**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE**  
**Principals’ Committee on Athletics**  
**Monday, November 5, 2018 @ 1:30 pm**  
**RIIL Office**  
**875 Centerville Road, Building #3**  
**Warwick, RI 02886**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman McNamara; Mmes., Keegan and Ponte Gribbin and Wallace; Messrs., Barr, Cobain, Goho, Habershaw, Kavanagh, Kelly, Sollitto, Solomon, and Whaley.

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

**Absent:** Messrs. Barbieri and Warner

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

**PCOA Minutes August 20, 2018**
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the August 20, 2018 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: PCOA vacancy; RIIL rules revisions; Requests from member schools; Rule violations and Article 2, Section 1., Membership.

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

**RIIL Business Manager Report**
The Committee reviewed the August - October RIIL Profit and Loss Budget Report.

**RIIL Article 2, Section 1, Membership**
Affiliate member schools Block Island, Providence Country Day and Rocky Hill School all reported to the Principals’ Committee on Athletics how affiliate membership benefits their athletic program. In addition, Barrington Christian Academy, Highlander Charter School and Mount Saint Charles reported to the Committee their need to become an affiliate member and how it would benefit their athletic program.

**PCOA Vacancy**
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) voted to table the matter of an appointment to the PCOA until the January 14, 2019 meeting.

**Executive Director’s Report**
Due to the length of the meeting, on a motion made and seconded, the Executive Director’s Report was unanimously (13-0) tabled until the January 14, 2019 meeting.

**2019 & 2020 Spring Alignments**
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved the following spring alignments (as approved by the RIIAAA) for 2019 & 2020: Baseball, Fast Pitch Softball, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Boys Volleyball, Boys Tennis and Golf.

**RIIL Rule Revisions**
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved a rule revision of Article 7, Section 2. – Definition of a Game.

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved a rule revision of Article 23, Section 2. – Boys & Girls Lacrosse (Schedule/Games): Division I: Total number of games (cap) is 16.
RIIL RULE REVISIONS
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved to table a rule revision of Article 3, Section 1. – Eligibility (Determination of Eligibility) for further consideration.

SCHOOL REQUESTS
The Committee received a request from Moses Brown School to dissolve the Girls Hockey Co-op between La Salle Academy and Moses Brown School. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved their request.

The Committee received a request from Burrillville High School to join the league in Boys’ Volleyball beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved their request.

The Committee received requests from Rocky Hill & Providence Country Day School to join the league in Girls’ Lacrosse beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved their requests.

RIIL RULE VIOLATIONS
Central Falls High School – Article 6, Section 6, Use of Ineligible Athlete (Football)
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA voted (13-0) to sanction Central Falls High School for violating Article 6, Section 6 of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, Central Falls High School is assessed a $100 fine. In addition, the Central Falls football team must forfeit its game versus Narraganset on October 5, 2018.

Narragansett High School: Article 3, Section 6: (Transfer Rule) (Girls Tennis)
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (13-0) voted to sanction Narragansett High School for violating Article 3, Section 6 of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, Narragansett High School is assessed a $100 fine.

Pilgrim High School – Article 6, Section 6, Use of Ineligible Athlete (Football)
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA voted (12-0-1) to sanction Pilgrim High School for violating Article 6, Section 6 of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, Pilgrim High School is assessed a $100 fine. In addition, the Pilgrim football team must forfeit its game versus Ponaganset on September 21, 2018.

Providence Country Day School – Article 6, Section 6A, Use of Ineligible Athletes (Boys’ Soccer)
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA voted (13-0) to sanction Providence Country Day School for violating Article 6, Section 6A of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, Providence Country Day School is assessed a $100 fine. (due to a clerical error)

South Kingstown High School – Article 7, Section 7, Coaching out of Season (Baseball)
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA voted (13-0) to sanction South Kingstown High School for violating Article 7, Section 7 of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, South Kingstown High School is assessed a $200 fine; the baseball coach is suspended for two RIIL League games in 2019 and the South Kingstown High School baseball program is placed on probation for two years 2019 & 2020.

PCOA HEARING COMMITTEE APPEAL
Hope High School – Article 3, Section 4, Academic Eligibility (Boys Basketball)
The Committee met with the Hope High School Boys’ Basketball Head Coach to discuss the use of an ineligible athlete during the 2017-2018 basketball season. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted (7-6) to suspend the Hope High School Boys Basketball Head Coach for two RIIL League basketball games and any non-league games in between at the start of the 2018-2019 boys’ basketball season. In addition, the Committee considered Hope High School’s appeal of the $500 fine and reduced it to $300.

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 November meeting of the Principals’ Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary