

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

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

Minutes

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

Dr. Layfield called the meeting to order at 9:05 am

B. Roll Call

Please see above.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried with a vote 12 Yes [Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

D. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of DIAA September 10, 2020 Board Meeting

Mr. Breeding made a motion to approved the Executive Session Minutes of DIAA September 10, 2020 Board Meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion carried with a vote 12 Yes [Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

E. Approval of Minutes of DIAA October 8, 2020 Board Meeting

Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of DIAA October 8, 2020 Board Meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Evans-Gunter. The motion carried with a vote 12 Yes [Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

F. Approval of Minutes of DIAA October 15, 2020 Special Board Meeting

Dr. Layfield made a motion to approve Minutes of DIAA October 15, 2020 Special Board Meeting pending the summarization of the public comments, the motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne and carried with a unanimous vote 12 Yes [Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

G. DIAA Financial Report

Ms. Polk reported that revenue from membership dues and checks received from NFHS are the only main changes to the budget. Mr. Laws made a motion to approve the Financial Report and the motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion carried with unanimous vote 12 Yes [Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

Dr. Andrus joined the meeting at 9:15 am.

II. Action Items

A. Approval and Appointment of Committee Members

Mr. Laws made a motion to approve the appointment and reappointment of committee members, the motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 13 Yes [Andrus, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

The following appointments/reappointments were approved:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Girls Basketball	Layne Drexel	DIAA State Rules Interpreter
Swimming & Diving	Kent Steeves	DIAA State Rules Interpreter
Cross Country	Matt Lindell	Committee Member
Track and Field	Jen Cawthern	Committee Member
Track and Field	Reappointments: Jim Fisher, Marnie Guinta, Ralph Heiss, and Charlie Pollard	

B. Request to Use 8th Graders for High School Athletics 1009 2.7.5 – Dickinson High School, Odyssey Charter

Dr. Layfield made a motion to approve Dickinson High School and Odyssey Charter request to use 8th graders for high school athletics under 1009 2.7.5. the motion was seconded by Mr. Hart The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 13 Yes [Andrus, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

C. Request for Full Membership from Aspira Academy

Mike Torres, Athletic Director of Aspira Academy, informed the Board that Aspira has participated in DIAA sports as a middle school. Aspira has now expanded to develop a high school and currently has an enrollment of 106 9th grade students.

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve the request of full membership for Aspira Academy, the motion was seconded by Dr. Donovan and carried with a unanimous vote of 13 Yes [

Andrus, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

- D. Requests to Waive Regulation 1006-2.3 Annual Membership Dues for 2020-2021 School Year – Charter School of New Castle, Delaware School for the Deaf, First State Montessori Academy, Springer Middle School, Thomas Edison Charter School

First State Montessori Academy and Springer Middle School were the only schools that submitted the required documentation. Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the requests to waive Regulation 1006-2.3 Annual Membership Dues for 2020-2021 School Year for First State Montessori Academy and Springer Middle School; the motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson and carried with a unanimous vote of 13 Yes [Andrus, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

- E. Request to Waive NFHS Volleyball Rule 4 Section 1 Player Equipment Notes: #1 and #2; Art. 7 by MOT Charter – 2020.11.1*

Agenda item withdrawn

- F. Request to Waive NFHS Volleyball Rule 4 Section 1 Player Equipment Notes: #1 and #2; Art. 7 by MOT Charter – 2020.11.2*

Agenda item withdrawn

III. Ratification of Executive Director’s Decision to Grant Interim Waivers

A. Request to Waive Regulation 1010 4.5.7.8:

- i. Tom Purse and Artie Alias - Boys Basketball Coach - Appoquinimink High School
- ii. Pete Duncan – Boys Lacrosse Coach – Archmere Academy
- iii. Adam Bailey – Boys Basketball Coach – Brandywine High School
- iv. Chris McLean – Boys Basketball – Conrad School of Sciences
- v. Jeff Gravett, Jared Lelito, Rob Eaton, Matt Millman, Mark Hill, Dillon Cole – Baseball; Frank Victory, Rayshaun Ward, Johnathan Stewart – Boys Basketball; Tameka Williams – Girls Basketball – Caesar Rodney
- vi. Micah Twedell - Boys Basketball – Delmarva Christian High School
- vii. Kevin Walker – Boys Lacrosse; Aaron Lewis – Baseball – Delaware Military Academy
- viii. Ed Chavis – Boys Basketball; Chris Jones – Girls Basketball – Hodgson Vo-Tech High School
- ix. Azeez Ali – Boys Basketball – Middletown High School
- x. Nick Brannan, Matt Faulkner – Baseball – Milford High School
- xi. Shannon McCants – Boys Basketball – Newark High School
- xii. Kyle Taylor – Girls Basketball – Polytech High School
- xiii. Jamie Clark, Fil Kohler, Matt Wilson – Baseball; Tim Lucky – Boys Lacrosse; Stan Waterman, Shahid Perkins, Fran Forrest, Matt Wilson – Boys Basketball; Marcus Thompson – Girls Basketball – Sanford School
- xiv. Vince Clemons, Ryan Seymour, Chris Cafarella – Baseball; Andrew Mears, Stacy Sudler, Darrean Taylor – Boys Basketball – Smyrna High School
- xv. Rod Griffin – Boys Basketball – St. Georges Technical High School

- xvi. Matt Smith – Baseball; Jim Freel – Girls Basketball; Nick Sanna – Boys Basketball – St. Mark’s High School
- xvii. G.L. Jefferson – Baseball - Sussex Tech High School
- xviii. Govan Murray – Boys Lacrosse; Jack Cella, Anthony Wright – Boys Basketball – Tatnall School
- xix. Alexander McClendon Sr – Boys Basketball – Tower Hill School
- xx. Carolyn Connors – Girls Basketball – Wilmington Friends School

Coaches were coaching out of season in private leagues, etc during the time when the State of emergency did not permit school sports. When school sports was approved to start these coaches have to finish their assignments and therefore provided documentation to Ms. Polk in request for interim waiver.

Dr. Layfield made a motion to accept interim waiver items III.A 1-20 for all coaches and the specific sports they have been coaching at their school affiliations; the motion was seconded by Mr. Laws. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 13 Yes [Andrus, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

B. Request to Waive NFHS Field Hockey Rule 1 Section 6 Player Equipment Notes: #1 and #2 by Newark Charter School

Mr. Jeanne made a motion to approve Newark Charter School’s request to waive NFHS Field Hockey Rule 1 Section 6 Player Equipment Notes: #1 and #2; the motion was seconded by Mr. Waterman and the motion carried with a unanimous vote of 13 Yes [Andrus, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

IV. Coronavirus COVID-19 Impact

A. Division of Public Health Update

Dana Carr, DPH, first thanked everyone for all of their hard work for making the Fall sports season off to a great start. Ms. Carr stated that about 90% of the schools have submitted their required safety/facility plans. She noted that there has been an increase in the number of cases of Coronavirus; however, Delaware is not as bad as other states.

B. Emergency Regulation 1010 Interscholastic Athletics During COVID-19 Pandemic

i. Update from October 15, 2020 State Board of Education Meeting

Ms. Polk informed the Board that Regulation 1010 was approved with the caveat that the DIAA will engage in ongoing discussions with member school concerning any unintended inequities including funding, transportation in respect to social distancing. The State Board also wanted to address scheduling issues but could not because of a pending appeal. Ms. Polk for feedback from the Board of what they would like shared at next State Board of Education meeting.

ii. Petitions Received Since October 15, 2020 Board Meeting

B. Regulation 1011 Interscholastic Athletics during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Ms. Makransky informed the Board that there were two public comments submitted regarding “vulnerable individuals” and the definition of “vulnerable individuals was reviewed.

Dr. Layfield made a motion to approve the Regulation 1011 with the nonsubstantive amendments; the motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne. The motion carried with a unanimous vote 13 Yes [Andrus, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Evans-Gunter, Hart, Jeanne, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

Dr. Layfield called for a 13-minute recess at 10:17 am.

D. Sports Seasons Consideration during the Academic Year 2020-21

- i. DIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Report
- ii. COVID-19 Positive Cases Update
- iii. Fall 2020 Tournaments

1. Fall Sports Tournament Manual

Dr. Layfield asked Ms. Polk to ask the committees to have minimal games and allow flexibility if a team has to reschedule because of COVID issues.

2. Fall Sports Sport Specific Guidance

Mention about sanitization in volleyball

3. Fall Sports Committee Recommendations for Tournament

Dr. Layfield charged Ms Polk to meet with the Committee Chairpersons and develop a plan B (backup plan) for Fall Tournaments.

- iv. Winter Sports 2020

1. Winter Sports Sport Specific Guidance

Ms. Polk reviewed some of the guidance discussed and provided by the winter sports committees such as:

- Boys and Girls basketball there may be 15 game maximum and 12 games minimal and the committee is not recommending automatic qualifiers.
- Track and Field-facing challenges regarding obtaining indoor facilities for meets
- Swimming/Diving-Mr. Hart informed the Board that the committee will be meeting with DPH to get guidance regarding some of the challenges that they are facing.

2. Wrestling Plan

Rich Killingsworth, Clarence “Buddy” Lloyd, and Dr. Axe presented the Wrestling Plan to the Board. Mr. Killingsworth informed the Board that SMAC made a recommendation for face covering and a vendor was contacted to obtain. Face coverings will come off during matches; therefore, there will be continuing research of how other states are dealing with COVID issues and wrestling.

Dr. Layfield made a motion to approve the wrestling plan and the motion was seconded by Mr. Jeanne. The motion carried with a vote of 11 Yes [Andrus, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Layfield, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

Dr. Bley joined the meeting at 12:23 pm.

3. Basketball Plan

Mr. Waterman provided an overview of the Basketball Committee's considerations.

Dr. Layfield made a motion to approve the Basketball Plan and the motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried with a vote of 11 Yes [Andrus, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Layfield, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] 0 No, and 1 abstention (Bley).

E. Determine Stage for DIAA Return to Play Plan

Dr. Layfield stated that we are still in stage 4 and no need for a new motion regarding this.

V. DIAA Personnel Matter*

Mr. Cilento made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a DIAA Personnel Matter and the motion was seconded by Mr. Laws. The Board went into Executive Session.

VI. Board's Expectations of the DIAA Office

Dr. Layfield stated that this was discussed during the Executive Session and the issues would be addressed with the Executive Director.

VII. Annual Election of DIAA Board of Directors' Officers

Dr. Layfield nominated Dr. Donovan for another term as Vice Chair and the motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 12 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Layfield, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

Mr. Breeding made a motion that Dr. Layfield be nominated for another term as Chairperson of DIAA Board of Directors and the motion was seconded by Mr. Hart. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 12 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Layfield, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

VIII. DIAA COVID Board Officer and Committee

IX. Amendments to Regulation 1006 Waiver Hearing Procedures

Ms. Makransky provided an extensive overview of the suggested amendments to Regulation 1006. Dr. Layfield made a motion to approve the amendments and the motion was seconded by Mr. Laws. The motion carried with a unanimous vote 12 Yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Harris, Hart, Jeanne, Layfield, Thompson, Waterman and Watson] and 0 No.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Jeanne left the meeting at 2:45 pm.

X. Football Realignment

Bill Schultz and Andy Dick presented a proposal to the Board for football realignment. The purpose for the realignment is due to the lack of competitive games and standardization across the board. This will be made an action item to be voted on at the next Board meeting.

XI. Realignment of Private & Public Schools

Due to the pending loss of a quorum, this agenda item tabled and to be presented at the December Board of Directors Meeting

XII. Coaching Out of Season Update

Due to the loss of a quorum, this agenda item tabled and to be presented at the December Board of Directors Meeting

XIII. Transfer Policy

Due to the loss of a quorum, this agenda item tabled and to be presented at the December Board of Directors Meeting

XIV. Add Position to DIAA Staff – Sports Information Director

XV. Executive Director's Report

A. Salesianum School's Appeal to the State Board of Education

Ms. Polk reported to the Board:

- She has weekly meetings with DPH to receive updates about COVID-19
- Received a withdrawal letter regarding the appeal filed by Salesianum
- Several sportsmanship reports – 99 yellow cards 10 ejections in boys soccer, 5 ejections in football, misconduct by a coach. A Sportsmanship Committee meeting is being scheduled to address these issues.
- Created a survey regarding athletic activities in regards to how member schools are performing (not punitive).

XVI. Other Items for Discussion Only

Due to a loss of quorum no other items were discussed

XVII. Public Comment

Trina LecLerc- She was anticipating the discussion of the item regarding Coaching Out of Season and disappointed that it was tabled. She stated that football realignments was discussed, but coaching out of season is a topic of discussion that has been ongoing, so she suggested that topics be prioritized. She is happy that the pandemic has allowed for coaching out of season and she advocates that the rules for coaching out of season be followed and any violations be addressed.

XVIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned (without a quorum) at 3:35 pm.

