

**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
Principals' Committee on Athletics
Monday, August 18, 2014
1:30 pm
RIIL Office
Bldg. #6 RI College Campus
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman McNamara; Mmes., Gribbin and Keegan; Messrs., Barr, DiMuccio, Goho, Kelly, Kenworthy, McCarthy, Sollitto, Vetelino, Warner and Whaley

Also Present: Thomas Mezzanotte, Executive Director; Mike Lunney, Assistant Director, Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant; and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*

Absent: Mmes. Abromitis and Crowley; Messrs. Kavanagh and Littlefield

The August meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME JAMEY VETELINO, RIIAAA

Chairman McNamara welcomed James Vetelino, athletic director at Westerly High School as the new member representing the RIIAAA on the Committee.

PCOA MINUTES JUNE 16, 2014

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the June 16, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved (13-0).

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session.

PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: Finance Committee report; 2013-2014 Revenue Share to RIIL schools and 2014-2015 Budget.

RIIL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, BUDGET 2014-2015 AND RIIL REVENUE SHARE

Mr. Sollitto, chairman of the Finance Committee reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 18, 2014 and submitted its report regarding the 2014-2015 RIIL budget and the 2013-2014 revenue share with RIIL schools. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee on Athletics unanimously approved (13-0) the RIIL budget for the 2014-2015 school year and revenue share to RIIL schools.

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

The 2013-2014 Annual Report was reviewed and approved. Copies will be distributed to all schools.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Mezzanotte reported the following topics: PCOA Waiver Hearing Committee; 2014 NFHS Summer Conference; Principals Annual Breakfast (Sept 26); 2014-2015 Tentative Calendar; RIIL School Membership; RIIAAA – Issues for Consideration; NE Student Leadership Conference; RIIL Student Advisory Board & Goals; RIIL Hall of Fame (Oct. 2015); RI National Guard Partnership and NFHS Concussion Summit.

GUIDANCE FOR PCOA MEMBERS REGARDING MEETING MINUTES, NOTES AND EMAILS

Mr. Mezzanotte presented guidance for PCOA members regarding meeting minutes, notes and emails. The Committee discussed ramifications of board related meeting notes and emails.

RIIL GOALS 2014-2015

Mr. Mezzanotte presented the RIIL Goals for 2014-2015:

- Promote the August Coaches/AD Conference
- Continue to support the RIIL Student Advisory Board and their initiatives
- Organize the annual December 2014 Student Conference
- Continue dialogue with the RIIAAA Executive Board
- Promote the NFHS Network: School Broadcast Program
- RIIL Luncheon: April 2015
- Continue dialogue with the RI Middle Schools Sports Association

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee received a letter from Mr. Dennis DeJesus, CEO of Special Olympics Rhode Island requesting a seat on the Principals' Committee on Athletics. According to the RIIL bylaws and constitution, this appointment could not be permitted.

RIIL SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Mezzanotte reported on the RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC). The SMAC endorsed the Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form and letter to all parents and medical community. This letter and form is intended to indicate the importance of a complete pre-participation physical examination. He also reported that the SMAC will be requesting that all present school athletic trainers provide injury information throughout the year as part of the RIO (Reporting Information Online) Injury Surveillance Survey.

NFHS NETWORK: SCHOOL BROADCAST PROGRAM

The RIIL supports the NFHS Network and encourages all schools to participate in the School Broadcast Program.

RIIL RULE REVISIONS

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved (13-0) to delete Article 6, Section 14.B - For School Equipment Used at (summer) Football Camps.

REQUEST FROM BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Committee received a letter from Mr. Joseph Hurley, Principal of Barrington High School asking the Committee to reconsider the sanctions imposed on the Barrington High School Boys' Basketball Coach. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously denied (0-13) the request.

COOPERATIVE TEAM REQUESTS

Reminder: All winter sports cooperative team requests are due to the RIIL by September 15, 2014.

SPRING SPORTS ALIGNMENTS

Reminder: All spring sports alignments are due to the RIIL by November 17, 2014.

WAIVER HEARING COMMITTEE APPEALS

Jake Lyman – Middletown High School

Waiver of Article 3, Section 4C., the Eight (8) Semester Rule. Appealing a decision of Waiver Hearing Committee.

Motion to grant waiver: 11-1 (**approved**)

Anthony Rojas – Juanita Sanchez High School

Waiver of Article 3, Section 4C., the Eight (8) Semester Rule. Appealing a decision of Waiver Hearing Committee.

Motion to grant waiver: 6-5-1 (**denied**)

The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.

The August meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Signed:

Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: _____