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Roll Call / Introduction of Press

The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by the President, Thomas Coleman, at 11:09 am.

The following members were present: Bob Abatemarco, Gregory Bailey, John Bulina, Earl Clymer, Elizabeth Cresci, Paul Crupi, William DePonte, Thomas DiGanci, Bill Edelman, Dianne Furusawa, Michael Gatley, Richard Giglio, Monsignor Michael Kelly, Chuck Klaus, Howard Krieger, Dr. James Lavender, Russell Lazovick, Joe Lennon, Elaine McGrath, Thomas Mullahey, Rona McNabola, Susan Murphy, Michael Nitti, Dr. Charles Shaddow, Rod Sharpless, Steve Shohfi, Thomas Stark, Beverly Torok, Todd VanOrden, Barbara Wallace, Bruce Watson, Scott Wohlrab and Stephen Yesinko. Also present: Steven Timko, Executive Director; Larry White, and Jack DuBois, Assistant Directors; and Steven Goodell, Esq., NJSIAA Counsel. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Greg Schutta of the Record; Steven Falk of Asbury Park Press; Matt Stanmyre of The Star-Ledger; Mike McGarry of AC Press; and Phil Anastasia of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mr. Timko thanked the following departing Executive Committee members for their year(s) of service: Bob Abatemarco, Earl Clymer, Elizabeth Cresci, William DePonte, Russell Lazovick, Joe Lennon, Rona McNabola, Susan Murphy, Dr. Charles Shaddow, Rod Sharpless, Thomas Stark, Barbara Wallace and Stephen Yesinko.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Paul Crupi, seconded by William DePonte, to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2015 Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Out-of-State Competition Sanctions (informational) - A listing of Bordering State Sanctions and National Federation Sanctions was given for informational purposes.

Executive Director Update – Steven J. Timko

Legislative Update (Paul Anzano) – Mr. Anzano was unable to attend the meeting, but distributed a listing of current proposals in the legislature that relate to high schools and interscholastic athletics. The proposed cheerleading bill is pending.
2015-2016 Executive Committee Meeting Dates – 2nd Reading – The proposed dates for next year’s Executive Committee meetings are as follows:

- September 16, 2015
- October 7, 2015
- November 11, 2015
- January 13, 2016
- February 10, 2016
- April 6, 2016 - Combined Advisory/Executive Committee Meetings
  - May 4, 2016
  - June 1, 2016

A motion was made by Earl Clymer, seconded by Dr. Lavender, to accept the proposed 2015-2016 Executive Committee meeting dates. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2015-2016 Officers – 2nd Reading – Rod Sharpless recommended the following executive committee officers for 2015-2016, President – Greg Bailey, 1st Vice President – Elaine McGrath, and 2nd Vice President – Chuck Klaus. Paul Crupi made a motion, seconded by William DePonte, to accept the proposed 2015-2016 slate of executive officers. Motion carried unanimously.

Scholar Athlete Program – 1,300+ people attended and $161,500 in scholarships was given out through 199 scholarships. Mr. Timko praised Mr. DuBois for a fantastic event and thanked Tom Coleman for assisting at the event.

Proposed Amendments to the Handbook – A motion was made by Bill DePonte, seconded by Rod Sharpless, to approve the proposed changes to the NJSIAA Handbook. Changes made have either already been passed, are primarily date changes to reflect sport specific rules and the ½ season transfer sitting rule, the fall opening date rule, executive committee changes, approved annual meeting legislation, and updates that Mr. White found necessary to fix (such as DYFYS is no longer called DYFYS, but rather should now be called Division of Child Protection and Permanency.) Bill Edelman questioned why the Monday before Thanksgiving wasn’t the date listed for some of the winter sports, but since that was just a one-year waiver and not a permanent date change, it should not be included in the Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.

Drug Free Sports Contract for 2015-2016/Resource Exchange Center Contract – A motion was made by Bob Abatemarco, seconded by Stephen Yesinko, to allow the NJSIAA to contract with Drug Free Sports (DFS) again this summer to administer the association’s steroid testing. Motion passed unanimously.

Golf Update – Mr. Timko thanked Hopewell Valley Country Club for hosting the men’s team tournament championships for a third year in a row and Cherry Valley Country Club for hosting the women. He then congratulated Bergen Catholic HS and Ridge HS for winning the men and women’s team Tournament of Champions respectively.

Wrestling Update – NJSIAA entered in to another three-year contract with Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. The group championships will return to the Pine Belt Arena in Toms River with four mats. This will add an additional round so the event may take an hour longer, and may start earlier. The vision is Groups 1 & 2 semifinals will take place at 9:30am; followed by Group 3 & 4 semifinals; followed by Group 5 semifinals and Non-Public A&B finals. Then the mats will be cleared for Groups 1-3 finals, followed by Groups 4 & 5 finals.
Cooperative Sports Program Applications Approval – A motion was made by Stephen Yesinko, seconded by William DePonte, to approve the following cooperative sports program requests:

- Becton HS / Wallington Jr./Sr. HS - Wrestling & W. Soccer
- David Brearley HS / Jonathan Dayton HS - Wrestling
- Essex Co. Newark Tech & N. 13th St. HS - Winter Track
- Hamilton North (Nottingham) / Hamilton West - Ice Hockey
- Paramus HS / Hackensack HS / Lyndhurst HS - Ice Hockey*

*Pending approval of three-school waiver

Motion carried with one abstention (Nitti).

Assistant Directors Reports

Kim DeGraw-Cole  
(given by Mr. Timko since Ms. Cole not present)

1. Spring Sports Update (Women's Lacrosse/Softball/Tennis) - The tennis tournament is almost completed. Due to rain and inclement fields, NJSIAA was scrambling to find new sites for the softball semi-final games and non-public sectional final games.

Larry White

1. Volleyball Update – The state semifinals took place yesterday (6/2) and the finals will be played on 6/4 at South Brunswick HS. #1 seed Southern Regional HS defeated Harrison HS 25-10, 25-12, while Bridgewater Raritan HS defeated Fair Lawn HS 27-25, 20-25, 25-21. All four #1 seeds made the semifinals. Committee seeding was used, not power power seeding.

2. Baseball Update – Excess rain resulted in field changes for the public state semifinals and non-public sectional finals since some fields are not playable. Eastern HS replaced Rider University, Seton Hall Prep replaced Northern Valley Demarest HS, Morristown-Beard HS replaced Belvidere HS, and Weehawken HS replaced Ramapo College. Colonia HS offered to host since it has a turf field, the Rowan fields will be ready – just not before 4pm, Kean University games were moved to 3pm, and Cumberland County Community College offered to host if needed since they also have turf fields.

Jack DuBois

1. Bergen County Coaches Symposium – Mr. DuBois attended this symposium where Bill Parcells was the keynote speaker and Dianne Furusawa gave an outstanding speech about giving back to the Coaches Association and assistant coaches.

2. Men's Lacrosse – #2 seed Bergen Catholic HS will play #3 seed Summit HS and #1 seed, Bridgewater Raritan HS will play #5 seed Pingry School. Both games will be played at Kean University.
3. **Senior All-Star Baseball Game** – The top 100 senior players from around the state were selected to play in this game at Diamond Nation, which takes place 6/11. This event will also induct four legendary baseball coaches into the NJSBCA Hall of Fame.

4. **Ice Hockey – Post Season Player Eligibility – 2nd Reading** – Second reading will take place in September so that schools can be notified prior to second reading.

**Finance Update (Colleen Maguire)**

2015-2016 Budget – Earlier in the day, the Finance Committee met and reviewed the 2015-2016 budget. This was well received, there were no adjustments, and was approved. A motion for a roll call vote to approve the 2015-2016 budget was made by Richard Giglio, seconded by Rona McNabola. Ms. Maguire was pleased that the budget is balanced, with a 1% slight decrease. She met with each director individually to fine tune the individual sports budgets, which helps explain some of the decrease. Final Vote: Yes-33, No-0, Abstentions-0. Motion carried.

Approval of May Checkbook – The May checkbook was approved by the finance committee and all checks were approved per policy before they were disbursed. A motion was made by Rona McNabola, seconded by Barbara Wallace, to accept the May checkbook. Motion passed unanimously.

Status of Accounts Receivable – 11 schools have outstanding balances, totaling $2,000, but since POs were submitted by all 11 schools, no school was deemed ineligible for spring tournaments.

Contracts – NJSIAA is currently fine tuning a new broadcasting media contract with MSG Varsity for all broadcast/media rights. A second tier contract is being signed with PlayOn Sports so they can stream any games MSG Varsity does not plan to air. This should bring in $280,000 in revenue. Terrific Tees will replace Team IP as the association’s apparel vendor as of July 31st.

**Program Review**

Swimming Start Date – 1st Reading – A motion was made by William DePonte, seconded by Steve Shohfi to permanently change the start dates for practice and competition in swimming so practice every year will begin on November 9th and the regular season will commence on the last Saturday of November (November 28 in 2015). Most schools do not have pools and securing one 5-6 days is difficult so this offers more flexibility. Motion passed second reading with one abstention (Sue Murphy).

Women’s Volleyball Power Points – 1st Reading – A motion was made by Stephen Yesinko, seconded by Barbara Wallace to approve the Women’s Volleyball Committee recommendation to return to the RPI method of seeding the women’s tournament instead of using the power point structure that was used as a one-year trial this past 2014 season. Motion passed second reading unanimously.
Report of Counsel – Steven Goodell, Esq. –

1. Two eligibility appeals cases were heard earlier in the day. Both cases were granted waivers.

2. The Leagues and Conferences subcommittee met to determine whether Dumont HS should be able to leave the Big North Conference, even though the Big North Conference voted against letting them exit. The L&C Committee affirmed the decision of the Big North Conference and denied Dumont HS’s application to leave the conference.

3. North Bergen HS filed a petition for certification of the Appellate Division decision to the New Jersey Supreme Court. Briefs will be filed by North Bergen HS, NJSIAA and the Department of Education. The Supreme Court will review and determine whether or not they plan to hear the case.

Old Business/New Business

1. Bruce Watson submitted a waiver request on behalf of Paramus HS, Hackensack HS and Lyndhurst HS. A motion was made by Greg Bailey, seconded by Monsignor Kelly, to once again allow a three-school ice hockey cooperative sports program between Paramus HS, Hackensack HS and Lyndhurst HS for the 2015-2016 winter season. None of the schools can man a team on their own. They will not be a powerhouse but are looking to be competitive. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Timko thanked Tom Coleman for his leadership and for an outstanding job as President this past year. He was involved in numerous phone calls and meetings to handle and discuss the many issues that took place in the last year and was a great leader.

Adjournment - There being no further business, a motion was made by William DePonte, seconded by Rona McNabola, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Timko
Executive Director

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