

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 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 Chairperson Mark Holodick.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holodick stated that Item III. H. Consideration of Field Hockey Overtime Rules Modification and Item IV. D. Newark Charter School were being added to the agenda. Mr. Holodick stated that Item III C. was being removed from the agenda. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2005 Board of Directors' Meeting

Mr. Reed made a motion to accept the July 14, 2005 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

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

Mr. Holodick commented that since he was not present during the first presentation of this hearing last month he would have Mr. Williams run this part of the meeting. Jeff Mohr, the athletic director for Delmarva Christian HS, Scott Kemerling, principal for Delmarva Christian HS, JoEllen Gay, Jesse's mother, and Jesse Gay were in attendance to present this request. Mr. Williams reminded the Board that this request was tabled at the July meeting after the Board had requested additional information. After Mrs. Gay and Mr. Kemerling presented the requested information Mr. Holodick made a motion to go into deliberation at 9:25 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously. Ms. Samonisky made a motion to come out of

deliberation at 9:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously. Mr. Kee made a motion to approve the request based on medical reasons listed in the documentation which kept him from participating in sports. The motion is for the winter and spring sports season for the 2005-06 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried by a vote of 11- yes ( Holodick, Williams, Allen, Corrado, Samonisky, Oliver, Sole, Sister Ann Michele, Reed, Kee, and Hawtof) 2 – no (Wilbur and Robinson).

B. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.6.1 – Sussex Central for C.B.

Mr. Charles explained that this request was made due to a hardship and is supported by the principal. Mr. Charles stated that this student was homebound during the whole 2004-05 school year due to an illness. Mr. Charles stated that the student did take and did pass all four credits but explained that a fifth credit was not available to take at home and the Indian River School District prohibits a student from taking a summer school course unless the course was taken and the student did not pass it. Mr. Williams made a motion to grand the request based on the medical conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kohel and carried unanimously.

C. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.7.1.2 – A. I. duPont HS for E.T.

This request was withdrawn.

D. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.7.1.2 – Dickinson HS for J.F.

Paul Lasorsa, assistant principal of Dickinson High School and Jesse Fabian were in attendance to present this request. Mr. Lasorsa requested an open hearing. Mr. Charles commented that this request was due to a medical hardship which caused Jesse to repeat the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Charles also commented that he had spoken with the student's mother regarding the request. Mr. Lasorsa gave a brief history on Jesse's past. Mr. Williams made a motion to go into deliberation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to come out of deliberation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kee and carried unanimously. Mr. Allen made a motion to deny the request based on information that moving did not cause a hardship. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried on a vote of 13 – yes ( Holodick, Allen, Kohel, Wilbur, Corrado, Samonisky, Oliver, Sole, Sister Ann Michele, Reed, Robinson, Kee, and Hawtof) and 1 – no – Williams.

The Board recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

E. Consideration of NDBO Conditions

Mr. Charles reminded the Board that they approved this request at the June 2005 meeting with two conditions. Mr. Charles explained that one of the conditions was to revise Bylaw 6 and the second was to have their members verify with signatures that they are members of NDBO. The consensus of the Board was that NDBO met the

condition placed on them at the June meeting. Some Board members commented that a sub-committee be created to look at the regulation regarding officials associations becoming recognized by DIAA. Mr. Williams made a motion that NDBO has met the conditions that was placed upon them at the June meeting and that they are now a recognized officials association of DIAA. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

#### F. Consideration of Wrestling Committee Chairperson

Mr. Charles explained that with his new current position he could not continue to serve as the chair of the Wrestling Committee. He commented that the committee recommended Jerry Lamey who has served as a coach at both the middle school and high school levels, associate principal, and also as an athletic director and brings a lot of experience to this position. Mr. Allen made a motion to accept the recommendation by the Wrestling Committee for Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously.

#### G. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Holodick commented that two events had been added to the list that the members received in their packet. Mr. Charles commented that all events looked to be in order and would recommend sanctioning. Ms. Kohel made a motion to approve the events as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

#### H. Consideration of Field Hockey Overtime Rules Modification

Mr. Charles explained that he received a request by the Field Hockey Committee to amend the tie-breaking procedure using overtime. Mr. Charles stated that this is a National Federation rules modification which state associations can adopt. Ms. Samonisky gave a brief back round on this rule. Ms. Samonisky explained that the Committee was requesting that if a player be awarded a yellow card during regulation play that the time served be carried over and the team would play short a player for the remainder of the penalty time. Ms. Samonisky commented that they are also requesting that if a player is ejected from the game during regulation time that ejection be carried over through the entire overtime period. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve the request as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

### IV. Executive Director Report

#### A. Update on Vacant Position for Coordinator of Officials

Mr. Charles commented on the status of the Coordinator of Officials position by stating that they have received 13 applications and will be reviewing those soon. Dr. Atkinson commented that the same procedure that was used with the

Executive Director position will be followed. Dr. Sole, Mr. Reed, Dr. Atkinson, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Charles all agreed to serve on the interviewing committee.

B. Student Leadership Conference

Mr. Charles commented that there were 32 students who attended this conference and stated that it was a good experience and that the adult leaders did a great job. Mr. Charles also thanked Dr. Hawtof for his presentation at the conference.

C. New Athletic Director Workshop

Mr. Charles commented that this was the largest turnout with 16 attendees.

D. Newark Charter Middle School

Mr. Charles commented on an email he received from the School Director of Newark Charter that he was not aware that his school recently became a member of DIAA. Mr. Charles spoke to him and stated that the School Director will contact him if he does not want to be a member of DIAA.

I. E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Charles reviewed the report with Board members and commented that the account balances. Mr. Charles also commented on the sponsorship money we received from Nike.

V. Presentation and Discussion

None

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Kee made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously.

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Tina Hurley