

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES  
August 30, 2018

Present: Anthony Azzara, Gregg Simon, Daniel Zittoun, Vincent DeNuzzo, Robert Cecchini, Joel Cookson, Stephanie Ford, Carl Nissen, Linda Iacobellis, Dave Tanner, Daniel Moleti, Joe Tonelli, Damian Frassinelli, George Synnott, Robert Lehr, Matt Perachi, Henry Rondon, Cherese Miller, Roberto Medic, Michele Cordeau, Sheila Riffle, Mike Barile, Ted Kelleher

The meeting began at 4 pm with Chair Anthony Azzara presiding.

For the first Board meeting of the new school year, introductions were made for everyone in attendance. New CAS-CIAC Executive Director Glenn Lungarini also was introduced and welcomed and thanked the Board members.

The group also went over voting procedures for any action items.

The meeting schedule for the Board of Control, Eligibility Committee, and Eligibility Review Board were presented. Meeting schedule for 2018-19 is as follows:

Board of Control/Eligibility Committee (EC at 1 p.m., BoC at 2 p.m.): 9/20; 10/18; 11/15 (if needed); 12/13; 1/17; 2/21; 4/4; 5/2 (if needed).

Eligibility Review Board (all at 2 p.m.): 8/30; 10/11; 11/1; 11/29; 1/3; 1/31; 3/7; 4/18.

#### 1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for May 3, 2018 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: To approve minutes – D. Tanner / second – L. Iacobellis / motion approved.

- 1.2 Treasurer's Report – Sheila Riffle presented the financial report as of June 30, 2018. There was a feeling the written report as presented to the Board may have had typos, so the Board agreed to hold approval of the report until the next Board meeting.

- 1.3 Cooperative Team Committee Appeal – Boys Ice Hockey – The Board heard from representatives of E.O. Smith High School and Tolland High School appealing the decision of the Cooperative Team Committee to place the E.O. Smith/Tolland boys ice hockey co-op team in a one-year phase out concluded at the end of the 2018 season. The principals, and athletics directors from both schools, and the head coach presented their case for why the program should be given an additional year of a phase out. The group presented several reasons why it believed it should be given an additional phase out year including but not limited to its offering a full junior varsity program which many hockey co-ops do not do thus raising its participation numbers; that the current participation level is a result in an attendance bubble and will reverse in subsequent years; the co-op has a long history together and given the current numbers one of the schools will almost certainly not be able to sponsor hockey with another co-op for the coming season, and that they were only seeking one more year of a phase out which is allowed in CIAC rules.

Gregg Simon then presented the Board with the information supporting the decision from the Cooperative Team Committee. The committee makes its decisions based on the rules regarding co-op participation, and on the numbers reported by the schools involved. In this case the numbers submitted by the school were not within the acceptable limits for boys ice hockey and the committee issues its decision of a one-year phase out based on the clear CIAC rules regarding co-ops. The Board members had a lengthy discussion

regarding the merits of the appeal and the process by which co-ops are approved, or placed in phase outs.

Motion: To uphold the decision of the CIAC Cooperative Team Committee for a one-year phase out of the E.O. Smith/Tolland ice hockey team – / second –/ motion approved by a vote of 8-3.

The Board members requested that the following items be placed on “Future Agenda Items” on an upcoming Board of Control meeting:

- Cooperative Team Rules for Ice Hockey
- Cooperative Team – Process of Decision Making

- 1.4 Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [ ] – The Board considered a self-report from [ ] for use of an ineligible player by its softball team. An individual took part in an adult rec league game during the season and subsequently played in one varsity contest. The school already forfeited the game when it first reported in the spring and determined that was the only game in which the player participated after she became ineligible through her outside competition. The school also reported the athletics department will hold a pre-season meeting with all athletes to cover CIAC rules.

Motion: To fine the school \$100 for the violation – / second – / motion approved.

- 1.5 Self-Report – Football Six-Quarter Violation– [ ] – The Board considered a self-report from [ ] for violation of the six-quarter rules by its football program. The school determined in conversations with a parent and coach that an athlete competed in a varsity game Friday evening and then again in the junior varsity game the following day and exceeded the allowed quarter participation by one play. The school’s report indicated it would require coaches to retake appropriate Connecticut Coaching Education Modules and would be increase oversight from its athletic administrators to monitoring football participation.

Motion: To disqualify the head coach for the next contest at the same level of play, to forfeit the game in question, to fine the school \$100, require the school submit to the Board a plan to monitor and control the amount of participation for football athletes on a week-to-week basis, to require all the coaches in the football program to retake the Connecticut Coaching Education Module 51 (CIAC Rules and Regulations) as soon as possible – / second – / motion approved.

Due to the length of the discussions for the action items, the meeting was adjourned before the completion of the remaining agenda.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 20, 2018