



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS JANUARY, 2019 – FEBRUARY, 2019

The January 3 Hearing Panel meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, A. Allison, W. Cardone, T. Evans, S. Heinauer and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen and B. Simmons.

The January 21 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, M. Allison, E. Antonini, W. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, D. McBain, L. Messich, L. Rich, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, C. Harlan, M. White, and KDKA reporter.

The February 6 Hearing Panel Meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by E. Antonini, W. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, 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 February 18 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, M. Allison, E. Antonini, W. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, D. McBain, L. Messich, L. Rich, 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 Nicholas Tarquinio
- Avonworth Theodore Newhouse-Godine
- Central Catholic Ethan Hanley
Joseph Pilewski
- Central Valley Ben Cronin
- East Allegheny James Johnson
- McKeesport Ryan Andrekanic
- North Catholic Grace Billmann
Eleanor Goodman
Marshall Weinberg
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Christian Connor
Alexander James
- Quigley Catholic Zachary Minis
- Seton LaSalle Tyler Dollard
Ethan Marchese

The following students were declared eligible under Article VI, Section 3C of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Belle Vernon Ivory DeFelice
- Beth Center Kyle Cox
- Bethel Park David Sabo
- Charleroi Brandon Ryan
- Moon Antonia Schaefer
- West Mifflin Christopher Watts

The following student was declared eligible under Article VI, Section 3D of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Penn Hills Jozef Bozeman
- Ringgold Michaela Fluker

Attendance

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

- Hempfield Isaiah Vance

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

- Hempfield Aledia Winkelmann
- Mt. Pleasant Edward Simonjan

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Bethel Park – Alexander Noel

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on February 6, 2019, Alexander Noel was granted a period of participation waiver under PIAA Article III, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Bishop Canevin – Alyssa Pollice

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on November 19, 2018, the BOD Hearing Panel denied the request to permit Alyssa Pollice post-season eligibility in basketball under Article VI, Section 2B of the PIAA By-Laws.

Elizabeth Forward – Taylor Vasquez

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on January 3, 2019, Taylor Vasquez was denied an attendance waiver under PIAA Article III, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Mars – Khor Ramseur-Fusco

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on February 6, 2019, the BOD Hearing Panel declared Khor Ramseur-Fusco eligible to compete in the postseason in basketball for the 2018-2019 school year under Article VI, Section 2B of the PIAA By-Laws.

Neshannock – Eugene Goodwine, Hasan Ismaeli & Jabriel Johnson

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on January 3, 2019, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel granted Eugene Goodwine, Hasan Ismaeli & Jabriel Johnson postseason eligibility in all sports Article VI, Section 2B of the PIAA By-Laws.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – Ally Buerk

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on February 6, 2019, the BOD Hearing Panel declared Ally Buerk eligible to compete in the postseason in volleyball for the 2019-2020 school year under Article VI, Section 2B of the PIAA By-Laws.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – Allison Gower

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on February 6, 2019, the BOD Hearing Panel denied the request to permit Allison Gower postseason eligibility in track and field under Article VI, Section 2B of the PIAA By-Laws.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF PIAA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Bishop Canevin ~ Violation of Article VI

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on February 6, 2019, the BOD Hearing Panel voted unanimously to censure the administration for appropriate direction and guidance to the basketball coaches regarding PIAA rules and regulations; placed the girls basketball program on probation for one year through February 6, 2020; suspended Coach B. Flenory from coaching for a period of one year through February 6, 2020; and accepted the administration’s plan of improvement to ensure the situation does not reoccur.

Penn Hills ~ Appeal for Relief From Sanctions For Use of Smoke Device

After considering the testimony presented at the hearing on January 21, 2019 , The BOD voted unanimously to deny the request for relief from the sanctions issued on

December 18, 2018 for the use of smoke devices by the football team at a WPIAL championship game.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT AGREEMENT ~

Indiana & Seed of Faith Christian Academy- Football

The BOD approved the request from Indiana and Seeds of Faith Christian Academy to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of football beginning the 2019-2020 school year with Indiana as the host school as per the approved resolution signed by both school boards.

Vincentian Academy & Eden Christian Academy- Track and Field

The BOD approved the request from Vincentian Academy and Eden Christian Academy to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of track and field beginning the 2019-2020 school year with Vincentian as the host school as per the approved resolution signed by both school boards.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The BOD approved the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2019-2020 Board of Directors election. The Nominating Committee includes:

- Robert Ceh Principal, Seneca Valley HS
 - Keera Dwulit Principal, Avonworth HS
 - Richard Litrenta Principal, New Castle HS
 - Lauren Martin Principal, Seton LaSalle HS
 - Brian Sutherland Principal, Yough HS
- Richard Litrenta will serve as Committee Chairperson.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATION

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of David Bates from the Baseball Steering Committee.

2019-2020 SPORTS ALIGNMENTS

Fall and winter sports alignments for the 2019-2020 school year, the second 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.

2019 WPIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND BANQUET

The ninth annual WPIAL Hall of Fame 2019 banquet and induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Greentree Doubletree Hotel, Mansfield Avenue, Greentree, PA.

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