Members Present: Chairman McNamara; Mmes., Gribbin and Ponte; Messrs., Barbieri, Barr, Goho, Habershaw, Kavanagh, Kelly, Marcello, Solomon, Warner and Whaley.

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

Absent: Mme: Keegan; Messrs: Henderson and Sollitto.

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

PCOA MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2017
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the November 13, 2017 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: Special Legislative Study Commission regarding high school start time; ESports - PlayVS; Revised realignment formula; Coventry head hockey coach and PCOA vacancy.

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

PCOA RESIGNATION
The Committee received notification of the resignation of Jay Brennan, as a member of the Committee and Co-sport Director of Track and Field.

RIIL SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The next RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2018.

2018-2020 RE-ALIGNMENT
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved the revised realignment formula submitted by the RIIAAA. The timeline for realignment in all sports beginning with fall 2018: February 2018 – deadline for fall sports alignment approval; May 2018 deadline for winter sports and October 2018 deadline for spring sports.
RIIL RULE REVISIONS
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved a rule revision of Article 3, Section I.
J. Cooperative teams:

- Article 3, Section I.J. (Cooperative Teams) – revised to allow the RIIL Office to review schools that are put in the “Phase Out” period on a year to year basis. The RIIL will determine whether co-ops can be extended based on an analysis of their participant numbers.

SCHOOL REQUESTS
The Committee received a request from Hope High School notifying the League they cannot participate in their Thanksgiving Day Football game versus Central due to player safety and low participation. The Committee determined this a non-league game and therefore, has no authorization whether Hope participates.

RIIL RULE VIOLATIONS
Pilgrim High School: Article 6, Section 6A: (Use of an Ineligible Athlete) – Boys Indoor Track
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (13-0) voted to sanction Pilgrim High School for violating Article 6, Section 6A of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, Pilgrim High School is assessed a $100 fine.

Barrington High School: Article 6, Section 6A: (Use of an Ineligible Athlete) – Wrestling
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (13-0) voted to sanction Barrington High School for violating Article 6, Section 6A of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, Barrington High School is assessed a $100 fine.

North Kingstown High School: Article 6, Section 7: (Ejection from a Game; Use of an Ineligible Athlete) – Boys Hockey
The Committee reviewed a violation by the North Kingstown HS boys’ hockey team. Based on the information provided, two boys hockey players were ejected from a game on Friday, December 29, 2017 and were therefore ineligible to participate in the next scheduled League game which was held on Saturday, December 30, 2017. Based on the information provided, the players were allowed to participate due to an administrative misunderstanding of Article 6, Section 7 (Ejection from Game) of the Rules and Regulations of the RIIL. On a motion and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) voted North Kingstown HS must forfeit any points earned in the Saturday, December 30, 2017 boys’ hockey game.

Coventry High School: Article 6, Section 7.B. (Coaches Ejected from a Game) – Boys Hockey
The Committee reviewed an incident involving the Coventry HS head Boys Hockey Coach that took place at a boys’ hockey game held in New Hampshire on Wednesday, December 27, 2017. After reviewing the documents and considering the testimony from Coventry Athletic Director C. Quentin Jones, the Committee unanimously (13-0) voted to uphold the ejection by the New Hampshire ice hockey official. Therefore, Coach Bird was ineligible to participate in the League game on Saturday, December 30, 2017 vs North Kingstown HS and must forfeit any points earned for this game in the RIIL ice hockey standings.

FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved the 2017 Football and Girls Volleyball Championships.

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 3:15 P.M.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ______________________

Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary