The meeting minutes were approved. The following items were discussed in Executive Session: Rule Revisions: Article 1, Section 16.G and Article 3, Section 1.J.; 2016-2017 Budget; New Building Finances; Budget 2017-2018; Meeting at Mt. St. Charles; Korey Stringer Institutes Report ranking High School State Associations regarding managing injury risk; NFHS Response to the Korey Stringer Report and Pathway Programs and eligibility.

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

Finance Committee Report
Mr. Kelly, chairman of the Finance Committee reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 21, 2017 and submitted its report regarding the 2017-2018 RIIL budget. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee on Athletics unanimously approved (13-0) the RIIL budget for the 2017-2018 school year. In addition, the 2015-2016 RIIL Audit had no issues.

New Member Finance Committee
Mr. Tom Barbieri was appointed to the Finance Committee

Executive Director’s Report
Mr. Mezzanotte reported on the following:
- Computer Management System - rSchool Today
- Coaches Certification: Update – It is the schools responsibility to certify all coaches.
- 2017 NFHS Summer Conference – Providence, RI
- NFHS Student Leadership Conference
- NESLC Student Leadership
- Goals 2017-2018
- Fall Coaches Meeting
- Venue Contracts
- NFHS Information: For the 28th consecutive year, participation has increased nationally. Participation in the RIIL is up from 2016. The NFHS voted to reserve Friday night for High School Football.

2016-2017 Annual Report
The 2016-2017 Annual Report was reviewed and approved. Copies will be distributed to all schools.
SPORTS MEDICINE
Mr. Mezzanotte discussed several NFHS Position Statements and the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) report ranking High School State Associations regarding managing injury risk. In addition, the Committee reviewed and discussed the NFHS response to the KSI report and referred it to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

2018-2020 RE-ALIGNMENT
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved (13-0) a recommendation from the RIIAAA of the formation for a new sub-committee for realignment. Also, a timeline was established 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.

PATHWAY PROGRAMS AND ELIGIBILITY
The Committee reviewed Article 3 as it relates to Certified and Career Technical Programs as well as Pathway Programs. The Committee will revise Article 3, Section 1 to include Pathway Programs. In addition, Mr. Sollitto representing RISSA, will submit state guidelines regarding the Pathway Programs at the November meeting.

RIIL RULE REVISIONS
On a motion made and seconded the following RIIL Rules Revisions were unanimously (13-0) approved:
1. Article 1, Section 16. G. (Organization)
2. Article 3, Section 1.J. (Co-ops)

SCHOOL REQUESTS
The Committee received a request on behalf of Central Falls, Tolman and Shea High School to form a Wrestling Co-Op team. Based on the guidelines listed in Article 3, Section 1 J of the rules and regulations of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League, the application meets the established guidelines. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved the request and it is approved for two years (2017-2018 & 2018-2019).

WINTER SPORTS
Girls Basketball – Cindy Neal, Girls Basketball Sport Director – Upon recommendation from the Girls’ Basketball Sport Committee, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved Chariho High School’s request to drop to Division 2. As such, Lincoln School will move up to Division 1.
Boys Basketball – Joe Goho and Mike Sollitto, Sport Co-Director’s – The Committee received a request from Times Stem to join the League in Boys’ Basketball beginning with the 2017 season. Due to the lateness of this request, it was denied. They will be added to the Boys’ Basketball alignment in 2018.

WAIVER HEARING COMMITTEE APPEAL
Patric Semedo Varela – Central High School
Waiver of Article 3, Section 5., Age Rule. Appealing a decision of Waiver Hearing Committee.
Motion to grant waiver: 12-1 (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 4:30 P.M.

Signed: 

Date: 

Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary