

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

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by DIAA Chairperson Mark Holodick. Mr. Holodick recognized new Board member Catherine Marvel and also recognized Board member Ed Kee whose term on the Board has expired.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holodick commented that there were two additional sanction events to add to the list. Ms. Samonisky made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corrado and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Charles reviewed the financial report and commented that the income for June was due largely from ticket sales for the spring tournaments along with program sales and entry fees. Mr. Charles then commented briefly on the June expenses. Ms. Wilbur made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

A. Request for waiver of 14 DE Admin code 1009.2.7 for B.M.

Ray Gravuer; assistant principal at Dickinson High School, Lisa and Tim Mullins; parents of Brandon Mullins, and Brandon Mullins were in attendance to present this request. Mrs. Mullins requested an open hearing. Ms. Fontello explained that there are 17 voting members of which only 12 members were present at this meeting and they would need 10 affirmative votes to pass this request. Mr. & Mrs. Mullins confirmed that they understood and stated they wanted to proceed with the waiver hearing continued. Mr. Holodick reviewed the packet of material that was supplied. Mr. Gravuer explained that he was a new administrator at Dickinson High School and just became familiar with this case. Mr. Gravuer stated that based on the information he received the parents have provided support with tutors for their child during his academic history.

Ms. Mullins explained that Brandon has always had difficulty academically but has never had a behavioral problem. Ms. Mullins commented that after Brandon continued to struggle academically despite the use of tutors she had him evaluated. In 2004 Brandon was diagnosed with ADD.

Mr. Gravuer commented that during Brandon's sophomore year he was evaluated and was found to be at a 7th grade reading level and a 5th grade vocabulary level. Mr. Gravuer further commented that because Brandon did not have a behavioral problem it was easy for him to slip through the cracks. Mr. Gravuer commented that the student was doing well at John Dickinson High School and felt that sports was now a motivator in keeping Brandon's grades up. Mr. Gravuer also commented that Brandon never had a full four years of participation because of his academic issues.

Ms. Mullins explained that it took a year during the 2004-05 school year to get Brandon's medication right. Ms. Mullins commented that once the medication was right Brandon was transferred to John Dickinson High School. Ms. Mullins stated that she informed the teachers at Dickinson High School of Brandon's ADD and that the school worked closely with the family. Ms. Mullins commented that Brandon passed all his classes at St. Mark's in 2004-05 but had to repeat the 11th grade when he transferred to John Dickinson High School because Brandon had to obtain career pathway credits in order to graduate from the public school system.

Mr. Wagner made a motion to go into deliberation at 10:40 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lyons and carried unanimously. While in deliberation the waiver request for Brandon Mullins was discussed. Mr. Allen made a motion to come out of deliberation at 11:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corrado and carried unanimously.

Dr. Hawtof made a motion to conditionally grant the waiver request for the winter and spring season on the condition that Brandon maintains a full course load including English, Math and all requirements for graduation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously.

B. FY 07 DIAA Budget

Mr. Charles reviewed the proposed budget for the 2006-07 school-year. Mr. Charles commented that he was proposing that there be a charge to attend the cross country state meet. Mr. Charles explained that the charge would be per car and not per individual. Mr. Charles explained that there would also be an increase in ticket price for the final round of the volleyball tournament because it is held at the University of Delaware. Mr. Charles stated that there would also be ticket price increases in boys and girls basketball for the rounds held at the Bob Carpenter Center. Mr. Charles also commented that there would be an increase in the entry fee for tennis. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corrado and carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Charles explained that all sanctions were routine and in order. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve the sanction events. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Chair for the Outdoor Track Committee

Mr. Charles explained that Steve Lantz stepped down as chair person for the outdoor track committee and that Mr. Lantz was suggesting Kevin Kelly be approved to replace him. Mr. Charles gave a brief background on Mr. Kelly. Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oliver and carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. School Year 2005-06 Tournament Profit Report

Mr. Charles reviewed the tournament profit report and commented that the report contained a comparison of income and expense and net profit or loss by sport for the last four years.

B. Report on NFHS Summer Meeting

Postponed till the August meeting.

V. Other

VI. Public Comment

VII. Adjournment

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

Tina Hurley