



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS ~ MAY-JUNE 2017

The May 3 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, B. Rocco, P. Mannarino, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, D. McBain, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, S. Wagner, W. Sinning, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were, F. Rapp, J. Fullen, M. White and C. Harlan.

The May 15 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, B. Simmons, C. Harlan, M. White and A. Chiapazzi.

The June 6 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, B. Simmons.

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

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

Bishop Canevin	Juaron Thompson
Fox Chapel	Dante DeBaldo
Imani Christian Academy	Tawan Wesley
North Hills	David Lukac
Oakland Catholic	Cierra Christian
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Lindsey Shema
Seton LaSalle	Rebecca Crawford
	Brian Schipani
Shady Side Academy	Amanda Bunje
	Ariana Goltz
	Tucker Lamb
Vincetian Academy	Megan Hoekle

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

Central Valley	Chinua Solomon
	Jelani Solomon
Sto-Rox	Deion Liddell

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

Carmichaels David Morgan

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart ~ Improvement Plan

The BOD accepted the administration's plan of improvement to ensure the use of eligible student athletes.

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

North Allegheny - Amosis & Joey Porter

The BOD Hearing Panel, declared Amosis and Joe Porter eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program for the 2017/2018 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Shady Side Academy - Michael Tomlin

The BOD Hearing Panel, declared Michael Tomlin eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program for the 2017/2018 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Penn Hills – Appeal of Basketball Program Sanctions

The BOD Hearing Panel denied the request to alter the original sanctions placed on the basketball program on March 8, 2017 and accepted the plan of action to ensure the situation does not reoccur.

Aliquippa – Milton Malik Fehir-Shepherd

The BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant Milton Malik Fehir-Shepherd eligibility under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws because there exists a reasonable likelihood that his transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose thereby making Milton ineligible to participate in all sports for a period of one year from the date of the transfer, April 11, 2017.

Neshannock– Jacob McCormick

The BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant Jacob McCormick eligibility under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws because there exists a reasonable likelihood that that his transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to football and basketball thereby making Jacob ineligible to participate in football only for a period of one year from the date of the transfer, April 6, 2017.

Pine Richland– Kenneth White

The BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant Kenneth White eligibility under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws because there exists a reasonable likelihood that that his transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to football thereby making Kenneth ineligible to participate in football only for a period of one year from the date of the transfer, March 15, 2017.

Aliquippa ~ Alleged Recruiting Violations

After considering the testimony shared by everyone involved on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, the WPIAL Hearing Panel voted unanimously that there was insufficient evidence to conclude that Coach Sherman McBride engaged in recruiting a student athlete for an athletic purpose.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S)

Hopewell/Aliquippa – Termination of Boys/Girls Soccer

The BOD accepted the request from Hopewell School District to terminate the cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement with Aliquippa School District in the sport of varsity boys and girls soccer effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Carlynton & Bishop Canevin – Boys & Girls Tennis

The BOD accepted the request from Carlynton and Bishop Canevin to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of boys and tennis beginning the 2017-2018 school year with Carlynton as the host school as per the approved resolution signed by both school boards.

Freedom/Quigley & New Brighton – Varsity Wrestling

The BOD accepted the request from Freedom, Quigley and New Brighton High Schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity wrestling beginning the 2017-2018 school year with Freedom as the host school per the approved resolution signed by all school boards.

WPIAL JR. HIGH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship

The BOD approved the WPIAL junior high membership application for the 2017/2018 school year.

PIAA JUNIOR HIGH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 8 Propel Charter Schools

The BOD approved the PIAA junior high membership applications for the 2017/2018 school year for the following Propel Charter Schools – Braddock Hills, East, Hazelwood, Homestead, McKeesport, Montour, Northside, Pitcairn.

PIAA SENIOR HIGH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - Propel Braddock Hills High School

The BOD approved the PIAA senior high membership application for the 2017/2018 school year.

2017 2018 BUDGET APPROVED

The WPIAL Budget Committee developed and approved a preliminary budget at planning meetings in May, 2017. Following discussion and modification, the WPIAL BOD adopted a \$1,886,394.00 operating budget for the year ending June 30, 2018. The operating budget represents a \$39,753.00 decrease from the 2016-2017 operating budget.

The 2017-2018 budget includes the following:

- To maintain the dues at \$150 for high schools and \$50 for junior high schools.
- To maintain ticket prices in all tournament events.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATION

The BOD accepted the resignation of Ray Bartha as a member of the Softball Steering Committee.

MAXPREPS AND HUDDLE/GO FAN MARKETING AGREEMENTS

The BOD approved a three year marketing agreement with MaxPreps and a five year marketing agreement with Huddle/Go Fan.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS APPROVED

Moon & Cornell – Jr. High & Varsity Wrestling

The BOD conditionally accepted the request of Moon and Cornell High Schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreements in varsity and jr. high wrestling beginning with the 2017-2018 school year with Moon as the host school. The request was forwarded to the PIAA for their final approval.

2017-2018 Soccer Championship Venue

The BOD approved Highmark Stadium as the boys and girls soccer championship site.

TENTH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Ninth Annual WPIAL Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony was held on Friday, May 26, 2017 at the Greentree Doubletree Hotel. A crowd of 550 attended the banquet.

Inductees in the 2017 class include the following by category: **Athletes** Leigh Curl – Basketball & Softball – North Hills High School, Brian Generalovich – Football – Farrell High School, Dan Mazzoco – Cross Country & Track & Field – Baldwin High School, Nico Megaludis – Wrestling – Franklin Regional High School, Melanie Morgan – Swimming – Gateway High School, Terrelle Pryor – Football & Basketball – Jeannette High School, Anessa Schnur – Track & Field – Butler High School; **Coaches** – George Novak – Football – Steel Valley & Woodland Hills High Schools, Joe Walton – Football – NFL teams & Robert Morris University; **Contest Officials** – Robert Cloherty – Football; **Contributor** – James Collins – WPIAL BOD Board President, Asst. to WPIAL Executive Director; **Teams** – 1994 McKeesport High School – Football; **Heritage** – Joe Thomas – Track & Field – Uniontown.

In 2009, the WPIAL instituted a Courage Award to be given annually at the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. The WPIAL Hall of Fame will induct each year a person who has demonstrated extraordinary courage in the midst of difficult circumstances while serving as an inspiration and role model to others in a positive way.

Persons considered for the award must have been involved in a WPIAL interscholastic athletic program as a participant or supporter, coach, contest official, athletic administrator, or contributor to the League.

The 2017 recipients of the Courage Award are Emmanuel Hilton student from Blackhawk High School and Jerry Roman (posthumously) WPIAL Golf Committee Chairman.

SPORTS REPORT

WPIAL SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONS 2017 TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Baseball**
Class A Jeannette
Class AA California
Class AAA Riverside
Class AAAA Blackhawk

Class AAAAA Greater Latrobe
Class AAAAAA Pine Richland

- **Softball**
Class A West Greene
Class AA Frazier
Class AAA Ellwood City
Class AAAAA Belle Vernon
Class AAAAAA West Allegheny
Class AAAAAA Hempfield
- **Boys Tennis**
Class AA Sewickley Academy
Class AAA Fox Chapel
- **Boys' Track**
Class AA Riverside
Class AAA Seneca Valley
- **Girls' Track**
Class AA Burrell
Class AAA Butler
- **Girls Lacrosse**
Class AA Hampton
Class AAA Pine Richland
- **Boys Lacrosse**
Div. 1 Peters Township
Div. 2 Mars
- **Boys' Volleyball**
Class AA Beaver County Christian
Class AAA North Allegheny

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY 2016-2017

Seventy Six (76) team champions were crowned in 26 sports in 2016-2017. Schools garnering two or more team champions include:

North Allegheny – 7: (3A Girls Golf, 4A Boys Soccer, 3A Girls Tennis, 6A Girls Basketball, 3A Girls Swimming/Diving, 3A Boys Swimming/Diving, 3A Boys Volleyball)

Sewickley Academy-4: (2A Boys Golf, 1A Boys Soccer, 2A Boys Basketball, 2A Boys Tennis)

Moon – 3: (3A Girls Soccer, 5A Boys Basketball, Gymnastics)

Pine Richland – 3: (6A Boys Basketball, 6A Baseball, 3A Girls Lacrosse)

Quaker Valley – 3: (2A Girls Cross Country, 2A Boys Soccer, 2A Boys Swimming/Diving)

Seneca Valley – 3: (3A Boys Cross Country, 4A Girls Volleyball, 3A Boys Track & Field)

Bishop Canevin – 2: (3A Girls Basketball, 1A Competitive Spirit)

- Burrell – 2:** (2A Wrestling, 2A Girls Track &Field)
- Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic – 2:** (Boys Basketball-AAA, Girls Basketball -AAAA)
- Central Catholic – 2:** (6A Football, Div 1 Golf)
- Chartiers Valley – 2:** (3A Boys Soccer, 5A Girls Basketball)
- Fox Chapel – 2:** (3A Field Hockey, 3A Boys Tennis)
- Greensburg Central Catholic – 2:** (2A Girls Golf, 1A Girls Volleyball)
- Riverside – 2:** (2A Boys Track & Field, 3A Baseball)
- Shady Side Academy – 2:** (1A Girls Soccer, 2A Girls Swimming/Diving)
- Winchester Thurston – 2:** (1A Boys Cross Country, 1A Girls Basketball)

OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



WPIAL STATE CHAMPIONS 2016-2017

Team

Steel Valley	2A Football
Beaver Falls	3A Football
Winchester Thurston	A Boys Cross Country
Greensburg Central Catholic	2A Girls Golf
Greensburg Central Catholic	A Girls Volleyball
Moon	3A Girls Soccer
Sewickley Academy	2A Boys Basketball
Bethel Park	Small Group Competitive Spirit
North Allegheny	3A Boys Swimming/Diving
Sewickley Academy	AA Boys Tennis
Hempfield	6A Softball
Mt. Pleasant	4A Softball
South Park	3A Softball
West Greene	1A Softball
Latrobe	5A Baseball



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