

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2018



The September 10 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, E. Antonini, W. Cardone, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, A. Gipson, D. McBain, J. Patton, L. Rich, W. Sinning,

and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, B. Simmons and C. Harlan.

The September 17 Board of Directors Meeting was attended by: P. Mannarino, M. Allison, W. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, D. McBain, J. Patton, L. Rich, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Fullen, J. Webster, B. Reichert, C. Harlan, M. White & J. Shumway.

The September 19 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, M. Allison, W. Cardone, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, D. McBain, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning and T. O'Malley. Also, in attendance was J. Webster.

The September 24 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, M. Allison, W. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, A. Gipson, D. McBain, L. Messich, L. Rich, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also, in attendance were J. Webster, C. Harlan and M. White.

The October 15 Board of Directors Meeting was attended by: S. Seltzer, P. Mannarino, M. Allison, E. Antonini, W. Cardone, K. Charlton, W. Cleary, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, D. McBain, L. Messich, J. Patton, L. Rich, A. Scheuneman, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also, in attendance were B. Simmons, C. Harlan and J. Martinez.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

Beaver County Christian Tianguo Ye

Belle Vernon	Joseph Schwerha
Bishop Canevin	Collin Milko
.	Dahvie Austin-Montgomery
Central Catholic	Jerome McCree
	Edward Tillman
Connellsville	Skylar Shallenberger
Eden Christian Academy	Rebekah McBrayner
Freedom	Kylie Altvatter
Greensburg Central Catholic	Mia Burns
Imani Christian Academy	Sean McCaskill
	Letonio Morand
North Catholic	Blake Duffy
	Grant Harsch
	Makaela Krish
	Zoey Lewis
	Alexander Mushnok
	James Nelson
Nazareth Prep	Eugene Goodwine
	Isaiah Thomas
	Aniya Ward
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Naomi Caparelli
	Allison Gower
	Alaina Marks
Propel	Chaz Jones
Quigley	Jensen Gordon
Serra Catholic	Natalie Mittereder
Seton LaSalle	Italia Bernardi
	Chan-Ju Park
Sewickley Academy	Mia DelVecchio
Shady Side Academy	Ataes Aggarwal
	Abhishek Agrahara
	Erin Canning
	Lilly Hartnell
	Eve Mango
Trinity	Richard Mersky
Trinity Christian	Chen Hu
Vincentian Academy	Junjie Yue
Washington	Daniel Bird
Winchester Thurston	Jake Rabner
Woodland Hills	Quinten Peoples

The following students were denied eligibility under Article VI, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Penn Hills Nathan Brown

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

Aliquippa	Amaya Walker
Avonworth	Aymeric Verdier
Blackhawk	Abigail Nichols
Blackhawk	Coe Siembida

Burgettstown	Desiree Bouch
Charleroi	Cheeka Brown
Clairton	Dontae Sanders
	Taevon Thompson
Cornell	Luke Piccolo
Freedom	Kaylee Boring
Freeport	Harley Holloway
Gateway	Matthew Conti
Jeannette	Sean Critchlow
Jeannette	Kael Fisher
Jeannette	Curvey Purkett
Keystone Oaks	Savanna Grossman
	Julia Moore
North Hills	Daevon Jackson
	Denaisha Watson
Penn Hills	Robert Evans
	Brashawd Mullen
	Josh Wade
Quaker Valley	Keller Chamovitz
South Park	Nicole Lewis
Thomas Jefferson	Justin Maheu
Uniontown	Javon Davis
Waynesburg	Nickalas Lowery
	Kaiden Pinkerton
West Allegheny	Kaylea Jackson
West Mifflin	Isaiah Gooden
Woodland Hills	Marvin Corley
Woodland Hills	Gavin Gurreri-Judson

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

Ambridge	Antron Dixon
California	Malik Ramse
Jeannette	Takoma Gantt
Jefferson Morgan	Cody Eddy
Mapletown	Alexander Lipscomb
Monessen	Damri Lawson
North Hills	Kevon Thomas
Penn Hills	Taijon Laury
	Deon Spann
	Dejour Tarrant
West Allegheny	Eleon Wright
Woodland Hills	Devine Clark

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

Baldwin	Jan Becker
Canon McMillan	Sondre Kvernbraten
	Mads Nielsen
Chartiers Houston	Joline Tschanz
Gateway	Nunziastella Maiullari
Greensburg Salem	Sophia Huang
Indiana	Iago Jopia
	Maria Tournant
Knoch	Zoe Kylbergerova
Penn Hills	Karel Brabec

	Joel Sibarani
Peters Township	Eric Bull
Ringgold	Valerio Gori
Riverside	Valere Dauchot
Trinity	Maria Ferreira
	Melany Llano
	Livia Prantera
Washington	TingChi Tang
	Pannaporn Ungrungsee

The following students were granted eligibility for one year under Article VII, Section 2 International Student:

Mt. Lebanon	Andrew Leal
North Catholic	Erick Rodriguez

Period of Participation

The following students were denied a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Sewickley Academy	Samantha Smith
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Post-Season Eligibility

Connellsville – Skylar Shallenberger

The BOD denied the request to permit Skylar Shallenberger post-season eligibility in soccer, swimming/diving and baseball under Article VI, Section 2B of the PIAA By-Laws.

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Connellsville – Skylar Shallenberger

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on October 22, 2018, the BOD Hearing Panel granted Skylar Shallenberger postseason eligibility in all sports under Article VI, Section 2B of the PIAA By-Laws.

North Catholic – Isaac & Owen DeGregorio

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 19, 2018 regarding the transfers of Isaac and Owen DeGregorio from Hampton High School to North Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of June 11, 2018 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Vincentian Academy – Ethan Embleton

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 19, 2018 regarding the transfer of Ethan Embleton from Montour High School to Vincentian Academy, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of August 28, 2018 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter – Johnnie Bryant

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 10, 2018 regarding the transfer of Johnnie Bryant from Nazareth Prep, Johnnie was declared eligible under Article VII, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter – Isaiah Smith

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 10, 2018 regarding the transfer of Isaiah Smith from Sewickley Academy, Isaiah was declared eligible under Article VII, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Nazareth Prep – Hasan Ismaeli

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on October 15, 2018 regarding the transfer of Hasan Ismaeli from Westinghouse Academy, Hasan was declared eligible under Article VII, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Our lady of the Sacred Heart - Elleson Burke

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 24, 2018 regarding the transfer of Elleson Burke from Moon High School to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in volleyball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of August 23, 2018 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Penn Hills - Micah Williams

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 10, 2018, Micah Williams was granted a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 B-1 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Pine Richland – Annabelle Nielsen

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 24, 2018, the BOD Hearing Panel denied the request to permit Annabelle Nielsen post-season eligibility in cross country and track and field under Article VI, Section 2B of the PIAA By-Laws. The BOD also denied the second appeal of this request on October 15, 2018.

Sewickley Academy – Samantha Smith

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on October 22, 2018, Samantha Smith was denied a period of participation waiver under PIAA Article VIII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Woodland Hills – Devine Clark

The Hearing Panel of September 24, 2018 denied Devine Clark post-season eligibility in football under Article VI, Section 2B of the PIAA By-Laws.

VINCENTIAN ACADEMY

The BOD accepted the administration's response to the inquiry into non-enrolled students participating in open gyms.

Penn Hills/Connellsville ~ Soccer Incident

After considering the information and testimony presented at the September 24, 2018 hearing, the WPIAL Board of Directors Hearing Panel was unable to determine with certainty that Connellsville players or spectators did, or did not, direct racial slurs at Penn Hills players during a September 6, 2018 Boys' Soccer match at Connellsville. Upon evaluating the totality of the information and testimony presented, however, the Hearing Panel found the information and testimony offered by Penn Hills in support of allegations to be reasonably credible. The Hearing Panel therefore believes it is likely that at least some racial slurs or racially-insensitive comments were directed to a Penn Hills player or players during the September 6, 2018 soccer match. The Hearing Panel also believes that any such incidents were likely isolated in nature and are not reflective or representative of the Connellsville Area School District, Connellsville Area Senior High School, its Boys' Soccer Team, or their administration or coaches as a whole. The WPIAL does not and will not tolerate any racial slurs or racially-insensitive comments directed by any student-athlete or spectator or to any other student-athlete. Such behavior is offensive and undermines the values and principles that interscholastic athletics are intended to instill in student-athletes. Consequently, Connellsville will be required to implement an Action Plan that includes the steps set forth in a September 13, 2018 letter to the WPIAL Board of Directors. Additionally, and as part of that Action Plan, Connellsville will engage an outside consultant to assist it in addressing and training its student-athletes regarding racial and cultural sensitivity. Connellsville is required to submit a letter to the WPIAL Board of Directors outlining the specific steps it intends to take to implement this Action Plan on or before Monday, October 15, 2018.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S)

APPROVED

Armstrong/West Shamokin – Varsity Boys & Girls Rifle

The BOD accepted the request from West Shamokin High School and Armstrong High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in varsity boys and girls rifle beginning the 2018-2019 school year with Armstrong as the host school.

Avella/Fort Cherry - Jr High & Varsity Wrestling and Boys and Girls Rifle

The BOD approved the request from Fort Cherry and Avella to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreements in junior high wrestling beginning the 2018-2019 school year with Fort Cherry as the host school, boys and girls rifle with Avella as the host school, and varsity wrestling with Fort Cherry as the host school.

AUDIT REPORT

Amanda Kelly, 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, 2018. According to Ms. Kelly, the audit represents the financial position of the League at June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, 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, 2018, were \$739,085 compared to \$814,570 for the year ending June 30, 2017. The League's revenue share program resulted in \$138,423 being returned to schools participating in the football, basketball, and soccer tournaments.

SPORTSMANSHIP

2017-2018 Sportsmanship Awards

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee has selected three-member schools for 2017-2018 sportsmanship awards. The schools are: Hampton, West Allegheny and Yough High Schools.

Each of the schools promoted and demonstrated the elements of good sportsmanship during the 2017-2018 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 15, 2018.

Since the league launched the program entitled, "Sportsmanship: The Only Missing Piece is You", 67-member schools have been selected for WPIAL Sportsmanship Awards.

STEERING COMMITTEES ~ New Appointees & Resignations

The BOD appointed Lisa Blahovec and Daniel Woodruff to the Competitive Spirit Steering Committee and David Kutrufis to the Swimming and Diving Steering Committee. The BOD accepted the resignation of Tim Hastings from the WPIAL Lacrosse Steering Committee.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES

The 2018 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 2018 Golf Championships.

Boys' Sectional Tournaments

Cedarbrook GC
Club @ Shadow Lakes
Duck Hollow GC
Fox Run GC
Lindenwood GC
Manor Valley GC
Pheasant Ridge GC
Pittsburgh North GC
Quiksilver GC
Scenic Valley GC
Suncrest GC
Sylvan Heights GC
3 Lakes Golf Course
Westwood GC
Willowbrook GC
Youghiogeny CC

Girls' Sectional Tournaments

Allegheny CC
Lindenwood GC
Pleasant Valley CC
Strawberry Ridge
Victory Hills GC

Boys' Individual Semifinals

Hannastown Golf Club
Youghiogeny Country Club

Boys' Individual Championships

Allegheny Country Club
Oakmont Country Club

Girls' Individual Championships

Diamond Run Golf Club

Boys' Team Semifinals

Buffalo Golf Club
Butler's Golf Club
Meadowink Golf Club
Village Green Golf Club

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Boys' and Girls' Team Finals

Cedarbrook Golf Course

WPIAL TITLE SPONSOR



WPIAL OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



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PIAA OFFICIAL BALLS

Baseball- Spalding 41-100HS

Basketball- Spalding TF-1000 Legacy 74-7168 (Boys) 74-7358 (Girls)

Football -Wilson GST WTF1003

Soccer- Spalding TF-5000 64-7929

Softball- Dudley (Spalding) 43-147 (Red Stitch)

Tennis- Wilson WRT100101

Volleyball- Baden Perfection VX5EC-210

Member schools may elect to participate with the NFHS-approved ball of their choice during Regular Season Contests. Qualifying schools are required to compete with the PIAA Championships' "Official Ball" provided for use in PIAA District and all Inter-District Championship Contests (first round through final, inclusive).