

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS
March – April 2014



The March 17, meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, M. Gavlik (non-voting member) S. Heinauer, 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.

The April 15, meeting (hearing panel) meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino W. Sinning, and K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The April 23, meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, P. Mannarino, J. Patton, W. Sinning, J. Wallace, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, C. Harlan, M. Biers, M. White.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

- Avonworth Helena Molinos
- Greensburg Salem Nur Shofaa Inarah
- Indiana Laura Plessmann
- North Hills Pablo Morcate
- Peters Township Melissa Goh
- Riverside Celina Ndure
- Woodland Hills Jake Rusbridge

Transfer Provision

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

- Bishop Canevin Baoyuan Cao
- Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic Taylen Clybourn
Tina Clybourn
Samuel Porter
Keith Wells
- Knoch Agathe Jiallard
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Noah Ingram
Nathan Marko
- Seton LaSalle Jamie Neary

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

- Trinity Christian Sangyun Park
- Vincentian Jack Wanner

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

- Penn Trafford Reid Gadagno
- Trinity Guy Stock-Markley

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

- Steel Valley Cody Conroy

Attendance Provision

The following student was denied an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Seton LaSalle Eunsung Cho

Period of Participation

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

- Laurel Highlands Rick Cordes

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PLANS ACCEPTED

East Allegheny High School

The BOC accepted the administration's procedural guidelines to ensure all student athletes meet PIAA requirements for eligibility.

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Laurel Highlands – Rick Cordes

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC Hearing Panel denied Laurel Highland's period of participation waiver request on behalf of Rick Cordes for participation in the interscholastic athletic program for the 2014-2015 school year. The decision was based on the fact that Rick did not meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article VIII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Lincoln Park – Nicholas Aloï

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Nicholas Aloï from Lincoln High School-Ellwood City to Lincoln Park Performing Arts

Charter School, the WPIAL Board of Control declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4 of the PIAA By-Laws because there exists a reasonable likelihood that his transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose related to basketball. Accordingly, the BOC declared Nicholas Alois ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, January 21, 2014. He is eligible to participate in all other sports.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – Sarah Shaheen

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Sarah Shaheen from North Allegheny High school to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High school, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel declared Sarah Shaheen eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School for the 2013-14 school year, effective April 15, 2014. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Steel Valley – Dominique Keyes

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the WPIAL Hearing Panel granted Dominique Keyes a period of participation waiver for the 2014/2015 school year effective April 15, 2014. This action was taken under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETE

East Allegheny High School

The BOC determined the following regarding the use of a middle school athlete in a varsity swimming competition: **1)** The administration and varsity head swimming and diving coach are publicly censured for using a middle school athlete in a varsity swimming competition. **2)** The swimming and diving program is on probation for a period of one year through the 2014-2015 swimming and diving season. **3)** The swimming and diving program is suspended from post season play in 2015 unless the Administration: **a)** suspends the varsity swimming and diving head coach from coaching and attending two (2) of the 2014-2015 regular season swimming and diving competitions; and **b)** requires the varsity swimming and diving head coach to enroll in and successfully complete an ACEP (American Coaching Education Program) containing some sort of sportsmanship component by August 1, 2014. The Principal must certify in writing to WPIAL that the varsity swimming/diving head coach successfully completed such an ACEP. **4)** The Administration must develop a plan of action to ensure this situation does not occur again and to avoid future rules violations. This plan must be submitted to the WPIAL office by Wednesday, April, 16, 2014. **5)** The School District is commended for self-reporting.

FORMAL COMPLAINT

McGuffey High School

The BOC is directing the administration to conduct an investigation and respond to a formal complaint filed by the Trinity School District by April 14, 2014.

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 2014-15 budget:

Jack Fullen	Scott Heinauer
Bart Rocco	Patrick Mannarino
Scott Seltzer	William Sinning
Mike Allison	

2014-15 SWIMMING DIVING & SPRING SPORTS ALIGNMENTS APPROVED

All spring sports alignments for the 2014-15 school year, the first year of the 2014-16 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOC. Alignment, scheduling grids, calendars, and sport memos are available on the WPIAL website by clicking on the "scheduling" tab.

Boys' Swimming

Two (2) classifications with 71 teams
New Team-Beaver Falls
Schools dropping from the alignment – Freedom
Class AA teams opting to play in a AAA section so boys' and girls' teams are together-Laurel Highlands, Hampton, West Allegheny, Trinity
Associate member – Allderdice

Girls' Swimming

Two (2) classifications with 74 teams
New Team-Beaver Falls
Schools dropping from the alignment – Freedom
Associate member – Obama

Baseball

Four (4) classifications with 130 teams
New Team-Wilkinsburg
Schools dropping from the alignment **Sto-Rox**
Schools moving up in classification – Carrick to AAAA, Deer Lakes, Freeport, Quaker Valley, Beaver, and Ellwood City to AAA ; Frazier, and Northgate to AA
Schools moving down in classification – New Castle to AAA; Waynesburg and Keystone Oaks to Class AA; Bentworth, Greensburg CC, and Jeannette to Class A
Associate member – Carrick, Allderdice

Softball

Four (4) classifications with 127 teams

New Team-Geibel

Schools dropping from the alignment – Sto-Rox

Schools moving up in classification – Carrick, Moon, and Albert Gallatin to AAAA; Beaver, Keystone Oaks, and Quaker Valley, to AAA; Burgettstown, South Side Beaver, Carmichaels, and Neshannock to AA

Schools moving down in classification – McKeesport and Oakland Catholic to Class AAA; Brownsville, Kittanning, and Ellwood City to Class AA

Associate member – Carrick, Allderdice

BOC ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Board of Control election for 2014-15 were announced at the Annual Meeting on April 23, 2014, by Jim Hune representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, & Co. Listed in alphabetical order, the elected members of the 2014-15 BOC are:

Mike Allison Principal, Hopewell HS
Kathy Charlton Principal, Hempfield Area HS
Bill Cleary Athletic Director, Serra HS
Tom Evans Athletic Director, Yough HS
***Jack Fullen** Athletic Admin., Blackhawk HS
Alvin Gipson Principal, Aliquippa 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
Ken Williams Principal, Mt. Pleasant HS

*Mr. Fullen elected to 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 2014-15 school year:

BOC Officers

President Jack Fullen
Vice President Bart Rocco
Treasurer Scott Seltzer

PIAA BOC Representatives

District VII Chairman Jack Fullen
District VII BOC Member Scott Heinauer
District VII Treasurer Scott Seltzer
District VII First Alternate -Vice Chairman Bart Rocco
District VII Second Alternate Pamela Cherubin

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 68 male and 70 female applications for the 2013-14 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 18, 2014. 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

Rebecca Dudek Freeport
Zachary Dysert Fort Cherry
Olivia Luroso Canon McMillan
Nicholas Pattock Burrell

Scholar Athlete Finalists

Rachael Baker Laurel
Rachel Bellhy Fort Cherry
Zachary Buerger North Allegheny
Joshua Churchin Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic
Chelsea Fabyanic New Brighton
Jeanne Farnan Seton LaSalle
Biran Kolich Central Valley
Mary Malone North Hills
Melissa McCann Laurel Highlands
Owen Nearhoof Mars
Kai Oshimo Woodland Hills
Rachel Reamer Shenango
Cody Schrecongost Valley
Megan Sieg Serra Catholic
Justin Watson South Fayette
Zachary Zavatsky Greater Latrobe

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 2014, 82 scholar athletes represent 52 different member schools. Freeport School District has had five scholar athletes; five schools: Burrell, Montour, Connellsville, Waynesburg, Quaker valley, and Baldwin each have had three students selected; and 13 schools: Canon McMillan, Fort Cherry, Ringgold, Ambridge, Kittanning, Valley, Vincentian Academy, Mars, Mt. Lebanon, South Fayette, Bethel Park, and Woodland Hills each have had two students selected. Another 256 students have received \$500 stipends as scholar-athlete finalists. Since its inception in 1992, the WPIAL has awarded \$574,000 to 338 students from member schools.

WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS 2013-14

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	VB5	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 2013-14

The WPIAL revenue sharing program for 2013-14 resulted in \$253,708, 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 (\$138,414), Basketball (\$86,555), and Soccer (\$28,739). Central Valley received a revenue share check in excess of \$10,000 in the amount of \$11,789. Penn Trafford, New Castle, and Central Catholic each received in excess of \$9,000. One hundred-nineteen (119) member school received a revenue share check for 2013-14.

PIAA TEAM CHAMPIONS 2013-14 WINTER SPORTS

Vincentian A Girls Basketball
 Seton LaSalle AA Girls Basketball
 Blackhawk AAA Girls Basketball
 Lincoln Park A Boys Basketball
 New Castle AAAA Boys Basketball
 Mars AA Boys Swimming
 Franklin Regional AAA Wrestling

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