

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS JULY 30, AUGUST 5, & 19, 2013



The July 30 meeting (summer workshop) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, R. Dufalla, T. Evans (non-voting member until August 1st), M. Gavlik (non-voting member), S. Heinauer, P.

Mannarino, J. Patton, B. Rocco, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, J. Wallace, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The August 5 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Control was attended by: B. Rocco, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, W. Cleary, R. Dufalla, P. Mannarino, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The August 19 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, P. Mannarino, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, J. Wallace K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, and C. Harlan.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

- Canon McMillan Dominic Tolomeo
- Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic Brett Heitzenrater
Mark Smith
- Central Catholic Aaron Claasen
Daniel Guzik
Matthew DiNunzio
Damon Foster
Richard Marino
Hunter Marshall
- Elizabeth Forward George Prota
- Fox Chapel Privanka Shah
- Franklin Regional Hannah Bursic
- Greensburg Central Catholic Jason Goulding
Hunter Jones
Nico Marchitello
Samuel Nowicki
Abigail Skatell
Gabrielle Staffer
- Keystone Oaks Jennifer Murtha

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

- Laurel Tucker Skerbetz
- Mars Christian Schmitt
- McGuffey Jared Whirlow
- McKeesport Caleb Shively
- North Allegheny James Lamanna
Quintin Owens
- Oakland Catholic Carolinn Costa
Lucy Johnston
Alexis Lonero
Melissa McCloskey
Elizabeth Pierce
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Austin Kavals
Nicolette Simons
Meghan Taylor
- Penn Trafford Jacob Bruno
- Peters Township Lane Mitchell
- Pine Richland Kristi Chenarides
- Quaker Valley Evan Zernich
Gabrielle Zernich
- Serra Catholic Samuel Marshall
Michelle Osgood
Tayshaun Owens
- Seton LaSalle Nicholas Conquest
Delaney Daly
Joseph Deegan
Austin Kitchen
Liam Sweeney
- Sewickley Academy Geoffrey Schuchardt
- Shady Side Academy Jacqueline Cepicka
Adam D'Angelo
Wyatt Glover
Sonya McLaughlin
Natalie Palmer
Juliana Sanford
Alec Schmidtter
Scott Trellis
Corinne Tumpson
- Trinity Christian William Deemer
Alexis Paladin
- Vincentian Geno Conroy
Paul Conroy
Nathaniel Elias
Lauren Lazzara
- Western Beaver Jared Postupac

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

- Blackhawk Simeon Bishop
- McGuffey Stavros Alexas
- McKeesport Jason Chavis
Jay Scarbrough
- North Allegheny Vaughn Wallace
- Penn Trafford Brayden Axe

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

Bethel Park Emily Williams
Butler Danielle Hense
Ellwood City Richard McKnight
New Brighton Zackary Proya
Penn Trafford Angelica Brennfleck-Derry
Rochester Ishmael Tucker

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

Shady Side Academy Catherine Costlow
Claudia Devorris
Tyler Hudak
Thomas Keating

The following students were declared eligible under Article VI, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Montour Aimee Miller

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

Franklin Regional Guillaume Poupot
North Allegheny Agathe Jaillard
West Allegheny Levi Bergset

Attendance

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

Western Beaver Jared Postupac

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Beaver County Christian – William Townsend

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC Hearing Panel granted William Townsend a period of participation waiver under Article VII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Chartiers Valley – Joshua Lapiana

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC granted Joshua Lapiana an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Clairton – Vance Allen

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC Hearing Panel granted Vance Allen a period of

participation waiver under Article VII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Mohawk – Christian & James Holmes

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC granted Christian & James Holmes a period of participation waiver under Article VII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Northgate – Khalil Condon

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC Hearing Panel denied Northgate's age waiver request on behalf of Khalil Condon for participation in the interscholastic athletic program for the 2013-2014 school year. The decision was based on the fact that Khalil did not meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article I, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Seton LaSalle – William Jackson

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of William Jackson from Baldwin High School to Seton LaSalle High School, the WPIAL BOC declared William Jackson eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Washington – Zachary Blystone

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Zachary Blystone from Charleroi High School to Washington High School, the WPIAL Hearing Panel found there existed a likelihood that the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose related to football. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel declared Zachary Blystone ineligible to participate in football only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, June 26, 2013. He is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

**STEERING COMMITTEE DUTIES,
RESPONSIBILITIES AND GUIDELINES**

The BOC adopted steering committee member duties and guidelines policy. The policy was sent to all WPIAL Committee members.

STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Following appointments were made to the 2013-2014 Steering Committees:

FOOTBALL – Jason Olexa – Principal, Brentwood High School, **Mike Burrell** – Athletic Director, Cardinal Wuerl-North Catholic High School

SOCCER – Nate Milsom – Athletic Director, Carlynton

STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Cont'd.)

SOFTBALL – **Ray Bartha** – Athletic Director, Apollo Ridge High School

SPORTSMANSHIP – **Barry Balaski** – Principal, Moon Area High School

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT – **Andreana Radomski** – Cheerleader Sponsor, Bathel Park High School

TENNIS – **Alex Slezak** – Teacher/coach, Fox Chapel High School

TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY – **Ron McMichael** – Athletic Director, Ringgold High School

GOLF – **Scott Milburn**, Principal, South Fayette – Transfer from lacrosse committee

BASKETBALL – **Bill Short**, Gateway High School

ADJUNCT STEERING COMMITTEE APPROVALS

Committee members who retire from active service in a member school are permitted to retain their committee membership as adjunct members. The following persons were approved as adjunct steering committee membership following their retirement from active service:

Bill Reilly – Track & Field Committee, retired administrator, Freeport Area School District

Richard Yanachik – Sports Medicine Committee, retired athletic trainer, Monessen High School

Bob Kane – Swimming Committee, retired teacher/coach, South Park High School

Brian Farley – Golf Committee, former Coach, Thomas Jefferson High School

Twenty other adjunct members were reappointed to their committees for the 2013-14 school year.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

The following individuals resigned from committees as follows:

BASKETBALL-Terry Smith

FOOTBALL – John Ratesic

GOLF – Joe Anderson

SOCCER – Ed Dubis

SOFTBALL – Jason Lucia

TENNIS – Jeff Miller

TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY – Dave McNichol

Two other committee members, **Amy Scheuneman** – soccer and **Pat Mannarino** – football will be members of the Board of Control and will no longer be active members of their respective committees.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT

Tammy Blackwood, teacher-coach at Elizabeth Forward High School, was appointed as Chairperson of the Swimming Committee. Ms. Blackwood has been a member of the committee for several years and replaces Bob Kane who retired.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) APPROVED

Burgettstown – South Side Area

The BOC has accepted the request from Burgettstown and South Side Area School District to form a cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement in the sport of boys' middle school and varsity soccer beginning with the 2013-14 school year with South Side Area District serving as the host school. The PIAA approved the cooperative sponsorship on July 24, 2013.

New Brighton – Rochester

The BOC has accepted the request from New Brighton and Rochester High Schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement in the sport of boys' varsity soccer beginning with the 2013-14 school year with New Brighton High School serving as the host school. The PIAA approved the cooperative sponsorship on July 24, 2013.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PLANS ACCEPTED

BUTLER – Ineligible Student Athletes

The BOC required Butler to forfeit all contests in which ineligible jr. high basketball players participated in during the 2012-2013 season and the administration must submit procedural guidelines to ensure the violation does not reoccur.

LEECHBURG – Rescind Membership Withdrawal

The BOC rescinded the approval of release of Leechburg Area School District as a member of PIAA-District VII effective July 1, 2014.

MEDIA POLICY APPROVED

The BOC approved a revised media policy for the 2013-14 school year. The policy specifies regulations and restrictions pertaining to audio and visual depictions of WPIAL play-off and championship contests. As a general rule, still photography, filming, videotaping, audio

MEDIA POLICY APPROVED (Cont'd.)

recording, webcasting, and blogging are prohibited except as specifically authorized by the media policy. The media policy and rights fee schedule are posted on the WPIAL website by clicking on "RESOURCES" tab on the home page and scrolling down to "MEDIA POLICY".

TICKET INCREASE

The BOC approved an increase in the ticket price for students in all sports and levels by \$1 to \$5. Adult ticket prices will increase \$1 to \$6 in all sports through the semi-final round and adult final round tickets to \$8 for school venues and \$10 for non-school venues.

BASEBALL FINALS AT CONSOL ENERGY PARK CONTRACT EXTENSION

The BOC extended the contract with Consol Energy Park to host the championships in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

PIAA OFFICIALS ARBITER/REFPAY MANDATE

The BOC has mandated that all PIAA registered officials who wish to qualify for officiating WPIAL championships must be registered with Arbiter and have a RefPay account.

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

WPIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS

The deadline for member schools to submit sportsmanship applications is September 20, 2013.

Interested schools must submit a completed "Member School Self-Assessment Form". Additional information will be e-mailed to member schools upon request.

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee will convene on October 7 to review submitted applications for 2012-13 Sportsmanship Awards.

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. A photograph will only be included in the football championship program. Team rosters for soccer, football, field hockey, and girls' volleyball will be requested from schools in a separate

memo with roster specifications included. The memo will be posted on the WPIAL website in September.

A special thank you to those dedicated athletic secretaries who prepare and submit the rosters in a timely manner.

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 2013-14 school year. In the fall season, vocalists are needed for the Football Championships at Heinz Field and the Soccer Championships at Highmark Stadium. 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's or AD's name, student's name, grade, and any preference of championship events. If selected, the principal or AD who recommended the student will be contacted.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION ACHIEVES ALL-TIME HIGH

According to the National Federation of High Schools Association (NFHS), sports participation for the 2012-13 school year reached an all-time high of 7,713,577 participants-an increase of 21,057. An additional 15,190 girls participated in high school sports last year, moving the girls all-time record total to 3,222,723. This marks the 24th consecutive year for an increase in the number of female participants. Eight of the top ten girls sports registered increases in 2012-13 led by outdoor track and field (4,172) and swimming/diving (3,536). Basketball and fast pitch softball had minor declines.

Five of the top 10 boys' sports registered increases in participation, led by outdoor track and field (5,044), swimming / diving (4,364). Basketball, cross country, and baseball also registered gains among the top ten sports. Eleven-player football remains the top sport for boys with 1,086,627 participants in 2012-13. However, the number of players has decreased slightly each of the past four years, including a drop of 9,366 from 2011-12 to 2012-13.

Participants by state stayed true to last year's order, as Texas and California once again topped the list with 798,333 and 777,545, respectively, followed by New York (389,475), Illinois (339,944), Ohio (327,919), and Pennsylvania (315,492). Although only one of the top ten states registered an increase in participation (New Jersey), overall, 30 states reported higher figures from last year.

Above is based on figures submitted by the 51 NFHS-member state high school associations, which includes the District of Columbia.

WELCOME

New Principals

Baldwin – Walter Graves
Beaver County Christian – Rob Rostoni
Belle Vernon – Jason Boone
Belle Vernon- John Grice
Brownsville – Jason Kusak
Cornell – Robert Motte
Deer Lakes – Joseph Orr
Imani – Terry Ayers
Laurel – Daniel Svirbly
Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic – Kellie Abbott
Norwin – Tim Kotch
Ringgold – Jason Mannitti
Union – Mike Ross
Vincentian – Kelly Lazzara

New Athletic Directors

Avella – Jason Fogg
Burgettstown – Terry Havelka
Beaver – Pat McDanel
Clairton – Mike Linnert
Derry – Brett Miller
Ellis – Latonya Salley-Sharif
Fort Cherry – Thomas Scarpone
Gateway – Randy Rovesti
Imani – Enos Scott
Montour – Lou Cerro
Neighborhood Academy – Darrell Schmitt
North Hills – Kevin Deitrick
Norwin – Brandon Rapp
Sto-Rox – Howard Bullard
Uniontown – Aaron Scott

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.

Ralph L. Bowen	BB, FB
Roy T. Conrad	BB, FB, LAX, SFT, SOC
David J. Cushion	BB, SFT
Noreen A. Forsythe	BB
Dennis L. Garrett	BB
James S. Grapes, Jr.	BB, VB
George W. Kemerer	BB
William Kissell	SW, VB
Richard C. Pavlisko	BB, SFT
Bridal Pearson	BB, FB
Charles W. Petrosky, Jr.	BB, BSE
Frank A. Pryor	BB, FB
Keith Urich	FB, BSE
Thomas A. Kreminsky	BB, SOC
Kirstin S. LaPlace	FH, LAX
David A. Papariello	FB

SPONSOR NEWS

Scarehouse – Scarehouse, Pittsburgh's Ultimate Haunted House located just minutes from downtown Pittsburgh offers great group rates, field trips, and party packages for student groups. Scarehouse can also help your team raise money with special fundraising promotions. E-mail groups@scarehouse.com and visit www.scarehouse.com for more information.

Root Sports – ROOT Sports for the 17th year will televise in HD seven Thursday night regular seasons, three Friday night play-off games and culminate the McDonald's High School season with the four-game WPIAL Football Championships from Heinz field on Saturday, November 23. The complete schedule is on the home page of the WPIAL website.

WPIAL OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



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2013-14 OFFICIAL BALLS



A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2013-14 school year and beyond is listed below:

SPORT	MFGR.	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	SB1	6/30/17
VB – B/G	Spalding	VB5	6/30/17
BB – B	Spalding	TF1000 LEGACY	6/30/17
BB – G	Spalding	TF1000 LEGACY 28.5	6/30/17
Softball	Spalding - Dudley	SB-12	6/30/17

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.

PIAA OFFICIAL BALLS

Sport	Manufacturer	Official Ball
Baseball	Wilson	A1010BPENN
Soccer	Brine	Championship

Schools qualifying for WPIAL post-season play in baseball and soccer must compete with the PIAA "Official Ball" provided for use in WPIAL district champion play (preliminary round through final, inclusive). Member schools are not required to use the PIAA "Official Ball" during the regular season.

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