

**DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 9, 2023**  
**Hybrid**

**Meeting Minutes**

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Chairman Doug Thompson

B. Roll Call was conducted by Faye Wheeler:

Present: Doug Thompson, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith (joined at 9:14 a.m.), Bonnie Ingram Grubb (joined at 10:01), Jason Miller (joined at 9:27 a.m.), Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Robert Watson

Virtual: Dr. Amelia Hodges, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ted Laws

Absent: Allison Alpaugh, Dr. Bradley Bley, Dr. William O'Hanlon, Michael Rodriguez

DIAA Staff Present: Donna Polk, Linda Makransky, DAG, Faye Wheeler

C. Approval of Agenda

Ted Laws made motion to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Robert Watson. The motion carried with a vote of (13 Yes) Dorrell Green, Dr. Amelia Hodges, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ted Laws, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Doug Thompson, Robert Watson and (0 No).

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA February 9, 2023 Board Meeting

Tabled until next month

E. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of DIAA February 9, 2023 Board Meeting

Tabled until next month

Action Items

A. DIAA Personnel Matter

Tabled until next month.

C. Vacancies on Committees

Tabled until next month.

E. Approval of Executive Director's and committee chairpersons' recommendations and appointment or reappointment of DIAA committee members – Regulation 1021-4-5

Tabled until next month.

## Opening

### F. DIAA Financial Report

Donna Polk gives update on financial report as of the end of February 2023. Revenue has been collected and is still being collected for football so revenue figures will increase. Still working on volleyball revenue. Waiting on check for winter championships and will compare attendance numbers from this year to last. Ticket sales were under 2000 for girls' semifinals. Boys' basketball tickets are sold out for semifinals and projected to sell out on Saturday. Motion was made by Mark Robinson for approval of DIAA Financial Report, and it was seconded by Kevin Smith. The motion was carried with a vote of (14 Yes) and (0 No).

## II. Action Items

### B. Certification Program from Delaware Interscholastic Football Association (DIFCA) Safety First Football Camp for 2023

Discussion about safety protocols and procedures. Requires coaches to complete 3 trainings on NFHS. There will be 5 practice opportunities between May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Kevin Smith for Certification Program from Delaware Interscholastic Football Coaches Association (DIFCA) Safety First Football Camp for 2023 Strategic Plan Update, seconded by Matt Smith. The motion carried with a vote of (14 Yes) and (0 No.)

### D. Spring Sports Championship Minimum Game Requirement for Tournament Consideration

Discussion regarding qualifying criteria and requirements from previous years to present. Motion made by Chairman Doug Thompson for Spring Sports Championship Minimum Game Requirement for Tournament Consideration, seconded by Mark Smith. The motion carried with a vote of (15 Yes) and (0 No).

### F. Approval of Sanctioned Events

Board reviewed chart of DIAA Sanction Events. Motion made by Ivan Neal for Approval of Sanctioned Events, seconded by Lenny Richardson. The motion carried with a vote of (15 Yes) and (0 No).

## I. Ratification of Executive Director's Decision to Grant Interim Waiver

- i. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.1 and 2.7 by Cape Henlopen High School Student – 2023 3-1

Motion made by Robert Watson on Ratification of Executive Director's Decision to Grant Interim Waiver Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.1 and 2.7 by Cape Henlopen High School Student – 2023 3-1, seconded by Dr. Amelia Hodges. The motion carried with a vote of (15 Yes) and (0 No).

- ii. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.7 by MOT Charter Student – 2023 3-4

Motion made by Jason Miller on Ratification of Executive Director’s Decision to Grant Interim Waiver Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.7 by MOT Charter Student – 2023- 3-4, seconded by Mark Robinson. The motion carried with a vote of (15 Yes) and (0 No).

III. Discussion on Two Divisions for Basketball, Baseball and Softball

Dr. Larrimore addressed the board regarding his belief of the need for 2 divisions in girls’ and boys’ basketball, baseball, and softball because it’s inequitable. Dr. Larrimore asked about the protocol so it could be explored and be moved forward asap. Dr. Larrimore discussed why he believes it’s important given the current climate to have students have more opportunities to celebrate successes and how it can have a positive effect on their futures. DSSAA/DIAA State Champion Summaries spreadsheet was presented to show past championship winners in basketball and compare public vs private school past champions.

IV. Discussion on Eighth Grade Participation at the High School Level

Ted Laws expressed desire to have audit to collect data on 8th graders that are playing at the high school level and would like to make sure schools are following the rule as written and ensure the schools have gone through the waiver process for those students playing at high school level. Donna Polk will do the research on schools who are not following the rules in regard to waiver process. Ms. Polk has also requested the report for 8th grade participation at the junior varsity level and will report back to the board.

V. Discussion on Process for Selecting DIAA State Interpreters  
Tabled until next month.

Break: Returned at 10:42

Roll Call was conducted by Faye Wheeler:

Present: Doug Thompson, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Bonnie Ingram-Grubb, Jason Miller, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Bob Watson.

Virtual: Dr. Amelia Hodges, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ted Laws

Ted Laws left at 10:49 a.m.

VI. DIAA Committee Minutes

- A. DIAA Wrestling Committee Meeting January 8, 2023-Looking for girls' participation
- B. DIAA Volleyball Committee Meeting January 8, 2023-Looking at neutral locations for semifinals
- C. DIAA Boys Soccer Committee Meeting January 24, 2023
- D. DIAA Field Hockey Committee Meeting January 31, 2023-Recommendation made to end field hockey a week sooner next month.
- E. DIAA Wrestling Committee Meeting February 12, 2023

Motion made by Jason Miller to move into Executive Session, seconded by Jackie Griffith. The motioned carried with a vote of (15 Yes) and (0 No).

Roll Call conducted by Faye Wheeler:

Present: Doug Thompson, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Bonnie Ingram-Grubb, Jason Miller, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Kevin Smith, Matt Smith, Robert Watson.

Virtual: Dr. Amelia Hodges, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Dr. Shawn Larrimore

G. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.4 by Caravel Academy Student – 2023 3-3

Motion made by Jason Miller to approve waiver request and waive Regulation 1009 2.4 for Caravel Academy Student – 2023 3-3, and seconded by Dorrell Green. Motion carried with a vote of (14 Yes) Doug Thompson, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Amelia Hodges, Bonnie Ingram-Grubb, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Mark Robinson, Matt Smith, Robert Watson and (0 No).

H. Request to Waive Regulation 1009 2.7 by Appoquinimink High School Student–2023 3-2

Recommendation by Mark Robinson for 2023 – 3-2 to deny request based on the first four conditions not being met and was seconded by Jason Miller. The motion carries the waiver 2023 – 3-2 has been denied with a vote of (13 Yes) Doug Thompson, Dorrell Green, Jackie Griffith, Dr. Amelia Hodges, Bonnie Ingram-Grubb, Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Dr. Shawn Larrimore, Ivan Neal, Joseph Papili, Lenny Richardson, Matt Smith and (1 No) Robert Watson.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Robert Watson, seconded by Jason Miller. The motion carries with a vote of (13 Yes) and (0 No).

VII. Executive Director's Report

- A. Strategic Plan Update-Donna Polk gives update that senate has approved another board member and will join in April. Ms. Polk expressed that individual wrestling committee did a great job organizing the event. Ms. Polk also gave update on ticket sales for basketball. Discussed new member Angel Primos who will be taking the coordinator position.
- B. Boys Volleyball Committee Update

VIII Other Items for Discussion Only - Images were shown of new member cards

IX. Public Comment – No public comments.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dorrell Green. Motion carried and was unanimous.  
The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.