

# NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 19, 2011

### Flag Salute

### Roll Call / Introduction of Press

The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by the President, James Loper, at 11:25 am.

The following members were present: Gregory Bailey, Bill Bruno, Peter Bruno, Douglas deMarrais, William DePonte, Tom Dowd, Marty Flynn, Dave Frazier, Joe Galliera, Arthur Griffa, Robert Harmer, Abdul Hassan, Dr. Matthew Jamison, Dr. Mark Jones, Joe Lennon, Laurie Markowski, Tony Mongelluzzo, Patrick Murphy, Dr. James Sarruda, Rod Sharpless, Paul Spaventa, Fran Stromsland, William Vacca, Barbara Wallace, and Joe Zarra. Also present: Steven Timko, Executive Director, Don Danser, Kim DeGraw-Cole, Jack DuBois, and Larry White, Assistant Directors; Dr. Johnson W. Harmon, Project Manager; and Michael J. Herbert, Esq., NJSIAA Counsel. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Mike McGarry, *AC Press*; Steven Falk, *Asbury Park Press*; Greg Schutta, *Record*; Jackie Friedman and Mike Moretti, *Star-Ledger*.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by William DePonte, seconded by Pete Bruno, to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2010 Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed.

### Out-of-State Competition/All-Star Games

A listing of Bordering State Sanctions and National Federation Sanctions was given for informational purposes.

### Executive Director Update – Steven J. Timko

Mr. Timko thanked everyone for rearranging their schedules to be available to come today after postponing the January 12th meeting due to snow.

### Legislative Update

Paul Anzano reported that not much was happening in Trenton at the present time. There is another proposal in legislature; however, it does not appear to be moving. We are not sure if the new Commissioner is more favorable toward us. We have requested to meet with him, and so far have been unsuccessful.

### Winter Championship Update

After submitting justification for ticket prices for the winter 2011 events to the Commissioner's office, we finally heard back from them. Steve went over ticket prices for each venue:

Rutgers	NJSIAA proposed \$9 and \$3	DOE approved \$6 and \$2
Izod Center	NJSIAA proposed \$9 and \$3	DOE approved \$6 and \$2
Ice Hockey	NJSIAA proposed \$8 and \$4	DOE approved \$5 and \$3
Ice Hockey (Izod)	NJSIAA proposed \$10 and \$5	DOE approved \$10 and \$5
Indoor Track	NJSIAA proposed \$8 and \$3	DOE approved \$5 and \$3
Swimming	NJSIAA proposed \$9 and \$2	DOE approved \$9 and \$2
Wrestling	NJSIAA proposed \$10 and \$4	DOE approved \$10 and \$2
(Boardwalk Hall)		

We cannot increase ticket prices to more than what high schools charge for ticket prices during the season. However, with certain venues like the Izod Center, we have a written agreement stating that the Basketball Tournament of Champions would be conducted there through the year 2012 and that the event tickets would be sold at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. The money coming in for the each sport does not come close to covering the expenses involved with the tournaments. We have always relied on the money we make at the high profile tournaments to cover the tournaments where there is no entry fee.

Mr. Timko went over the fall sports revenue and basically we lost a considerable amount of money for the fall sports. The administration has done everything they can to adjust expenses, however, we still lost a lot of money this fall.

#### Concussion Law

The Concussion Bill was signed into law by Governor Christie.

#### Report of Annual Meeting Legislation

At the December 6, 2011 Annual Meeting, two pieces of legislation were voted on.

Kevin Haines, Athletic Director for Middletown North and South, for purposes of simplifying the present starting date rules made a motion to adopt a uniform permissible date for the start of the practice for all fall sports as the third Monday in August and thereby amending Rule 2, Section 6.A of the NJSIAA Rules and Regulations. The new rule would read:

“A. Fall. All fall sports can start official practice on the third Monday of August. Scrimmages can be played after six days of official practice. Official practice days begin to count the third Monday in August. If the school board does not permit Sunday practices, then the first scrimmage must be moved forward accordingly. Reminder for football only, it is recommended that teams may not practice more than six consecutive days. One 24-hour rest period should be included within a seven-day period.”

Bill Bruno seconded the motion. Vote: 193 for, 51 against, 2 abstain. Motion passed.

Kevin Haines then moved for adoption changing the permissible start of practice for the winter sports of basketball, fencing, skiing, winter track and wrestling from the Friday following Thanksgiving to the Monday following Thanksgiving and thereby amending Rule 2 Section 6.B of the NJSIAA Rules and Regulations. The rule would read:

“Winter, November 15, bowling, ice hockey, swimming. Monday after Thanksgiving, basketball, fencing, skiing, winter track and wrestling. There would be no changes for the official starting date for games.”

Bob Williams seconded the motion. Vote: 148 for, 98 against. Motion passed.

Both changes will take affect in the 2011-2012 school year.

#### Trans-Gender Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

This new policy states that the school is responsible for deciding an athlete’s gender. If there is a complaint about a school’s decision regarding a student’s gender, it can be heard at the NJSIAA for final decision. A motion was made by Bill Bruno to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Trans-Gender Policy. Fran Stromsland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### Assistant Director Reports

##### **Don Danser**

Don gave the cross-country results. Winter track was well attended. Christian Brothers won every event in the Non-Public category, the first time a school has done that.

Don reported that the School Directory is now online. All changes have to come through the school. He has not had many calls with questions/problems so we assume it is doing well.

Mr. Danser reported the present results of the Shop Rite Cup and congratulated everyone for a great fall season.

### **Larry White**

Larry thanked all of the host sites for the volleyball and gymnastics championships and reported the winners. Special thanks to Sharon Hughes, volleyball tournament director and Barbara Wallace, gymnastics tournament director for the wonderful job they did.

February 28 begins the Boys and Girls basketball tournament. Non-Public State Finals will be held at the Poland Springs Center in Toms River on Saturday, March 12 at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. The Girls Public State Group Finals will be held at the Poland Springs Center on Sunday, March 13 at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Boys Public State Group finals are scheduled as of right now at Louis Brown Athletic Center at Rutgers University on Sunday, March 13 at noon, 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Tournament of Champions is set for March 21 at the Izod Center, East Rutherford, at 6:30 p.m. for girls and 8:00 p.m. for boys.

The 2010 Fall Disqualification report was distributed to the Committee. Boy's soccer disqualifications are up dramatically from the previous years. The staff will take an in-depth look at the reports to see if there are some discernible trends that can be identified and then propose some solutions or remedies to the problem.

Larry reported that an evaluation form will be handed at the next day's League and Conference meeting of Presidents and Secretaries. It is a general evaluation of major characteristics of officiating for all of our sport officials.

### **Jack DuBois**

Jack read the sectional winners of the Football Championships. Attendance was the same as last year at all venues, however, we had considerably less revenue.

Jack also reported on the Boys 2010 Soccer Championships.

### **Kim DeGraw-Cole**

Kim reported the winners of the Field Hockey and Girls Soccer Tournaments.

She reported that tournament brackets will continue to be posted on [www.nj.com](http://www.nj.com) at Sports/high school/specific sport/brackets. The new brackets will be easier to read and have a print feature. Within one day of the seeding, a link will be established from Sport Information and listed under the Specific sport to the website. A generic link has been established at the Tournament Bracket site. Brackets are updated automatically upon coach's entry of the game scores.

Kim commended Don Danser for the outstanding quality of championship programs he produces. It makes a nice keepsake for the student athlete and their parents and it is included in the price of the ticket.

NJSIAA is on Twitter – search “NJSIAA” as well as on Facebook.

National Association for Girls and Women in Sports will celebrate this recognition at Seton Hall University on February 6, 2011 at an Awards Luncheon beginning at 12:00 followed by the Women's Basketball Game: Seton Hall vs. Providence College. All high schools are encouraged to nominate one deserving female athlete. Applications are on our home page.

Kim has spent a lot of time putting together all the information required by the Department of Education and Michael Mindlin, C.P.A. to determine what the winter tournament ticket prices will be. The report was hand delivered on December 10, 2010. The results were less than favorable and letters of appeal were sent to Rochelle Hendricks, Acting Education Commissioner with a copy to Michael Mindlin. The appeals are centered on the basketball ticket prices, which are considerably lower than Commissioner Schundler authorized last year.

### **Finance Report**

The November and December checkbook were not available at this time.

The NJSIAA put out ads for an Account Manager. We received and reviewed over 140 resumes. The Committee narrowed the pool down to 10 candidates which were screened by telephone. They will invite 4 candidates to come in for a face-to-face interview. We are hoping to have someone on board by the end of February.

RefPay is now connected to the Arbiter. We put money in to the account – officials get paid from the account. The officials create their own account and PIN number. The system creates a 1099 form. Larry typed up a “tutorial” for the official’s use.

Bill Bruno made a motion that “RefPay be the official method of payment for state tournaments.” Marty Flynn seconded motion. Motion was approved.

**Adjournment** - There being no further business, a motion was made for adjournment by Dr. James Sarruda, seconded by Barbara Wallace. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Timko  
Executive Director

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