

DIAA Board of Directors' Special Meeting  
 Thursday, September 10, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.  
 Video Conference Call\*

Minutes

<u>Names</u>		<u>Names</u>	
Dr. Bradley Layfield - Chairperson	P	Jeremy Jeanne	P
Dr. Kathleen Andrus	P	Ted Laws	P
Dr. Bradley Bley	P	Chuck Little	P
Mike Breeding	P	Douglas Thompson	P
Robert Cilento	L	Stan Waterman	L
Dr. Matthew Donovan	P	Robert Watson	L
Dr. Evelyn Edney	P	Michael Rodriguez –DOE Associate Secretary	P
Vetra Evans-Gunter	P	Donna Polk – DIAA Executive Director	P
Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald	P	Laura Makransky – Deputy Attorney General	P
Bruce Harris	P	Stephanie Mark-DIAA Coordinator	P
Mike Hart	P	Amoscita Rodriguez-DIAA Secretary	P
P= Present A = Absent L= Late arrival			

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

Dr. Layfield called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

B. Roll Call

Please see above.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Laws made a motion to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 14 Yes [ Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Donovan, Edney, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson and Waterman] and 0 No

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA July 23, 2020 Board Meeting

Tabled until October meeting.

E. Approval of Minutes of DIAA July 23, 2020 Executive Session Meetings

F. Approval of Minutes of DIAA August 6, 2020 Board Meeting

Items D,E,F were still in draft form and will be voted on in the October Board meeting

II. Action Items

A. Request to Use 8<sup>th</sup> Graders for High School Athletics 1009 2.7.5 – Sussex Academy

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve the Sussex Academy’s request to use 8<sup>th</sup> graders for high school athletics the motion was seconded by Dr. Donovan. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 14 Yes[ Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Donovan, Edney, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson and Waterman] and 0 No.

### III. Coronavirus COVID-19 Impact

#### A. Emergency Regulation 1010 Interscholastic Athletics During COVID-19 Pandemic

##### i. Petitions for Reconsideration or Revision of Regulation 1010

Dr. Layfield reviewed the summary of petitions/emails received by DIAA. 184 of petitions advocate reinstate Fall sports.

##### ii. Amendments to Emergency Regulation 1010

Ms. Makransky provided an extensive review of Emergency Regulations 1010 including recommendations from SMAC, recent modifications to SOE, and NFHS requirements.

Dr. Layfield made a motion to accept the amended regulations, Mr. Cilento seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously 17 yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson] and 0 no.

#### B. Twenty-Sixth Modification of the Declaration of a State of Emergency for the State of Delaware Due to a Public Health Threat

High Risk sports must wear a mask; low and medium risk sports do not have to require mask unless there is direct contact.

#### C. Sports Seasons Consideration during the Academic Year 2020-21

##### i. 2020-2021 Sport Season Start/End Dates

Mr. Hart presented suggested start and end times for sport seasons during the 2020-21 school year. Overall the seasons would be shortened season.

Mr. Laws made a motion to approve the start of Fall season on 9/28/20, with a 25 day (3 week) preseason, 7 game limitation of football and 6 week time frame for all other sports. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bley and carried with 12 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Fitzgerald, Harris, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Thompson, Waterman, and Watson], 2 No [Edney, Evans-Gunter] and 1 recusal [Hart].

Dr. Layfield called for a break at 1:35 pm. The meeting reconvened at 1:47 pm.

##### ii. DIAA Board Member's Proposal for 2020-2021 Shortened Season

Mr. Hart made a motion that all Fall sports have a limitation of 12 weeks, except Football that would have a limitation of 7 weeks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried with a vote 13 Yes [ Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Donovan, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson and Waterman] and 1 no [Edney].

#### C. Revisit Preparticipation Physical Dates

Change made to 3.1.1., 3.1.2, and 3.3 broadening to "all interscholastic activities."

#### D. 2020-21 Membership Status due to COVID-19

About 7 schools that will not be participating as a DIAA member due to COVID-19.

F. Attendance Policy for Athletic Participation Remote Learning/Hybrid School Model

2.3.5.1 A student is normally required to be in school before attending practice, but with a hybrid model a student does not have to be in school. Keep regulation as is, but if AD asks about daily attendance that will be up to the schools.

G. Sanctioning Events for 2020-2021

Sanctioning of events contingent upon State Board results and guidance of DPH.

H. Determine Applicable Stages for DIAA Return to Play Plan

Currently in Stage 2 only allowing conditioning and open gym opportunities. Stage 2 will allow workouts in certain sports. Mr. Laws made a motion that contingent upon the approval of the State Board can move into Stage 3 and then move into Stage 4 when Fall Season begins on 9/28/20. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donovan and carried with a unanimous vote of 12 Yes [ Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Donovan, Edney, Fitzgerald, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson] and 0 No.

I. Regulation 1010 Coaching Out of Season Equipment Use

Mute subject, no discussion needed.

J. Creation of Regulation 1011 Interscholastic Athletics during the COVID-19 Pandemic  
Emergency 1010 is a temporary regulation that will expire 10/28/20. The regulation can be renewed up to 60 days; after that a permanent regulation can be created.

K. Youth Sports and the Impact on Interscholastic Athletics

Related to Stage 3 and Stage 4 language. Mute point with guidance from DPH and Governor's SOE.

L. Schools Competing Against Each Other in a Football Team Combine Competition  
Mute point with guidance from DPH and Governor's SOE.

IV. Delmarva Christian High School ESIAC Participation During 2020 Fall Season

Athletic Director withdrew request.

V. Executive Director Report

Ms. Polk informed the Board that DIAA received certified letter regarding nasal hygiene

VI. Committee Reports

A. Rules and Regulations  
Out of Season Coaching, coaches beg

B. SMAC

Dr. Bley provided an extensive review of the last DIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting and answered questions asked about sports interaction and COVID-19.

VII. DIAA Personnel Matter

Mr. Laws made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; the motion was seconded by Mr. Breeding and carried with a vote 14 Yes and 0 no. Executive session convened at 2:10 pm. The Board returned from Executive Session at 3:10 pm

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VIII. Other Items for Discussion Only

IX. Public Comment

Jenny Teal –Thanked Mr. Jeanne and Mr. Hart for advocating for Fall sports. She encourage DIAA to reach out to club directors. Aren't that pays a lot of money for her children to participate in club sports. She would appreciate it if she knew which school voted no to sports.

Trina LecLerc-Shout out to all parents who advocated for their kids. Thanks to Mr. Hart. Mr. Jeanne and Dr. Bley. Impressed that right decision was made to allow kids to play Fall sports.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Laws. The motion carried with a unanimous vote 10 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Layfield, Little and Watson]and 0 No.