

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2005
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by DIAA Vice Chairperson Ted Williams. Mr. Williams recognized two new Board members, Debbie Corrado and John Oliver.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Ted Williams, Dr. Robert Andrzejewski, Phyllis Kohel, Kathleen Wilbur, Debbie Corrado, Joan Samonisky, John Oliver, Dr. Garrett Lyons, Dr. Lewis Atkinson, Robert Reed, Zane Robinson, Ed Kee, and Dr. Jeffrey Hawtof. Jack Holloway, Executive Director, and Mary Cooke, Deputy Attorney General, were also in attendance. Mark Holodick, Gerald Allen, Dianne Sole, Michael Wagner, and Sister Ann Michele were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Williams stated that Item III. H. Application from Newark Charter Middle School Membership was being added to the agenda. Ms. Samonisky made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kee and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of the June 9, 2005 Board of Directors' Meeting

Mr. Williams commented that the executive session minutes for the NDBO request were revised. Dr. Robert Andrzejewski made a motion to accept the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

A. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.7.1.2 – Delmarva Christian HS for J.G.

Mr. Williams advised the representatives for this request of the shortage of Board members at this meeting and gave them the option to defer this request to the August meeting. Jeff Mohr, athletic director for Delmarva Christian HS, Jo Ellen Gay, Jesse's mother, and Jesse Gay were in attendance to present this request. Ms. Gay requested an open hearing. Mr. Mohr explained that at the time Jesse applied to attend

Delmarva Christian HS it was agreed that he would repeat his junior year due to hardship imposed by an injury at his previous school. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to go into deliberation at 9:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to come out of deliberation at 9:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously. Mr. Mohr then explained the application process. Mr. Holloway explained that the Board was trying to determine whether or not Jesse's leg injury prohibited him from playing. The consensus of the Board was that they needed more documentation. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to table this request until the August meeting for testimony from the principal as it relates to the academic issue of repeating the eleventh grade and to allow the family to provide more medical information for participation in the spring sports season. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

B. DIAA Board Decision on State Board Ruling on Appeal of D.A.

Ms. Cooke commented that the State Board agreed with the hearing officer's decision to overturn this Board's decision in the D.A. matter. Ms. Cooke commented that she was asking the Board if they wanted to appeal this matter. Mr. Kee made a motion to not appeal the State Board's decision. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

Mr. Williams presented Mr. Holloway with a plaque for his performance as Executive Director from 2002 - 2005.

H. Request by Newark Charter Middle School for 2005-06 DIAA Membership

Timothy Reighart, PE Teacher and Athletic Director, was in attendance to present this request. Mr. Reighart explained that the Newark Charter Middle School has been in operation for the past four years. Mr. Reighart commented that the school has had intramural sports but that they are ready to move to the interscholastic level. Mr. Holloway commented that he was recommending allowing other middle schools to schedule one game beyond the limit if the game is with the Newark Charter Middle School to allow them to develop a schedule for this year. Mr. Reighart commented that they would be offering volleyball, basketball, soccer, cross country, flag football, softball, and lacrosse. Dr. Hawtof made a motion accept the request for membership and to allow other middle schools to schedule one additional game if that game is to participate against the Newark Charter Middle School. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

C. Confirmation of the Screening Committee's Nomination for Executive Director

Dr. Atkinson reviewed the interview process for the position of Executive Director and stated that the Committee consisted of Mr. Robinson, Mr. Kee, Mr. Allen, Mr. Holodick, and himself. Dr. Atkinson commented that 13 applicants were screened and the Committee interviewed four. Dr. Robert Andrzejewski made a motion to go into executive session based upon 29 Del Code Section 10004 B9 which is an exception to

the public meetings law for the discussion of personnel matters in which names, competencies, and abilities will be discussed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. Mr. Kee made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. Dr. Atkinson stated that after interviewing the four candidates the selection committee was recommending Kevin Charles for the position as Executive Director because Mr. Charles has a wide range of experience in high school athletics. Dr. Atkinson stated that Mr. Charles has served high school athletics as an official, an assignor, as a rules interpreter, as well as serving on and chairing tournament committees. Dr. Atkinson further stated that during the past year Mr. Charles has served as the Coordinator of Officials for DIAA and has worked with all of DIAA tournament committees and officials associations. Dr. Atkinson commented that the committee felt with this experience Mr. Charles understands the high school athlete, the workings of the tournaments and committees, and he understands the problems and issues of this Board. Mr. Kee made a motion to recommend to the Secretary of Education that the next DIAA Executive Director be Kevin Charles. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously.

I. F. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Holloway commented that this month's budget was the final budget of the year. Mr. Holloway explained that we finished the year with a surplus. Mr. Holloway then reviewed the financial report.

III. D. Adoption of the 2005-06 Budget

Mr. Holloway reviewed the proposed budget with Board members. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2005-06 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Holloway commented that he received seven requests for sanction of tournaments and commented that they were all in line and would recommend that the Board sanction them. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to sanction the tournaments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

F. Confirmation of Co-Chairs for the Football Committee

Mr. Holloway informed the Board that Football Committee Chairperson, Tubby Dobrowalski resigned and was proposing co-chairs for one year. Mr. Holloway commented that Bill Legge was nominated to be chair of this committee but since he is new to the committee he was asking for a co-chair. Mr. Holloway commented that Dr. Robinson has agreed to co-chair this committee with Mr. Legge. Mr. Reed made a

motion to approve Mr. Legge and Dr. Robinson as co-chairs of the Football Committee for one year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously.

G. Confirmation of the New Position for DIAA Effective 1 July

Mr. Holloway explained that this position was confirmed by the legislature. Mr. Holloway commented that the interview process will need to be set up and would like to have the position filled by October. Ms. Samonisky made a motion to approve the new position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

IV. A. Report on NFHS Summer Meetings

Mr. Holloway commented that he and Mr. Charles recently attended the Summer Meeting which he explained was very informative.

B. Annual Sportsmanship Award Entries

Mr. Holloway commented that this year he receive five applications for this award. Mr. Holloway stated that the winners of the Sportsmanship Award were McKean High School, Newark High School, and William Penn High School.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kee and carried unanimously.

Tina Hurley

Executive Session

III.C. – Confirmation of the Screening Committee's Nomination for Executive Director

Dr. Robert Andrzejewski made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 10004 (b) (9). The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. While in executive session, the Board discussed personnel matters regarding the nominations for the Executive Director position. Mr. Kee made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

Tina Hurley