

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2022
Minutes - FINAL

I. Opening

A. Call to Order – 9:04am

B. Roll Call

Present: Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez

Virtual: Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O’Hanlon

Absent: Dr. Amelia Hodges, Ivan Neal, Lenny Richardson, Jason Miller

DIAA Staff Present: Donna Polk, James Bell, Laura Makransky - DAG

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Robert Watson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, the motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Smith. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes - Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O’Hanlon and 0 No.

II. Action Items

The Board went into executive session to discuss the content of a pupil file. Action Items II. A – II. B will be discussed in executive session.

Motion made by Mr. Ted Laws to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Rodriguez. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes - Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O’Hanlon and 0 No. 9:14am

Roll Call

Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O’Hanlon

Motion made by Mr. Bob Watson to return to general session. Motion seconded by Mr. Mike Rodriguez. The motion carried with a vote of Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O’Hanlon and 0 No. 10:15am

Break

Back in General Session 10:30am

Roll Call

Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O'Hanlon

A. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.7.5.3 by Sanford School Student – 2022 12.2

Motion made by Mr. Mark Robinson to deny the request to waive regulation 1009-2.7.5.3 by Sanford School Student because the criteria for hardship has not been met to grant the waiver; the motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Watson. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes - Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O'Hanlon and 0.

B. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.7.5.3 by Caravel Academy School Student – 2022 12.3

Motion made by Mr. Mark Robinson to deny the request to waive regulation 1009-2.7.5.3 by Caravel Academy Student because the criteria for hardship has not been met to grant the waiver; the motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph Papili. The motion carried with a vote of 13 Yes - Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O'Hanlon and 0.

Matt Smith left the meeting

Motion made by Mr. Dorrell Green to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Robinson. The motion carried with a vote of 12 Yes - Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O'Hanlon and 0 No. 10:32am

Roll Call

Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O'Hanlon

Motion made by Mr. Dorrell Green to return to general session. Motion seconded by Mr. Robert Watson. The motion carried with a vote of 12 Yes - Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O'Hanlon and 0 No.

C. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.7 by Sussex Academy Student – 2022 12.4

Motion made by Mr. Dorrell Green to deny the request to waive regulation 1009-2.4 by Sussex Academy Student because no hardship was declared to grant the waiver; the motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Rodriguez. The motion carried with a vote of 12 Yes - Doug Thompson,

Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O’Hanlon and O.

D. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.7.5.3 by Sussex Academy School Student – 2022 12.7

Motion made by Mr. Mark Robinson to approve the request to waive regulation 1009-2.7.5.3 by Sussex Academy Student because all five conditions have been met; the motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Watson. The motion failed with a vote of 4 Yes – Dr. Bradley Bley, Ted Laws, Robert Watson, Mark Robinson; 7 No - Doug Thompson, Dorrell Green, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Joseph Papili, Allison Alpaugh, Dr. William O’Hanlon, Michael Rodriguez and 1 Abstain – Kevin Smith.

E. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.4 by Archmere Academy Student – 2022 12.6

Motion made by Mr. Mark Robinson to deny the request to waive regulation 1009-2.4 by Archmere Academy Student because an established hardship was not established; although all other criteria was met; the motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Rodriguez. The motion carried with a vote of 12 Yes - Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O’Hanlon and O.

F. Ratification of Executive Director’s Decision to Grant Interim Waiver

i. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.4 by Concord High School Student – 2022 12.5

Mr. Michael Rodriguez made a motion to ratify the executive director’s decision to grant interim waiver, the motion was seconded by Mr. Doug Thompson. The motion carried with a vote of 12 Yes - Doug Thompson, Robert Watson, Kevin Smith, Allison Alpaugh, Michael Rodriguez, Dr. Bradley Bley; Dorrell Green, Matthew Smith, Ted Laws, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Mark Robinson, Joseph Papili, William O’Hanlon and O.

III. Approval of Executive Director’s and committee chairpersons’ recommendations and appointment or reappointment of DIAA committee members – Regulation 1021-4.5

Boys Volleyball Committee – recommend (4yrs) Appointment

Katie Godfrey – Athletic Director – Salesianum School – New Castle County – Athletic Director Rep
David Lee – Coach – John Dickinson School – New Castle County – Coaches Association Rep
Anna Mitchell – Coach – St. Georges Technical High School – New Castle County – Blue Hen Flight A Rep
Tonya Conrad – Coach – Christiana High School – New Castle County- Blue Hen Flight B Rep
Tyler Coupe – Coach – Cape Henlopen Conference – Sussex County – Henlopen Conference North Rep
Eric Anderson – Head of School – Sussex Academy – Sussex County – Henlopen Conference South Rep
Brian Fraticelli – Coach – Charter School of Wilmington – New Castle County – Diamond State Athletic Conference Rep
Jeffrey Gricol – Coach – Salesianum School – New Castle County – Nonconference Rep
Dana Gaetano – Official – DVOA – Official Rep
Wendy Kite – DIAA State Interpreter – New Castle County – State Interpreter Rep

IV. Other Items for Discussion Only

1. Mr. Thompson requested contract for Website4sport
2. Mr. Thompson asked for an update on the following:
 - a. Ask where are we on basketball winter tournament manual. Mr. Bell shared he is confirming an item with the chair and will be posted within the week.
 - b. Mr. Thompson also asked how we are doing with the officials this season specifically Northern Delaware. Mr. Bell shared the only inquiry has been by Mr. Thompson regarding Mr. Lake. Mr. Lake has all the access in Arbiter is approved and he has everything he needs. Mr. Thompson would like to see this on agenda for next month. Chair Thompson is requesting chairpersons from boys basketball, girls basketball and officials committees. Also requesting all three basketball associations. He shared he does not want to go through what we went through last year during tournament time wants the playing field is level and we have good officials on both end to cover the games.
 - c. Mr. Thompson asked for an update on the secretary position. Ms. Polk shared in December's executive director report on Thursday the person will start in January.
 - d. Mr. Watson asked for an update on football officials. Would like to see how we can get the officials associations to work together and address the diversity of officials. Question if there was diversity on championship games. Mr. Bell shared championship games did have African Americans assigned to games. Mr. Bell shared he was in communication with officials presidents during championship gameday. He thought the games were well officiated throughout the day. There have been discussion on the structure of officials association. Mr. Bell also shared the relationships with both football officials groups has been better than it has been in a while. Mr. Thompson asked where are we with Mr. Gunn's situation. Mr. Bell shared he is waiting to hear back from Mr. Gunn. Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Bell if the information provided were the questions answered. Mr. Bell shared information provided was good information and felt the questions the committee asked were good questions.

V. Public Comment

No public comment

VI. Adjournment – Mr. Green motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Laws 12:53pm