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MIAA Football Committee Meeting Highlights February 4, 2021

The Football Committee met virtually on January 19, 2021 with approximately 45 people on the call including football committee members, MIAA staff, tournament directors and media.

Reconsideration of January 19, 2021 vote for 2021 Football Playoff/Season Structure:

Chairman Jim Pignataro spoke to the agenda item for reconsideration of the January 19th vote due to input and feedback from member school leaders after the January meeting. Many members of the committee spoke to various aspects of the previous vote including the 9-week qualifying period, consolation games and the number of teams, 16 or 8, qualify for the playoffs. After a lengthy discussion a motion to reconsider was made.

Motion: To reconsider the vote of January 19th relative to the Football Playoff/Season Structure for 2021. (D. Heres/D. Pignone) **APPROVED 19-4-0**

Now that the motion to reconsider was approved, the vote on the floor was the same as January 19th. Committee entertained member discussion.

Motion: To have a qualifying period of 9-weeks beginning the weekend after Labor Day. After the 9-week qualifying period, there would be three rounds of playoffs with 8-teams making the playoffs from each of eight divisions. The state finals would take place the weekend of December 3 & 4, 2021. No consolation games would be scheduled by the Football Committee but given that schools could play 11 total games, including a Thanksgiving Day game, additional game(s) could be scheduled by schools. (J. Costa/D. Bauer, from meeting of Jan 19th) **DEFEATED 9-11-1**

In relation to current 2021 Football Playoff/Season Structure, during the alignment development process in the summer/fall of 2020 the Football Committee approved 8 divisions with the plan for 16 teams making the playoffs. A subcommittee will meet to develop the format language and guidelines for the Tournament Management Committee which is due March 1, 2021.

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