



## MIAA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights – July 21, 2020

The MIAA Board of Directors (BOD) held their first Board meeting for the 2020-2021 school year on July 21, 2020. The meeting consisting of 84 participants representing the BOD, MIAA staff, guests and members of the media.

**MIAA President Jeff Granatino** (Superintendent of Marshfield PS) provided opening remarks welcoming everyone to a new school year while acknowledging the current challenges school districts currently face. You may read his statement [HERE](#).

**Welcome New Members:** Thank you to the following members who begin their three year BOD service:

Mike Schultz, Principal, Carver High School (District 9)  
Brian Callaghan, Principal, Westboro High School (District 3)  
Peter Rittenburg, Athletic Director, Brookline High School (District 7)  
Charlie Conefrey, Athletic Director, Malden High School (District 6)  
Mark Miville, Athletic Director, Quabbin Regional High School (District 3)

**Board Waiver:** Request from MSSADA and District 2 that Pat Mara, former Millbury AD and District E rep to MIAA Board, be approved to complete a term from District 2 (2 years). Pat was selected as an Assistant Principal of Millbury Jr./Sr. High School.

*Motion:* Approve recommendation of waiver from MSSADA and District 2 for Pat Mara to complete his term on the Board of Directors. (T.Holdgate/J. Pignataro)

**APPROVED 20-0**

**COVID-19 Task Force:** Dr. Keith Crowley, Thom Holdgate and Sherry Bryant presented an update to the BOD on behalf of the MIAA COVID-19 Task Force via power point. You may view their power point [HERE](#) and survey data results [HERE](#).

Three Task Force recommendations were presented to the BOD and moved as motions:

*Motion:* The MIAA COVID-19 Task Force recommends compliance with the forthcoming joint guidelines published by DESE and EEA (Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs) regarding fall season and K-12 sports. (K. Crowley /L. von Holtz) **APPROVED 21-0**

*Motion:* The MIAA COVID-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA BOD adopt Sept 14, 2020 as the start date for fall sports that are allowed to be played in accordance with the forthcoming DESE and EEA guidelines. (K. Crowley/B. McCann) **APPROVED 22-0**

\*This is the start date for pre-season of the sports determined viable to play at this time.

*Motion:* The MIAA COVID-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA BOD convenes a meeting three (3) business days after the release of the forthcoming joint guidelines published by DESE and EEA to discuss the fall season and consider additional

recommendations from the COVID-19 Task Force. (K. Crowley/B. McCann)

## **APPROVED 22-0**

### **Lindsey von Holtz (MIAA Vice President) and Jeff Granatino (MIAA President)**

both expressed their gratitude to members of the Task Force for the work that has been completed and their continued diligence to finding a solution to safely return student-athletes to their playing venues.

**Commissioner Riley:** Commissioner Riley joined the BOD meeting to provide an overview of current expectations for schools. Schools are to provide three (3) plans for the opening of school: 1) in person; 2) remote; 3) hybrid model (in person and remote). Medical guidelines are expected to be followed with in person learning (masks/physical distance/frequent hand washing/stay home if not feeling well). Transportation guidelines and information from DESE should be available by weeks end. The Commissioner is interested in having athletics available, however, there is a need to balance the desire for sports with safety measures from medical information and guidelines. All options for athletics are being discussed.

**Communications Update:** Social media presence and followers continues to increase via Twitter (@MIAA033), Instagram (miaa033) and Facebook (MIAA). Priority focus continues in the areas of transparency, financial understanding, governance and communication per the request of membership. The MIAA Strategic Planning Committee has been in hiatus since its first meeting on February 28, 2020 due to the pandemic. Discussion with Linc Lynch, Planning Committee moderator, and President Granatino will resume to determine next steps for the Committee.

### **Associations Update:**

*MSSADA:* The E-Board met July 20, 2020. Jay Costa, AD at Shrewsbury HS is the president.

*MASC:* Virtual back to school meetings and discussions continue with focused conversation on the return to school. The MASC/MASS November conference has been cancelled at this time.

*MASS:* A 2-day virtual Superintendents meeting/presentations took place the week of July 13, 2020. Superintendents wait for guidance from DESE regarding what a return to school may look like as well as what Federal and State financial support will be available.

*MSAA:* Thank you to Kathleen Duff, MSAA President and the MIAA staff for continued efforts to make connections viable for administrators via weekly virtual meetings. MSAA initiated a book study focused on social justice and racism. There are three focused book reads with a total of over 250 participants. On July 20, 2020 the virtual National Association Secondary Schools Principals celebrated the Assistant Principals of year. **Congratulations to Massachusetts recipient Chris Costa**, Asst. Principal from Joseph Case High School, Swansea, MA.

**Educational Athletics:** Initiatives and professional development continued throughout the spring and early summer for students, athletic directors, administrators, and coaches. Pete Smith, MIAA Associate Director provided an overview of all Educational Athletic activities highlighting the MIAA Road to Recognition which recognized student-athletes of the month, Agganis Scholarship recipients and the MA NFHS Spirit of Sport recipient, as well as information regarding the MIAA/MSAA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee was highlighted including the newly established webpage. You may view the Educational Athletics power point [HERE](#) and see the DEI webpage [HERE](#).

The Coach of the Year and Game Officials of the Year Banquets have been postponed until a future date.

**Protocols:**

MIAA Handshake Rule 92.20

*Motion:* To suspend the handshake protocol at the end of contests at this time. (T. Holdgate/D. Davis)

**APPROVED: 22-0**

The MIAA Sportsmanship Committee will review options for alternatives to this rule and provide a recommendation to the Board.

The MIAA/MSAA DEI and Sportsmanship Committees will discuss proper behavior at athletic contests and will provide recommendations using Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to promote sportsmanship and conduct to schools.

**Membership:** The Pioneer Charter School of Science II, Saugus has met all criteria for membership and is requesting MIAA membership.

*Motion:* To approve the Pioneer Charter School of Science II application for MIAA membership. (T. Holdgate/T. Arria) **APPROVED 22-0**

**MIAA Annual Meeting:** The MIAA Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2021.

**Spring Sports:** The request from the NEC/CAL leagues for a spring season rebate due to the cancellation of spring sports by the Board was tabled in May. Discussion resulted in a motion which follows proper governance and process.

*Motion:* The NEC/CAL rebate request will go to the MIAA Finance Committee to review at their August meeting for action and report to the Board. (L. von Holtz/B. McCann)

**APPROVED 20-0**

**Constitutional Change:** The recommendation for an additional Superintendent to the Board was tabled to a future meeting date. A request from MASC to include an additional School Committee Representative on the Board was made and was also tabled.

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**Finance and Personnel Committee:** The MIAA Finance Committee does not have a scheduled summer meeting so there was no formal meeting today. A meeting has been scheduled for August 13, 2020.

**Next Meeting:** September 29, 2020

**EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS**

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