



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS JANUARY, 2018 – FEBRUARY, 2018

The January 15 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, B. Rocco, P. Mannarino, E. Antonini, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, J. Sarandrea, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, V. Sortino, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, C. Harlan, M. White, video crew - WPXI.

The February 12 Hearing Panel Meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, B. Rocco, P. Mannarino, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, A. Gipson, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, V. Sortino and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, C. Harlan, J. Madalinski, D. Highfield, S. Spencer, and Reporter -Observer Reporter.

The February 19 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, E. Antonini, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Sarandrea, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, V. Sortino 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:

Ambridge	Desmond Council
Central Catholic	John McDermott
	Quitong Wang
Holy Family Academy	Myier Northern
Lincoln Park Performing Arts	William Drexler
North Hills	Gavin Stehman
Oakland Catholic	Alexandra Bailou
	Alaina Kosinski
	Elea Sanders
Seton LaSalle	Ryan Elliott
	Joseph Grimm
	Alex Shaughnessy
Shady Side Academy	Brandon McIlroy
Steel Valley	Bre'Shaun Brown
Vincentian Academy	Makai Williams

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

Neshannock	Brayden Rogers
South Fayette	James Diven

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

Burgettstown	Dominic Stage
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Attendance

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

Indiana	Hammad Affan
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ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Neshannock – Brendon Hink

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on February 19, 2018 regarding the transfer of Brendon Hink from Poland High School-Ohio to Neshannock High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel granted eligibility under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

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

CLAIRTON/MONESEN ~ Boys Basketball Incident

After considering the information and testimony presented at a hearing regarding the incident that occurred during the February 6, 2018 boys' basketball game between Clairton High School and Monessen High School, the WPIAL Hearing Panel determined the following: **1)** The entire interscholastic athletic programs of both Clairton and Monessen are on probation for five (5) years beginning immediately. The probationary period will expire on June 30, 2023. If at any time during the next five years the probation is violated, the violating school will forfeit championship rights in the violating sport and will not be included in the sport specific scheduling process for the next scheduling cycle. **2)** The administrative teams of both Clairton and Monessen must internally develop a sportsmanship program to address the importance of sportsmanship for all student athletes prior to the 2018-2019 school year with a complete report of the program in writing to the WPIAL by May 30, 2018. **3)** Both schools MUST develop and initiate a sportsmanship initiative for their district and spectators. It must be posted online with expectations to attend events and the consequences if expectations are not met. This program must be presented in writing to the WPIAL by May 30, 2018. **4)** Clairton MUST play ALL home boys varsity basketball games at 4:00 PM with the JV to follow

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(continued)**

for the next two years. **5)** Clairton & Monessen IF THEY ARE SCHEDULED must play their varsity games at 4:00 PM, JV to follow WITH NO SPECTATORS for the next two-year cycle. **6)** The February 6, 2018 varsity game will be considered a no contest for both teams. **7)** All players for both Clairton and Monessen that were dressed for the February 6, 2018 basketball game and not on the court at the time of the incident are subject to the PIAA mandatory ejection rule for leaving the bench. As such, each violating player is ineligible to dress and participate in one basketball game. Both Clairton and Monessen MUST sit two (2) players at a time out of games, beginning with the first WPIAL playoff game, until all of the players that were dressed and not on the court at the time of the incident have served the mandatory PIAA penalty. The penalty carries over to next year if it is not fulfilled this year. Both schools must submit in writing to the WPIAL by Friday February 16, 2018 the schedule for sitting players out. **8)** The WPIAL directs Monessen to remove from the team for the remainder of the 2018 season the player who visibly kicked a person on the floor **9)** For the 2018 WPIAL Basketball Tournament both Clairton and Monessen will be subject to the following: **a.** Each school will receive only 30 adult pre-sale tickets for all WPIAL playoff games prior to the WPIAL Final at the Petersen Events Center. These tickets should be made available for sale to ONLY parents and guardians of varsity team members. Ten (10) complimentary tickets will be provided for use by administrators and board members. **b.** There will be no gate sale tickets at any game that Clairton or Monessen play leading up to the WPIAL finals.

Holy Family Academy ~ Ineligible Student Athlete

The BOD publicly censured the administration, placed the boys basketball program on probation for one year through the 2018-2019 season, and required the administration to submit a procedural plan to ensure the situation does not reoccur.

**Penn Hills - Violations of PIAA Constitution
& By-Laws**

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing, the BOD publicly censured the administration for continued violations of the PIAA Constitution & By-Laws, placed the interscholastic athletic program on probation for one year through June 30, 2019 and accepted the revised plan of action administration presented to ensure the situation does not reoccur.

**WPIAL SENIOR HIGH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
- Propel Braddock Hills High School**

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

**WPIAL JUNIOR HIGH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
- Young Scholars of Western PA**

The BOD approved the WPIAL junior high membership applications for the 2017/2018 school year for the Young Scholars of Western PA. located in Baldwin Township.

**Waynesburg ~ Request for Termination of Boys
and Soccer Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport
Agreement**

The BOD approved the request from Waynesburg to terminate the boys and girls soccer cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement with Carmichaels, Jefferson Morgan, and West Greene School Districts. However, all schools must compete in assigned PIAA classification for the next classification cycle 2018-109 and 2019-2020 school years.

**COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A
SPORT AGREEMENT ~**

**South Allegheny ~ Request for Termination of
Boys & Girls Swimming/Diving Cooperative
Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement**

The BOD approved the request from South Allegheny to terminate the boys and girls swimming/diving cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement with Serra Catholic High School at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The BOD approved the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors election. The Nominating Committee includes:

- Tim Chirdon Principal, Serra Catholic HS
 - Leigh Ann Folmar Principal, California Area HS
 - David Helinski Principal, Canon McMillan HS
 - Mike Kleckner Principal, Freeport Area HS
 - Richard Litrenta Principal, New Castle HS
- Tim Chirdon will serve as Committee Chairperson.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATION

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Richard Yanachik from the Sports Medicine Steering Committee and Deb Beucker from the Basketball Steering Committee.

TRIB TOTAL MEDIA CONTRACT

The BOD approved a five year sponsorship contract with Trib Total Media.

2018-2019 SPORTS ALIGNMENTS

Fall, most winter and some spring sports alignments for the 2018-2019 school year, the first year of the 2018-2020 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. Football, boys and girls basketball, baseball and softball will have six classifications.

WPIAL 2018-2019 FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

The BOD approved the football classifications 6A, 4A, 3A & 1A championships to be contested at Heinz Field on November 16 or 17, 2018 and classifications 5A and 2A championships to be contested at a site to be determined on November 23 or 24, 2018.

2018 WPIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND BANQUET

The ninth annual WPIAL Hall of Fame 2018 banquet and induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Greentree Doubletree Hotel, Mansfield Avenue, Greentree, PA.

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