

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 2016



The September 12 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, B. Rocco, M. Allison, E. Antonini, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Evans, D. McBain, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also

in attendance were J. Fullen, B. Simmons and M. White.

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

The October 17 Board of Directors Meeting was attended by S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, M. Allison, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, D. McBain, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, B. Simmons, and C. Harlan.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

Aquinas Academy	Susan Petnuch
Beaver County Christian	Madelyn Cronin
Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic	Richie Bazy
	Isabella Jones
	Jillian Saliba
	Regina Torchia
Central Catholic	Demetri Germanos
	Keith Pennington
	Connor Rust
Central Valley	Jordan Rheingrover
Greensburg Central Catholic	Michaela Kluska
	Marlana Yerkey
Kiski	Reed Ziemianski
Lincoln Park Performing Arts	Gabriel Kanyongo
	Gibbs Kanyongo
	Kailey Olenick
	Casey Oliver
Montour	Anjol Lewis

Moon	Jarrod Simmons
McKeesport	Colin Lyons
North Allegheny	Azaria Davis
North Hills	Garret Barto
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Char-Leigh Bates
	Mariah Boden
	Alexandria LaPaglia
	Jonathan Ruscoe
	Mary Rusco
Seton LaSalle	Alyssa Pollice
	Svenson Sterling
Sewickley Academy	Kal Courtney
	Qian Liu
Shady Side Academy	Kate Foster
Trinity Christian	Claire Biertempfel
Vincentian Academy	Michael Brooks
West Allegheny	Patience Ashaolu

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

Beaver Falls	Shylin Jackson
Franklin Regional	Tanner Stark
Hempfield	Kyle Burkholder
North Hills	Chadric Anderson
Plum	Omharion Kershaw

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

Armstrong	Johnathon Cravenar
Belle Vernon	Sage Pascoe
Central Valley	Nathan Taggart
Mt. Pleasant	Zakari Lucullo

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

Fox Chapel	Ipek Aydin
Chartiers Valley	Sofie Herum
Hampton	Paul Wiest
Hempfield	Lennart Weiche
Indiana	Sanni Hirvonen
	Amelia Jaeger
	Sara Labalo
Mohawk	Joao Wildner

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic -Rashad Bolden

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 12, 2016, the BOD Hearing Panel denied Rashad Bolden a period of participation waiver. This action was taken under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Hempfield – Alexa & Jarod Verkleeren

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 19, 2016 regarding the transfers of Alexa and Jarod Verkleeren from Belle Vernon High School to Hempfield High School, the WPIAL BOD granted eligibility under Article VI, Section 2C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Imani Christian Academy – Samuel Fairley

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Samuel Fairley from University Preparatory School to Imani Christian Academy, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in football only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of July 27, 2016 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Imani Christian Academy – Asante' Watkins

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Asante' Watkins from University Preparatory School to Imani Christian Academy, 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 30, 2016 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter – Colt Slowinski

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on October 17, 2016, Colt Slowinski was declared 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 August 24, 2016.

Quigley Catholic – Maria Rebollo

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on October 17, 2016, Maria Rebollo was denied eligibility as a J-1 Foreign Exchange Student under Article VII, Section 5 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Seneca Valley – David Ritchie

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 19, 2016 regarding the transfer of David Ritchie from Eden Christian Academy to Seneca Valley High School, the WPIAL BOD declined to

grant eligibility in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of June 27, 2016 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Trinity –Michael Kalosky

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 19, 2016, the BOD **denied** Michael Kalosky a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Washington –Raekwon Dillard

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 12, 2016, the BOD Hearing Panel granted Raekwon Dillard a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 3 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:

Brownsville

The middle school principal, athletic director and middle school football coach are publicly censured for letting an ineligible student athlete participate in an interscholastic athletic competition. The administration must submit letters of forfeiture to all opponents in which the ineligible athlete participated and submit procedural guidelines to ensure this situation does not reoccur to the WPIAL for BOD review by November 12, 2016.

Central Valley

The administration and football coach are publicly censured for letting student athletes participate in an interscholastic athletic competition before receiving WPIAL Board approval, and the administration must develop a plan of action to ensure this situation does not reoccur and submit to the BOD.

Ellwood City

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.

Highlands

The WPIAL BOD accepted the administration's procedural plans for a tennis ladder line up violation.

Kiski

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

Neshannock

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.

Penn Trafford

The WPIAL BOD accepted the administration's improvement plan for letting a student athlete participate in interscholastic athletics before receiving WPIAL eligibility approval.

Upper St. Clair-Golf Match

The BOD accepted the actions of the administration regarding the forfeiture of a golf match with Peters Township.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) APPROVED

Aquinas Academy/Vincentian Academy – Varsity Boys Lacrosse

The BOD accepted the request from Aquinas Academy and Vincentian Academy to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in varsity boys lacrosse beginning the 2016-2017 school year with Aquinas Academy as the host school.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP DENIED Beaver & Midland – Middle School Sports

The BOD denied the request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport between the Beaver Area School District and the Midland Borough School District to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in middle school sports. This decision was based on the fact the two districts are not contiguous or overlapping per PIAA By-Law Article III, Section II A-6.

AUDIT REPORT

Jim Hune, 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, 2016. According to Mr. Hune, the audit represents the financial position of the League at June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, 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, 2016, were \$753,143, compared to \$601,044 for the year ending June 30, 2015. The League's revenue share program resulted in \$198,903 being returned to schools participating in the football, basketball, and soccer tournaments.

Field Turf ~ Sponsorship Contract

The BOD approved a two year extension of the Field Turf sponsorship contract through December 2018.

AA & AAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Sites

The BOD approved Canon McMillan High School as the site of the AA individual qualifier and AA individual finals. Connellsville, Fox Chapel, Kiski and Trinity were chosen as the AAA individual qualifier sites.

SPORTSMANSHIP

2015-2016 Sportsmanship Awards

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee has selected four member schools for 2015-2016 sportsmanship awards. The schools are: Avella, New Brighton, Peters Township, Trinity and West Greene High Schools.

Each of the schools promoted and demonstrated the elements of good sportsmanship during the 2015-2016 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 10, 2016.

Since the league launched the program entitled, "Sportsmanship: The Only Missing Piece is You", 64 member schools have been selected for WPIAL Sportsmanship Awards.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES

The 2016 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 2016 Golf Championships.

Boys' Sectional Tournaments

Blackhawk GC
Buffalo Golf Course
Castle Hills Golf Club
Cedarbrook Golf Course
Club at Shadow Lakes
Fort Cherry Golf Club
Glengarry Golf Links
Hickory Heights Golf Club
Latrobe Elks Golf Club
Pheasant Ridge Golf Club
Pleasant Valley Country club
Ponderosa Golf Club
Saxon Golf Course
South Park Golf Course
Treedale Golf Club
Willowbrook Country Club

Girls' Sectional Tournaments

Apollo Elks Golf Club
Cedarbrook Golf Course
Del Mar Golf Course
Mt. Odin Golf Club
Murrysville Golf Course
Rittswood Golf Club

Boys' Individual Semifinals

Cranberry Highlands
Hannastown Golf Club

Boys' Individual Championships

Allegheny Country Club
Oakmont Country Club

Girls' Individual Championships

Treedale Golf Club

Boys' Team Semifinals

Del Mar Golf Course
Indiana Run Golf Course
Linden Hall Golf Course
River Forest Country Club

Boys' and Girls' Team Finals

Cedarbrook Golf Course

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WPIAL OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



2016-2017 OFFICIAL BALLS

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2016-2017 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 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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