



MIAA Board of Directors Meeting October 29, 2020

The MIAA Board of Directors (BOD) held a virtual meeting on October 29, 2020. The meeting consisted of 55 participants representing the BOD, MIAA staff, guests and media.

District Workshop Review: All MIAA District workshops have been provided. Outstanding participation by member schools. Executive Director Bill Gainey gave thanks specifically to each District Chair for their work in organizing each workshop.

COVID-19 Task Force Report: Thom Holdgate, AD Duxbury HS and Task Force Co-Chair presented recommendations from the Task Force to the BOD for consideration. The Task Force will continue to meet weekly as the start date for winter sports gets closer.

Motion: The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force joins with the MIAA Tournament Management Committee (TMC) to recommend the MIAA Board of Directors eliminate MIAA sponsored post season tournaments for the winter 2020-2021 season. (T. Holdgate/ C. Conefrey)

APPROVED: 20-0-0

Motion: The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors adopt February 21, 2021 as the end date for the winter athletic season. (T. Holdgate/L. von Holtz)

APPROVED 20-0-0

Motion: The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force joins with the Tournament Management Committee (TMC) to recommend the MIAA Board of Directors encourage schools to create a winter season schedule within leagues, or geographic regions to limit travel and number of opponents.

APPROVED 20-0-0

Motion: The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors adopt November 30, 2020 as the start date to the winter athletic season if the EEA Guidance is released on or prior to November 9, 2020. If EEA Guidance is received after November 9, 2020, the MIAA Covid-19 Task Force may recommend a delay to the start date for the winter athletic season. (T. Holdgate/T. Arria) **APPROVED:** 20-0-0

Motion: The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends the MIAA Board of Directors adopt the Winter Sports Approval Process:

- Sport Committees present proposed sport specific guidance and modifications to the Sports Medicine Committee within 5 school days after the release of EEA guidance.
- The Sports Medicine Committee presents viable winter sports and their modifications to the MIAA Covid-19 Task Force.
- The MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommends sports to be included in the winter season to the MIAA Board of Directors.
- MIAA Board of Directors meets within 3 school days and votes on the MIAA Covid-19 Task Force recommendations and notifies MIAA member schools of the approved interscholastic sports for the winter season.

(T. Holdgate/D. Davis) **APPROVED:** 20-0-0

Communications & Educational Athletics: Tara Bennett, MIAA Director of Communications and Pete Smith, MIAA Assistant Director gave a recap on High School National Activities Month highlighting celebrations of the MIAA Coach and Official of the Year Recipients, NFHS Heart of the Arts Recipient, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, as well as on-going Wellness offerings. You may view the power point [HERE](#)

MSSADA: Working on getting professional development out to Athletic Directors. The National Conference will be a virtual event in December. Provided by Thom Holdgate.

MASC: The combined MASC and M.A.S.S. conference has been reverted to a professional development morning on November 7th. The keynote is Dr. Kalise Wornum who will speak on educational equity and diversity. Provided by Deb Davis.

M.A.S.S.: Superintendents continue to focus on school openings and keeping them open. Tom Scott, Exec. Director of M.A.S.S. spoke at the State House on the opening of schools. Provided by Jeff Granatino.

MSAA: Nearing the end of National Principals Month (October). On The Road Recognition ceremonies are happening to celebrate the State Principal and Assistant Principals of the Year. Dan Richards, Principal Georgetown Jr/Sr HS and the MSAA NASSP rep is leading a state effort to get educators to contact elected officials to support additional funding for COVID. The Summer Institute Committee is looking at a change in venue. The MSAA put forth two position papers to DESE and Commissioner Riley. One about MCAS testing and the other on Teacher Evaluation. Read the position papers below:

[MCAS Testing During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[Teacher Evaluation During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Constitutional Change: Bill Gaine stated a change to constitutional language to increase Superintendent and School Committee representation by one member on the Board will be presented no later than January 2021.

Basketball Player Limit Rule: Pete Smith, MIAA Basketball Liaison presented the Proposal for One-Year Trial Rule Change: Rule 66.7.2.

Motion: To accept the Basketball Player Limit Rule proposal put forth by the Basketball Committee. (T. Holdgate/C. Conefrey) **APPROVED** 20-0-0

You may read in entirety the proposal [HERE](#)

Sportsmanship Compliance Rule: Rob Pearl, MIAA Sportsmanship Liaison presented the Sportsmanship Committee Compliance Proposal.

Motion: To accept the Sportsmanship Committee Compliance Rule proposal put forth by the Sportsmanship Committee. (S. Sibley/M. Trahan) **APPROVED** 20-0-0

You may read in entirety the proposal [HERE](#)

Other: Correspondence to the MIAA on the recommendation for the MIAA to address and adjust racist mascots in schools was presented. This recommendation is being pursued by the Committee on Education at the State level. No action is needed, though the sentiment is recognized.

Pete Rittenburg, Athletic Director Brookline HS inquired on the status of the MIAA Strategic Planning Committee and the recommended Independent Audit from the BOD. Both items are in a holding pattern at this time with intent to pursue completion, according to President Granatino.

Finance/Personnel Committee: Finance Committee Chair Lindsey von Holtz introduced Mr. Marco Seidman, Board Independent Auditor to provide an overview of the FY'20 Audit. Mr. Seidman expressed gratitude towards MIAA staff for their amazing assistance throughout the audit process. Mr. Seidman indicated a "clean opinion" for the MIAA audit. He stated that Association finances finished in the black for FY'20 while noting athletic event revenue as well as expenses were down significantly in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. The auditor cited management's proactive efforts to secure a Payroll Protection Loan to mitigate the impact of the pandemic.

As per comment on FY'21, the Auditor cited fiscal challenges that prompted the need to recommend that the Finance Committee should focus on identifying and growing new revenue streams as Association resources and reserves could be significantly depleted.

Mr. Hal Tepfer, Actuary, interfaces with the auditor on the Associations Health and Retirement Pension. He indicated that each fund is in good shape and credits the Association's previous Boards and Finance committees for diligence in management and funding decisions.

The Institutional Membership Dues Ad Hoc Committee had their initial meeting where the committee reviewed the history of the Dues structure and discussed options for possible formula alternatives. This committee will make future recommendations regarding institutional dues structure to the Finance Committee. Lindsey summarized the communication process to schools which have not registered sports to date.

Next Meeting: December 9, 2020

