

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Terre Taylor.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Terre Taylor, Curtis Bedford, Dr. Evelyn Edney, Ted Laws, Craig Eliassen, Gary Cimaglia, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Robert Cilento, Mike Hart, Dr. Mark Holodick, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Ron Eby, and Mike Breeding. Kevin Charles, Executive Director, Kathleen Geiszler, Deputy Attorney General, and DIAA staff Thomas Neubauer and Tina Bates were also in attendance. Susan Coffing, Susanne Williams, Karen Field-Rogers and Leroy Mann were unable to attend. Mr. Charles was not in attendance until 2:00 p.m. because he was attending the Delaware State Board of Education Meeting.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA December 10, 2015 Board Meeting

Mr. Eby made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimaglia and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Neubauer reported that to date the revenue received for FY15 was \$434,625 and for the reporting period was \$185,554 which was mostly from fall tournament revenue, member dues, and tournament entry fees. Mr. Neubauer reported that the expenses to date were \$453,333 and for the reporting period is \$79,942 which was mostly from tournament expenses. Dr. Layfield made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None

III. A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Neubauer reported that there were 46 requests for sanctioning. Mr. Neubauer reported that the 46 events included 8 basketball including the Capital Classic, 21 indoor track and field, 11 wrestling, 1 swimming and diving that was denied, and 5 outdoor track and field. Mr. Neubauer stated that to the best of his knowledge they were in compliance with DIAA and NFHS regulations. Mr. Eby made a motion to approve the 46 sanction events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously.

B. Annual Report to General Assembly

Mr. Neubauer explained that the Delaware law requires that DIAA submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly and provided a draft copy of the 2015 report to all Board members for their review. Mr. Laws made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously.

C. Request by DIAA Soccer Committee for 4th Scrimmage

Mr. Neubauer explained that this request came from the DIAA Boys Soccer Committee. The Committee desires to fill the 10-day gap between the end of the regular season and the state tournament. The Boys' Soccer Committee is asking that tournament teams be able to fill that time void with a scrimmage to maintain their competitive edge. They were asking that the condition for allowing a fourth scrimmage would be that any school scheduling a fourth scrimmage would have to follow DIAA regulation 1009.1.4, Equivalency Rule. Mr. Neubauer commented that the Committee felt that this would be a suitable solution for qualified tournament teams to bridge their regular season with the start of the state tournament.

Board members expressed concern as to whether the districts can afford to have four scrimmages. Also, the proposal should allow all schools that are in tournaments to have a fourth scrimmage in all sports.

Mr. Eby made a motion to allow all schools that have a team in the state tournament to be allowed to have a fourth scrimmage in all sports. The motion was seconded by Dr. Layfield and carried unanimously.

D. Funding for Delaware NFHS Student Leadership Conference Representatives

Mr. Neubauer reported that the NFHS is hosting their annual student leadership conference in Indianapolis July 18 – 20, 2016. The conference will be utilizing a “train the trainer” concept where the student and adult

ambassadors will be developing skills that will enable them to effectively lead their peers at their school and assist their state association. Mr. Neubauer reported that the cost for the student ambassadors is free. Each state may send two student delegates and one adult delegate. The state association must provide the students transportation to and from the Summit. Mr. Neubauer stated that the hotel room, materials, meals, local programming and local transportation will be provided by the NFHS. Mr. Neubauer stated that the state association must provide the adult ambassador transportation to Indianapolis and their hotel room and that the NFHS will cover their materials, meals, local programming, and local transportation.

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve an allocation of \$2,000.00 to send two students and one adult to the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Fitzgerald reminded the Board of his suggestion for an achievement award and that he formed a committee which exists of himself and Dr. Edney. Dr. Fitzgerald reviewed the nomination form for this award with the Board. Dr. Fitzgerald commented on some of the requirements stating that a minimum of 20 years of service to the scholar/athletes of Delaware will be one of the recommendations. Dr. Holodick made a motion to approve the DIAA Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously.

F. Realignment Committee

Ms. Taylor reviewed with the Board what the realignment committee has been reviewing and the progress to date on the new formulas based on the 2015 enrollment data.

G. Self-Report by Hodgson Vo-Tech

Mr. Neubauer reported on a self-report that was received from Hodgson Vo-Tech of an ineligible boys basketball player. Hodgson reported that it was brought to their attention on January 6, 2016 that a basketball player was fired from his co-op job which results in him having his first marking period grade in his career area changed to a failing grade. The student was academically ineligible and caused the school to forfeit the first five boys' basketball contests. Mr. Eby made a motion to accept the schools actions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimaglia and carried unanimously.

H. Self-Report by Seaford HS

Mr. Neubauer reported on a self-report that was received from Seaford High School involving an ineligible boys basketball player that inadvertently played 5 quarters in a JV and Varsity game on December 11, 2015. The school forfeited the game. Dr. Layfield made a motion to accept the actions taken by Seaford High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cimaglia and carried unanimously.

I. Unified Sports Committee

Mr. Charles commented that Mr. Cimaglia suggested developing a committee for Unified Sports. The request to develop a new committee for Unified Sports was discussed and approved by the Board. Mr. Hart made a motion to establish a committee for Unified Sports with Gary Cimaglia as the Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Legal Report

Ms. Geiszler provided an update on DE SBE action on DIAA regulations. At their January 21, 2016 meeting the Board passed both 1008 and 1009 to complete action on DIAA regulations.

B. NIAAA

Mr. Neubauer provided a report on the NIAAA conference he attended in December 2015.

C. NFHS Winter Meeting

Mr. Charles stated that state travel restrictions prevented him from attending this meeting. Dr. Fitzgerald stated that he did attend and commented on how important it is to send the Executive Director to these meetings. Dr. Fitzgerald provided the Board a review of items covered at the NFHS Winter meeting.

D. 71st Annual Membership Meeting

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the Academic, Transfer and Coaching Out-of-season regulations. DIAA staff shared comments on those proposed changes made by member school representatives at the 71st Annual Membership Meeting.

E. 2015 Fall Tournament Attendance Report

Mr. Charles reviewed with the Board the final fall attendance numbers.

F. Field Hockey Committee Report

Mr. Charles shared with the Board the fall 2015 field hockey committee report.

G. Update on Board Appointments

Mr. Charles updated the Board members on progress by the Governor's office on filling Board positions.

H. Miscellaneous

None.

III. J. Open Forum for Board Members

The Board did not discuss any additional items.

V. Other

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Eliassen made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Layfield and carried unanimously.

Tina Bates