

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS
NOVEMBER, 2014 – DECEMBER, 2014**



The November 5 Hearing Panel Meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, A. Gipson, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, J. Wallace and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons and M. White.

The November 17 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, J. Wallace, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons and C. Harlan.

The December 8 Hearing Panel Meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, K. Charlton P. Cherubin, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The December 15 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, A. Gipson, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, S. Heinauer, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, J. Wallace, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons, and C. Harlan.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

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:

- Butler Nienke Dirx
- Chartiers Houston Aliya Gaffanova
- Indiana Camilla Orazi
- Marija Sekulic
- Plum Katrin Ocenasek

The following students were granted eligibility for one year under Article VII, Section 2 International Student:

- Ringgold Alessia Recine

Transfer Provision

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

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

- Beaver Nathan McCune
- Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic Isaiah Harvin
- Alexander Hoehn
- Alexander Miller
- Eden Christian Academy Kenneth Scott
- Greensburg Central Catholic Lucas Bekar
- Imani Christian Academy Lexus Santiago
- Oakland Catholic Monet Cosnotti
- St. Joseph Nathaniel Manko
- Alyssa Pennycuik
- Trinity Christian Lizhaeochen Zeng
- Vincentian Academy Mackenzie Brickley
- Evan Down
- Anna Kampas

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

- Monessen Dwight Moore
- Monessen Seth Sapko
- South Fayette Kodi Georgetti

Attendance

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

- Beaver Nathan McCune

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Khalil Perdue – McKeesport

After reviewing the information and testimony presented the WPIAL Board of Directors granted Khalil Perdue a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Jihad Cromer – Lincoln Park

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Jihad Cromer from Sto-Rox High School to Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School, the WPIAL Board of Directors declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4C 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 BOD declared Jihad Cromer ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, August 20, 2014. He is eligible to participate in all other sports.

Michael Smith – Lincoln Park

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Michael Smith from Sto-Rox High School to Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declared Michael eligible to compete in interscholastic athletic program during the 2014-2015 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is November 5, 2014.

Lincoln Park – Nicholas Aloï

The WPIAL Board of Directors Hearing Panel voted unanimously to reaffirm its original decision (as set forth in my letter to you dated May 1, 2014) and find that (a) there exists a reasonable likelihood that Nicholas Aloï's transfer from Ellwood City Area School District's Lincoln High School to Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to basketball; and, therefore, (b) Nicholas is ineligible to participate in the sport of basketball only for a period of one year from the date of his transfer to Lincoln Park, i.e., January 21, 2014.

Dalaun Samuels – Seton LaSalle

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Dalaun Samuels from Brashear High School to Seton LaSalle High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declared Dalaun eligible to compete in interscholastic athletic program during the 2014-2015 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is December 8, 2014.

Sidney Pinnix – South Fayette

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Sidney Pinnix from Carlynton High School to South Fayette High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4C 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 BOD declared Sidney Pinnix ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, November 18, 2014. He is eligible to participate in all other sports.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) APPROVED

Vincentian Academy & Eden Christian Academy – Softball

The BOD accepted the request from Vincentian Academy and Eden Christian Academy to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity

softball beginning the 2014-2015 school year with Vincentian Academy as the host school.

Wilkinsburg & Imani Christian Academy – Boys & Girls Varsity Track & Field and Varsity Baseball

The BOD accepted the request from Imani Christian Academy and Wilkinsburg High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sports of varsity boys and girls track and field and varsity baseball beginning the 2014-2015 school year with Wilkinsburg as the host school.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) TABLED

Hempfield & Greensburg Central Catholic – Middle School/Junior High Wrestling

The BOD conditionally accepted, pending the required submission of a signed resolution by both schools, the request from Hempfield and Greensburg Central Catholic High Schools to including middle school/junior high wrestling in an existing cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of wrestling beginning the 2014-2015 school year with Hempfield as the host school.

Holy Family Academy/Vincetian Academy – Varsity Boys & Girls Track & Field and Football

The BOD tabled a decision regarding the requested cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement between Vincentian Academy and Holy Family Academy in varsity boys and girls track and field and football pending the submission of all required paperwork.

Carlynton - Response to Athletic Director's Actions

The BOD accepted the administration's response regarding the soccer incident and athletic director's actions that took place on October 9, 2014.

Sto-Rox - Request to Change Football Classification

The BOD denied the request submitted by the Sto-Rox Football Coach to change football classification for the 2015-2016 school year.

Circumventing PIAA Article VI-Violation

The BOD censured Mr. William Minear for admission to purposely circumventing PIAA Article VI Section 2E-4. Mr. Minear admitted to assisting a student who was deemed ineligible to participate in the interscholastic athletic program at Sto-Rox to transfer to Montour so he could play basketball.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PLANS ACCEPTED

Shady Side Academy

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

McGuffey

The BOD censured head football coach for violation of PIAA By-Laws Code of Ethics for criticism of PIAA officials through the media and accepted the administration's response to the situation.

Winchester Thurston

The BOD censured the head of school for violation of PIAA By-Laws Code of Ethics for criticism of PIAA officials through the media.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH STUDENT ATHLETE SYMPOSIUM

The BOD voted to support the symposium being conducted in conjunction with the NFL and the Pittsburgh Steelers regarding important social issues as it relates to student athletes.

2015-2016 FALL SPORTS

All fall sports alignments for the 2015-16 school year, the second year of the 2014-16 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOC. The only changes made were prompted by the addition and/or deletion of teams to the program.

FOOTBALL

Four (4) classifications with 123 teams

New Team – Ford City & Kittanning merged to form Armstrong

Alignment changes- Armstrong was added to Class AAA, Section 3. Summit Academy was moved from AA, section 3 to section 2. Quaker Valley was moved from AA, section 1 to AA section 3

Cross Country

New Teams – Ford City & Kittanning merged to form Armstrong. Serra Catholic boys were added to the alignment.

Teams dropped from the alignment – Ford City & Kittanning

Alignment changes- Armstrong was added to Division II, Section 4. Serra boys were added to Division II, Section 5

Field Hockey

New Team- Vincentian

Alignment changes- Vincentian was added to the lone AA section.

Boys' Golf

New Teams – Ford City & Kittanning merged to form Armstrong

Teams dropped from the alignment – Ford City & Kittanning

Alignment changes- Armstrong was added to Class AAA, Section 4

Girls' Golf

New Teams – Ford City & Kittanning merged to form Armstrong

Teams dropped from the alignment – Ford City & Kittanning

Alignment changes- Armstrong was added to Class AAA, Section 3

Boys' Soccer

New Teams – Ford City & Kittanning merged to form Armstrong

Teams dropped from the alignment – Carrick, Ford City & Kittanning

Alignment Changes- Armstrong was added to Class AAA, section 1

Girls' Soccer

New Teams – Apollo Ridge was added to the alignment

Teams dropped from the alignment – Carrick

Alignment Changes- Apollo Ridge was added to Class A, section 4

Girls' Tennis

New Teams – Ford City & Kittanning merged to form Armstrong

Teams dropped from the alignment – Ford City & Kittanning

Alignment changes- Armstrong was added to Class AAA, Section 1

Girls' Volleyball

New Teams – Ford City & Kittanning merged to form Armstrong

Teams dropped from the alignment – Ford City & Kittanning

Alignment changes- Armstrong was added to Class AAA, Section 1

PIAA EVENT CONTRACT

The BOD voted maintain the present system of financial accountability regarding all playoff events.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE PROGRAM

The BOD voted to revamp the scholar athlete program. Every member school is eligible to nominate one male and one female as their school's WPIAL Scholar Athlete. All member school Scholar Athletes will receive a certificate of achievement and will be eligible for finalist status as WPIAL Scholar Athletes.

Twenty (10 male and 10 female) member school scholar athletes will be selected by the WPIAL Scholarship Committee as WPIAL Scholar Athlete Finalists. Each of the finalists will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and will receive a shadow box plaque recognizing their achievement. The WPIAL will sponsor a luncheon to honor and recognize the finalists.

SCHOOL SURVEY

The BOD voted survey member schools regarding PIAA issues as it relates to the start date for football and heat acclimatization.

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The WPIAL is pleased to present their sponsors for the 2014-15 school year. Please give each of these sponsors your consideration.

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SPORTS REPORT

2014-15 FALL SPORTS TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Boys' Cross Country**
A Sewickley Academy
AA Knoch
AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls' Cross Country**
A Laurel
AA Quaker Valley
AAA Seneca Valley
- **Field Hockey**
AA Ellis
AAA North Allegheny
- **Football**
A Clairton
AA South Fayette
AAA Central Valley
AAAA Pine Richland
- **Boys' Golf**
AA Sewickley Academy
AAA Peters Township

- **Girls' Golf**
AA Central Valley
AAA Sewickley Academy
- **Boys' Soccer**
A Winchester Thurston
AA South Park
AAA Peters Township
- **Girls' Soccer**
A Greensburg Central Catholic
AA Montour
AAA Seneca Valley
- **Girls' Tennis**
AA Sewickley Academy
AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls' Volleyball**
A Greensburg Central Catholic
AA Ford City
AAA Baldwin



**WPIAL "OFFICIAL BALL" LIST
2014-15**

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2014-15 school year and beyond is listed below:

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

PIAA CHAMPIONS 2014-15 FALL SPORTS

Team

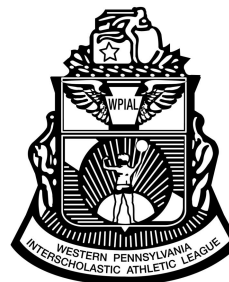
Winchester Thurston A Boys Cross Country
North Allegheny AAA Boys Cross Country
South Fayette Class AA Football
Peters Township AAA Boys Soccer
North Allegheny AAA Girls Tennis
Greensburg Central Catholic A Girls Volleyball

Individual

Ananya Dua-Shady Side Academy . .AAA Girls Tennis Singles
Tina Li & Eugenia Lee –North Allegheny . AAA Girls Tennis Doubles
Marianne Abdalah-Vincetian. A Girls Cross Country
Brianna Schwartz-Shaler. AAA Girls Cross Country
Olivia Zambruno-Greensburg Central Cath. AA Girls Golf
Jason Li – Sewickley Academy AA Boys Golf

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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