

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2019

Present: Gregg Simon, Sheila Riffle, Linda Iacobellis, Daniel Moleti, Joe Velardi, Joe Tonelli, Michele Cordeau, Vincent DeNuzzo, Joel Cookson, Robert Lehr, Damian Frassinelli, Matt Perachi, Dave Tanner, Henry Rondon, Stephanie Ford, Glenn Lungarini, Matt Ryan.

Board Vice Chairperson Sheila Riffle led the meeting.

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and Approval of the Board of Control Minutes for December 6, 2018 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion to approve minutes – D. Moleti / second – H. Rondon – Motion approved.

- 1.2 Treasurer's Report – A financial report from November 31, 2018 was presented.

Motion to approve November 31 treasurer's report – D. Tanner / second – D. Moleti – Motion approved

- 1.3 Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [] High School – The Board considered a self-report from [] High School for use of an ineligible player by its ice hockey team. The school discovered one of its ice hockey players was participating on an outside team during the hockey season and had participated in two junior varsity games from her school team. The student-athlete and family directly misled the school administration and coaching staff about the participation despite specific instructions from the school staff that outside participation was not permitted.

Motion to fine the school \$200 (\$100 per incident) for the violation – V. DeNuzzo / second – M. Ryan – Motion approved (one abstention).

Motion to rescind the fine issue to the school – V. DeNuzzo / second – H. Rondon – Motion approved (one abstention).

Motion to reinstate student-athlete's eligibility under conditions that athlete is otherwise eligible – D. Moleti / second – L. Iacobellis – Motion approved.

- 1.4 Self-Report – Use of ineligible Player – [] High School – The Board considered a self-report from [] High School for use of an ineligible player by its boys basketball team. A freshman boys basketball player took part in a recreation league game during the boys basketball season. The player had been informed outside competition was not permitted, and the school has indicated in the future it will insure eligibility requirements are provided to students in writing. The self-report did not indicate how many school games the athlete participated in while ineligible and Gregg Simon indicated he would contact the school to require additional information.

Motion to fine the school \$100 per incident – L. Iacobellis / second – D. Tanner – Motion approved.

Motion to reinstate athlete's eligibility pending information acquired by Gregg Simon – H. Rondon / second – V. DeNuzzo – Motion approved.

- 1.5 Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Players – [] High School – The Board considered a self-report for use of an ineligible player by the [] High School boys basketball team. The student-athlete attends a magnet school that does not offer athletics and plays back at []. It was discovered the student was not academically eligible to compete based on his grades at the magnet school. Due to challenges in obtaining updated academic information from his sending school, he participated in five varsity and two junior varsity games before it was determined he was ineligible. The school has already forfeited the two

varsity victories, and has addressed the challenge of obtaining the relevant academic information from other schools in a more timely way.

Motion to fine the school \$500 (\$100 per incident with a max of \$500) – V. DeNuzzo / second – L. Iacobellis – Motion approved.

- 1.6 Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [] High School – The Board considered a self-report from [] High School for use of an ineligible player by its girls basketball team. An athlete was discovered to be participating on an outside team while also competing for her high school team. She played in three games before her participation was discovered. The school has already forfeited its win from the game in which the ineligible athlete participated.

Motion to fine the school \$300 (\$100 per incident) – D. Moleti / second – V. DeNuzzo – Motion approved.

- 1.7 By-law Change – F1 Visa Policy – The Board considered a proposal from the F-1 Visa Committee to amend CIAC by-laws with the following language concerning athletic eligibility of students attending CIAC member schools on F-1 Visas:

Proposal: “All F-1 Visa students attending a CIAC member school are ineligible for participation in varsity athletics for 365 days upon enrollment and may only participate in varsity competitions for two years.

The Board members offered a series of clarifying questions regarding the understanding and implementation of the new policy, and Gregg Simon indicated should the new language be adopted, extensive corresponding “question and answer” material would be added to the Handbook.

Motion to approve the proposal from the F-1 Visa Committee – D Tanner / second – D. Moleti – Motion approved. As an approved by-law change, the proposal will require approval from the full CAS membership at its annual meeting.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Legislative Updates – Glenn Lungarini provided the Board members with updates on legislative items including potential for a bill allowing athletic participation for home-schooled students; a task force reviewing data privacy laws in which CIAC is represented; potential changes to law regarding seizing students’ personal electronic devices.
- 2.2 NFHS Update – Glenn Lungarini provided an update on news from the NFHS. He recently attended the winter meeting with other Executive Directors. Continuing officials recruiting was addressed – Connecticut has done well in implementation of the effort to recruit first responders as officials. Looking at the growing popularity of flag football across the country. NFHS is looking to try and create a few 100% Pixellot states and Connecticut may be interested in being one of those states.
- 2.3 June Scholastic Basketball Events – Glenn Lungarini shared a statement and the rationale for why Connecticut has chosen to not take part in the first year of allowed scholastic basketball events. Several other states are taking a similar position to Connecticut where they are concerned about implementation, the lack of a corresponding event for girls and other issues and want to see how the events work in other states before adopting it here.
- 2.4 Tennis Update – Robert Lehr informed the Board members that the tennis championships would begin one day earlier this spring, beginning on a Friday, which the sport committee believes will actually mean less missed school time. In addition, girls tennis is looking to move from three division championships to four beginning in the spring of 2020.

- 2.5 Ice Hockey Championship Dates – Joe Tonelli shared with the Board that due to rare schedule conflicts at Yale, the ice hockey committee is looking to change the dates for its championship games this winter. The group is waiting for a final conversation with Yale before making the final decision, which will be shared with all hockey schools (the membership was told of this possibility in the pre-season).

3.0 CONSULTANT REPORTS

- 3.1 CAS – No report
3.2 CAPSS – No report
3.3 CABA – No report
3.4 Sports Medicine – No report
3.5 CATA – no report
3.6 Unified Sports – No report
- 3.7 CAAD – Matt Perachi reported Connecticut received a commendation from the NIAAA for its involvement with the national convention. Shared there would be a professional development with two LTC courses at the annual conference March 20.
- 3.8 CHSCA – No report
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli reported four spring officials interpreters just returned from trip to NFHS headquarters in Indianapolis, which is a program that rotates interpreters who get this valuable experience.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility – The Eligibility Committee met in December and heard four cases, approving 3 and denying 1. Also met prior to meeting today and heard and denied one case.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – Eligibility Review Board met in December, heard and approved three cases.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 5.1 Co-op procedures
5.2 Sunday Play

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Joel Cookson reported on the upcoming deadline for the CAS-CIAC Battle of the Fans competition, and also encouraged the Board members to check out the video work of recent CIAC staff addition John Holt.
- 6.2 Robert Lehr reported the 2019 singles bowling tournament would be taking place in the coming weeks with 65 students registered.
- 6.3 Gregg Simon reported the Girls Basketball Committee was in the process of looking at expanding its tournament to five divisions to mirror the boys tournament. There had been overwhelming support for the idea through a survey.
- 6.4 Glenn Lungarini discussed possible changes to the timing or structure of Board of Control meetings in an effort to help facilitate Board members to be able to attend.