

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 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, Kathleen Wilbur, Debbie Corrado, Phyllis Kohel, Catherine Marvel, Dr. Michael Owens, Michael Wagner, Sister Ann Michele, Dr. Dianne Sole, Joan Samonisky, Dr. Jeffery Hawtof, and Robert Reed. Kevin Charles; Executive Director, and Mary Cooke; Deputy Attorney General, were also in attendance. John Oliver and Dr. Garrett Lyons were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holodick commented that Items III. A. and D. were being removed from the agenda. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of the October 12, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting

Ms. Samonisky made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Charles reviewed the financial report and reviewed both the income and expenses for the month of October. Ms. Kohel made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sole and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Action Items

E. Request for Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Charles commented that the 17 requests for sanction have all meet the normal review process and recommends sanctioning. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve the requests for sanction. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corrado and carried unanimously.

#### F. Consideration of DIAA Swim Committee Dive Proposal

Mr. Charles explained that there are very few facilities available for divers to compete which makes it difficult for divers to getting in enough events for the year. Mr. Charles further explained that this Board had approved in the past a rule that allows teams to pre-dive at another site. However, there is still difficulty getting the sufficient number of dives in to qualify for states. Mr. Charles commented that the Swimming and Diving Committee was proposing a rule which would allow the divers to dive unattached, be scored and then that score could be used to enter into the state event. Mr. Charles stated that this proposal was approved by the State Swimming and Diving Committee and the coaches were in favor of this as well as the Blue Hen Conference athletic directors. Mr. Charles stated that this would not increase the fees for officials. Some discussion ensued regarding the fact that all athletic directors should be in favor of this proposal and that the officials should also be in favor of this. A Board member commented that schools with diving facilities should also be consulted and be in favor of the proposal. Mr. Williams made a motion to table this request until some of the Boards questions were answered and also a chance for all the athletic directors and the officials to have a chance to comment on this proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

#### G. Consideration of Request for membership by the Pilot School

Mr. Charles explained that he was contacted by Thomas Leamy, head of Physical Education of the Pilot School, who stated that they were interested in becoming an associate member of DIAA. Mr. Charles stated that it is a small middle school and that they were interested in participating in are boy's and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' basketball, and boys' lacrosse. Mr. Charles commented that the Pilot School has the facilities to support an athletic program. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to grant the school membership and to have the Executive Director check to see if full membership would fit them better but if not associate membership will be fine. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sole and carried unanimously.

#### B. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.7 for P.G.

Kim Huggins, athletic director at Christiana High School, and student were in attendance to present this request. Ms. Cooke, the Deputy Attorney General, explained to the student that there are 17 voting members of which only 13 members were present at this meeting and they would need 10 affirmative votes to pass this request. The student confirmed that they understood and wished to proceed and the hearing continued. The student requested a closed hearing. Mr. Williams made a motion to go into executive session because the student requested a closed hearing as an exception to the freedom of information act for protection of privacy of pupil files. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. While in executive session the request for student was discussed. Ms. Kohel made a motion to go into deliberation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

Mr. Reed made a motion to come out of deliberation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. Mr. Reed 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 based on circumstances beyond the students control. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sole and carried unanimously.

C. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.7 for E.D.

Kim Huggins, athletic director at Christiana High School, Nate Mariano, head boys' basketball coach at Christiana High School, and student were in attendance to present this request. Ms. Cooke, the Deputy Attorney General, explained to the student that there are 17 voting members of which only 13 members were present at this meeting and they would need 10 affirmative votes to pass this request. The student requested a closed hearing. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to go into executive session because the student requested a closed hearing as an exception to the freedom of information act for protection of privacy of pupil files. While in executive session the request for student was discussed. Mr. Williams made a motion to go into deliberation. The motion was seconded by Sister Ann Michele and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to come out of deliberation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marvel and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to come out of executive session for the purpose of making a motion on this waiver request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the waiver request for a hardship during the 2002-03 school-year due to an accident that was out of the control of the student and school. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and failed on a vote of 7 – no – (Holodick, Allen, Wilbur, Corrado, Sole, Wagner, Hawtof) and 6 yes – (Williams, Kohel, Samonisky, Marvel, Sister Ann Michele, and Reed).

III. H. Request to Approve Blue-White Senior Boys' All-Star Games

Mr. Charles commented that this was an annual request. Mr. Charles stated that the game will be played on November 21, 2006 at Wesley College. Mr. Charles also stated that the proceeds from the game will benefit the teens and their families served by CHILD, Inc. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve this request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

I. Approval for Thomas Neubauer to attend NIAAA Meeting.

Mr. Charles explained that the NIAAA National convention is a meeting of athletic directors nationwide. Mr. Charles stated that there is a lot of information that comes out of this meeting that compliments DIAA. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to accept this request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report

None.

V. Public Comment

Considerable discussion ensued between Board members regarding the lack of information received with the waiver requests that are received from the schools and what could be done to have better information included in those packets.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

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Tina Hurley