

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 2015



The September 21 Board of Directors Meeting was attended by: B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, D. McBain, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman (non-voting member this meeting), W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, and C. Harlan.

The October 6 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, M. Allison, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Evans, , A. Gipson, D. McBain, L. Messich, J. Patton, W. Sinning and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were Brian Simmons. J. Collins, C. Harlan, M. White, and WPXI Media.

The October 12 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, E. Antonini, W. Cleary, A. Gipson, D. McBain, A. Scheuneman, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were Brian Simmons. and J. Collins.

The October 19 Board of Directors Meeting was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, D. McBain, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, and C. Harlan.

The October 28 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, A. Gipson, D. McBain, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were Brian Simmons. and J. Collins.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

- Aquinas Academy Cecilia Liguori
Lucia Liguori
Regina Liguori
Leelah Ohayon
- Beaver County Christian Chanho Yang

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

- Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic Makenzie Adams
- Central Catholic Taylor Bocka
- Eden Christian Academy Amanda Becker
Leyun Cheng
Rocco Furlini
Ning Tan
- Holy Family Academy Amail Peters
Ke'Shawn Sheppard
- Imani Christian Academy Tevaughn Alston
Quane Gaines
Jeremy Lumpkins
- Lincoln Park Performing Arts Kelcey Lowry
- Mars Area Kelly McCulloch-Beatty
- Mohawk Anna Torres
- Oakland Catholic Kim Conway
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Jassim Al-Maleky
Luke Gapinski
- Penn Trafford Clayton Sheffield
- Serra Catholic Ryan Anselmino
Rea Coughlin
Rosslin Watson
- Seton LaSalle Shane Dugan
Maxon Maciejewski
Brendan Perone
Darnell Smith
- Shady Side Academy Nathan Boyd
Nico Boyd
- Sto-Rox Michael Smith
- Vincentian Academy Oingyan Wang

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

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

- Kiski Delino Franklin
- Montour Jacob Skirpan
- Washington Terry Foster

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

- Bethel Park Sydney Watson
- Mt. Pleasant Emmariah Tiedeman
- Plum Davaontae McCall

Period of Participation

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

Vincentian Academy Camden Fuller

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

Avonworth	Liisa Vaenttinen
Brownsville	Remy Legrand
Franklin Regional	Lorionka Nkukuu
Gateway	Ella Delabays
Greensburg Salem	Clara Nessler
Hampton	Alicia Amritzer
Mars	Marlene Rietz Sophia Von Schwaneuwede
Mt. Pleasant	Axel Waszkiewicz
Neshannock	Silvan Herzig
Neshannock	Kornelia Poletova
Norwin	Joke Severyns
Plum	David Toth
Riverside	Suzuno Kimura
Seneca Valley	Leonardo Cardenas
Steel Valley	Jorge Perez Jasper Soerns
Trinity	Jose Munoz
Woodland Hills	Jose De Almeida Perao Paula Sommer Dorian Waehler

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

Central Catholic	Napat Kulruchakorn
Mt. Lebanon	Lucca DePaula Alexandre Achur Morete

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

Beth Center. Jacob Greco

The following student was granted a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Beth Center. Jacob Greco

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Beaver Falls – Bryce Strati

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Bryce Strati from Blackhawk High School to Beaver Falls High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declared Bryce eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program during the 2015-2016 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2C of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is October 12, 2015.

Bethlehem Center – Jacob Greco

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on October 12, 2015, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel granted Jacob Greco an age waiver. This action was taken under Article I, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic – Kylie Huffman

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Kylie Huffman from California Area High School to Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declared Kylie eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program during the 2015-2016 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is October 12, 2015.

Vincentian Academy – Camden Fuller

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on October 12, 2015, the BOD Hearing Panel **denied** Camden Fuller a period of participation waiver. This action was taken under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETES

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

Kiski Area

The WPIAL BOD censured the administration for letting a new student athlete participate in interscholastic athletics before receiving WPIAL BOD approval and accepted the administration's procedural plan to ensure this situation does not reoccur.

Mt. Pleasant

The WPIAL BOD censured the administration for letting a new student athlete participate in interscholastic athletics before receiving WPIAL BOD approval and accepted the administration's procedural plan to ensure this situation does not reoccur.

WAYNESBURG - Boys Soccer Coach Response to Disqualification of Players

The BOD determined the following regarding the response of the Head Boys Soccer Coach to the disqualification of two soccer players: 1) The Boys Soccer Coach Matthew Blair is publically censured for allowing disqualified players to participate in the next scheduled contest. 2) The boys soccer program has been placed on probation through the end of the 2016-2017 soccer season. 3) The WPIAL BOD will suspend the boys soccer program from the WPIAL scheduling process for one year unless the administration imposes a one (1) game suspension on Coach Blair for an inappropriate response to an ejection of the soccer players. If agreeable to this suspension, the administration must submit written verification of his suspension with the date of contest. 4) The Administration must submit a procedural plan to ensure this situation does not reoccur. The BOD accepted the administration's written verification of the BOD mandated one game suspension of the boys soccer coach and accepted procedural guidelines to ensure all coaches adhere to the PIAA rules and regulations and proper procedure is carried out regarding any sports disqualification.

Shady Side Academy

The WPIAL BOD censured the administration for the accepting an athletically motivated transfer student athlete and accepted their procedural plan ensure there is no reoccurrence of the situation.

Monessen & Wilkinsburg – Football Game Incident

The BOD Hearing Panel determined the actions of both were totally unacceptable and issued the following directives: **FOR MONESSEN:** 1) The existing period of probation that the Monessen Football Program is currently under has been extended one (1) year and will now be in effect until March 17, 2017. 2) The Monessen Football Program will be suspended from competition for the remainder of the 2015 football season, including playoffs, unless Monessen suspends student-athlete Demond Jordan for a minimum of two (2) games as a result of his unsportsmanlike conduct on October 3, 2015. By no later than Friday, October 9, 2015, Monessen must inform the WPIAL office of the duration of the suspension complete with the dates of the games that Mr. Jordan will miss. 3) Monessen must continue to internally investigate what occurred during the Wilkinsburg game and report in writing to the WPIAL no later than Tuesday, October 13, 2015, any additional findings concerning Monessen students or coaches who may have engaged in violent or unsportsmanlike conduct during the game and the actions taken by Monessen in

response. **FOR WILKINSBURG:** 1) Wilkinsburg Administration is censured for their failure to provide adequate security as defined in their publicized Security Measures for Home Football Games. 2) The Wilkinsburg Football Program is placed on probation until November 1, 2016. 3) The Wilkinsburg Football Program will be suspended from competition for the remaining 2015 football season, including playoffs, unless Wilkinsburg suspends both #52 and #9 for a minimum of two (2) games as a result of their unsportsmanlike conduct on October 3, 2015. On or before Friday, October 9, 2015, Wilkinsburg must inform the WPIAL office in writing of the duration of these suspensions complete with the dates of the games that both players will miss. 4) Wilkinsburg must continue to internally investigate what occurred during the Monessen game and report in writing no later than Tuesday, October 13, 2015, any additional findings concerning any Wilkinsburg students (other than #52 and #9) or coaches who may have engaged in violent or unsportsmanlike conduct during the game and the actions taken by Wilkinsburg in response. The WPIAL Board will defer to Wilkinsburg the responsibility to thoroughly investigate and to initiate an appropriate response. **Additionally, both districts** will coordinate a sportsmanship meeting and cooperatively develop a plan to ensure that any future interscholastic athletic competitions between the schools will be played without incident. This meeting must occur prior to November 1, 2015, and the outcome shared in writing with the WPIAL office.

The BOD Hearing Panel voted unanimously to inform the PIAA of concerns regarding how the officials handled the football game.

Central Valley & New Castle – Football Game Incident

The BOD has accepted the New Castle Area School District and Central Valley District submitted reports and actions taken in response to the incident that occurred at New Castle Taggart Stadium on Friday, October 9, 2015 prior to the varsity football game with Central Valley High School. The Board in accepting the actions taken by the New Castle School District expect the following to occur: 1) New Castle will (has) initiate(d) steps to rearrange stadium seating so as to ensure that the New Castle band will play to the stadium side that serves as the bench area for the New Castle Football Team. Doing this will also result in a plan that will provide entry and exit for both the home and visiting teams ensuring that the teams will not cross paths. 2) New Castle has issued game suspensions for New Castle players that were not ejected by the PIAA game officials. 3) New Castle has identified unacceptable actions taken by a New Castle assistant coach of football and has suspended him from coaching for one game. 4) New Castle has suspended the head coach for an additional game in excess of the PIAA mandated penalty to a total of three games for his

actions related to the incident. **5)** New Castle will require the head coach to attend a coaching education class. In addition to the actions taken by the New Castle School District the WPIAL Board has decided the following: **1)** The New Castle Football program has been placed on probation for one year from the date of the incident and will expire on October 9, 2016 **2)** New Castle Head Coach of Football is publically censured for his actions on October 9, 2015. **3)** Coach Coward will enroll in and successfully complete an ASEP coaching education class with verification of successful completion must submitted to the WPIAL Office prior to June 1, 2016. Failure to do so will result in the WPIAL taking action in regard to the coach's eligibility to coach in 2016. **4)** New Castle High School and Central Valley High School, will cooperatively arrange a meeting with students from both schools designed to arrive at a cooperative sportsmanship program that will be implemented prior to the winter sports season. The results of this initiative must be shared in writing to the WPIAL Board for their review and acceptance prior to December 1, 2015.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) APPROVED

Carlynton & Bishop Canevin – Varsity Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving

The BOD accepted the request from Carlynton School District and Bishop Canevin High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in varsity boys and girls swimming beginning the 2015-2016 school year with Carlynton School District as the host school.

Armstrong & Freeport – Varsity Wrestling & Girls Lacrosse

The BOD accepted the request from Armstrong and Freeport School Districts to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreements in varsity wrestling and girls lacrosse beginning the 2015-2016 school year with Armstrong High School as the host school for wrestling and Freeport High School as the host school for girls lacrosse.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) TERMINATED

The BOD accepted the request from Quaker Valley to terminate the cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement with Cornell in the sport of varsity football effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

The BOD terminated the cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement between Indiana, Marion Center,

Blairsville and Ford City because Ford City no longer exists.

MEMBERSHIP WITHDRAWAL

Aquinas Academy - Greensburg

The BOD granted Aquinas Academy's request to withdraw the PIAA and WPIAL junior high membership effective immediately.

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, 2015. According to Mrs. Kelly, the audit represents the financial position of the League at June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, 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, 2015, were \$601,044, compared to \$641,576 for the year ending June 30, 2014. The League's revenue share program resulted in \$155,626 being returned to schools participating in the football, basketball, and soccer tournaments.

AAA Southwest Regional Wrestling Tournament Format change

With the elimination of one wrestling session, the BOD approved the increase of adult admission to \$8.00 for each of the three wrestling sessions.

PIAA Proposed 6-A Classification

The BOD approved the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee to meet December 21st after PIAA classification enrollment numbers are released and discuss options and alternatives regarding WPIAL playoff structure.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following 29 schools for not having any student-athletes or coaches disqualified from any contest or tournament during the 2014-15 school year. Each of the schools were presented a certificate of achievement recognizing their accomplishment.

The schools are: **Albert Gallatin, Aliquippa, Apollo Ridge, Avella, Beaver County Christian School, Brentwood, Carmichaels, Central Valley, Eden Christian, Ellis School, Freedom, Imani Christian,**

Leechburg, New Castle, North Allegheny, Oakland Catholic, Peters Twp., Riverview, Shenango, South Park, Springdale, St Joseph, Sewickley Academy, Summit Academy, Trinity Christian School, Vincentian Academy, West Greene, West Shamokin, and Winchester Thurston

2014-15 Sportsmanship Awards

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee has selected four member schools for 2014-15 sportsmanship awards. **The schools are: Peters Twp. High School, Seneca Valley High School, South Park High School, South Fayette High School, and West Allegheny High School.**

Each of the schools promoted and demonstrated the elements of good sportsmanship during the 2014-15 school year during the fall, winter and spring sports seasons. Representatives from the schools will be honored at the WPIAL Sportsmanship Summit at the Pittsburgh Regional History Center on November 12, 2015.

Since the league launched the program entitled, "Sportsmanship: The Only Missing Piece is You", sixty member schools have been selected for WPIAL Sportsmanship Awards.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES

The 2015 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 2015 Golf Championships.

Boys' Sectional Tournaments

Beaver Valley G C
Blackhawk GC
Cedarbrook Golf Course
Club at Shadow Lakes
Delmar Golf Club
Fox Chapel GC
Glengarry Golf Links
Grandview GC
Lenape Heights G C
Linden Hall Golf Course
Lindenwood GC
Pleasant Valley Country Club
Southpointe Golf Club
Westwood Golf Club
Willowbrook Country Club

Girls' Sectional Tournaments

Butler's Lakeside Golf Course
Club at Shadow Lakes

Lindenwood Golf Club
Pittsburgh Field Club
Scenic Links

Boys' Individual Semifinals

Butler's GC
Links at Spring Church

Boys' Individual Championships

Allegheny Country Club
Southpointe GC

Girls' Individual Championships

Rolling Hills Country Club

Boys' Team Semifinals

Castle Hills GC
Glengarry Golf Links
River Forest Country Club
Village Green GC

Boys' and Girls' Team Finals

Cedarbrook Golf Course

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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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