

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.  
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, John Oliver, Dr. Garrett Lyons, Joan Samonisky, Dr. Jeffery Hawtof, and Robert Reed. Kevin Charles; Executive Director, and Mary Cooke; Deputy Attorney General, were also in attendance.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Tommie Neubauer's father.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holodick commented that Item IV. D. was being added to 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 November 9, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting and the November 17, 2006 Special Board Meeting

Ms. Kohel made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2006 Board of Directors' Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oliver and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2006 Special Board Meeting with the corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Charles reviewed the financial report and reviewed both the income and expenses for the month of November. Mr. Charles also reviewed the corporate contract income that we have received. Dr. Hawtof 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

#### D. Consideration of DIAA Swim Committee Proposal

Mr. Hart was in attendance to present this request. Mr. Hart explained that the proposal is something that has been being done for a few years and that the only real change to the proposal was that it would allow divers to, with the permission of the athletic directors at each school, come in and dive as an exhibition which will give the diver another opportunity to dive. Mr. Hart commented that this was approved by the Swim Committee and Coaches Association. After some discussion Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wagner and carried unanimously.

#### E. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Charles commented that there were 55 events to be sanctioned and that they have all gone through the normal review process. Ms. Kohel made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and carried unanimously.

#### F. Approval for Thomas Neubauer to Attend Arbiter Training

Mr. Charles explained that this was an opportunity offered to DIAA by Arbiter which is the software company that we purchase assigning software for our officials' organizations. Mr. Charles explained that Arbiter has new technology that they would like us to learn more about and are paying for DIAA to send someone to the training. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to approve this request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corrado and carried unanimously.

#### G. Approval for Kevin Charles to Attend NFHS Winter Meeting

Mr. Charles explained that this is the annual meeting for the Executive Directors of the 51 NFHS State Associations. Mr. Charles commented that he has opted to drive to the meeting instead of flying. Mr. Charles stated that this is in the budget. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kohel and carried unanimously.

#### H. Approval of Senior All-Star Volleyball Match

Mr. Charles commented that this match has already occurred but that everything was inline with DIAA rules. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve this match. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corrado and carried unanimously.

#### I. Approval of Senior All-Star Field Hockey Game

Mr. Williams made motion to approve this game since it has already taken place. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

J. Consideration of Request by Diamond State Conference for Automatic Bid

Mr. Charles explained that the Diamond State Conference has gone through some changes and are trying to become more structured as a conference. Mr. Charles stated that their proposal is a standard formula for determining automatic qualifiers in all sports. Mr. Charles commented that in the past the committees operate independently and determine, based on the strength of their teams, where they are going to spread the automatic berth to. Mr. Charles commented that there is a lack of uniformity from committee to committee. The Diamond State Conference was asking the DIAA standardize this process. Mr. Williams recommended that a committee be formed to review this. Ms. Corrado commented that the process needs to be equal across the board. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to table this request so that DIAA could form a committee to look into how teams get into tournaments and how conferences are aligned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

A. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.7 for D.W.

Jeff Mohr, athletic director at Delmarva Christian High School, Scott Kemerling; principal at Delmarva Christian High School, Charles Westwood; father of Dustin, Laurie Westwood; mother of Dustin, and Dustin were in attendance to present this request. Dustin requested an open hearing. Ms. Kohel recused herself from this hearing. Ms. Cooke, the Deputy Attorney General, explained to the student that there are 15 voting members 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. Mr. Charles reviewed the regulation that was being asked to waive.

Dustin explained to the Board that he was asking for a fifth year of eligibility due to him having to attend a school in Pennsylvania for personal and medical reasons and when he came back he wanted to attend Delmarva Christian High School. Dustin explained that when he registered at Delmarva Christian High School they would not accept some of his credits so he had to repeat the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Both Mr. and Mrs. Westwood commented on how important they thought it was for Dustin to attend the school in Pennsylvania and also why they wanted Dustin to attend Delmarva Christian High School. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to go into deliberation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to come out of deliberation to ask a question. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

Mr. Kemerling stated that when Dustin came to their school he went into the 11<sup>th</sup> grade English. Mr. Westwood commented that he and his wife made the decision to send Dustin to the school in Pennsylvania to keep him out of the state system so that he would have a good future. Ms. Corrado 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 Mr. Oliver and carried unanimously. Dr. Lyons made a motion to grant the waiver request specifically

related to lacrosse based on a medical hardship. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marvel and carried unanimously.

B. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.7 for J.R.

Michele Rawls, mother to Jared Rawls, and Jared Rawls were in attendance to present this request. Ms. Cooke, the Deputy Attorney General, explained to the student that there are 14 voting members present 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. Ms. Rawls requested an open hearing. After some discussion as to whether the student was eligible Dr. Hawtof made a motion to table this request until it is determined that the student becomes academically eligible. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lyons and carried unanimously.

C. Request for waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1008.2.7 for K.D.

Chip Wilt; athletic director at Fifer Middle School, Lonnie Dye; mother of Kyle Dye, and Kyle Dye were in attendance to present this request. Ms. Cooke, the Deputy Attorney General, explained to the student that there are 15 voting members and they would need 10 affirmative votes to pass this request. The mother and student confirmed that they understood and wished to proceed and the hearing continued. Ms. Dye requested an open hearing. Ms. Dye explained to the Board that Kyle started wrestling in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and also wrestled in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Dye stated that his grades began to go down during his 8<sup>th</sup> grade year because of medical reasons. Ms. Dye further commented that once Kyle was put on medication his grades began to improve.

Ms. Marvel made a motion to go into deliberation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to come out of deliberation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lyons and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to grant the request based on a hardship that the student was in the process of getting medication balanced out and it appears the medication is where it should be and the grades have improved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Marvel and carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report

B. Fall Sportsmanship Report – Thomas Neubauer

Mr. Neubauer reviewed the sportsmanship report that he prepared. Mr. Neubauer commented that he is receiving more reporting from the coaches and officials. Mr. Charles commented that he has seen an increase in the positive reaction from schools.

C. Enrollment Report – Thomas Neubauer

Mr. Neubauer reported on the enrollment count for the schools which were submitted by the athletic directors.

III. K. Consideration of Request by Boys'/Girls' DIAA Basketball Committees to Amend Officials Selection Procedure

Mr. Charles commented that he has received a proposal from an Ad Hoc Committee which is chaired by Ruth LaJoie, who is the chair of the girls' basketball committee and also the president of the Delaware Interscholastic Officials Council. Mr. Charles explained that they were proposing some changes to the process of selecting officials. Mr. Charles stated that one change was that officials must work games in Delaware during the regular season to qualify for tournament games. Mr. Charles also commented that the proposal establishes a minimum number of officials that must be eligible by each officials' organization recognized by DIAA. Mr. Charles explained that the proposal also included a criteria which would determine how an official could work later rounds in the tournament. Mr. Charles then commented that this was presented at a joint meeting of the officials' committee, Board 11, Board 129, and the NDBO, as well as representatives from the boys' and girls' basketball committees. Mr. Charles reviewed some of the comments that were made at that meeting. Mr. Charles stated that the NDBO requesting a meeting with the Secretary of Education to express their concerns with the proposal. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve this proposal with eight eligible games required. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

Ms. Cooke updated the members of the Board on the Glasgow hearing. Mr. Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a pending or potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Samonisky and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Fall Tournament Report

Mr. Charles commented that we exceeded projected revenue for the fall sports season. Mr. Charles stated that the attendance was down slightly for some fall sports but was up in football. Mr. Charles also stated that admission was charged at the cross country meet.

Mr. Charles commented that after the Glasgow situation a number of issues have come up that need to be looked at. Mr. Charles stated that the athletic directors and

member schools need to be aware of what the protocol of determining eligibility should be. Mr. Charles explained that a presentation on this will be presented at the annual meeting in February. Mr. Charles also commented that the Choice Law needs to be reviewed.

V. Public Comment

None.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

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Tina Hurley