

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 8, 2017– 9:00 a. m.
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a. m. by Chairperson Dr. Bradley Layfield.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Dr. Bradley Layfield, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Dr. Evelyn Edney, Robert Watson, Mike Hart, Robert Cilento, Dr. Bradley Bley, Bruce Harris, Dr. Matthew Donovan, Mike Breeding, Dr. Mervin Daugherty, Vetra Evans-Gunter, Douglas Thompson, Leroy Mann, Jeremy Jeanne, and Dr. Amelia Hodges. Thomas Neubauer, Executive Director, Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, and DIAA staff Terre Taylor and Tina Bates were also in attendance. Stan Waterman, Susanne Williams, Ted Laws and Gary Cimaglia were unable to attend.

New Board member from New Castle County Red Clay School District Superintendent Dr. Mervin Daugherty was introduced.

C. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously, 12 – yes (Donovan, Edney, Harris, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Thompson, Daugherty, and Bley) and 0 – no.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA May 11, 2017 Board Meeting

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously, 12 – yes (Donovan, Edney, Harris, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Thompson, Daugherty, and Bley) and 0 – no.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Neubauer reported that DIAA is at a negative \$25,000 for the year due to a retirement payout for the last Executive Director who retired last June and the purchase of the wrestling clocks. Mr. Neubauer stated that it was the first time in 14 years that DIAA had a loss. Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously, 14 – yes (Donovan, Edney, Harris, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Daugherty, Jeanne and Bley) and 0 – no.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Neubauer reported that there were no sanctioned events.

D. Request by the DISC for Associate Member status 2017-6-3

Mr. Neubauer explained that the Delaware Independent School Conference is asking for associate membership in DIAA. Mr. Neubauer further explained that this was a standard request that the Board receives every year. Mr. Neubauer explained that the Independent Conference were asking for waivers of the 1008 and 1009 2.4 and 1008 and 1009 2.7.1.

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve this request based on the history of this request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donovan and carried by a vote of 14 – yes (Donovan, Edney, Harris, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Bley, Jeanne, and Daugherty) and 0 no.

C. Request to Waive 1009.1.5.2, 1.5.3, 4.1.4 by Middletown HS 2017-6-2

Dr. Donovan was in attendance to present this request. Dr. Donovan explained that Middletown High School was asking for a waiver of 1009 - 1.5.2, 1.5.3, and 4.1.4 to allow their girls soccer team to play two out of state opponents before the DIAA regular season starting competition dates in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 spring seasons. Dr. Donovan explained that their soccer team was requesting to play on March 15-18, 2018 in Gatlinburg, TN and similar dates in the 2018-19 season. Some Board members expressed their concerns with the level playing field, if the team would be practicing before and who would be traveling with the team. In a response to a question Dr. Donovan commented that he did not think there was an issue with filling the schedule. Dr. Donovan commented that he would check with the school to see if there are more opportunities for the team during the school year.

Mr. Hart made a motion to table for more information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Breeding and carried by a vote of 13 – yes (Edney, Harris, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Bley, Jeanne, and Daugherty), 0 – no and 2 – abstentions (Donovan and Mann).

B. Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Wilmington Christian School 20017-6-1

Student, student's mother, Pam Love; athletic director at Wilmington Christian School, and Doug Haas; principal at Wilmington Christian School were in attendance to present this request. The Board went into executive session for the purposes of discussing the request, including the content of the pupil file.

While in executive session, the hearing proceeded, evidence was taken, and the Board held deliberations. All persons participating in this hearing were sworn in. All the documentation was made part of the record and in addition to the testimony given the Board considered the written documentation provided.

The Board went into deliberation. The Board came out of deliberation and then came out of executive session.

Mr. Hart made a motion to grant the waiver request based on evidence provided shows a hardship. The motion was seconded by Mr. Breeding and carried by a vote of 14 – yes (Donovan, Edney, Harris, Layfield, Cilento, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Mann, Bley, Jeanne, and Dougherty), 0 – no, and 1 – abstention (Watson).

The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

E. DESMAC Proposals for Adopted Policies

Mr. Hart made a motion to take this item off the table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously by a vote of 15-0.

Dr. Bley presented two policies recommended by the DIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for the Board to consider and adopt: (1) to require all school teams annually to create, keep on file with the school Athletic Director and practice an Emergency Action Plan for their practice and home contest venue and (2) to require schools to list on a file and report to the DIAA office all sports medicine personnel that they employ or will employ, or have a Memorandum of Understanding within by August 15 of each year with hours present and contact information. Ms. Makransky recommended that the policies be included in a regulation.

Dr. Bley commented that the Committee would like to make the Emergency Action Plan a policy.

Mr. Hart made a motion to send the policies to the Rules and Regulations Committee to work out the language. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dougherty and carried unanimously by a vote of 15- yes (Donovan, Edney,

Harris, Layfield, Cilento, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Mann, Bley, Jeanne, Daugherty, and Watson) and 0 – no.

IV. Board Discussion Items

A. Waiver Request Form

Ms. Taylor reviewed a draft of the DIAA waiver request form and commented that she took away some of her changes from the PA and NJ offices. After some discussion on the changes Ms. Taylor will take the draft back and make changes.

B. Other Items

None.

V. Legal Report

Ms. Makransky reported on the changes to Regulation 1009.2.6 and 2.7 and stated that the State Board of Education did not approve the changes and asked for more data on students practicing.

Ms. Makransky reported on House Bill 98 involving Choice to Choice.

Ms. Makransky reported that the investigation on the AI vs. DMA basketball game is now underway.

Ms. Makransky stated that she is still researching the Board's charge to the Realignment Committee.

VI. Executive Director Report

Mr. Neubauer reported on the spring tournaments.

Mr. Neubauer read a thank you note from a DIAA Scholarship recipient, Tyanna Handy from Laurel High School.

Mr. Neubauer reported on sportsmanship issues.

VII Other

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX Adjournment

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously, 15 – yes (Donovan, Edney, Harris, Layfield, Cilento, Watson, Hart, Fitzgerald, Breeding, Evans-Gunter, Thompson, Mann, Bley, Jeanne, and Daugherty) and 0 no.

Tina Bates