

Board of Control Minutes – 10/27/16

Present: Karissa Niehoff, Joe Monroe, Francis Kennedy, Linda Iacc, Erin Clark, Marc Aceto, Joe Tonelli, Robert Cecchini, Bob Lehr, Joel Cookson, Stephanie Ford, Mary Lee Weber, Joe Canzanella, Damian Frassinelli, Daniel Moleti, Lee Panagoulas, Glenn Lungarini, Matt Ryan, Steve Wysowski, Sheila Riffle, Mark Ambruso, Anthony Azzarra, Paul Newton, Ted Kelleher

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and Approval – CIAC Board of Control Minutes – September 22, 2016 – The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 22, 2016 Board of Control meeting.
- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report. Motion to approve the 9/22 minutes and treasurer’s report as part of the consent agenda – F. Kennedy / J. Monroe – Approved.
- 1.3 Letter of Self-Report – Violation of Six Quarter Rule – [] – The Board considered a self-report from [] for a violation of the six quarter rule by its cooperative football team. An athlete competed in four quarters of a varsity game and then three quarters of a junior varsity game in the same week, in violation of the rule. The school reprimanded the junior varsity coach and has required coaching education. The Board considered this was the first violation of this new regulation and wanted to consider precedence in its decision particularly regarding the eligibility of the student athlete. Motion to fine the school \$100, require the school to forfeit the JV game for use of an ineligible player, reinstate the athlete’s eligibility following that game, require the football coaching staff to complete the Connecticut Coaching Education Module 51, and require the coaches to submit a report to the Board of Control indicating how the program will monitor athlete participation going forward – M. Ryan / F. Kennedy – Approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Coaching out of season – future violations – Steve Wysowski initiated a discussion of an item from a previous meeting where by CIAC rules out-of-season coaching violations on some occasions do not become violations until the coach begins coaching a new season. There was discussion of whether rule language should be amended to have violations be recognized at the time of the act. There was no consensus but the Board will continue to look at this issue moving forward.
- 2.2 Recruitment Violation Language – Steve Wysowski presented language for new penalties for coaches who violate CIAC recruiting rules. The group had no issues with language so the possible additions to the rule will begin being vetted by constituencies.
- 2.3 Filling the brackets – Jiggs Cecchini presented a request to extend the Board’s approval to fill the brackets for the boys and girls basketball tournaments. The Board initially approved a two-year trial for the program and the first year was successful. The Board suggested it wait until after the completion of this year’s tournaments to look at extending the program.

- 2.4 Boys basketball tournament proposal – Jiggs Cecchini updated the Board on a proposal to change the process of determining the divisions for the boys basketball tournament. The proposal is still being vetted.
- 2.5 NFHS news – Karissa Niehoff apprised the Board of updates from the National Federation of State High School Associations. These include the launch of the #MyReasonWhy campaign to promote school-based activity. There were also updates from the Section 1 meeting which included an extensive workshop on transgender student-athletes. There is also updated information from the first year of RIO reporting which shows excellent data and results from Connecticut.
- 2.6 How are we doing ? – Steve Wysowski encouraged the Board members to offer suggestions and feedback to the CIAC staff and office for how it can better serve its membership, either through sharing of information, or other ideas.
- 2.7 Sportsmanship – Steve Wysowski offered information from the upcoming Sportsmanship Conference which will serve as the official launch of the Class Act Schools program, as well as keynote address from the principal Anna Mahon of Amity High School and a social media presentation from Tom Pincince from Central Connecticut State.

3.0 CONSULTANT REPORT

- 3.1 Unified Sports –
- 3.2 CAS –
- 3.3 CAPSS –
- 3.4 CABE –
- 3.5 Sports Medicine –
- 3.6 CATA – Marc Aceto reported to the Board that the department of public health was moving forward with the new scope of practice that the athletics trainers put forward.
- 3.7 CAAD – Damian Frassinelli reported the executive committee has a meeting November 2 where they expect to get feedback on the basketball proposal, and the group will be hosting leadership training sessions on November 15.
- 3.8 CHSCA – Joe Canzanella reported the Coaches Association was holding its next meeting later that day, and would be holding its annual Hall of Fame ceremony on November 17.
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli reported that the scheduled for preseason rule interpretations meetings for winter sports would be going out the next day.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility Committee – Joe Monroe reported the Eligibility Committee heard five cases, approved one approved, tabled one and denied three.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – Steve Wysowski reported the group met last week and heard two cases, approved one and denied one.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- 5.1

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Matt Fischer / Joel Cookson – No report.
- 6.2 Robert Lehr – No report
- 6.3 Joe Tonelli – No report.
- 6.4 Stephanie Ford / Mary Lee Weber – No report.
- 6.5 Steve Wysowski – Reported that the second Hall of Honor ceremony will be taking place October 29. He also noted there was an article in the most recent High School Today magazine which included quotes from Karissa Niehoff.
- 6.6 Karissa Niehoff – Informed the Board of a plan to hold a reception for John Holt from WFSB following the Board's February meeting in recognition of his contributions to high school athletics in lieu of his contract not being renewed.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

NOTE: Next Meeting of the Board – December 8, 2016 – 2 p.m.