

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 2014



The September 2 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, P. Cherubin, T. Cleary, T. Evans, A. Gipson, P. Mannarino, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was

Brian Simmons.

The September 15 Board of Directors Meeting was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, 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 October 13 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Evans, A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were Brian Simmons, J. Collins, C. Harlan, and C. Myers.

The October 20 Board of Directors Meeting was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, 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:

- Aquinas Academy Cecilia Liguori
Elena Liguori
Shannon Palmer
- Beaver Area Daniel Pollack
- Beaver County Christian Taewon Kim
Bemin Perumkunnimalayil
- Bishop Canevin Tamara Blue
Alexandra Parra
Zhiwei Zhang
Feng Zhao
- Brownsville Noah Brown
- Canon McMillan Rebecca Turney

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

- Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic Kevin Curran
Isabel Lanthaler
Ellysa Paras
Natasha Petrisko
Jacob Surkosky
Kevin Wright
- Eden Christian Academy Christa Chao
Janet Dick
Jonilyn Dick
Heywood Haser
Eric Lisle
Xuwen Lou
David Williams
- Ellis School Alexis Lucas
Yinyin Wang
- Franklin Regional Ryan Grieco
Natalie Palmer
- Greensburg Central Catholic Cameron Kistler
Kell Rosensteel
- Greensburg Salem Elizabeth Rullo
- Highlands Mitchell DeZort
- Imani Christian Academy Lamar Russ-Cooley
Robert Poindexter
- Keystone Oaks Alexis Mercurio
- Lincoln Park Performing Arts Evan Brown
- Mars Area Jacqueline Bushee
- North Allegheny Michael Pope
- Oakland Catholic Isabella AlampI
- Quigley Catholic Makenzie Adams
- Serra Catholic John Fey
Eduardo Francato
Zhe Gong
Ashley Howard
Anna Janero
- Seton LaSalle Alec Elinoff
Anastasia Johnston
Hongzhen Li
Matthew McKenzie
Riley O'Donnell
Olivia Sadlek
- Sewickley Academy Sofia Lynn
Christian Rampelt
Jason Rampelt
- Shady Side Academy Juliana Balta
XinQua Wang
- St. Joseph Anne Lozaw
- Sto-Rox Jassim Al-Maleky
- Trinity Nathan Bazant
- Trinity Christian School Machen Henriquez
- Vincentian Academy Sixian Chen
Kingshou Liu

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

Vincentian Academy (Cont'd.) Fenglan Qiu
Ziming Ren
Jiatong Zhang
Winchester Thurston Shaun Hay
Manasa Melachun
Min Wu

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

Beaver Falls Tristin Scott
Taylor Thomas
Cornell Devin Hines
Blake Lipke
Greater Latrobe Summer Chappell
Sto-Rox De'Andre Johnson
Washington Ross Goldstone

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

Beaver Falls Zachary Duffy
Bentworth Rudy Davila
Burrell Devan Chapman
Jeannette Darrick Brown
. Christopher Selinsky
Laurel Highlands Ian Edenfield
McKeesport De'awa Bender
Moon Area Denzell Snead
Peters Township Dajon Lengyel
Washington Markel Pulliman

Foreign Exchange Provision

The following students were granted eligibility under Article VII, Section I CSIET sponsored J-1 Visa exchange students:

Burrell Javiar Carabias Barcenilla
Canon McMillan Pedro Lenci
Carlynton Fernando Martinez Alvarez
Francesco Fenoaltea
Meritxell Ramos Contreras
Derry Area Ryo Ito
Elizabeth Forward Camila Garbin
Fox Chapel Area Anouk Jeanne Beret
Elena Kopp
Franklin Regional Yu-Ju Tan
Gateway Dilnare Dulkon
Mathias Kornmod
Greensburg Salem Axel DeChiffreville
Hempfield Area Macarena Boto
San Kim
Ondrej Kratky
Jens Virtus Lindved
Keystone Oaks Lena Klass
Mariana Rua

Foreign Exchange Provision (Cont'd.)

North Hills Milian Braun
Annika Haverkamp
Pine Richland Elise Aaraas
Riverside Miriam Ak
Seneca Valley Sofia Eigner
Southmoreland Quynh Anh Le
Steel Valley Salvador Barata
Alexander Mylsted
West Shamokin Lukas Feddern
Woodland Hills Malin Zahn

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

Ellis Lilli Christ
Mt. Lebanon Lazar Prodanovic

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

Riverside Nathaniel Bartolone

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Southmoreland – Austin Griffiths

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOD Hearing Panel denied Austin Griffiths a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Alliquipa – Stephon McGinnis

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Stephon McGinnis from Ambridge High School to Aliquippa High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declared Stephon eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program during the 2014-2015 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2C of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is October 13, 2014.

North Hills – Ismael Waldron

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Ismael Waldron from Walton High School, New York, to North Hills High 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 Ismael ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, October 1, 2014. He is eligible to participate in all other sports.

Vincentian Academy – Alexiss Griggs

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Alexiss Griggs from Hampton High School to Vincentian Academy, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declared Alexiss 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 September 2, 2014.

INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETES

The BOD censured the administration of the following schools for using a student athlete before being granted eligibility by the BOD:

Trinity Christian School

The WPIAL Board of Directors censured the administration for using an ineligible student athlete before receiving WPIAL BOD approval and the WPIAL BOD accepted the Beaver County Christian administration's plan of improvement to be sure this situation does not reoccur.

Vincentian Academy – Extended Probation

The BOD Hearing Panel has extended the probation of the interscholastic athletic programs through January 23, 2016, and accepted the administration's plan of action which addresses the enrollment process and the concerns created when interscholastic athletic coaches are involved in programs that "attract" students to Vincentian.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF SEASON & OUT-OF-SEASON RULES & REGULATIONS

Sewickley Academy

The BOD reviewed the recommendation presented by the Tennis Steering Committee regarding a match between Ellis and Sewickley Academy and publicly censured the girls' tennis coach for failure to agree with the USTA Rule which states that points scored under the erroneous condition shall be counted.

Shady Side Academy

The WPIAL Board of Directors censured the administration for letting a student athlete participate in an interscholastic athletic competition before receiving WPIAL BOD approval and required the administration to provide a plan of improvement to be sure this situation does not reoccur.

Trinity Christian School

The WPIAL Board of Directors censured the administration for letting a student athlete participate in

Trinity Christian School (Cont'd.)

an interscholastic athletic competition before receiving WPIAL BOD approval and accepted the administration's plan of improvement to be sure this situation does not reoccur.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) APPROVED

Laurel & Wilmington – Wrestling

The BOD accepted the request from Wilmington Area High School, per the email releasing them from PIAA District X dated September 11, 2014, and Laurel High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity wrestling beginning the 2014-2015 school year with Laurel High School as the host school.

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter – Western Beaver Boys Golf & Track/Field

The BOD accepted the request from Lincoln Park Performing Arts and Western Beaver to form a cooperative sponsorship of sport agreements in the sports of boys' golf with Lincoln Park being the host school and boys' track and field with Western Beaver being the host school beginning the 2014-2015 school year.

Steel Valley & West Mifflin – Middle School Wrestling

The BOD accepted the request from Steel Valley and West Mifflin School Districts to include middle school wrestling in their present cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity wrestling beginning the 2014-2015 school year with West Mifflin School District as the host school.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) DENIED

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter – Western Beaver

On September 16 the BOD denied the request from Lincoln Park Performing Arts and Western Beaver to form a cooperative sponsorship of sport agreements in the sports of girls' basketball and baseball as it would affect the Western Beaver classification enrollment numbers previously submitted to PIAA for this two-year cycle.

NOTES: On October 1, the PIAA sustained the WPIAL's decision to deny the Lincoln Park-Western Beaver cooperative sponsorship in girls' basketball and baseball. After much discussion and debate, the WPIAL BOD continues to believe that its original decision to recommend the denial of such a cooperative sports agreement was necessary and appropriate under PIAA rules.

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter – Western Beaver
(Cont'd.)

The WPIAL BOD is also hesitant to essentially overturn the PIAA's October 1st decision to sustain WPIAL's initial recommended denial of the cooperative sports agreement. Nonetheless, in light of new facts and circumstances that have arisen between the PIAA's October 1st decision and now on October 20, the WPIAL BOD reluctantly voted to recommend that the PIAA Board of Directors reverse its original decision and approve the cooperative sports agreement in girls' basketball.

**WESTERN BEAVER – Waiver of Article III, 11B
of PIAA Constitution & By-Laws**

On September 13, the BOD denied the request for a waiver of Article III, Section 11 B for relief of previously submitted classification enrollment figures to the PIAA for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years.

WPIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION(S)

Propel Andrew Street

The BOD approved the WPIAL senior high membership application for Propel Andrew Street High School located in Pittsburgh, PA, for the 2014-2015 school year.

AUDIT REPORT

Amanda Kelly, representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, and Co. presented the annual audit report of the financial position of the League as of June 30, 2014. According to Mrs. Kelly, the audit represents the financial position of the League at June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, and the changes in its net assets and cash flow for the years that ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Total assets for the year ending June 30, 2014, were \$641,576, compared to \$511,801 for the year ending June 30, 2013. The League's revenue share program resulted in \$253,283 being returned to schools participating in the football, basketball, and soccer tournaments.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

BASKETBALL

Guy Montecalvo – Athletic Director, Canon McMillan

WRESTLING

Ron Ledbetter – Athletic Director, South Side Area

**PRESENCE OF AN APPROVED COACH ON
SIDELINES OF CONTESTS**

The BOD has mandated that a school must forfeit an interscholastic athletic contest if a coach is ejected from said contest and no school board approved-rostered coach is present with the team during the contest.

FIELD HOCKEY ASSIGNOR

The BOD has mandated that all WPIAL field hockey participating schools must have their game officials assigned through the chapter elected assignor effective immediately.

HIGHMARK STADIUM SOCCER CONTRACT

The BOD approved the soccer championships contract for the 2014-2015 season.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES

The 2014 Boys and Girls Individual and Team Golf Championships were contested at different golf courses. The WPIAL is appreciative of the support and cooperation of the ownership and management of the following courses who have provided their facilities for the 2014 Golf Championships.

Boys' Sectional Tournaments

Cedarbrook Golf Course
Chippewa Golf Course
Duck Hollow Golf Course
Fox Run Golf Course
Green Meadows Golf Course
Hillcrest Country Club
Indiana Country Club
Linden Hall Golf Course
Lone Pine Country Club
Murrysville Golf Club
North Park Golf Course
Pittsburgh North Golf Club
Ponderosa Golf Course
Rittswood Golf Course
Shannopin Country Club
South Park Golf Course
Valleybrook Country Club

Girls' Sectional Tournaments

Blackhawk Golf Course
Murrysville Golf Club
Norvelt Golf Course
Pheasant Ridge Golf Club
Seven Oaks Country Club
3 Lakes Golf Course

Boys' Individual Semifinals

Champion Lakes Golf Course
Club at Shadow Lakes
River Forest Country Club

Boys' Individual Championships

Latrobe County Club
Youghioghney Country Club

Girls' Individual Championships

Willowbrook Country Club

Boys' Team Semifinals

Beaver Valley Golf Club
Donegal Highlands Golf Club
Indian Run Golf Course
Krendale Golf Course

Boys' and Girls' Team Finals

Cedarbrook Golf Course

WPIAL OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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2014-2015 OFFICIAL BALLS

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2014-2015 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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