

**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
Principals' Committee on Athletics
Monday, January 25, 2016 @ 1:30 pm
RIIL Office
Bldg. #6 RI College Campus
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman McNamara; Mmes., Abromitis, Crowley, and Keegan; Messrs., Brennan, DiMuccio, Henderson, Goho, Kavanagh, Kelly, Littlefield, Sollitto, Vetelino, Warner and Whaley

Also Present: Thomas Mezzanotte, Executive Director; Michael Lunney, Assistant Executive Director; Susana Costa, Administrative Assistant; Carolyn Thornton, Director of Multimedia Content, and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*

Absent: Messr., Barr; Mme., Gribbin

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

WELCOME NEW PCOA MEMBER: CARNELL HENDERSON

The Committee welcomed new PCOA member Mr. Carnell Henderson, Principal of Woonsocket High School.

PCOA MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2015

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved (15-0).

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: IHSAA Legal Issues; Rules Revisions and RIIL Re-Alignment 2016-2018.

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

FINANCE REPORT

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) approved the finance report submitted by Ms. Donna Kane, Business Manager.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Mezzanotte reported on the following:

- Appointment of new Sport Director of Girls' Lacrosse: Lee Markowski of Barrington.
- NFHS/RIIL Outstanding Service Award: Rick Marshall, Track & Field
- NFHS Officials Education Program – Meeting on February 4, 2016
- Sports Writing 101 with Carolyn Thornton, RIIL Director of Media Communications
- RIIL Spring Awards Luncheon:
 - Recognize Coach / AD / Team of Year
 - Recognize monthly B/G Athletes of Month and B/G Athlete of Year
- RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee met January 13, 2016
- RIIL Technology Committee - Update

ARBITER REF-PAY PROGRAM - UPDATE

Mr. Lunney provided an update to the Arbiter Ref-Pay Program. Things are going well.

RE-ALIGNMENT 2016-2018

Mr. Tom Marcello, RIIAAA, presented the following revised realignment formula which would be used for the 2016-2018 football alignment and in various winter and spring sports:

- (New) 60% - 8 year weighted win percentage
- 20% - enrollment
- (New) 10% unweighted (2 year) win percentage
- (New) 10% - Tournament Success Factor

RE-ALIGNMENT 2016-2018... CONTINUED

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved (15-0) the new revised realignment formula.

RULES VIOLATIONS

Middletown High School: Article 6, Section 6 – Use of an Ineligible Athlete – Boys Hockey

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted (14-0-1) to impose a fine of \$100 for violating Article 6, Section 6 due to a clerical error.

Lincoln High School: Article 6, Section 6 – Use of an Ineligible Athlete – Boys Indoor Track

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted (14-0-1) to impose a fine of \$100 and suspend the Boys Indoor Track Head Coach for one (1) league game for violating Article 6, Section 6 due to coach error.

Rocky Hill School: Article 6., Section 12 – School Withdrawal – Girls Basketball

The Committee received a letter from Rocky Hill School notifying the League they must withdraw from Girls Basketball for the 2015-16 season.

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously voted (15-0) to approve Rocky Hill's request to withdraw from Girls' Basketball for the 2015-2016 season without sanctions.

RIIAAA REPORT

Mr. Vetelino, President of the RIIAAA, provided updates as to issues, concerns and recommendations on behalf of the RIIAAA.

MONSIGNOR NEWBOLD GRANTS TO SCHOOLS

Mr. Mezzanotte reported the League approved \$7,425 in grants to schools to support leadership and sportsmanship activities.

FALL SPORTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Mr. Lunney reported the Golf Committee is gathering information from the golf courses on the issue of moving the sport of golf to the fall. The Golf Committee will have a recommendation to present to the PCOA at the March meeting.

- On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved (15-0) the Football Championships.

WINTER SPORTS

- **Hockey Committee Request:** The Committee received a request from the Hockey Sport Committee to modify the hockey rule establishing a system that will penalize/suspend players exceeding the maximum number of penalty minutes during the regular season and the playoffs (Article 22, Section 1.F.). On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously denied (0-15) the request.

- **Hockey Committee Proposal:** A new hockey schedule proposal was presented and discussed with the Committee on Athletics. Essentially, the new proposal would allow schools to schedule their own hockey home games, and eliminate the RIIL from all regular season scheduling (with rinks) and collection of game-ticket revenue. After a lengthy discussion among members of the PCOA and the RIIAAA Executive Board, the League will not implement this proposal for the 2016-2017season. In preparation of the possible approval of this proposal, the League and school athletic directors will study the impact this proposal would have on our hockey schools.

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 January meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Signed:

Susana Costa, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: _____