



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS JULY & AUGUST 2016**

**Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)**

The July 13 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, M. Allison, E. Antonini, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, A. Gipson, D. McBain, J. Patton, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was B. Simmons, court reporter and M. Bires.

The July 25 meeting (Summer Workshop) of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, B. Rocco, M. Allison, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, T. Evans, 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 was J. Fullen.

The August 8 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, B. Rocco, P. Mannarino, D. Conn, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, D. McBain, L. Messich, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen and B. Simmons.

The August 17 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, W. Cleary, T. Evans, D. McBain, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, B. Simmons, C. Harlan and M. White.

The August 31 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. McBain, L. Messich, J. Patton, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, B. Simmons, C. Harlan and M. White.

**ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS**

**Transfer Provision**

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

- Baldwin . . . . . Dalaun Samuels
- Beaver County Christian . . . . . Sarah Duncan  
Sam Hutchison  
Kiwon Kim
- Burgettstown . . . . . Cole Strain
- Burrell . . . . . Kelly Blankenhicker  
Connor Lovic  
Aiden Ulrich
- Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic . . . . . Andrew Allen  
Tristan Book  
Dillion Bryant  
Jordan Nemcik  
Landon Pringle  
Tyler Rudduck  
Claudia White

- Central Catholic . . . . . Madison White  
Carter Yost  
Clarence Carlos  
Steven Kucic  
Richard Tillman  
Corey Thomas  
Alexander Trower  
Wesley Trower  
Khalil Weathers
- Eden Christian Academy . . . . . Noah Abdel-nabi  
Aaron Blanton  
Eli Farmer  
Erin Farmer  
Emily Fickess  
Sydney Johnson  
Emmie Taggart
- Fort Cherry . . . . . Ryan Villano
- Gateway . . . . . Loren Minor
- Greensburg Central Catholic . . . . . Ruby Bickerton  
Jacob Biros  
Quincy Clark  
Elizabeth Jankowski  
Bruce Leonard  
Nicolas Ruggeri
- Holy Family Academy . . . . . RaeKwan Williams
- Hopewell . . . . . Brady Foister
- Lincoln Park Performing Arts . . . . . Kendalyn Sharps
- Montour . . . . . Eileen Piaxao
- Oakland Catholic . . . . . Erika Bocchino  
Jayla Ellis  
Husia Ma'at  
Cynthiya Mahumane  
Ayelen Ocampo  
Isabella Scioscia  
Ellie Tiskus
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart . . . . . Madison Ambrose  
Richard Banks  
Tyler Bradley  
Dominic Cook  
Markus Jenkins  
Daria Lauff  
Katherine Marks  
Camillia Senvisky  
Rico Tate  
Austin Wigley
- Penn Trafford. . . . . Joseph Vecchio

**TRANSFER PROVISION (Cont'd)**

- Peters Township . . . . . Conor Pederson  
Griffin Gillespie
- Quigley Catholic . . . . . Ava Haddox  
Andrew Kunz  
Angela Luther

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| Serra Catholic . . . . .      | Malik Edmundson<br>Noah Gordon<br>James Schropp  |
| Seton LaSalle . . . . .       | Jake Carrier<br>Lauren Carrier<br>Erin Condon<br>Dean O'Toole  |
| Sewickley Academy . . . . .   | Samuel Casale<br>Cole Karlik<br>Anya Levine<br>Richard Zheng   |
| Shady Side Academy . . . . .  | Patrick Bem<br>Tara Burke<br>Michael Coury<br>Lucie Green<br>Hannah Price<br>Elizabeth Walsh<br>Keegan Yaccino |
| Southmoreland . . . . .       | Colt Harper  |
| Steel Valley . . . . .        | Alexander Grace  |
| Trinity . . . . .             | Nico Cersosimo   |
| Trinity Christian . . . . .   | Creed Conway   |
| Vincentian Academy . . . . .  | Philip Canzian<br>Ziyan Hu<br>Stephen Watson   |
| Washington . . . . .          | Mark Baker   |
| Winchester Thurston . . . . . | Griffin Gordon<br>Gia Thorpe<br>Hannah Woo   |

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

|                              |  |
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| Aliquippa . . . . .          | Deontae Jones                                    |
| Elizabeth Forward . . . . .  | Brian Malloy                                     |
| North Allegheny . . . . .    | Kellen Baldis                                    |
| Penn Trafford . . . . .      | Dylan Dushack                                    |
| Pine Richland . . . . .      | Grant Carrigan                                   |
| Quaker Valley . . . . .      | Jordan Taylor                                    |
| Vincentian Academy . . . . . | Philip Canzian                                   |
| Washington . . . . .         | Daywon Johnson<br>Jacob Swartz<br>Zachary Swartz |
| West Allegheny . . . . .     | Isabella Merlino                                 |

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

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Central Valley . . . . . | Robert Anzio<br>Jaeden Gordon |
| Keystone Oaks . . . . .  | Quinandre Leonard             |
| Mars . . . . .           | John Headlam                  |
| Neshannock . . . . .     | Joseph Nerti                  |
| Washington . . . . .     | Evan Parr<br>Nicholas Welsh   |
| West Allegheny . . . . . | Nicholas Schell               |

**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:

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Avonworth . . . . .                   | Elena Santoro   |
| Ellwood City . . . . .                | Denisa Bohunicka                                      |
| Fox Chapel . . . . .                  | Alessandro Zarbo                                      |
| Greensburg Central Catholic . . . . . | Julia Byrs<br>Andrea Santos                           |
| Hampton . . . . .                     | Hannah Klug   |
| Hempfield . . . . .                   | Chisato Hara<br>Fiona Kramer                          |
| Knoch . . . . .                       | Johanna Raab  |
| Mars . . . . .                        | Emin Diren<br>Dominik Rupp                            |
| Penn Hills . . . . .                  | Johannes Marseiler                                    |
| Penn Trafford . . . . .               | Isabela Caumo<br>Selina Mondolo                       |
| Pine Richland . . . . .               | Manuel Isaac<br>Natalie Strobel                       |
| Riverside . . . . .                   | Omar Bekdache<br>Heloisa Mosconi<br>Madeleine Pannier |
| South Park . . . . .                  | Leonardo Grohmann                                     |
| Southmoreland . . . . .               | Odin Kjoerlien<br>Jennifer Waahlin                    |
| Woodland Hills . . . . .              | Caroline Schauer                                      |

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

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Mt. Lebanon . . . . .   | Nathan Schaeffer |
| Seton LaSalle . . . . . | Zian Zhang       |

**Attendance**

The following students were granted an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

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| West Allegheny . . . . . | Dustrin Longstreth<br>Jordynn Miskow |
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**Period of Participation**

The following student(s) were denied a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic . . . . . | Rashad Bolden   |
| Washington . . . . .                    | Raekwon Dillard |

**INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETES**

**Highlands**

The WPIAL BOD censured the administration and girls' tennis coach for listing two middle school student athletes on an interscholastic varsity tennis ladder line-up. The administration must submit a plan of action to ensure the situation does not reoccur to the BOD.

### **Penn Trafford**

The WPIAL BOD censured the administration and girls volleyball coach for letting a student athlete participate in interscholastic athletics before receiving WPIAL BOD approval. The administration must submit a plan of action to ensure the situation does not reoccur to the BOD.

## **ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

### **Fox Chapel – Jeffery Cobbs**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Jeffery Cobbs from JFK High School in New York to Fox Chapel High School, the WPIAL BOD declared Jeffery eligible under Article VI, Section 2D of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Imani Christian Academy – Kenneth Robinson**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Kenneth Robinson from University Preparatory School to Imani Christian Academy, the WPIAL BOD declared Kenneth eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Keystone Oaks – Quran Powe**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Quran Powe from Brashear High School to Keystone Oaks 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 August 5, 2016 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws. He is eligible to participate in all other sports.

### **Seton LaSalle – Darryl Daniels**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Darryl Daniels from Brashear High School to Seton LaSalle High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declared Darryl eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – Roman Shell**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Roman Shell from Ambridge High School to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart 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 August 26, 2016 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws. He is eligible to participate in all other sports.

### **Quaker Valley – Isaiah McNair**

After considering the information and testimony presented, Isaiah McNair was declared eligible under Article VI, Section 2C of the PIAA By-Laws

### **Serra Catholic – Rebekah Pais**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Rebekah Pais from East Allegheny High School to Serra Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in softball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of July 1, 2016 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws. She is eligible to participate in all other sports.

## **SCHOOL RELATED ACTIONS**

### **New Castle**

The BOD accepted the response from the administration regarding allegations and complaints against the baseball coach.

## **STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The Following appointments were made to the 2016-2017 Steering Committees:

### **BASKETBALL**

**Mark Keener** – Athletic Director, South Fayette

**Tom Scarpone**—Athletic Director, Fort Cherry

**Nate Milson** – Athletic Director, Carlynton (moved from soccer)

### **GOLF**

**Jay Kreigline** – Teacher & Coach, Bethel Park

### **HALL OF FAME**

**Chris Shovlin** – Media Personality

**Joe Maize**-Coach, Peters Township

### **RIFLE**

**Matt Rodrigues** – Teacher/Coach, Woodland Hills

### **SOCCER**

**Bill DaBaldo** – Athletic Director, Seton LaSalle

**Ron Moncrief** –Athletic Director, Vincentian Academy

**Jay Saras** – Assistant Principal, Baldwin

**Ron Wilcher**- Mt. Lebanon School District

### **VOLLEYBALL**

**Shawn Holup**—Athletic Director, Bishop Canevin

### **WRESTLING**

**Ron Ledbetter**—Athletic Director, Moon

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT

**James Croushore**, Teacher and Coach at Burrell High School, was elevated as Chairman of Golf;

**Barry Balaski** –Principal, Moon High School elevated to Chairman of Sportsmanship; **Patrick Ratesic** – Adjunct, elevated as Chairman of Scholarship.

## 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:

**Patty Smith** – Sportsmanship Committee, retired principal, South Park School District

Twenty-four other adjunct members were reappointed to their committees for the 2016-2017 school year.

## STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

The following individuals resigned from committees as follows:

**BASKETBALL**-Sharon Chambers (Adjunct), Harry Orbin (Adjunct); **GOLF**-Brian Farley; **HALL OF FAME**- Don Rebel; **RIFLE**-John Hartman; **SCHOLARSHIP**-David Hays (Adjunct), Wil Barber (Adjunct)

## COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) APPROVED

### Geibel Catholic and Southmoreland – Varsity Football

The BOD accepted the request from Geibel Catholic and Southmoreland High Schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in varsity football beginning the 2016-2017 school year with Southmoreland High School as the host school.

### Bentworth and Charleroi – Varsity Wrestling

The BOD accepted the request from Bentworth and Charleroi High Schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in varsity wrestling beginning the 2016-2017 school year with Bentworth High School as the host school.

### Blackhawk & Western Beaver – Middle School Football

The BOD accepted the request from Blackhawk and Western Beaver School Districts to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in middle school football beginning the 2016-2017 school year with Blackhawk as the host school.

## WRESTLING AA SECTIONAL

The BOD approved the elimination of the AA individual sectional qualifiers at several sites with finals on the following weekend to all AA individual sectional qualifiers and finals being run at one site on a Friday and Saturday to be determined. The BOD also approved an adult ticket price increase for the new format of the AA wrestling sectional/finals.

## NEW PROGRAM ADVERTISERS

The BOD approved a price increase in new program advertiser packages effective immediately.

## WELCOME

### New Principals

Apollo Ridge – Danie Consuegrea

Butler – John Wylie

Central Catholic – Br. Anthony Baginski

Central Valley – Mark Vukovcan (Co-principal)

Geibel Catholic – Patricia Nickler

Greensburg Central Catholic – Ben Althof

Greater Latrobe – John Mains & Chad Krehlik (Co-principals)

Highlands – Kim Price Asst. Principal as Interim

Mars – Lindsay Rosswog

Oakland Catholic – Marisa Greco

Plum – Justin Stephans (Interim Principal)

Riverview – Eric Hewlet

Shady Side Academy – Sophia Lau

Vincetian Academy – Rita Canton

Waynesburg – Bob Stephenson

### New Athletic Directors

Belle Vernon-Matt Humbert

Blackhawk – Rick Ford

Burgettstown – Robert Bennett (co AD)

Ellwood City – Curt Agostonelli

Frazier – Ken Culbertson

Imani – Cliff Simon

Jeannette – Anthony DeNunzio

Knoch – Kurt Reiser

Moon – Ron Ledbetter

North Hills – Amy Scheuneman

Riverview – Mario Rometo

Rochester - Mandi Cwynar

Seton LaSalle – William DeBaldo

Trinity Christian - Dennis Hyland

Washington – Mike Bosnic

## 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.

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Mitch Bachuchin  | BSE, FB, SFT     |
| Thomas Bailey    | FB, SW, VB, WR   |
| John Carson      | FB               |
| Joe Catanese     | FB, BSE          |
| Tony Denk        | BB               |
| Paul Dorsey      | BB               |
| Tom Evans        | BSE, SFT         |
| Joe Fusco        | TR               |
| Donald Gambridge | BB               |
| John Ignatius    | SW               |
| Richard McKernan | BB, BSE, SFT     |
| Peggy Neason     | SOC              |
| Paul Polasky     | SW, VB           |
| Timothy Shaw     | BB, FB, SFT, BSE |
| Charles Simoni   | BB, BSE, SFT     |

## WPIAL TITLE SPONSOR



## WPIAL OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



## 2016-2017 OFFICIAL BALLS

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2016-2017 school year 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-1050     |

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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