

**NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
1161 Route 130 Robbinsville, NJ 08691

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
December 9, 2020

**In compliance with Executive Order 107, the Executive Committee meeting was held remotely via Cisco's WebEx Meetings platform.**

**Roll Call** - The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by the President, Steve Shohfi, at 11:04 am.

The following members were present: Mohammed Abdelaziz, Greg Bailey, Jeff Baldino, Tom Berrios, Maureen Bilda, Dr. Brian Brotschul, Kevin Carty, Jr., Ed Chmiel, Jason Corley, Joanne Dzama, Derek England, Judy Finch-Johnson, James Gaffney, Edward Grande, Robert Grauso, Dr. G. Kennedy Greene, Dr. Kimberly Gruccio, Geoff Haines, Robert Haraka, Mary Liz Ivins, Todd Jorgenson, Kurt Karcich, Raymond Kiem, Howard Krieger, Timothy McElhinney, Tony Mitchell, Thomas Mullahey, Sean Olson, Leon Owen, Christopher Penna, William Quirk, Scott Ridley, Danny Robertozzi, Senator Paul Sarlo, Daniel Sinclair, Frank Torcasio, Beverly Torok, Bill Vacca, Paul Vizzuso, Kathy Whalen, Denis Williams, Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly, Dr. Robert Zega, and Dr. Brian Zychowski. Also present: Colleen Maguire, Chief Operating Officer; Kim DeGraw-Cole, Jack DuBois, Bill Bruno, Al Stumpf and Tony Maselli, Assistant Directors; and Steven P. Goodell, Esq. and Scott Miccio, NJSIAA Counsel. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Brian Deakyne and Kevin Minnick, *nj.com*; Mike McGarry, *Press of Atlantic City*, and Andrew Tredinnick, *USA Network*. Also present: Paul Anzano of Pringle, Quinn, Anzano, P.C.; Dave Frazier, Athletic Director at Rutherford HS.

President Steve Shohfi led a moment of silence to honor the passing of NJ basketball legend, Dr. Rose Battaglia.

**Approval of Minutes** - A motion was made by Mary Liz Ivins, seconded by Tom Mullahey, to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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**The Patrick School – Appeal of Controversies Committee Decision**

The Patrick School appealed a decision made by the Controversies Committee on 10/22/2020. The Executive Committee received the 11/4/2020 Controversies Committee written decision, the brief and supporting documents submitted by The Patrick School challenging the decision, and a copy of the record below, including the transcript and all exhibits from the 10/22/20 Controversies Committee hearing. The appeal was based on the record. The Patrick School waived oral argument. David Frazier, Chair of the Controversies Committee, answered questions from the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Controversies Committee. The entire appeal was transcribed by Court Reporter, Karen Ahern.

After questions, a motion was made by Mary Liz Ivins, seconded by Greg Bailey, to enter closed session to deliberate. When deliberations had concluded, a motion was made by Bill Vacca, seconded by William Quirk, to return to open session. In open session a motion was made by Greg Bailey, seconded by Mary Liz Ivins, to affirm the Controversies Committee decision. A roll

call vote was taken. Final Vote: Yes-41, No-0, Abstain-3 (Finch-Johnson, Whalen and Wimberly). Decision was affirmed.

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### **Chief Operating Officer Update – Colleen Maguire**

Four Seasons of Participation – Interpretation (Voice Vote) – In a memo distributed by Ms. Maguire, it was explained that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused state associations across the country to modify their seasons – some modifications even require certain sports to be played during different seasons. According to the latest information from the NFHS, only 12 states have not modified their wrestling season and are starting their seasons on time.

Last month, when NJSIAA announced that the high school wrestling season was moved to Season 3, which is March 1st through April 24th, Kim Cole received a few inquiries as to a scenario where a wrestler could wrestle December through February out of state and then return for NJSIAA's Season 3. Ms. Maguire's interpretation of NJSIAA's eight-semester rule would prohibit this scenario because the eight-semester rule is designed to maintain a uniform progression among all member schools within a four-year cycle while equalizing competition within these schools. This scenario does not equalize competition for all student-athletes as many will not have the means or opportunity to take advantage of the COVID-19 impacted seasons across the country. And such scenario may also subject the student-athlete to a hearing before the Eligibility Appeals Committee for a violation of the transfer for athletic advantage rule.

A motion was made by Tom Mullahey, seconded by Kevin Carty, Jr. to affirm Ms. Maguire's interpretation that any student-athlete that plays the same sport twice in the same school year will be in violation of the 8-semester rule. And that such violation may also subject the student-athlete to a hearing before the Eligibility Appeals Committee for a violation of the transfer for athletic advantage rule. Kurt Karcich asked if this is about an out of state player competing in PA, then transferring to NJ to play. Ms. Cole replied yes. She has had that inquiry, in addition to another about a wrestler who has a second home in Florida and wanted to live there for a few months to wrestle, then return to NJ for NJ's season. There have been several inquiries. Motion carried with one abstention (Whalen).

Return to Play Plan Update – On November 18th, the Sports Advisory Task Force released the final plan for Season 2, Season 2A and Season 3. After this release, the Governor issued Executive Order 204 which suspended all indoor sports practices and competition for a four-week period – December 5th through January 2nd. Therefore, last week the Sports Advisory Task Force released a modification to the ice hockey season that postponed the competition start date and extended the season through Saturday, March 6th. This was done in order to allow the ice hockey teams to schedule and play a 15-game schedule. Also, earlier this past week, the Sports Advisory Task Force released virtual contact period start dates for the remaining sports in Season 2, and all sports in Season 2A and Season 3. Please note that there are no changes to the skiing season. NJSIAA will continue to monitor any updates to Executive Order 204 or further actions taken by the Governor that may impact the winter sports seasons.

Lastly, regarding spring sports, the Sports Advisory Task Force is meeting this afternoon to finalize its plan and Ms. Maguire expects this plan to be announced no later than this Friday, December 11th. The members of the task force have always remained focused on providing a participation opportunity for every sport in every season while striving to provide the spring sports with as normal a season as possible. A top priority has always been to minimize

potential overlap among sports which would ultimately force a student-athlete to choose between sports – the task force has always put the best interest of the student-athlete first. Ms. Maguire commended this task force’s hard work and efforts. They’ve been meeting almost weekly since June 17th and Ms. Maguire feels it’s been an honor to work with this group and facilitate their efforts.

Rob Haraka and Joanne Dzama asked when tournament regulations and guidelines will be posted on NJSIAA’s website. Mr. Maselli is working on overall winter guidelines to be posted and all directors are aiming to post all their winter season 2 regulations before the holiday break. Mr. Stumpf reported that basketball should be up the week of 12/14.

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### **Legislative Update – Paul Anzano**

A tracking report of bills in the legislature was distributed to the committee. It is overall quiet right now though there is a proposal in the pipeline regarding heat acclimatization. Mr. Anzano and Mr. Maselli will review it to see if is appropriate and whether the NJSIAA supports it. No questions were asked.

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### **Assistant Director Reports**

#### **Kim DeGraw-Cole**

Eligibility Committee & Eligibility Appeals Committee Updates – The Eligibility Committee met on 12/3 to review 14 eligibility waiver requests. 11 were approved; 3 could potentially appeal. The Eligibility Appeals Committee will meet on 12/16 for an athletic advantage hearing and again on 1/20 for any age, credit or semester waiver requests.

Status Report on Eligibility and Transfers – The transfer portal has been relatively quiet since last month’s report with the exception of basketball transfers. There were 1,569 transfers in the system. Of the 1,569 transfers, 262 are pending former school response; 130 were immediately eligible due to a true bona fide change of residence, and 720 were immediately eligible because they didn’t play varsity at their former school. For 63, the ineligibility period applies and 315 were immediately eligible because they were COVID-19 compliance transfers. Of this 315, 68 were Non-Public to Non-Public transfers, 62 were Non-Public to Public transfers, 70 were Public to Public transfers and 107 were Public to Non-Public transfers and 8 are out of state / unknown determination of school status: 50 had affidavit issues and 20 were denied due to affidavit and no participation. 6 other requests are under review because more information is needed. Below is transfer trend data:

#### **Sports Specific Transfers:**

- Football 206 Total; 106 Eligible Immediately
  - 71 from Public: 26 to Public, 45 to Non-Public
  - 35 from Non-Public: 19 to Public, 16 to another Non-Public
- Basketball Boys 54; Girls 28
- Ice Hockey 15
- Wrestling 22
- Winter Track 15

### Type of Transfers

- Transfers from Public to Non-Public: 407
- Transfers from Public to Public: 749
- Transfers from Non-Public to Non-Public: 171
- Transfers from Non-Public to Public: 298

Field Hockey Update – Ms. Cole met with the field hockey committee on 12/8. There was an overwhelming appreciation for the season and the fun and joy it brought. Many expressed their appreciation for having had a summer, white having a post season that was exciting and an adequate fall season.

191 teams were seeded in the tournament and 27 teams dropped along the way. Of the 27 teams that withdrew, 4 played a game and won, but needed to drop out. Teams advanced by receiving a bye or “walkover” into the next round. 16 of the 17 regions crowned champions. The South West C bracket final was the only game not played due to unfortunate circumstances.

Ms. Cole had the pleasure of attending many games over the course of the nine days of the tournament and it was a joy to see the student-athletes being provided an opportunity to play. The two final games she attended on Saturday, November 21st both went into overtime and the players were as excited as Ms. Cole had ever witnessed. This is a tribute to our school administrators, our coaches, the students and parents who had a hand in making this happen. Ms. Cole gave special thanks to Janet Schillig, Tournament Director; Linda Alimi and Maureen Dzwil, assignors and all the officials who worked these games. A tremendous effort by all involved.

### NJSIAA 2020 Post Season Tournament-Field Hockey Regional Champions:

|   |                 |   |                          |
|---|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| o | North East A:   | West Essex 5  | Millburn 0               |
| o | North West A:   | Pequannock 2  | Belvidere 0              |
| o | North West B:   | Morristown Beard 3  | Vernon 1                 |
| o | North West C:   | Warren Hills 6  | West Morris Central 0    |
| o | Central East A: | Shore 1   | Point Pleasant Borough 0 |
| o | Central East B: | Rumson Fair-Haven 5   | Ocean Twp. 0             |
| o | Central East C: | Colts Neck 4  | Central Regional 0       |
| o | Central East D: | Southern 2  | Scotch Plains-Fanwood 0  |
| o | Central East E: | Oak Knoll 3   | Kent Place 0             |
| o | Central West A: | Voorhees 4  | Lawrence 2               |
| o | Central West B: | Ridge 1   | Hillsborough 0           |
| o | South East A:   | Ocean City 2 Double OT  | Egg Harbor Twp. 1        |
| o | South West A:   | Middle Twp. 1 OT  | Haddon Twp. 0            |
| o | South West B:   | Seneca 4  | Haddonfield 0            |
| o | South West C:   | *Moorestown vs. Clearview game not played. (Regional Finalists) |                          |
| o | South West D:   | Eastern 9   | Shawnee 0                |
| o | South West E:   | Camden Catholic 3   | Bishop Eustace 0         |

Wrestling Update – Since wrestling moved to Season 3, adjustments were made to the weight certification process. Weight certification will close down on December 3 and not open back up until January 19. Then it will close once more on March 16. 2 lb. allowance will be on the first permissible contest date, March 16. The NJSIAA will provide additional frameworks and protocols for any certification entered by Dec. 3. A parent sign-off will be required.

Important Dates:

- o Wrestling Practice Start: March 1
- o Wrestling Competition Start: March 16
- o Wrestling Competition End: April 24

One intra-squad scrimmage is encouraged. No out-of-state competition is allowed. The season can be 15 (events) 3/week, one event/day, limited two teams only at the present. Post Season is TBD. Transfer Information: Any student-athlete that is subject to the transfer sit-period will be eligible to participate on March 29, 2021. If a student-athlete transferred after November 1, 2020, they are ineligible to participate for a period of 30 calendar days, or one half the maximum number of games being played, whichever is less. Ms. Cole will be modifying the NJSIAA Wrestling Season Modifications and Considerations (updates throughout the time frame prior to the season.) The NJSIAA Girls Wrestling Committee Meeting & NJSIAA Boys Wrestling Committee will meet on Dec. 11.

Annual Meeting Legislation – Final Ballot – The NJSIAA conducted two virtual sectional meetings for the purpose of presenting the Constitutional amendment proposal, Article IX, Championships (p. 32) to remove the sentence “No state championship, however, shall be declared in football”. The meetings were conducted on December 1, 2020 at 6 pm and December 2, 2020 at 1 pm with over 230 athletic administrators participating. Colleen Maguire and Kevin Carty presented the legislation and answered questions as to the intent and rationale of the proposal. Every other sport concludes to a group championship whereas football ends with 23 sectional titles. The student ambassadors have clearly questioned why football is the only sport without group championships and indicated a strong desire to see that rectified. New Jersey is the only NFHS state without state championship football competition. The intent is to remove the language which once removed will then and permit the athletic administrators (leadership) of the five football conferences to devise a plan that will follow the legislative process and hopefully lead to a full NJSIAA membership vote in June at the Annual Meeting. Members of the football conferences spoke to the fact that they are working on a plan to make sure the season dates are not extended, that Thanksgiving-day football remains, and permits schools not in the playoffs to still conduct 10 football games. All members of the football conferences that spoke, relayed the overwhelming cooperation, especially this season, and the commitment to working towards a plan that will bring group football championships to New Jersey.

Note: This legislation was approved by the Advisory Committee on December 11, 2020 and the Executive Committee on January 8, 2020 but unfortunately was not voted on at the May 4 Annual Meeting as it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Annual Meeting will be conducted on January 6, 2021. If approved by the Executive Committee, the ballot will be sent to all member school Principals. For the ballot to be counted, the member school voting representative must attend the Annual Meeting (virtual) and the school must be a member in good standing. The completed ballot may be e-mailed, faxed or sent via regular mail (postmarked by January 8, 2021). If ballots are sent early, a reminder that attendance is mandatory for the ballot to count will be sent.

Prior to this this meeting, the final ballot was sent to the Executive Committee for review, but please note: a line for principal email was added to the ballot that was sent to committee members. A motion was made by Rob Haraka, seconded by Kevin Carty, Jr., to move the ballot for vote by the membership at the annual meeting on 1/6/2021. Motion carried unanimously.

## Bill Bruno

Cross Country 2020 Sectionals – Mr. Bruno reported that the association was fortunate to maintain the integrity of the Cross-Country Sectional Meets. 370+ member schools that have cross country teams were able to participate in sectionals. Only 21 schools were not able to participate. The original number of runners entered prior to the meet was 3,208. It is remarkable that on race weekend, 3,043 raced.

For the first time, a Non-Public, North & South, Boys and Girls Sectionals was held. Normally, the non-publics go directly to the Group Meet, but since there was no Group Meet this year, additional races were added to include all our schools. Also, two new cross-country venues were added as host sites - Dream Park in Gloucester County as well as Oak Ridge Park in Union County. Both parks were well received by the runners, coaches, parents and officials. The association is currently in the process of mailing out awards to our team champions and our top individual place winners. The End of Season Cross-Country Meeting took place on Friday, 12/4/20. Next year's Cross Country Sectional, Group and Meet of Champions dates will be as follows:

- o Sectionals: 11/6/21
- o Groups: 11/13/21
- o MOC: 11/20/21

Below is the list of the 2020 Cross-Country Team Champions by Section/Group.

- o Non-Public A North Boys: St Peter's Prep
- o Non-Public A North Girls: Immaculate Heart Academy
- o Non-Public B North Boys: Newark Academy
- o Non-Public B North Girls: St. Dominic Academy
- o Non-Public A South Boys: Christian Brothers Academy
- o Non-Public A South Girls: Red Bank Catholic
- o Non-Public B South Boys: St. Rose
- o Non-Public B South Girls: Trinity Hall
- o Central Jersey Group I Boys: Highland Park
- o Central Jersey Group I Girls: Shore Regional
- o Central Jersey Group II Boys: Cinnaminson
- o Central Jersey Group II Girls: Rumson Fair-Haven Regional
- o \*\*\*\*Central Jersey Group III BOYS & GIRLS: Colts Neck
- o Central Jersey Group IV Boys: South Brunswick
- o Central Jersey Group IV Girls: Princeton HS
- o South Jersey Group I Boys: Audubon
- o South Jersey Group I Girls: Haddon Twp.
- o \*\*\*\*South Jersey Group II BOYS AND GIRLS: Haddonfield Memorial
- o South Jersey Group III Boys: Highland Regional
- o South Jersey Group III Girls: Mainland Regional
- o \*\*\*\*South Jersey Group IV BOYS & GIRLS: Cherokee
- o North Section 1 Group I Boys: Kinnelon
- o North Section 1 Group I Girls: Mountain Lakes
- o North Section 1 Group II Boys: Indian Hills
- o North 1 Group II Girls: Lakeland
- o North Section 1 Group III Boys: Morris Hills
- o North 1 Section III Girls: Northern Highlands Regional
- o \*\*\*\*North 1 Section IV BOYS & GIRLS: Ridgewood HS
- o North Section 2 Group I Boys: McNair Academy

- o North Section 2 Group I Girls: Jonathan Dayton HS
- o \*\*\*North Section 2 Group II BOYS & GIRLS: Bernards
- o \*\*\*North Section 2 Group III BOYS & GIRLS: West Morris Mendham
- o North Section 2 Group IV Boys: Ridge HS
- o North Section 2 Group IV Girls: North Hunterdon HS

Winter Track Update – Mr. Bruno is currently working on the Rules & Regulations for Winter Track. There will be no NJSIAA level competition this year and the Track Committee will continue to meet to work on the preparation for the season. As of now, the following are dates for the winter season:

- o Practice: 2/1/2021
- o Competition begins: 2/16/2021
- o Competition ends: 3/27/2021

Bowling – Mr. Bruno is presently working on the regulations for the 2020-2021 boys & girls bowling season. Presently, the dates for bowling are as follows:

- o Practice: 1/11/2021
- o Competition begins: 1/26/2021
- o Competition concludes: 3/6/2021

Schools may participate in one scrimmage, preferably with a neighboring school. This scrimmage must be held during the 7day period prior to 1/26. No School may host an out of state opponent or host an event with out of state of state participants. NO NJSIAA member schools may travel to out of state to compete. Competition will be limited to 3 events per week. Teams may only compete in one event per day. The total number of maximum events will be 15 events during the season during the season which includes league/conference tournaments. There will be NO NJSIAA level sponsored events this year. Post season tournaments may be hosted by leagues/conferences BUT must remain within the maximum 15 of events. Transfer Information: Any student-athlete that is subject to the transfer sit-period will be eligible to participate on Monday, February 8, 2021. Student-athletes that transferred between March 16, 2020 and November 1, 2020 are not subject to the transfer sit-period. If a student-athlete transferred after November 1, 2020, they are ineligible to participate for a period of 30 calendar days, or one half the maximum number of games being played, whichever is less. The Bowling Committee will meet on 12/17 to flush out the structure of schedules and the concerns of the lanes when it comes to the indoor capacity limit.

NJSCA HOF – This event will take place virtually on 1/10/21. If anyone is interested in attending, you can email Mr. Bruno. As of today, of the 32 honorees, only five have not yet responded.

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### Jack DuBois

Football – Mr. DuBois will represent New Jersey at the virtual NFHS Football Committee meeting from 1/11 – 1/13, 2021. New Jersey’s Football Leagues and Conferences Committee will meet on 1/27/2021.

Ice Hockey - Ice Hockey Rule Modifications were posted on NJSIAA’s website.

Boys Soccer – Below is the NJSIAA 2020 Boys Soccer Regional Champions:

- o Glen Ridge – Northeast Group 1
- o Technology – Northeast Group 1B
- o Ramsey – Northeast Group 2A
- o Rutherford - Northeast Group 2B
- o Northern Highlands – Northeast Group 3A
- o Belleville – Northeast Group 3B
- o Montclair – Northeast Group 4
- o Seton Hall – Northeast Non- Public
- o Pompton Lakes – Northwest Group 1
- o Pequannock/Dover – Northwest Group 2 – (Regional-Finalists)
- o Montville – Northwest Group 3
- o Randolph - Northwest Group 4
- o Delbarton – Northwest Non-Public
- o Middlesex – Central East Group 1 Middlesex and Union
- o Manchester Twp. – Central East 1 and 2 Ocean and Monmouth
- o Metuchen – Central East Group 2 Middlesex and Union
- o Wall Twp. – Central East Group 3 Ocean and Monmouth
- o Colts Neck – Central East Group 3 Middlesex and Union
- o Monroe Twp. – Central East Group 4 Middlesex and Union
- o Toms River North – Central East Group 4 Ocean and Monmouth
- o CBA – Central East Non- Public
- o Bernards – Central West 1,2,3 Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset
- o Hunterdon Central – Central West Group 4
- o Gill St. Bernard's – Central West Non-Public
- o Haddon Twp. – Southwest Group 1A
- o Florence – Southwest Group 1B
- o West Deptford – South Combined Group 2
- o Moorestown – South Combined Group 3
- o Shawnee – South Combined Group 4
- o St. Augustine Prep – South Non-Public

Mr. DuBois announced that after 52 years of athletic administration at 3 NJ high schools and NJSIAA, he is retiring effective June 30, 2021. He thanked St. John Vianney HS, Manchester HS, and Morris Hills HS for the opportunities. Being an athletic administrator for all these years has been a true labor of love. Many committee members offered their congratulations and kind words about Mr. DuBois's leadership and his storied career.

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### AI Stumpf

International Student Eligibility Update – Currently, there is no action.

Girls Soccer Update – Initially to start the Regional Postseason in Girls Soccer, 300 schools were entered in the postseason. Once play began, 34 teams withdrew from the tournament because their programs were shut down by the schools. When a school withdrew from the postseason, their opponent would be “walked over” to the next round. In the case that a school was forced to withdraw after they had won a game, their opponent was “walked over” to the next round. All the Girls Soccer Regional Brackets were played down to a Regional Winner and



awards are in the process of being mailing out. Below is a list of all Girls 2020 Soccer Awards Regional Champions. A WebEX Postseason Soccer Meeting will be scheduled in December.

- o North West Group A Mountain Lakes 2 Hawthorne 0
  - o North West Group B Hanover Park 1 Parsippany Hills 0
  - o North West Group C Chatham 1 Wayne Valley 0
  - o North West Group D Randolph 2 Mt. Olive 0
  - o North West Group E DePaul 2 Morris Catholic 0
  - o North East Group A Glen Ridge 3 Park Ridge 1
  - o North East Group B Caldwell 2 Glen Rock 0
  - o North East Group C Ramsey 3 Lyndhurst 0
  - o North East Group D N. Highlands 4 Millburn 3
  - o North East Group E Montclair 4 Livingston 1
  - o North East Group F Immaculate Heart Academy- 1 Montclair Kimberley 1 – IHA
- wins in shoot out
- o Central West Group A Robbinsville 6 Delaware Valley 1
  - o Central West Group B Hopewell Valley 3 Somerville 1
  - o Central West Group C Ridge 1 North Hunterdon 0
  - o Central West Group D Pingry 5 Oak Knoll 2
  - o Central East Group A Shore 4 Pt Pleasant Beach 1
  - o Central East Group B Rumson FH 3 Wall 2 (OT)
  - o Central East Group C Toms River South 1 Toms River East 0
  - o Central East Group D Cranford 4 Brick Twp. 0
  - o Central East Group E Freehold Twp 5 Union 1
  - o Central East Group F Scotch Plains Fanwood 4 Toms River North 0
  - o Central East Group G Red Bank Cath. 4 St John Vianney 1
  - o South West Group A Haddon Township 2 Schalick 0
  - o South West Group B Haddonfield 3 West Deptford 2
  - o South West Group C Burlington Twp. 4 Gloucester Cty Institute of Tech 3
  - o South West Group D Eastern 3 Washington Twp. 0
  - o South West Group E Holy Cross Prep 3 Camden Catholic 1
  - o South East Group A Oakcrest 3 Cedar Creek 0
  - o South East Group B Ocean City 9 Absegami 1

Boys and Girls Basketball Report – Mr. Stumpf is currently working on updating the regulations for the 2020-2021 boys and girls basketball season. Included in these regulations will be modifications of the rules related to practices, game management and bench protocols to safely offer the sport during the CoVid Pandemic. At this point of time the dates are:

- o Practice- January 11, 2021
- o Earliest Scrimmage date- January 19, 2021
- o First Game- January 26, 2021
- o Competition Ends- March 6, 2021

Schools may play one pre-season scrimmage, preferably with a neighboring school. This must be done within 7 days prior to January 26, 2021. Schools may play intra-squad scrimmages and use NJSIAA officials to prepare for the season. Multi-team, multi-game and Invitational events are not allowed. No school may host an out-of-state opponent or host an event out-of-state. NJSIAA member schools may not travel out-of-state to compete. Competition will be limited to three events per week. The total maximum events will be 15 events during the season, which includes league or conference tournaments. Teams may only compete in one event per day. There will be NO NJSIAA sponsored post season this year. Post season play may be hosted

locally by participating leagues and conferences at their discretion. This must be done within the 15-game maximum limit. Any student athlete that is subject to the transfer sit-period will be eligible to participate on Monday, February 8, 2021. Student-athletes that transferred between March 16, 2020 and November 1, 2020 are not subject to the transfer sit-period. If a student-athlete transfers after November 1, 2020, they are ineligible to participate for a period of 30 calendar days, or one half of the maximum number of games being played, whichever is less.

Unified Sports – Mr. Stumpf has spoken with SONJ about Unified Basketball and Bowling. At this point there is discussion at moving Unified Basketball to Season 3. Mr. Stumpf and SONJ are trying to formulate a plan for Unified Bowling based on the guidelines that the NJSIAA will develop for the NJSIAA bowling season and based on facility availability. Mr. Stumpf has given SONJ the 6 Regions that NJSIAA used for the fall season and is working to see how the Unified schools fit into that geographic set up. Mr. Stumpf will be meeting with Jess Stevenson and Jeff Baldino in early January to further assess and make plans for the Unified Basketball and Bowling programs.

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### **Tony Maselli**

COVID-19 Protocols & Guidelines – Mr. Maselli continues to update the general guidelines and protocols for the winter season. Once the final guidelines from the DOH are received, NJSIAA's guidelines will be updated and vetted one last time through the Medical Advisory Committee, then distributed to schools. This should take place next week. These protocols/guidelines change constantly. Sports specific guidelines have been completed and will be posted on the sport specific web pages.

Officials Registration – The registration process continues with some expected hiccups but overall is progressing smoothly.

Website Update – The old website is no longer live and available. The new site is up and running.

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### **Finance Committee Update – Steve Shohfi**

Approval of Monthly Checks – The checkbook from November 10, 2020 through December 7, 2020 was approved by the finance committee and all checks were approved per policy before they were disbursed. Greg Bailey made a motion, seconded by Rob Haraka, to approve the November 10, 2020 through December 7, 2020 check registers. Motion carried unanimously.

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### **Report of Counsel (Steven Goodell, Esq.)**

Currently there is no new litigation. Mr. Goodell and Mr. Miccio have been busy supporting the association with its day to day functions. Mr. Goodell recalled his long association with Mr. DuBois: "I've been around long enough to remember when Jack was an Executive Committee member.... He was a great Executive Committee member. He was a strong leader and I was thrilled that after he retired from his school work, he came back to the NJSIAA to devote his second career to us."

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### **Old Business / New Business**

Ms. Maguire commended the Assistant Directors for their work in what was probably the most difficult post season in the history of NJSIAA. She also echoed Ms. Cole's sentiments about the significance of this past fall season. Lastly, Ms. Maguire announced the retirement of staff member, Terry Humphries, whose last day will be in January 2021. She also congratulated Mr. DuBois on his retirement announcement.

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### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Greg Bailey, seconded by Rob Haraka, to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Maguire, Chief Operating Officer

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