling cycle. Alignment, scheduling grids, calendars, and sport memos are available on the WPIAL website by clicking on the "scheduling" tab.

### Baseball

Five sections in each of four (4) classifications with a total of 130 teams.

**New Teams** – Eden Christian

**Teams Dropped** – Elderton

### Softball

Four (4) classifications with a total of 127 teams. Two classifications of five section teams and two classifications of four section teams.

**New Teams** – None

**Teams Dropped** – Elderton

### Boys Lacrosse

Two divisions in a single classification program. Total of 34 teams in: Div. I (2) sections and Div. II (3) sections.

**New Teams** – Knoch

**Teams Dropped** – None

### Girls Lacrosse

Two divisions in a single classification program. Total of 33 teams in: Div. I (2) sections and Div. II (3) sections.

**New Teams** – Indiana, Mars

**Teams Dropped** – None

### Boys Tennis

Five sections in each of two (2) classifications with a total of 73 teams.

**New Team** – Seton LaSalle

**Teams Dropped** – Chartiers Houston, Riverview

### Boys Track/Field

Two classifications with a total of 116 teams. Eight sections in AAA and seven sections in AA.

**No Changes in Alignment**

### Girls Track/Field

Two classifications with a total of 116 teams. Eight sections in AAA and seven sections in AA.

**No Changes in Alignment**

### Boys Volleyball

Three sections in each of two (2) classifications with 39 total teams.

**Schools Changing** – West Shamokin has assumed Elderton Schedule

## BOC ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Board of Control election for 2013-14 were announced at the Annual Meeting on April 17, 2013, by Jim Hune representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, & Co. Listed in alphabetical order, the elected members of the 2013-14 BOC are:

**Mike Allison** . . . . . Principal, Hopewell HS  
**Kathy Charlton** . . . . . Principal, Hempfield Area HS  
**Bill Cleary** . . . . . Athletic Director, Serra HS  
**Ron Dufalla** . . . . . Sup't., Brentwood SD  
**\*Jack Fullen** . . . . . Athletic Director, Blackhawk HS  
**Scott Heinauer** . . . . . Athletic Director, Mars HS  
**Patrick Mannarino** . . . . . Sup't., North Hills SD  
**Bart Rocco** . . . . . Sup't., Elizabeth Fwd.SD  
**Scott Seltzer** . . . . . Ass't Sup't, Chartiers Valley SD  
**John Vallina** . . . . . Athletic Director, Burgettstown HS  
**Ken Williams** . . . . . Principal, Mt. Pleasant HS

\*Mr. Fullen is currently in the second year of a two-year term as Junior High Representative.

## BOC REORGANIZATION

Pursuant to the PIAA Constitution, the following were re-elected as WPIAL Officers by the BOC for the 2012-13 school year:

### BOC Officers

President . . . . . Jack Fullen  
 Vice President . . . . . Jon Vallina  
 Treasurer . . . . . Scott Seltzer

### PIAA BOC Representatives

District VII Chairman . . . . . Jack Fullen  
 District VII Vice Chairman . . . . . Jon Vallina  
 District VII Treasurer . . . . . Scott Seltzer  
 District VII First Alternate . . . . . Pam Cherubin  
 District VII Second Alternate . . . . . Scott Heinauer

### Girls' Athletic Representative to BOC

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

### Parent Representatives to BOC

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

## INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

### WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

Member school principals submitted 73 male and 70 female applications for the 2012-13 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 will be 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 DoubleTree Hotel on May 20, 2013. In addition to the scholarship, each student will be presented an attractive plaque as a permanent token of his/her 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 awardees.

The committee also selected 16 scholar athlete finalists each of whom will receive a one-time stipend of \$500 and an attractive shadow box plaque emblematic of his/her 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.

## Scholar Athletes

Brendon Lynch . . . . . Freeport  
 Margaret Gruber . . . . . Mars  
 Peter Gula . . . . . Penn Hills  
 Alexis Hilzendeger . . . . . Ambridge

## Scholar Athlete Finalists

Joseph Murphy . . . . . North Allegheny  
 Justin Kostelnik . . . . . Laurel Highlands  
 Brian Fisher . . . . . California  
 Noah Shulman . . . . . Hampton  
 Joshual Mundell . . . . . Carmichaels  
 Jordan Milo . . . . . Sewickley Academy  
 Charles Guy . . . . . Springdale  
 Jordan Potter . . . . . Woodland Hills  
 April Krivoniak . . . . . Greater Latrobe  
 Elise Monaghan . . . . . Laurel Highlands  
 Kate Hardiman . . . . . Fox Chapel  
 Amy Kolor . . . . . Sewickley Academy  
 Ashley Sample . . . . . Freeport  
 Lindsey Jeffress . . . . . Cornell  
 Amanda Balzer . . . . . Chartiers Houston  
 Melissa Lynskey . . . . . Seneca Valley

## WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE HISTORY

The WPIAL Scholar Athlete Program was initiated in 1992 with two (2) students receiving \$5,000 scholarships. The program was expanded in 1997 with four (4) students receiving \$5,000 scholarships. In 1999, along with the four (4) \$5,000 scholarships, the Board opted to give \$500 stipends to the 16 finalists.

Including the Class of 2013, 78 scholar athletes represent 52 different member schools. Freeport School District has had four scholar athletes; five schools: Montour Connellsville, Waynesburg, Quaker valley, and Baldwin each have had three students selected; and 11 schools: Ringgold, Ambridge, Kittanning, Valley, Vincentian Academy, Mars, Mt. Lebanon, Burrell, South Fayette, Bethel Park, and Woodland Hills each have had two students selected. Another 240 students have received \$500 stipends as scholar-athlete finalists. Since its inception in 1992, the WPIAL has awarded \$546,000 to 318 students from member schools.

## WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS 2012-13

The WPIAL Board of Control "Official Ball" list with expiration dates is summarized below:

SPORT	MFGR	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	SB1	June 30, 2017
Volleyball - B&G	Spalding	TF5000	June 30, 2017
Basketball - B	Spalding	TF1000 Legacy	June 30, 2017
Basketball - G	Spalding	TF1000 Legacy 28.5	June 30, 2017
Softball	Dudley	SB-12	June 30, 2017

Schools qualifying for WPIAL post-season play in the sports specified in the chart on the previous page must compete with the WPIAL "Official Ball" 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.

**WPIAL REVENUE SHARING  
2012-13**

The WPIAL revenue sharing program for 2012-13 resulted in \$186,670, being returned to member schools participating in the football, soccer, and basketball tournaments using the League's revenue share ratio of 45% for schools and 55% for the League.

Revenue share paid by sport includes: Football (\$88,521), Basketball (\$78,020), and Soccer (\$20,129). Two schools received revenue share checks in excess of \$10,000. They are: New Castle (\$10,448), and North Allegheny (\$10,420).

**PIAA TEAM CHAMPIONS  
2012-13 WINTER SPORTS**

Bishop Canevin . . . . . AA Girls Basketball  
 South Park . . . . . AAA Girls Basketball  
 Beaver Falls . . . . . AA Boys Basketball  
 Canon McMillan . . . . . AAA Wrestling

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