

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS MARCH 19 AND APRIL 19, 2007

The March 19 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, R. Antonini, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, C. Costanza, T. Kushner, A. Lydon, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, L. Shultz, D. Tyllinski, D. Zieger, T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were M. Manzo and J. Collins.



The April 19 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, R. Antonini, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, T. Kushner, Bart Rocco, T. Shirey, L. Shultz, W. Sinning, W. Suit, J. Thomas, D. Zieger, T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was J. Collins.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Foreign Exchange Provision

The following foreign exchange students were granted eligibility under Article VII, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Bentworth.....Christian Paredes
Boris Sanchez
Charleroi.....Sosorbaram Bayaraa
McGuffey.....Edgar Mateus
Plum.....Jonas Ess

Transfer Provision

The following students were declared eligible under Article VI, Section 21 of the PIAA By-Laws :

Aliquippa.....Ahman Milot
Beaver.....Denver Chisom
Charleroi.....Isaiah Bell
Bishop Canevin.....Zachary Calo
Paul Kolos
Greensburg Central Catholic.....Ross DeGluau
Dante Weaver Johnson
Highlands.....Larry Alexander
Ringgold.....Robert Guffey
Serra Catholic.....Courtney Stevens
Michael Demis

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

Sewickley Academy.....Benjamin Breedlove

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Mt. Lebanon-Stephen D'Angelo

After considering the testimony and presentations made regarding the transfer of Stephen D'Angelo from Wheeling Park High School to Mt. Lebanon High School,

a WPIAL hearing panel found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to tennis. It was determined that Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws as well as Article X, Sections 1 and 2 were violated. The panel declared Stephen ineligible to participate in tennis only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, January, 22, 2007, as provided for in Article VI, Section 5 and 7B of the PIAA By-Laws. He is eligible immediately to participate in all other sports.

St Joseph-Diez

After considering the testimony and presentations made regarding the transfer of Joshua Diez from Hampton High School to St Joseph High School, a WPIAL hearing panel found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to basketball. The panel declared Joshua ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, January 19, 2007, as provided for in Article VI, Section 5 and 7B of the PIAA By-Laws. He is eligible immediately to participate in all other sports.

Greensburg Central Catholic-Aaron Retter

After considering the testimony and presentations made regarding the transfer of Aaron Retter from Kiski Area High School to Greensburg Central Catholic High School a WPIAL Board has declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Sections 3 and 4 of the PIAA By-Laws and found that his transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose. Accordingly, the panel declared Aaron ineligible to participate in all sports he previously participated in for a period of one year from the date of transfer as provided in Article VI, Sections 3 and 4.

Gateway-Leon Green

After considering the testimony and presentations made regarding the transfer of Leon Green from West Mifflin High School to Gateway High School High School, the WPIAL BOC has declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Sections 3 and 4 of the PIAA By-Laws and found that his transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose. Accordingly, the panel declared Leon ineligible to participate in all sports he previously participated in for a period of one year from the date of transfer as provided in Article VI, Sections 3 and 4.

Ringgold-Woodyear

After considering the testimony and presentations made and based on the paperwork submitted, the BOC denied Dante Woodyear's age waiver request for participation in the interscholastic athletics for the 2007/08 school year. The decision was based on the fact that Dante did not meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article I, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws.

USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Thomas Jefferson-Wrestling

After reviewing the information presented by Thomas Jefferson regarding a wrestler, it was determined that because a pre-participation physical evaluation required by Article V, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws, was not on file until February 7, 2007, any participation by the student prior to this date was as an ineligible wrestler. Accordingly, the following action was taken by the BOC.

- The high school principal, athletic director, and wrestling coach are publicly censured for the violation.
- Thomas Jefferson must submit letters of team forfeiture to all opponents that the student participated against prior to February 7.
- All individual members of the TJ wrestling team may retain their individual records achieved prior to February 7.
- The school must submit letters of individual forfeiture to each of the student's individual opponents prior to February 7.
- The TJ administration must submit procedural guidelines outlining steps taken to insure this situation will not reoccur.

Oakland Catholic-Swimming

After reviewing the information presented regarding the use of an ineligible swimmer, the following action was determined.

- The high school principal, athletic director, and swimming coach are publicly censured for the violation.
- Oakland Catholic must submit letters of forfeiture to all opponents in which the student participated.
- The Oakland Catholic administration must submit procedural guidelines outlining steps taken to insure this situation will not reoccur.
- Oakland Catholic must return the WPIAL swimming section plaque if forfeitures result in Oakland Catholic not winning the section title.

SCRIMMAGE VIOLATION

After reviewing the information presented regarding an illegal scrimmage between the Butler Junior High and Butler JV softball teams, the following action was determined.

- The Butler athletic director, junior varsity softball coach, and junior high softball coach are publicly censured for conducting an illegal scrimmage.
- The Butler administration must submit procedural guidelines outlining steps taken to insure this situation will not reoccur.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP APPROVED

The BOC approved a cooperative sponsorship in varsity football between Penn Hills School High School and Trinity Christian School. The cooperative sponsorship will begin July 1, 2007, with Penn Hills serving as the host school. The application has been forwarded to the PIAA for their formal approval.

ALIQUIPPA SPORTSMANSHIP PLAN

The BOC reviewed and accepted the Aliquippa School District administration's sportsmanship action plan. The plan was developed by the District following the 2007 PIAA basketball championship post-game behavior.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Upon the recommendation of President Rich Constantine, the BOC approved the following persons to serve on the nominating committee for the 2007-08 Board of Control election. The Nominating Committee includes:

Erv Weischedel.....Principal, Cornell HS
Kathy Charlton.....Principal, Hempfield Area HS
Bob Bozzuto.....AD, North Allegheny HS
Maynard Harvey.....Principal, Neshannock HS
Tony Mendicino.....Principal, Center HS

Erv Weischedel will serve as committee chairperson.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Upon the recommendation of President Constantine, the BOC approved the following persons to serve on the budget committee to assist in developing the 2007-08 budget:

Rich Constantine Jack Fullen
Terry Kushner Bill Suit
Jon Vallina, Chairperson

BOC ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Board Of Control election for 2007-08 were announced at the annual meeting on April 19, 2007, by Kathy Creese representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, & Co. Listed in alphabetical order, the elected members of the 2007-08 BOC are:

Enrico Antonini-Superintendent, Western Beaver SD
Dan Cardone-Athletic Director, North Hills HS
Bill Cleary-Athletic Director, Serra HS
Richard Constantine-Admin. Ass't., Uniontown Area SD
Dr. Terrence Kushner-Ass't. Sup't., Upper St Clair SD
Dr. Bart Rocco- Ass't. Sup't, West Mifflin SD
Thomas Shirey- Principal, Highlands HS
William Suit- Principal, Shaler HS
John Thomas- Superintendent, Aliquippa SD

John Vallina-Athletic Director, Burgettstown HS

BOC REORGANIZATION

Pursuant to the PIAA Constitution, the following were re-elected as WPIAL Officers by the BOC for the 2007-08 school year:

BOC Officers

President.....Richard Constantine
Vice President.....Jack Fullen
Treasurer.....Jon Vallina

PIAA BOC Representatives

District VII Chairman..... Richard Constantine
District VII Vice ChairmanJack Fullen
District VII Treasurer.....Jon Vallina
District VII Alternate.....Pam Cherubin

Girls' Athletic Representative to BOC

Linda Shultz.....Co-Athletic Director, Mapletown HS

Parent Representatives to BOC

Dan Conn.....Seneca Valley School District
Angela Lydon.....Upper St Clair School District

BOC APPOINTED MEMBERS

The following persons were appointed to two-year terms by their respective organizations. Each will be serving their first year during the 2007-08 school year.

Athletic Director's Representative-Frank Vulcano, Athletic Director, Chartiers Valley High School, was appointed by the WPIAL Athletic Directors Association.

Superintendent's Representative-Daniel Matsook was appointed by the Beaver Intermediate Unit.

SCHEDULE APPROVALS

The Board approved sectional alignments in basketball, girls' tennis, wrestling, and swimming. Each of these alignments were for the second year of the two-year classification system. The only changes made were prompted by the addition and/or deletion of teams to the program and/or a change in the PIAA calendar. Schools requesting a change in alignment will receive consideration for the 2006-08 scheduling cycle.

Basketball

Because of a conflict with Easter and the PIAA basketball finals, the PIAA opted to shorten the season by one week. As a result the WPIAL has only 9 weeks (8 weeks considering Christmas) and 17 section dates to schedule 2 play dates per week. The basketball committee and BOC defeated the concept of scheduling 3 section games per week. In Class AAAA and AA boys' and girls' sections, there were no changes in the alignment. Into AAA boys', two nine team sections were realigned into three sections of six teams each. The two seven team AAA sections remain unchanged. In AAA girls', the single

nine team section and two others were adjusted to create three section of six teams each.

Lincoln Park School for the Performing Arts is the only new school in the alignment. As a result of assigning Lincoln Park to a Class A boys' section, three of four sections were adjusted. In girls' class A, there were no changes.

Wrestling

There were no changes in the wrestling alignment for 2007-08. The alignment consists of 49 teams in Class AAA and 34 in Class AA. The Class AAA sectional and AAA Southwest Regional Tournament will be scheduled one week earlier to permit an additional week of practice prior to the PIAA individual championships.

Swimming

The only change in the swimming alignment was the addition of Springdale to the girls' alignment. The boys' alignment includes 70 teams 30-AAA and 40-AA). The girls' alignment consists of 72 teams (30-AAA and 42-AA)...Springdale and Freeport only have a girls' team.

Gymnastics

There were no changes in the gymnastics alignment. Eight teams will compete in a single classification system.

Rifle

One school, Hempfield, was added to the rifle alignment. Twelve teams will compete in two sections of six each.

NOTE-ALL 2007-08 ALIGNMENTS AND SECTION SCHEDULES ARE POSTED ON THE WPIAL WEB SITE. USE THE "SCHEDULE" LINK TO ACCESS.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS

Sportsmanship Award application materials will be posted on the home page of the WPIAL website by May 25, 2007. Member school principals or athletic directors are encouraged to make application for the 2007-08 sportsmanship awards. The deadline for submission of Sportsmanship Award applications has been set as September.

WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

Member school principals submitted 65 male and 65 female applications for the 2006-07 scholar-athlete awards. After an intensive review of each application, the Scholarship Committee selected two male and two female winners. A one-time \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to each of the winners during the first year of study at the college of his/her choice. The four scholar athletes will be honored at a luncheon with their parents, principal, and athletic director at the Embassy Suites on May 21, 2007. In addition to the scholarship, each student will be presented an attractive plaque as a permanent token of his/her selection. In the event that the student athlete is unable to accept the stipend, the

scholarship will be deposited in the WPIAL Scholarship Trust Fund in memory of the student awardee.

The committee also selected 16 scholar athlete finalists each of whom will receive a one-time stipend of \$500 and an attractive shadow box plaque emblematic of his/her selection as a WPIAL Scholar Athlete Finalist.

In addition, each student from a member school who submitted an application will receive an attractive certificate symbolizing each as the WPIAL Scholar Athlete for their school.

Scholar Athletes

Paul Fleiner.....Montour
Lucas Zarczyny.....Avonworth
Kara Hochavar.....Ambridge
Megan O'Keefe.....Seton LaSalle

Scholar Athlete Finalists

Joseph Cangilla.....Hampton
Michael Coleman.....Apollo Ridge
Andrew Devlin.....Mt Lebanon
Molly Evans.....Butler
Sideris Facaros.....Riverview
Lukas Johnson.....Rochester
Kelly Langhans.....North Allegheny
Richard Latuska.....Vincentian
Luke Miller.....Indiana
Christine Ostrowski.....Riverview
Kristen Prazenica.....Freeport
Rachel Roddy.....Greensburg Salem
James Redshaw.....Norwin
Stephanie Strauss.....Penn Hills
Tori Tomiczek.....Upper St Clair
Anna Yoney.....Norwin

Scholar Athlete School Awardees

Students from the following listed schools will receive a certificate as their school's scholar athlete: Ambridge, Apollo Ridge, Avonworth, Beaver, Belle Vernon, Bentworth, Bethel Park, Beth Center, Bishop Canevin, Blackhawk, Burgettstown, Burrell, Butler, Center, Chartiers Houston, Chartiers Valley, Deer Lakes, Derry, Franklin Regional, Elizabeth Forward, Ellis School, Fort Cherry, Freeport, Ford City, Greater Latrobe, Greensburg CC, Greensburg Salem, Hampton, Hempfield, Highlands, Hopewell, Indiana, Jefferson Morgan, Kiski Area, Keystone Oaks, Leechburg, Mars, McGuffey, Monaca, Monessen, Montour, Mt. Lebanon, New Brighton, North Allegheny, Norwin, Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Penn Hills, Pine Richland, Plum, Quaker Valley, Ringgold, Riverside, Riverview, Rochester, Seneca Valley, Serra Catholic, Seton LaSalle, Shaler, South Fayette, Springdale, St. Joseph, Thomas Jefferson, Uniontown, Upper St. Clair, Vincentian, West Allegheny, West Greene, Western Beaver, West Shamokin, Winchester Thurston, Woodland Hills, and Yough.

WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE HISTORY

The WPIAL Scholar Athlete Program was initiated in 1992 with two (2) students receiving \$5,000 scholarships. The program was expanded in 1997 with four (4) students receiving \$5,000 scholarships. In 1999, along with the four (4) \$5,000 scholarships, the Board opted to give \$500 stipends to the 16 finalists.

Including the Class of 2007, fifty-four scholar athletes represent 43 different member schools. Four schools, Connellsville, Waynesburg, Montour, and Baldwin each have had three students selected, and three (3) schools, Ringgold, Kittanning, and Woodland Hills each have had two students selected. Another 144 students have received \$500 stipends as scholar-athlete finalists. Since its inception in 1992, the WPIAL has awarded \$370,000 to 198 different students from member schools.

WPIAL REVENUE SHARING 2006-07

The WPIAL revenue sharing program for 2006-07 resulted in \$374,666.27 being returned to member schools participating in the football, soccer, basketball, and wrestling tournaments. Using the League's revenue share ratio of 50% for schools and 50% for the League. This represents a 26% increase over the 2005-06 revenue share program.

Revenue share paid by sport includes: football (\$221,585.43), basketball (\$119,037.49), soccer (\$29,506.10), and wrestling (\$4,107.16). Eight schools received revenue share checks in excess of \$10,000. These include: Upper St Clair (\$19,013.36), Jeannette (\$16,820.62), Greensburg Central Catholic (\$15,637.50), Thomas Jefferson (\$14,730.09), Blackhawk (\$13,824.22), Penn Hills (\$13,277.43), Ford City (\$13,128.84) and Central Catholic (\$12,439.71).

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League is in the process of finalizing plans for the WPIAL Hall of Fame inaugural banquet and induction ceremony. The ceremony will take place on Friday, June 22, 2007 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Cherrington Parkway, Moon Twp., PA.

Tickets must be purchased before June 8, 2007. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets may be purchased using the reservation form which can be downloaded from the WPIAL website (www.wpial.com). Tickets are \$40.00 per person and must be purchased in advance. Accommodations can be made for tables of ten persons.

To be inducted in the inaugural class include the following by category: Athletes – Jennifer Flynn-Oldenburg, Bill Fralic, Dick Hoak, Cary Kolat, Suzie McConnell-Serio, Arnold Palmer, and Sean Shapert;

Coaches – Walter (Pete) Antimarino, Pat Campbell, Don Graham, and Dave Nichol; Contest Officials – Norm Crawford, and Jim Horner; Contributor – Charles Heberling; Teams – 1987 North Hills High School Football, and Bethel Park 1996 Swimming/Diving.

If you need additional information, please call the WPIAL Office at 412-921-7181.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS

Sportsmanship Award application materials will be e-mailed to all athletic directors by June 1, 2005. Any member school principal or athletic director who did not receive the materials should contact the League Office. The materials will be mailed to you. The deadline for submission of Sportsmanship Award applications has been extended to August 26, 2005.

WINTER SPORTS HOST SITES AND SITE MANAGERS

The WPIAL is very dependent on member school facilities for League tournament activities. The League is appreciative of the support and cooperation of the Board of Directors/administration of the following member schools who provided their facilities for the 2007 winter sport championship events. A special thanks to those persons serving as site managers.

Basketball

Aliquippa-Mike Zmijanac
Ambridge-Randy Cosgrove
Belle Vernon-Jesse Cramer
Butler-Curt Phillips
Canon McMillan-Guy Montecalvo
Chartiers Valley-Frank Vulcano
Fox Chapel-Mike O'Brien
Gateway High School-Terry Smith
Highlands-Bill Heasley
Keystone Oaks-Ken Hustava
New Castle-Sam Flora
North Allegheny-Bob Bozzuto
North Gate-Richard Hurley
North Hills-Dan Cardone
Norwin-Randy Rovesti
Penn Trafford-Chuck Fontana
Plum-Bob Alpino
Ringgold -Steve Campos
South Fayette-Joe Farkas
South Park-Bill DaBaldo
Southmoreland-Dennis Zieger
Steel Valley-Shawn McCallister
Thomas Jefferson-Bill Cherpak
Trinity-Ed Dalton
Valley-Frank Campbell
West Allegheny-Dave McBain
Woodland Hills-George Novak
Yough-Tom Evans

Gymnastics

Moon Middle School-Zach Kessler

Wrestling

Burrell -Bob Sellari
Charleroi -Bill Wiltz
Chartiers Houston -Kurt Kesneck
Chartiers Valley-Frank Vulcano
Connellsville -Jim Lembo
Derry Area -Rod Bisi
Gateway -Terry Smith
Fox Chapel -Mike O'Brien
Hempfield -Greg Meisner
Highlands -Bill Heasley
McGuffey -Michael Malesic
Mt Pleasant-Ron Firment
Norwin -Randy Rovesti
Penn Trafford-Chuck Fontana
Trinity -Ed Dalton
Shady Side Academy -Gene Deal
Trinity -Ed Dalton
Waynesburg -Bob Stephenson
West Greene -Bill Simms

SPORTS REPORT

WPIAL WINTER SPORTS CHAMPIONS 2007 TEAM CHAMPIONS

• **Boys Basketball**

Class A Leechburg
Class AA Aliquippa
Class AAA West Allegheny
Class AAAA Bethel Park

• **Girls Basketball**

Class A North Catholic
Class AA Greensburg CC
Class AAA Hopewell
Class AAAA New Castle

• **Wrestling**

Class AA Burrell
Class AAA Hempfield

• **Boys' Swimming**

Class AA Shady Side Academy
Class AAA North Allegheny

• **Girls' Swimming**

Class AA Oakland Catholic
Class AAA Bethel Park

• **Girls Gymnastics**

North Allegheny

• **Rifle**

Mt Lebanon

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