

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS March – April 2017



The March 7, (hearing panel) meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, D. McBain, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen and B. Simmons.

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

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

Indiana Tin Siridet
Mars Alessia Moretti

Transfer Provision

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

Burrell Madison Walsh
Cornell Desmond Ross
Eden Christian Academy Blaine Bowers
Sangwon Yoo
Franklin Regional Daniel Conte
Freedom Madeleine Pannier
Greensburg Central Catholic Geoffrey Helm
Holy Family Academy Ofir Lemon
Dazia Wade
Mohawk Stephanie Harshbarger
North Allegheny Justice Gildon
King Gildon
Willie Rogers
Shady Side Academy Mason Tomlin
St. Joseph Justin Kline
Vincentian Academy Josselyn Fester

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

Neshannock Dominic Anzalone

Attendance

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

Steel Valley Christopher DeMartino
Mason Haley

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

PENN HILLS - Boys Basketball Team Behavior

The BOD Hearing Panel imposed the following discipline regarding the violation of PIAA Sportsmanship and Unsportsmanlike Conduct segment of the By-Laws at least three times and violation of Article XII, Athletic Relations, of the PIAA By-Laws by the boys basketball coach Dan DeRose: **1)** The Penn Hills Boys Varsity Basketball Team is suspended from post season play for the 2017-2018 season unless the Penn Hills Administration suspends Coach Dan DeRose from coaching and being in attendance for the first four (4) games on the 2017 – 2018 season; and requires Coach Dan DeRose to enroll in and successfully complete an ACEP (American Coaching Education Program) containing some sort of sportsmanship component by August 1, 2017. On or before May 1, 2017, the Penn Hills Principal must verify in writing to the WPIAL that Coach DeRose has enrolled in such an ACEP. On or before August 1, 2017, the Penn Hills Principal must certify in writing to the WPIAL that Coach DeRose has successfully completed such an ACEP. **2)** The Penn Hills Varsity Basketball Coach, Dan DeRose, is publically censured for his unacceptable behavior prior to and after the February 25, 2017 WPIAL playoff basketball game played at Plum High School. **3)** The Penn Hills Basketball Program will be limited to one (1) pre-season basketball scrimmage for the 2017-2018 season. **4)** The Penn Hills Boys Basketball Program has been placed on probation effectively immediately through the end of the 2017 – 2018 basketball season. **4)** On or before May 1, 2017, the Penn Hills Administration must submit for WPIAL Board of Directors approval a written corrective action plan to ensure that its coaches have full control and supervision of all players before and after games including full locker room supervision.

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Greensburg Central Catholic – Melina Maietta

After considering the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Melina Maietta from Norwin High School to Greensburg Central Catholic High School, the BOD Hearing Panel declared Melina Maietta ineligible in basketball only under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws for a period of one year from the date of transfer of January 23, 2017.

INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETE

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

The BOD censured the softball coaches for letting a student not enrolled at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart participate in a junior varsity softball scrimmage, placed the softball program on probation for a period of one year through the 2017-2018 season, limited the softball program to one (1) scrimmage for the 2017-2018 season, required the coaches to attend an ASEP coaching principles course with verification sent to the WPIAL office by December 31, 2017 and required the administration to submit a plan of action to the WPIAL office by May 8, 2017 ensuring the situation does not reoccur.

Vincentian Academy/Rochester- Basketball Playoff Game Incident

After considering the testimony and information presented at the hearing, the WPIAL BOD determined the following action regarding the incident that took place at a WPIAL playoff basketball game on February 23, 2017 at Moon Area High School: **1)** The Vincentian Principal is publically censured for her inability to fulfill her obligations as the principal to attend the pre-game meeting, to notify the WPIAL Basketball Game Manager as to where she would be seated, and for her inability to control her student body crowd and to keep them from rushing the floor after the game. **2)** The Rochester Boys' Basketball Head Coach and Assistant Coach are publically censured for their negative interaction with Vincentian players following the February 23, 2017 WPIAL Basketball playoff game. **3)** The Boys' Basketball Programs at Vincentian Academy and Rochester Area High School have been placed on probation through the 2017 – 2018 basketball season. **4)** The Vincentian Academy Administration must develop a plan that will ensure that their student body is supervised at all interscholastic athletic events. The testimony provided indicated that the behavior exhibited, all be it by a very limited number of students, was totally unacceptable. The submitted plan must address not only supervision but steps taken to again ensure that the student body has been made aware of expectations as to how they should behave. **5)** The Rochester Area

Vincentian Academy/Rochester- Basketball Playoff Game Incident (continued)

Administration in coordination with the Boys' Basketball Coaching staff must submit a plan that will identify steps to totally avoid any interaction with players from opposing teams that is in any way negative. The required plans from each school were submitted and approved by the BOD at the April 19, 2017 meeting.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S)

Penn Hills & Riverview – Varsity Boys Volleyball

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

Hempfield & Jeannette ~ Varsity & Jr. High Wrestling

The BOD accepted the request from Hempfield and Jeannette School Districts to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity and junior high wrestling beginning the 2017-2018 school year with Hempfield as the host school per the approved resolution signed by both school boards.

PIAA and/or WPIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION(S)

Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship

The BOD approved both the PIAA junior high Membership applications for Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship, Grades 6-8 located in Penn Hills, PA, for the 2017-2018 school year.

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 2017-18 budget:

Jack Fullen
Bart Rocco
Scott Seltzer

Scott Heinauer
Patrick Mannarino
William Sinning

2017-2018 SPORTS ALIGNMENTS

Spring sports alignments for the 2017-2018 school year, the second year of the 2016-18 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOD. Alignment, scheduling grids, calendars, and sport memos are available on the WPIAL website by clicking on the "Sports" tab.

BOD ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Board of Directors election for 2017-2018 were announced at the Annual Meeting on April 19, 2017, by Jim Hune representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, & Co. Listed in alphabetical order, the elected members of the 2017-2018 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
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

BOD REORGANIZATION

Pursuant to the PIAA Constitution, the following were re-elected as WPIAL Officers by the BOD for the 2017-18 school year:

BOD Officers

President Scott Seltzer
Vice President Bart Rocco
Treasurer Patrick Mannarino

PIAA BOD Representatives

District VII Chairman Scott Seltzer
District VII Treasurer Patrick Mannarino
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
District VII Fourth Alternate Amy Scheuneman

Co Girls' Athletic Representative to BOD

Linda Messich Athletic Director, Mapletown HS

Parent Representatives to BOD

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

WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

Member school principals submitted 73 male and 74 female applications for the 2016-2017 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 15, 2017. 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

Cole Bishop	Penn Hills
Erin Confortini	Jefferson Morgan
Renell Cummings	Lincoln Park
Zane Dudek	Armstrong
David Harvey	Mt. Lebanon
Taylor Hockenberry	Mars
Molly Huffman	Brentwood
Erin Joyce	Riverview
Eric Kennedy	Kiski
Anna Li	North Allegheny
Amos Luptak	Quaker Valley
Kevin Lynch	Freeport
Ethan Maenza	North Allegheny
Michael McAllister	Woodland Hills
Taylor Petrak	Ellwood City
Justice Rice	Monessen
Morgan Ryan	Hempfield
Alexandria Seto	Brownsville
Madison Sgattoni	Baldwin
Emma Thomas	Moon

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.

Since its inception in 1992, the WPIAL has awarded \$598,000 to 142 students from our member schools.

WPIAL REVENUE SHARING 2016-2017

The WPIAL revenue sharing program for 2016-2017 resulted in \$174,169.24, 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 (\$94,969.59), Basketball (\$59,433.05), and Soccer (\$19,766.60). New Castle received a revenue share check in the amount of \$7,055.80. Derry, McKeesport, Neshannock, Pine Richland and Thomas Jefferson each received in excess of \$5,000. 116 member schools received a revenue share check for 2016-2017.

WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS 2016-2017

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

OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



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