

**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
Principals' Committee on Athletics
Monday, June 17, 2013
1:30 pm
RIIL Office
Bldg. #6 R. I. College Campus
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue ♦ Providence, RI**

Executive Director's Report #5

Members Present: Chairman Foley; Mme., Abromitis, Crowley and Gribbin; Messrs., Barr, Butler, DiMuccio, Goho, Kavanagh, Kelly, McCarthy, McNamara, Sollitto, Traficante, Warner and Whaley

Also Present: Thomas Mezzanotte, Executive Director; Mike Lunney, Assistant Director and Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Messr. Littlefield

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee discussed several matters in Executive session.

On a motion made and Seconded, the Committee voted to adjourn Executive Session and open the Committee Meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On a motion made and seconded, the Executive Director's Report from the March 18, 2013 meeting was unanimously approved (15-0).

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee met on June 17, 2013. The following items were discussed and recommend for approval:

- NFHS Network Agreement, 5 years
- \$80 football assignor fee per school
- 2% increase for all officials fee beginning with the 2014 school (3 years).
- Tracy Quarella, Director of Marketing, 1 year contract

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved (15-0) all of the above recommended items by the Finance Committee.

PCOA CHAIRMAN RESIGNATION

Mr. Gerry Foley, Chairman of the Committee and principal of Johnston High School submitted his resignation as Chairman and as a member of the Principals' Committee on Athletics effective June 17, 2013. Mr. Foley has served with distinction on the Committee over the past 19 years. We wish him well in his retirement. On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics, accepted with regret, Mr. Foley's resignation.

NEW PCOA CHAIRMAN AND ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the nomination of Mr. Kevin McNamara, principal of Lincoln High School, to the position of Chairman on the Principals' Committee on Athletics effective June 17, 2013.

In addition, Mr. Don Kavanagh, principal of LaSalle Academy, ended his five-year term as Assistant Chairman but will remain on the PCOA. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved the nomination of Michael Sollitto, Ed.D principal of Scituate High School, to the position of Assistant Chairman on the Principals' Committee on Athletics effective June 17, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Mezzanotte referred to several letters, memoranda and publications placed in each member's folder or filed in the League office.

2013-2014 PCOA, WAIVER HEARING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Principals' Committee on Athletics Meeting Dates (2013-2014): August 19, November 18, January 27, March 17, June 16 and August 18.

Waiver Hearing Committee Meeting Dates (2013-2014): **Fall:** August 7 & 14 – **Winter:** October 16 & 30 – **Spring:** February 5 & 12.

Finance Committee Meeting Dates (2013-2014): August 19, March 17, June 16 and August 18.

2013 RIIL PRINCIPALS MEETINGS

Mr. Mezzanotte summarized comments and suggestions presented by principals during these meetings which were informative and substantive.

RIIL OFFICIALS CONTRACTS 2014-2017

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) approved a 2% increase for all officials fee beginning with the 2014 school (3 years).

RIIL RULES VIOLATION

East Providence High School self-reported the use of an ineligible student-athlete Article 3, Section 4A (Age Rule). As a result, the Committee unanimously voted (15-0) to impose the following penalties:

- East Providence High School is fined \$100
- The East Providence High School Athletic Department is placed on probation in all sports for the 2013-14 school year.
- Although the ineligible student-athlete did not score in any of the meets, any points earned would have been required to be forfeited which may have changed the outcome of a meet(s).

St. Mary Bay View Academy self-reported a violation of Article 6, Section 6 (Use of Ineligible Athletes). As a result, the Committee unanimously voted (15-0) to impose the following penalties:

- St. Mary Bay View Academy is fined \$100.
- The St. Mary Bay View Academy Girls Lacrosse Coach is suspended for the 1st league game for the 2014 lacrosse season. The violation was due to omission by the coach.

Middletown High School self-reported a violation of Article 6, Section 6 (Use of Ineligible Athletes). As a result, the Committee unanimously voted (15-0) to impose the following penalties:

- Middletown High School is fined \$100. The violation was due to a clerical error by the athletic office.

North Kingstown High School violation of Article 27, Section 1D (Tennis Ladder Violation). As a result, the Committee unanimously voted (15-0) to impose the following penalties:

- North Kingstown High School is fined \$100. (North Kingstown forfeited one league match and the league standings were adjusted prior to the start of the playoffs.)

Toll Gate High School track coach violation of Article 12, Section 3C (Sportsmanship). As a result, the Committee voted unanimously (15-0) to suspend the Toll Gate High School track coach from all coaching during the 2013-2014 school year. In addition, during the suspension and prior to his reinstatement, he must register and provide evidence of completion of the following NFHS online courses:

1. Fundamentals of Coaching
2. Engaging Effectively With Parents
3. Teaching and Modeling Behavior
4. Sportsmanship

RIIL RULE REVISIONS

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously voted (15-0) to approve the following changes to the RIIL Rules and Regulations:

Article 24, Soccer, Section 1.B:

League victories will **equal 3 points**, losses 0 points, and ties 1 point.

ADD/DROP SPORTS 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously (15-0) approving the following member school requests to **add** sports beginning with the 2013-20104 school year: **Boys' Sports:** Classical High School – Golf; Masters Regional – Boys' Soccer; Scituate High School Boys Outdoor Track; St. Patrick Academy – Boys' Cross Country and Toll Gate High School – Freshman Football. **Girls' Sports:** Central High School – Girls' Indoor and Outdoor Track; Central Falls High School – Cheerleading; Johnston High School – Girls' Lacrosse; Juanita Sanchez – Girls' Volleyball; LaSalle Academy – Field Hockey; Portsmouth High School – Girls' Volleyball; Scituate High School – Girls' Outdoor Track and St. Patrick Academy – Girls' Cross Country.

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously (15-0) approving the following member school requests to **drop** sports beginning with the 2013-20104 school year: Ponaganset High School – Freshman Football; Cranston East – Freshman Football and East Providence – Freshman Boys' Basketball.

RENEWAL OF COOPERATIVE TEAMS FOR 2013-2014

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously (15-0) to approve the following co-op extensions in ice hockey:

1. Toll Gate/Warwick Veterans/Pilgrim – Girls' Ice Hockey (1 year)
2. Lincoln/Cumberland – Girls' Ice Hockey (1 year)
3. Narragansett/NK/SK – Girls' Ice Hockey (1 year)
4. Johnston/N. Providence – Boys' Ice Hockey (1 year)

NEW COOPERATIVE TEAMS FOR 2013-2014

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously (15-0) to approve the following **new** co-op teams in ice hockey:

1. Cranston East/Cranston West – Boys' Ice Hockey (1 year)
2. Scituate/Tolman – Boys' Ice Hockey (1 year)

COOPERATIVE TEAMS SURVEY RESULTS/OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Mezzanotte discussed cooperative team's survey results/observations from member schools. More information will follow on the future of cooperative teams.

FALL SPORTS

- **GIRLS' SOCCER** – Bob McCarthy, Sport Director – The Committee reviewed a request from the Principal of Warwick Veterans High School and the Girls' Soccer Committee to allow the Warwick Veterans Girls Soccer team to move down from Division I to Division II beginning with the 2013 season. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee approved (12-2) the request. The Committee reviewed a request from the Girls' Soccer Committee to allow the Exeter/West Greenwich Girls Soccer team to move up from Division II to Division I beginning with the 2013 season. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee approved (9-5) the request.

WINTER SPORTS

- **GIRLS' BASKETBALL** – Cindy Neal, Director – The Committee reviewed a request from the Girls' Basketball Committee to allow the Woonsocket Girls' Basketball team to move down from Division I to Division II beginning with the 2013 season. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously denied (14-0) the request.

SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved (14-0) the following spring championships: Boys' and Girls' Outdoor Track, Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse, Boys' Tennis, Boys' Volleyball, Fastpitch Softball, Golf and Freshman Baseball.

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 June meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Signed:

Susana Borges, RIIL, Board Secretary

Date: _____