The Special April 13th meeting of the Principals’ Committee on Athletics was called to order at 9:00AM.

Item #1: 2020-2021 Sport Alignments

At the April 6th meeting, the PCOA voted to roll over (continue) the 2018-2020 alignments in all fall, winter, and spring sports for one year (2020-2021). As a result of this decision, numerous school principals, athletic directors and athletes questioned and expressed concerns as it conflicted with past alignment procedures.

As a result, on a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously voted (16-0) to reconsider the realignment vote from the April 6, 2020 meeting.

In addition, on a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously voted (16-0) to defeat the vote to extend the 2018-2020 fall, winter, and spring alignments for 1 year (2020-21 school year).

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously voted (16-0) to consider the fall sports alignments as recommended by the sport committees and approved by the RIIAAA Executive Board on a sport by sport basis as follows:

Football: On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA denied, in a 9-6 vote, the alignment recommendation of the football sport committee and requested that the alignment be sent back to the football committee for review. Prior to the vote, the following schools: East Greenwich, Central Falls, Pilgrim and Burrillville had the opportunity to discuss their alignment placement.

Boys Soccer: On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously approved (16-0) the 2020-2021 Boys’ Soccer alignment as presented for one year only.
Boys/Girls XC: On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously approved (16-0) the 2020-2021 Boys’ and Girls’ Cross Country alignment as presented for one year only.

Field Hockey: On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously approved (15-0) the 2020-2021 Field Hockey alignment as presented for one year only.

Girls Soccer: On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA approved (12-3) the 2020-2021 Girls’ Soccer alignment as presented for one year only.

Girls Tennis: On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously approved (15-0) the 2020-2021 Girls’ Tennis alignment as recommended by the RIIAAA for one year only.

Girls V-Ball: On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA approved in a 12-3 vote, the 2020-2021 Girls’ Volleyball alignment for one year only.

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously approved by a vote of 15-0 that the winter sport committees be allowed to convene and provide recommendation for the 2020-2021 alignments. These alignments would be for the 2020-21 school year only.

Executive Session:
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously voted (15-0) to go into Executive Session. The Committee reviewed and discussed the communication from RISSA regarding the decision by the PCOA to approve a timeline for the 2020 spring sport season.

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 Special April meeting of the Principals’ Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: _______________________
Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary