

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2006
Collette Building

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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, Sister Ann Michele, Joan Samonisky, Dr. Dianne Sole, Dr. Garrett Lyons, Robert Reed, Ed Kee, Dr. Jeffrey Hawtof, Dr. Lewis Atkinson. Kevin Charles; Executive Director, and Paula Fontello; Deputy Attorney General, were also in attendance. Dr. Robert Andrzejewski, Michael Wagner, John Oliver, and Debbie Corrado were unable to attend.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Zane Robinson.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holodick commented that Item III. C. was being removed from the agenda **at the request of the school**. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of the March 9, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting

Ms. Kohel made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Charles reviewed the financial report and explained the increase in March's income by stating that it was largely due to boys and girls basketball, swimming and diving, and the weight management program. Mr. Charles explained that we were still waiting for the invoice from the University of Delaware for the basketball tournaments. Mr. Reed made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kee and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

A. Request for waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.7.1 – McKean HS for W. M.

Mr. Charles explained that this was a request for a fifth year of eligibility based on hardship, Regulation 1009.2.7.1. Bob Massafieri, athletic director at McKean High School; **student's mother**, and student were in attendance to present this request. **Student's mother** request this **waiver** be held in closed session. Ms. Kohel made a motion to go into executive session under the protection of privacy of pupil files as an exception to the FOIA open meeting provision for the sole purpose of hearing testimony in students appeal. The motion was seconded by Sister Ann Michele and carried unanimously. Mr. Kee made a motion to go into deliberation at 9:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. Dr. Hawtof made a motion **to come out of deliberation**. The motion was seconded by Dr. Atkinson and carried unanimously. Mr. Kee made a motion to come **out of executive session**. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. Ms. Kohel made a motion to accept the request for a fifth year of eligibility 1009.2.7.1 based on hardship and recommends that the student pays attention to the number of absences he has. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kee and carried unanimously.

V. Presentation and Discussion

B. Co-Mingling of Cab Calloway and Wilmington Charter Students for Athletics – Dawn Olmstead

Dawn Olmstead a retired teacher from New Castle County was present to request that Cab Calloway and the Wilmington Charter School no longer be considered as one entity and that they compete as their own separate school. Ms. Olmstead feels that the two schools should be treated as two separate entities and should not be allowed to continue to compete in sports as one school. Mr. Charles gave a brief history on why the schools came together. Mr. Williams recommended that this issue be referred to the executive director to do some investigative work and have some discussions with the school district involved and bring back to another meeting.

III. Action Items

G. Request for Membership by Moyer Academy 2006-07

Mr. Arthur L. Ames, athletic development coordinator, was in attendance to present this request. Mr. Charles explained that he received a letter from Mr. Ames requesting membership for the Maurice J. Moyer Academy which is a public charter school located in Wilmington. Mr. Ames commented that the school will be offering grades 6th, 7th, and 9th the first year. Mr. Ames stated that the school will offer football, volleyball, cheerleading, basketball, swimming, track and field, baseball, and softball. Mr. Ames also reviewed the facilities they would be using. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the request for membership. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously.

H. Request for Membership by Pencader Charter HS 2006-07

Mr. Dave Jones, school leader for Pencader Charter, was in attendance to present this request. Mr. Charles commented that this was going to be a high school with grades 9th through 12th and approximately 350 students. Mr. Jones stated that they are located in New Castle. Mr. Jones commented that they will be offering football, swimming, soccer, baseball, and field hockey. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the membership. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and carried unanimously.

D. Sanction of Tournaments

Mr. Charles explained that there were mostly track events that needed to be sanctioned with one request for baseball. Ms. Wilbur made a motion to approve the events for sanction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kee and carried unanimously.

E. Consideration of Curtis Bedford as Baseball Committee Chair effective 2006-07

Mr. Charles explained that Mel Gardner informed him that he would be retiring as chairman of the baseball committee and was recommending Curtis Bedford to take his place as chair. Mr. Charles commented that Mr. Bedford has been a baseball coach for 13 years and is now working at Christiana High School in administration. Mr. Williams commented that he has known the Bedford family and feels he would be a good candidate. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve Curtis Bedford as the chairman for the Baseball Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

F. Request by DISC Schools as Associate Members 2006-07

Mr. Charles explained that this was an annual request made by the DISC Schools for associate membership according to Regulation 1006.2.2. Mr. Charles commented that this request was consistent with application in previous years. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to accept the request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lyons and carried unanimously.

I. Request for approval of 2006 Blue-White Girls Soccer All-Star Game

Mr. Charles commented that this was a request to host an all-star game on June 8, 2006 and the proceeds will go to Child, Inc. which is an organization that benefits abused and neglected children. Mr. Charles stated that they have checked the prom and graduation schedules and do not see any conflicts. Ms. Kohel made a motion to accept the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and carried unanimously.

J. Appointment of a Nominating Committee for May's Officer Election

Mr. Charles commented that the Board needs to put together a Nominating Committee for the position of Chair and Vice Chair for the DIAA Board of Directors. Mr. Williams commented that the chair for this committee last year was Dr. Lyons. Mr. Williams made a motion to nominate Dr. Lyons to chair the Nominating Committee and act with the executive director. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kohel and carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Winter Sports Tournament Update

Mr. Charles explained that he does not have the final invoice from the University of Delaware and is still missing some pre-sale reports and would like to table this item until the next meeting.

B. All-State Teams Selection

Mr. Charles commented that in the past the Board has questioned how all-state teams are selected. Mr. Charles stated that Ben Sirman has been researching each sport to find out how it is done and that he has a summary of how the selection is done in some sports. Some Board members felt that DIAA should not be involved in regulating this. Mr. Charles commented that he will find out what other states do.

C. Padua Protest of DQ of Indoor Track 4 X 800 Relay Team

Mr. Charles reviewed a protest at the Indoor Track meet. Mr. Charles reviewed the procedures and stated that the protest was denied and this did not change the outcome.

D. Letter from Dr. Robert J. Andrzejewski

Mr. Charles commented that he received a letter from Dr. Andrzejewski stating that he was retiring from the DIAA Board due to other pressing commitments.

E. Status of Proposed Changes to DIAA Regulations

Mr. Charles commented that the changes to the Regulations were approved by the State Board of Education **for publication** and published in the Registrar of Regulations for public comment.

V. Presentation and Discussion

A. Winter Sports Sportsmanship Report – Tommie Neubauer

Mr. Neubauer reviewed the Winter Sports Sportsmanship Report and commented that there were 13 positive reports.

VI. Other

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Adjournment

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

Tina Hurley