



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS March – April 2016

The March 2, (hearing panel) meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, A. Gipson, D. McBain, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons and C. Harlan.

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

The April 6, (hearing panel) meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, D. McBain, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was B. Simmons.

The April 19, meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, S. Wagner, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was B. Simmons.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

- Armstrong Shuri Sotohara
- Greensburg Salem Methisa Rodthong
- Peters Township Allesandro Pigoni

Transfer Provision

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

- Beaver County Christian Baohua Ma
- Greensburg Central Catholic Anna Eisaman
- Joel LoNigro
- Isabella Merlino
- Holy Family Academy Shane Remmert
- Quigley Cody Ross
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Shannon O'Donnell
- Serra Catholic Bre'Shaun Brown
- Winchester Thurston Raemon Prunty

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

- Highlands Emily Bush
- Monessen Destiny Habeck
- Kobby Markin
- Rochester Zachary Eckman

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

- Butler Camden Seybert
- Mt. Pleasant Gabriel Tiedeman

Period of Participation

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

- Elizabeth Forward Justice Mitchell

Connellsville – Boys Basketball Alignment

The BOD denied the request for changes to the Connellsville 2016-2017 boys' basketball alignment.

Keystone Oaks & McGuffey - Football Qualifiers

The BOD denied the request for changes to the 2016-2017 qualification playoff process for schools assigned to a PIAA AAA football classification.

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

McGuffey-Connor Anderson

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Connor Anderson from Washington High School to McGuffey High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declared Connor 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 April 6, 2016.

Steel Valley – Paris Ford

After considering the information and testimony presented, Paris Ford was declared eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Hearing Northgate & Freedom ~ Girls Basketball Game Incident

After hearing testimony from both schools, and the PIAA game officials, the BOD Hearing Panel accepted the plan developed by Freedom Area as a solution to the allegation of inappropriate interaction between members of the involved schools girls' basketball team. Northgate testified that they were accepting of the plan. Both schools were directed to continue to work with their student bodies to develop awareness of the need to totally respect all opponents.

INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETE

Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic

The BOD censured the administration and boys' lacrosse coach for letting a student athlete participate in a contest before receiving WPIAL BOD approval, placed the boys lacrosse program on probation for a period of one year through the 2016-2017 season until May 31, 2017: accepted the forfeiture; and the plan of action to ensure the situation does not reoccur. The administration was commended for self-reporting.

Mohawk

The BOD censured the administration and middle school coach for using an ineligible student athlete, placed the softball program on probation for a period of one year through the 2016-2017 season until May 31, 2017: accepted the forfeiture; and required the administration to submit a plan of action to the WPIAL office by May 11, 2016 ensuring the situation does not reoccur. The administration was commended for self-reporting.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S)

Avonworth & Northgate – Varsity Girls Soccer

The BOD accepted the request from Avonworth and Northgate School Districts to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity girls' soccer beginning the 2016-2017 school year with Avonworth as the host school per the approved resolution signed by both school boards.

Cornell & Holy Family Academy ~ Varsity Football

The BOD accepted the request from Cornell High School and Quigley Catholic High and Holy Family Academy I to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity football beginning the 2016-2017 school year with Cornell as the host school per the approved resolution signed by both school boards.

Frazier & Uniontown – Varsity Boys & Girls Soccer

The BOD accepted the request from Frazier and Uniontown School Districts to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity boys and girls soccer beginning the 2016-2017 school year with Uniontown as the host school per the approved resolution signed by both school boards.

Freedom & New Brighton ~ Varsity Girls Soccer

The BOD accepted the request from Freedom Area and New Brighton School Districts to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity girls soccer beginning the 2016-2017 school year with Freedom Area as the host school per the approved resolution signed by both school boards.

Freedom & Quigley ~ Varsity Football

The BOD accepted the request from Freedom Area School District and Quigley Catholic High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity football beginning the 2016-2017 school year with Freedom Area as the host school per the approved resolution signed by both school boards.

2016-2017 VENUE SITES

The BOD approved the following sites for 2016-2017 championships as follows:
Boys & Girls Basketball – Petersen Events Center;
Football-Class A & AA – Robert Morris University, Class AAA, AAAA , AAAAA & AAAAAA at Heinz Field; Field Hockey – North Allegheny, Boys & Girls Soccer – Highmark Stadium; Girls & Boys Volleyball – Baldwin High School.

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED

Upon the recommendation of President Fullen, the BOD approved the following persons to serve on the Budget Committee to assist in developing the 2016-17 budget:

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

STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The BOD retroactively approved Bill Lewis – Teacher/Mt. Lebanon to the Wrestling Committee, Leigh Ann Folmar – Principal California Area to the Nominating Committee and Leslie Collins Craven to the Scholarship Committee.

BOD ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Board of Directors election for 2016-2017 were announced at the Annual Meeting on April 19, 2016, by Jim Hune representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, & Co. Listed in alphabetical order, the elected members of the 2016-2017 BOD 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.

BOD REORGANIZATION

Pursuant to the PIAA Constitution, the following were re-elected as WPIAL Officers by the BOD for the 2016-17 school year:

BOD Officers

- President Jack Fullen
- Vice President Bart Rocco
- Treasurer Scott Seltzer

PIAA BOD Representatives

- District VII Chairman Jack Fullen
- District VII Treasurer Scott Seltzer
- District VII BOD Member Scott Heinauer
- District VII First Alternate -Vice Chairman Bart Rocco
- District VII Second Alternate Pam Cherubin
- District VII Third Alternate William Cleary

Co Girls' Athletic Representative to BOD

Linda Messich Athletic Director, Mapletown HS
 Amy Scheuneman Athletic Director, Bethel Park
 If both are present, Linda Messich will be the voting member.

Parent Representatives to BOD

- Dan Conn Seneca Valley School District
- Jeannine Patton North Hills School District

WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

Member school principals submitted 59 male and 59 female applications for the 2015-2016 scholar-athlete awards. After an intensive review of each application, the Scholarship Committee selected ten male and ten female winners. A one-time \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to each of the winners during the first year of study at the college of his/her choice. The four 20 scholar athletes were honored at a luncheon with their parents, principal, and athletic director at the DoubleTree Hotel on May 16, 2016. In addition to the scholarship, each student will be presented an attractive shadow box 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.

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

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Hannah Bablak | Quaker Valley |
| Joshua Beale | Freeport |
| Tyler Coleman | Winchester Thurston |
| Jacob Dixon | Bethel Park |
| Vayda Farino | Southmoreland |
| Devin Fitz | Butler |
| Aliya Gage | Mohawk |
| Jennifer Han | Indiana |
| Ian Harris | Mt. Lebanon |
| Michael Kolor | Seneca Valley |
| Peyton Kondis | Oakland Catholic |
| Zoe Pawlak | Freeport |
| Olivia Pritt | Central Valley |
| Joseph Richthammer | Aquinas Academy |
| Madeline Rocks | Upper St. Clair |
| Nathan Sablowski | Mars |
| Fabiola Shipley | Mt. Lebanon |
| Jordan Smith | Canon McMillan |
| Jacob Stupak | North Allegheny |
| Tori Valachovic | South Fayette |

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. In 2014-2015, the Board opted to award 20 students each \$1,000.00.

Including the Class of 2016, 122 scholar athletes represent 53 different member schools. Freeport School District has had nine scholar athletes; Quaker Valley has had six scholar athletes; Montour and Ringgold have had four scholar athletes. Since its inception in 1992, the WPIAL has awarded \$578,000 to 122 students from 60 different member schools.

WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS 2015-16

The WPIAL Board of Directors "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 |

WPIAL REVENUE SHARING 2015-2016

The WPIAL revenue sharing program for 2015-2016 resulted in \$199,541.66, 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 (\$119,563.68), Basketball (\$59,993.71), and Soccer (\$19,984.27). Penn Trafford received a revenue share check in the amount of \$11,282.72. Central Catholic, Pine Richland, South Fayette, Thomas Jefferson and Mars each received in excess of \$6,000. 107 member schools received a revenue share check for 2015-2016.

PIAA TEAM CHAMPIONS 2015-16 WINTER SPORTS

Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic A Girls Basketball
Aliquippa AA Boys Basketball

WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD & LUNCHEON RENAMING

The BOD voted unanimously to rename the WPIAL Scholarship Award and Luncheon in memory of James "Jim" Collins.



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