



**Board of Directors Meeting
November 13, 2023**

FULL BOARD MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 11:02am.
2. Attendance: Members present – Tom Arria, Nicole Bottomley, Brian Callaghan, Charlie Conefrey, Keith Crowley, Adam Federico, John Harrison, Katherine Hennessy, Liz Legault, Pat Mara, Jim Quatromoni, Eric Scott, Dan Shine, Gordon Smith, Mark Sullivan, Stephanie Sibley, Billy Terranova, Christine Vigneux.
3. Minutes of the October 25, 2023 board meeting were approved.
4. Executive Director Report
 - Clarification of Rule 54 (Commonwealth Virtual School Students)
 - Bob would like to put Commonwealth Virtual School students in a subsection of MIAA Rule 54, Homeschooled Students.
 - Bob has met with Superintendent’s Association, who are in support of the participation of Commonwealth Virtual school students with approval from district Superintendent.
 - TECCA is in support of this new language.
 - Bob noted the former letter of agreement could be a resource for Superintendent’s to execute with Commonwealth Virtual Schools.

Motion to approve statement as presented by Bob Baldwin – approved 18-0-1 (Statement: Working in collaboration with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS), the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the Superintendent of Schools of the TEC Connections Academy Commonwealth Virtual School (TECCA), have agreed that the following will be effective beginning in the Winter athletic season of the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Commonwealth virtual school students residing in Massachusetts are eligible to apply to the Superintendent of Schools of the school district in which the student resides, and if approved, shall be able to participate in interscholastic athletics within the district.

At their November 13, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting, the MIAA Board voted to make the appropriate rule clarifications to Rule 54 Student Eligibility: Home Educated and Commonwealth Virtual School Students.

Questions- Tom Arria, since TECCA is now an MIAA Member School, are they going to offer their own teams and then those sports they don't offer, they can play at their local district?

- Bob- need to take a deeper look at this. TECCA has a successful experience with Cross Country this year. However, needs to look deeper at this with TECCA and all schools of that matter.
- Tom- Only concern is that it opens the door for charter schools or other schools that do not have a full menu of sports, or kids shopping around to play for their local district.
- Bob- If there is a team registered, that would be the team they would have to compete for. Not shopping around.
- Stephanie- At our last meeting, concern was expressed that Commonwealth Virtual Schools having a point person for MIAA schools to contact.
- Bob- Their Principal would be point person, just like at all of our schools.

5. Greater Boston League (GBL) exclusion status. Charlie Conefrey, no need for GBL to have exclusionary status anymore. Requesting that beginning in the Fall of 2024, the GBL is taken off the exclusionary status.

As of 2016, only had 4 teams (Malden, Medford, Somerville and Everett). BOD approved them to be on exclusion list in 2016. Over the last 6-7 years, added Revere, Lynn English, Lynn Classical and Chelsea to the GBL. Now have 8 total schools. Motion to discontinue GBL exclusion status as of Fall 2024, approved 19-0

6. Scheduling –Sherry- with GBL request, felt it was a good time to bring these other items to everyone's attention. Endowment Games, Exclusion Games, Season Limitations and Cut-off Dates. Recommend the BOD to charge TMC to take a better look at these items. Also, ensure a clear process or timeline for review if we keep exclusion schools. Schools are overscheduling and getting tripped up in some of these situations. Motion to charge TMC to look into these matters and report back to BOD by the March meeting – approved 19-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32am.