

Board of Control Minutes – 5/4/17

Present: Karissa Niehoff, Anthony Azzara, Daniel Sullivan, Francis Kennedy, Lee Panagoulis, Suzanne Koroshetz, Erin Clark, Mike Fritch, Robert Cecchini, Matt Fischer, Joel Cookson, Stephanie Ford, Bob Lehr, Fred Balsamo, Damian Frassinelli, Daniel Moleti, Glenn Lungarini, Beth Smith, Gayle Allen-Greene, Sheila Riffle, Matt Ryan, Linda Iacobellis

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and Approval – CIAC Board of Control Minutes – April 6, 2017 – The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 6, 2017 Board of Control meeting.
- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report. Motion to approve the 4/6/17 minutes and treasurer’s report as part of the consent agenda – L. Panagoulis / B. Smith – Approved (One abstention).
- 1.3 Letter of Self-Report – Violation of Football Six-Quarter Rule – [] – The Board considered a self-report from [] for a violation of the six-quarter rule from its football program. The school discovered a player had taken part in more than six quarters between varsity and junior varsity games, due to the coaches’ confusion that special teams plays count towards the total. The report indicated some steps the school would take to insure future compliance. Motion to forfeit the junior varsity game in which the violation occurred, require football coaches to retake coaching education module on CIAC rules, require school to submit a plan for how quarters will be monitored, and fine the school \$100 – A. Azzara / G. Allen-Greene – Approved.
- 1.4 Proposed Amendment to Rule 4.6.D – Disqualification for Out of Season Coaching – The Board considered a possible amendment to Rule 4.6.D Consequences for Coaching Out-of- Season which would allow for The Board to assigning for which games coaches may be disqualified. This proposal was presented at a previous meeting and the language had been revised to reflect the changes. There were extensive discussions about the logistics of the penalties, specifically what happens if the penalized coach was to leave a job or be removed by the school. Motion to adopt the amendment as presented – B. Smith / S. Riffle – Approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Robert Cecchini updated the group on the status of the proposal for modifications to the boys basketball tournament, and answered questions from the Board members on the proposal.
- 2.2 Karissa Niehoff discussed the status of the CIAC transgender athlete policy and its application to a current athlete that has gained publicity.
- 2.3 Karissa Niehoff updated the Board on some current discussions regarding the enrollment policies for schools of choice that are CIAC members, and language that might be proposed in the future looking for specific information regarding their enrollment procedures and policies.

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 –
- 3.7 CAAD – Damian Frasinelli – Informed the group of a successful CAAD conference which included students from Shelton and Bristol Eastern earning the group’s scholarship essay prizes – and the student from Shelton was going on to compete in the national essay contest.
- 3.8 CHSCA – Mike Fritch – Informed the Board that the group’s recognition dinner would be held in the next week.
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli – Informed the group the CIAC and Officials Association had joined in and supported the NFHS National officials recruitment effort and thus far 30 new people had been recruited into the system.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility Committee – The Eligibility Committee heard three cases, granted two and denied one.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – No meeting

5.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 5.1 Matt Fischer / Joel Cookson – No report
- 5.2 Robert Lehr – No report.
- 5.3 Joe Tonelli – No report
- 5.4 Stephanie Ford / Mary Lee Weber – Mary Lee Weber reported that T-Mobile had joined as a new sponsor for the Scholar Athlete Banquet.
- 5.5 Steve Wysowski – Offered a follow-up on an appeal from Fitch/Ledyard at a previous meeting regarding continuation of a field hockey co-op and reported that the team had begun the process to compete in the opt-out option the Board approved in its last meeting.
- 5.6 Karissa Niehoff – Offered a follow-up on a hockey co-op appeal as well as information on new information and possibilities from the NCAA on medical staffs and sport specialization.

NOTE: Next Meeting of the Board – August 24, 2017 – 4 p.m.