

## Board of Control Minutes – 2/16/17

Present: Paul Newton, Karissa Niehoff, Linda Iacobellis, Francis Kenedy, Daniel Moleti, Marc Aceto, Erin Clark, Scott Schoonmaker, Joe Canzanella, Mary Lee Weber, Glenn Lungarini, Robert Cecchini, Joe Tonelli, Matt Fischer, Joel Cookson, Robert Lehr, Fred Balsamo, Trish Witkin, Damian Frassinelli, George Synnott, Drew DiPippo, Beth Smith, Matt Ryan, Daniel Sullivan, Gayle Allen-Greene.

### 1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and Approval – CIAC Board of Control Minutes – January 12, 2017 – The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 12, 2017 Board of Control meeting.
- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report. Motion to approve the 1/12/17 minutes and treasurer’s report as part of the consent agenda – B. Smith / F. Kennedy – Approved.
- 1.3 Letter of Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [ ] – The Board considered a self-report from [ ] for use of an ineligible player by its boys basketball team. The school was unaware that when the student began his career at [ ] he had already attended another high school, thus his participation in boys basketball as a senior was in violation of the eight semester rule. He had competed in six games, two of which were victories. Motion to fine the school \$500 (\$100 per incident for a maximum of \$500), the student remain ineligible, and team forfeit the victories – D. Sullivan / B. Smith – Approved.
- 1.4 Letter of Self-Report – Out of Season Coaching – [ ] – The Board considered a self-report from [ ] for violations of the out of season coaching rules by its football team. The school discovered that five coaches (head coach and four assistants) conducted an out-of-season workout with members of the football team on school grounds including sport-specific drills. When presented with evidence of the practice the coaches contend they had not violated the rules. The Board discussed possible penalties and whether knowingly or unknowingly violating rules should factor into the penalty decision. It was also noted this could be the first application of new penalties options that had been put in place for out-of-season coaching violations so the Board would want to take possible precedence into account. Motion to fine the school \$250, and require the coaches to retake the appropriate coaching education modules – F. Kennedy / M. Allen-Greene – Defeated. Motion to fine the schools \$250, require the offending coaches to retake the appropriate coaching education modules, disqualify the head coach for two games, and each assistant coach for one game – D. Sullivan / E. Clark – Approved. A discussion followed as to whether CIAC rules permitted the school to space out the coaching disqualifications over several games , and it was determined that was not permitted.
- 1.5 Letter of Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [ ] – The Board considered a self-report from [ ] for use of an ineligible player by the boys basketball team. The school reported it had an athlete competing for the boys basketball team who was a fifth-year senior. The initial documentation the school was given when the student enrolled in school led to confusion and it was not realized the student was in his fifth year of high school. He had competed in all of the team’s games to the point when the violation was discovered. Motion to fine the

school \$500 (\$100 per incident for a maximum of \$500), and require the school to forfeit all victories – B. Smith / M. Ryan – Approved (one abstention).

- 1.6 Football Committee Proposal – Permanent Approval of Running Clock Policy – The Board considered a proposal to permanently adopt the running clock policy for football which was adopted for the 2016 season on a one-year trial basis. The Football Committee and CIAC staff along with coaches and AD groups were pleased with the first year of the policy. The only change to the proposal was that the running clock would be put into place when the margin became 35 points or more in either the third or fourth quarters, rather than different margins for the different quarters. It was suggested the only issues that existed during the first year was confusion as to when the running clock should begin. Motion to permanently adopt the mandatory running clock policy with the altered rule of a 35-point margin – M. Ryan / D. Sullivan – Approved.
- 1.7 Letter of Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [ ] – The Board considered a self-report from [ ] for use of an ineligible player by its boys basketball team. The athlete competed in three games after becoming academically eligible, but the school discovered he had repeated his sophomore year in order to qualify for his career trade, making this season of competition in violation of the fifth-year senior rule. Motion to fine the school \$300 (\$100 per incident) and forfeit all victories in games in which the student participated – E. Clark / F. Kennedy – Approved.

## 2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 3.0 CONSULTANT REPORT

- 3.1 Unified Sports – George Synnott – No report.
- 3.2 CAS –
- 3.3 CAPSS – Scott Schoonmaker – No report.
- 3.4 CABA –
- 3.5 Sports Medicine –
- 3.6 CATA – Marc Aceto – Reported the trainers were continuing to work on a new scope of practice act, but had nothing else to report.
- 3.7 CAAD – Damian Frasinelli – No report.
- 3.8 CHSCA – Joe Canzanella – No report.
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli – No report.

### 4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility Committee – Did not meet.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – The Eligibility Review Board met last month it heard four cases, two approved, one denied, and one withdrawn by rule.

### 5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

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## 6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Matt Fischer / Joel Cookson – Matt Fischer reported CIAC had reached an agreement with a new company that would be handling the digital ticketing for our championship events and we were hopeful it would be a good partnership for our members and host venues.
- 6.2 Robert Lehr – No report.
- 6.3 Joe Tonelli – Joe Tonelli reported CIAC and CAAD helped organize and hold a successful event with the head baseball coach at Yale for high school baseball coaches to try and ease the transition for the new pitch limits rules put in place this spring.
- 6.4 Stephanie Ford / Mary Lee Weber – Mary Lee Weber reported that Frontier Communications had signed on as a sponsor of the Class Act Schools program, and that there were possible agreements in the works with Anthem and Yale.
- 6.5 Steve Wysowski – Steve Wysowski pointed to materials in the Board members packets which showed the tentative Board meeting dates for 2017-18.
- 6.6 Karissa Niehoff – Karissa Niehoff shared information on some national programs and issues including new equipment that could impact baseball and wrestling, a gender equity task force which Connecticut's Trish Witkin is a part of, and funding for a new study on weight testing. She shared some concerns over the budget issue at the legislature and how it might impact CAS-CIAC and schools. She also indicated CAS-CIAC was involved in the discussion about a change in graduation requirements.

## 7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

**NOTE: Next Meeting of the Board – April 6, 2017 – 2 p.m.**