

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS JULY & AUGUST 2015

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)



The July 7 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, L. Messich, A. Scheuneman, S. Wagner, W. Sinning, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, and B. Simmons.

The July 28 meeting (Summer Workshop) of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, D. McBain, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, S. Wagner, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was J. Collins.

The August 17 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, A. Gipson, P. Mannarino, D. McBain, L. Messich, A. Scheuneman, S. Wagner, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, and C. Harlan.

The August 27 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, E. Antonini, W. Cleary, T. Evans, P. Mannarino, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, and B. Simmons.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

- Aquinas Academy Javier Rubio
- Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic Noah Ferguson
- King Gildon
- Tiahjure Harp
- Emma Ivory
- Madeline Ivory
- Klaudia King
- Ian Martin
- Kelly McCulloch-Beatty
- Jordan Mitchell
- Zachary Offi
- Keegan O'Shea
- Harrison Reinheimer
- Luke Scioscia
- Andrew Thompson

- Central Catholic Aiden Thomson
- John Helms
- Jacob Hinish
- Camden Laconi
- Alex Snider
- Eden Christian Academy Jonathan Cox
- Jonathan Gillogy
- Jerica Williams
- Greensburg Central Catholic Thomas Garland
- Autumn Velasquez
- Keystone Oaks Dajon Lengyel
- Mariah Lomire
- Knoch Klaudia King
- Laurel Highlands Jordan Eicher
- Mars Jack Anderson
- Mohawk Emilee Vargo
- North Allegheny Jake Williams
- Oakland Catholic Grace Covatto
- Colleen Horgan
- Sophia Muller
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Elyse Belak
- Grayson Frederick
- Samuel Haupt
- John Kenneweg
- Tyler Robison
- Peters Township Brendan Perone
- Quaker Valley Spencer Kries
- Evan Merkel
- Michael Stewart
- Quigley Catholic Nya Felouzis
- Stefanie Goeden
- Nicholas Jenkins
- Brielle Therrien
- Rochester Chloe Padgett
- Serra Catholic Omar Foster
- Jacquae Jackson
- Elise Winkler
- Seton LaSalle Katherine Banbury
- Peris Ford
- Maria Mastrangelo
- Ian Puskarich
- Ryan Sago
- Brian Siler
- Sewickley Academy Paul Chropek
- Abigail Whitaker
- Leila Wynnyckyj
- Shady Side Academy Felicia Devorris
- Preston DiThomas
- Jarrett Fiske
- Katherine Keller
- Mehr Jalil
- Alicia Mathur
- Alicia McLaughlin
- Sayuj Narrayan
- Graham Purnell

Transfers (cont'd)

	Hannah Steffey
	Cole Stine
	Chase Villani
	Sang Wang
	Xiaoxun Wu
	Michael Zuley
St. Joseph	Derek Ponteri
Vincentian	Lillian Gestler
	Ik-Hyun Kim
	Isabel Lanthaler
	Anthony Millicia
Winchester Thurston	Andre Curtis
	Phillipa Zang

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

Penn Trafford	Riley Bocan
	Lorenzo Hilla
Rochester	Dalton Thompson
	Jeremy Waybright
Union	Joseph Gunn

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

Bethel Park	Nephier Valentino
Keystone Oaks	Dajon Lengyel
Charleroi	Emery Anden

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:

Albert Gallatin	Andrea Battaglia
Armstrong	Jim Heyerick
Bentworth	Filippo Temporin
Derry	Santiago Castiblanco
Ford City	Jim Heyerick
Fox Chapel	Carl Emil-Hauge
Franklin Regional	Tuuka Horrko
	Merile LeBras
Hempfield	Alexander Pedersen
	Turo Tommola
Keystone Oaks	Margrethe Egeli
Knoch	Ben Hofmann
Penn Hills	Dyon Veurink
Penn Trafford	Louise Larsson
Riverside	Pihla Kankaanpaeae
	Jasper Tenga
Seneca Valley	Yurara Hirayama
Southmoreland	Valentina Carducci
Unontown	Wanpadet Sukjai
West Allegheny	Thomas Sauerwein

Attendance

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

North Allegheny	Caroline Valuska
North Allegheny	Katherine Valuska
Northgate	Surron Adams
Northgate	Courtney Brown

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Greensburg Salem– Zachary Chappel

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOD Hearing Panel declared Zachary Chappel eligible under Article III, Section 5 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Central Catholic – Justice Evans

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Justice Evans from Kiski Area High School to Central Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in football only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of February 17, 2015 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws. He is eligible to participate in all other sports.

Highlands – Jamison Nee

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Jamison Nee from Vincentian Academy to Highlands High School, the WPIAL BOD declared Jamison eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws..

Highlands – Boys Basketball Probation

placed the boys basketball program on probation through August 17, 2016, and required the administration to submit a plan of action that addresses enrollment process and students not enrolled in full time attendance participating in activities.

North Allegheny – Caroline & Katherine Valuska

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOD Hearing Panel granted Caroline and Katherine Valuska an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 3E of the PIAA By-Laws but ineligible under Curriculum, Article X, Section 2 until such time as they meet all academic requirements under Article X, Section 3 and being reinstated by North Allegheny after 15 full days of attendance and passing four (4) full credits.

Serra Catholic – Evan Rings

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Evan Rings from Plum High School to Serra Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declared Evan eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Valley – Nicholas Banko

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Nicholas Banko from Baldwin High School to Valley High School, the WPIAL BOD declared Nicholas eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

CENSURE & PROCEDURAL PLAN REQUIRED

Shady Side Academy

The BOD publicly censured the administration for accepting an athletically motivated transfer student athlete and required them to submit procedural guidelines to the WPIAL by September 17, 2015 to ensure the situation does not reoccur.

STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Following appointments were made to the 2015-2016 Steering Committees:

BASEBALL

Michael Mastroianni – Athletic Director, Quaker Valley

BASKETBALL

Ed Zelich – Superintendent, Charleroi SD

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

Ashley Contristano- Teacher/Coach, Hempfield

Shannon Klosky – Teacher/Coach, Hempfield

FIELD HOCKEY

Cindy Dutt – Coach, Penn Trafford

FOOTBALL

Charley Kiss – Athletic Director, McKeesport

GOLF

Bryan Deal – Teacher/Coach, Fox Chapel

HALL OF FAME

Don Rebel – MSA Sports Network

Vincent Sortino-Athletic Director, Baldwin

Jon Vallina – Retired BOD Member

Dennis Zieger-Athletic Director, Elizabeth Forward

SOCCER

Matt Mellinger – Athletic Director, Upper St. Clair

Brian Pritts – Teach/Coach, Southmoreland

SCHOLARSHIP

Jesse Wallace – Superintendent, Laurel Highlands

SPORTSMANSHIP

Douglass Rowe – Asst. Principal, Hopewell High School

TENNIS

David Bender – Coach, Keystone Oaks

VOLLEYBALL

Larkin Hogel – Asst. Athletic Director, Mt. Lebanon

Angie Potthoff – Athletic Director, Chartiers Valley

WRESTLING

Daniel Clara – Administrator, Southmoreland SD

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:

Anthony Pascarella – Baseball Committee, retired asst. principal, Elizabeth Forward School District

Sharon Chambers – Basketball Committee, retired teacher, Penn Hills School District

Robert Osleger – Golf Committee, retired coach, Ringgold School District

Theresa Cardone – Track & Field Committee, retired coach/teacher, Shaler Area School District

Mitch Galiyas – Volleyball Committee, retired administrator, Montour School District

Donna Pfeiffer – Volleyball Committee, retired coach, Pine Richland School District

Twenty-one other adjunct members were reappointed to their committees for the 2015-2016 school year.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

The following individuals resigned from committees as follows:

BASEBALL – Paul Holzshu & Phil Martell

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT-Kim Collins

FIELD HOCKEY – Genny Kozusko

FOOTBALL-Scott Hagy

GOLF-DeDe Rittman

HALL OF FAME- David Hays and Patrick Ratesic

LACROSSE (Girls) – Genny Kozusko

SOCCER – Denise Manganello, Debbie Jackson (Adjunct)

SPORTSMANSHIP-Bob Schulz (Adjunct)

TENNIS-Melissa Fabian (Adjunct)

TRACK & FIELD – Ron McMichael

VOLLEYBALL- Todd O'Shell

Committee member, **Dave McBain** will be a member of the Board of Directors and will no longer be an active member of the softball committee.

PIAA and/or WPIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION(S)

Redeemer Lutheran

The BOD approved the WPIAL senior high Membership applications for Redeemer Lutheran School, Grades 9-12 located in Penn Hills, PA, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Sto-Rox

The BOD approved both the PIAA and WPIAL junior high Membership applications for Sto-Rox School District, Grades 6-8 located in McKees Rocks, PA, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Holidaysburg Associate Membership Withdrawal

The BOD accepted the withdrawal of Holidaysburg as an associate member in football beginning the 2016-2017 school year.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT

Heather Lewis, Athletic Director at Seneca Valley High School, was appointed as Chairperson of the Field Hockey Committee. Ms. Lewis has been a member of the committee for two years and replaces Genny Kozusko who retired.

Cheryl Lassen, Teacher and coach at Sewickley Academy, was appointed as Chairperson of the Girls Lacrosse Committee. Ms. Lassen has been a member of the committee for many years and replaces Genny Kozusko who retired.

Vincent Sortino, Athletic Director at Baldwin High School, was appointed as Chairperson of the Softball Committee. Mr. Sortino has been a member of the committee for several years and replaces Dave McBain who was appointed as athletic director representative to the WPIAL Board of Directors.

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

WPIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS

The deadline for member schools to submit sportsmanship applications is September 21, 2015.

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 5 to review submitted applications for 2014-15 Sportsmanship Awards.

TEAM ROSTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Specifications and information pertaining to the preparation of rosters will be posted on the website on September 10.

As team photo sessions are scheduled for fall sports, athletic directors are reminded to include a team photo of their varsity football team for use in the League championship game program. It is not necessary to submit a team soccer photograph.

Team rosters for field hockey and girls' volleyball will be requested from schools separately.

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

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION INCREASES FOR 26TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

According to the National Federation of High Schools Association (NFHS), sports participation for the 2014-15 school year reached an all-time high of 7,807,047, an increase of 11,389 from the previous year. An additional 20,071 girls participated and set an all time high of 3,287,735. The boys participation total of 4,519,312 is No. 2 behind the 2013-14 total of 4,527,994.

The top ten sports for participation by girls are: track/field (478,726), volleyball (432,176), and basketball (429,504) followed by soccer, fast-pitch softball, cross country, tennis, swimming/diving, competitive spirit and lacrosse. Ten years ago, basketball was No. 1 for girls followed by track/field and volleyball.

Among the top boys sports, soccer registered the largest gain with an additional 15,150 participants, while wrestling (11,306) and 11-player football (9,617) had the largest declines in participation. Eleven-player football remains the runaway leader in boys participation with 1,083,617 followed by outdoor track/field (578,632), and basketball (541,479). The remaining rank order of sports by participation are baseball, soccer, wrestling, cross country, tennis, golf, and swimming/diving.

Participants by state stayed true to last year's order, as Texas and California once again topped the list with 804,598 and 797,101 respectively. Pennsylvania ranks sixth (319,562) behind Texas, California, New York, Illinois, and Ohio.

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

Vincentian Academy – Ron Moncrief
Wilson Christian Academy – Timothy Dunn

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, all officials must have completed 30 years of service.

WELCOME

New Principals

Avonworth – Emily Clare
Bishop Canevin – Ken Sinagra
Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic – Luke Crawford
Cornell – Douglas Szokoly
Deer Lakes – David Palmer
East Allegheny – Betsy Demidio
Fort Cherry – Robert Motte
Holy Family Academy – Michael Farina
Hopewell – Dougglas Rowe (Acting)
Jefferson Morgan – Joseph Orr
Keystone Oaks – Keith Hartbauer
Mapletown – Bart Donley
McKeesport – Thomas Bauman
Mt. Pleasant – John Campbell
New Brighton – Ryan Yates
North Allegheny – John Kreider
North Hills – Beth Williams
Norwin – Michael Choby
Quaker Valley – Deborah Riccobelli
Redeemer Lutheran – Gail Holzer
Sewickley Academy – Dr. John Cassie
South Fayette – Aaron Skrbn
Trinity – Thomas Samosky
Upper St. Clair – Dr. Louis Angelo
Wilson Christian Academy – Laura Erb

New Athletic Directors

Ambridge – Brian Miller
Beaver County Christian – Dan Williams
Bishop Canevin – Shawn Halup
Connellsville – Rich Evans
Cornell – Bill Sacco
Ellis – Shayla Scott
Ellwood City – Darin Morella
Freeport – Shawn Stivenson
Geibel Catholic – AJ Dines
Holy Family – George Edmunds
Jeannette – Jon Pedrosky
Kiski – Dan O'Neil
Moon – Justin Hickey
Mt. Pleasant – Allan Bilinsky
Quigley Catholic – Matt Kuntz
Redeemer Lutheran – John Driscoll
Ringgold – Laura Grimm
Shaler – Clint Rauscher
Seton LaSalle - Damon Rosol
South Park – Tom Kayda
South Side Area - Larry Berger
Sto-Rox – Ryan Kacsur
Trinity – Ricci Rich

Bruce Amshel	FB, LAC, VB
Peter Barnes	FB, BSE, SFT
James Bowen	BB, SFT, VB
Alvin Bowser	BSE, SFT
Thomas Chapel	WR
Robert Cornell	FB, SW
Frank D'Amico	BB, FB, SFT
Ray Dami	BB, FB, TR
Ricco Davis	BSE, BB, FB, LAC, SOC, VB
Daniel Densmore	BB, SFT, VB
L. Wilson Downing	BB, FB
Wayne Doyle	BSE, BB, SFT
Thomas Dugan	BB, FB, SFT, VB
John Elion	FB
William Finke	BSE
Wayne Freed	FB, WR
Jack Fullen	TR
Colin Gaiser	BB
Dave Gamebridge	BB
Kenneth Glowacki	FB
Joseph Hardiman, III	BSE, BB, SFT, VB
Glenn Hart	BSE, BB, FB, SFT
Jerry Jones	SFT
David Kurowsky	BSE, BB, SFT
Robert Leierzapf	BSE, BB, FB, SFT
Patrick Lion	BB
Douglas Mahaven	FB
Christopher McSwiggen	BSE, BB
John Menes	BB, LAC, VB
Ray Milliren	FB, SW, SFT
Albert Myers	BSE, BB, FB, SFT
Dennis Noble	BB, VB
William O'Neill	BB
Alec Pieczynski	BB
Joseph Podplesky	FB
Joseph Prati	SFT, VB
Ruffo Proviano	FB
James Pusso	SW
Thomas Seighman	FB
Richard Shaheen	WR
Gary Shingleton	BSE
S. Scott Soutter	BB, FB
Sandy Spokane	BB, FB, SFT
Jim Stemler	TR
Timothy Ungvarsky	SOC
Gregg Uram	WR

David Urban	BSE
James Wood	FB
Andrew White	BSE, BB, FB, LAC
David Wytiaz	BB
John Yerge	BSE, BB, FB
Michael Zeglen	WR

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2015-16 OFFICIAL BALLS

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2015-16 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	6/30/17
BB – G	Spalding	TF1000 LEGACY 28.5	6/30/17
Softball	Spalding - Dudley	SB-12L	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	Rawlings	R1 PIAA
Soccer	Rawlings	PIAA SB950

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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