



**Board of Directors Meeting
August 17, 2022**

FULL BOARD MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by President von Holtz at 11:07am.
2. Welcome: President Lindsey von Holtz welcomed everyone to the 2022-23 school year.
 - a. Welcome new Board members Bob Ringuette and Eric Scott
3. Attendance: Thomas Anderson, Tom Arria, Dan Bauer, Nicole Bottomley, Charlie Conefrey, Deb Davis, Ellen Holmes, Pat Mara, Mark Miville, Bob Ringuette, Eric Scott, Dan Shine, Gordon Smith, Lindsey von Holtz.
4. Board members received a Conflict of Interest Statement to complete. Tournament passes were not available for the meeting and will be mailed to each member.
5. Minutes of May 10, 2022 were approved.
6. Staff Updates:
 - a. Three new staff have joined the MIAA: Steve Dubzinski, Pam Gould and Jim Clark.
 - b. Tara Bennett, Director of Communications, is leaving to take the Douglas HS Interim Principal position.
7. Franklin Unified Basketball:
 - a. Peter Smith introduced members of the Franklin Special Olympics team that won a gold medal at the recent Special Olympics USA Games in Florida. Members Audrey and Tyler shared their memorable experiences with the Board.
8. Finance/Personnel Committee Report Sherry Bryant provided the following:
 - a. The 2021-22 Tournament season was a great success. Approximately 74,000 student-athletes with an additional 2,300 student-athletes in Unified Sports and a total of 4,000 teams and 143 Unified programs participated in post-season play. There were 2,600 games/events, 115 state champions crowned, and 30 sportsmanship awards presented. The preliminary audit suggests a healthy tournament financial picture. A full financial report on the Statewide Tournament will be completed and available in October.
9. Executive Director Report Dr. Baldwin, Executive Director, provided the following:
 - a. House Post Audit Oversight Bureau Review - a media article in late July referenced an audit of MIAA finances completed by the Massachusetts House Post Audit Oversight

Committee. Initial conversations with this committee took place in late August 2021 and continued throughout the school year, building a respected relationship between the two entities. The intent of the investigation is to ensure the MIAA is financially healthy, to learn the structure of the statewide tournament, and to review the Association's affiliation with TPG, which solicits corporate sponsorships for the MIAA. An update in this area will be provided when available.

- b. There is a need to be responsible for operations, capital planning, stabilization, and endowment/scholarships for kids moving forward. The Association will need appropriate dollars to support these areas.
10. Middle School/Coops Richard Pearson provided the following:
 - a. The District Athletic Committee (DAC) met a couple of times to review DAC information including guidelines on cooperative team application timeline, maximum number of participants, and "sub-varsity level only" application. Clarity and changes to the middle-level waiver were also made including the application submission timeline and not requesting single student waivers. All updated documents and information can be found on the website.
11. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Pete Smith and Bob Baldwin provided the following:
 - a. The Attorney General's office continues to give attention in the area of DEI. On September 14th at TD Garden, there will be a DEI event involving multiple agencies and entities which will provide DEI resources, discussion, and information. Regional training for districts, schools, and educators is ongoing and will be determined shortly. The DEI pilot program and pledge launched in 2021 will continue. Following the September 14th event, a discussion on the potential recalibration of the pilot program will occur.
12. Sports Medicine Richard Pearson provided the following:
 - a. The attached memo was provided to members with pertinent updates and reminders in Sports Medicine.
13. Rule Clarifications Richard Pearson and Phil Napolitano provided the following:
 - a. Some of the MIAA handbook rules most inquired about were given language clarity to help schools understand the intent of the rule (members were provided with the attached). Motion: To adopt the Acknowledgement of MIAA Rules 57 and 59 form (see attached) – approved 14-0.
14. Rule 66.2 and 66.10: Peter Smith presented on the adjustment of the shot clock to remain consistent with NFHS guidelines. The MIAA Basketball Committee voted unanimously in favor of this adoption pending BOD approval (see attached). Motion: To approve the NFHS Shot Clock Guidelines – approved 14-0.
15. Rule 47 Amateurism to remain consistent with Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) definitions (see attached document). Motion: To approve edits, clarifications and addition of Name, Image, and Likeness language made to MIAA Rule 47 Amateurism – approved 13-0-1.

16. New Membership(s) – Boston Public Schools
 - a. 5 schools applications: Boston Arts Academy, Edward M. Kennedy Health Careers (EMK), Boston Day and Evening Academy (BDEA), Greater Egelston, and Community Academy. Motion: To approve the five submitted Boston Public School MIAA Membership applications – approved 14-0. Bob Baldwin commended Boston Public Schools and Phil Napolitano with their work to complete this process.

17. Sister Association Communication/Report
 - a. MASC: Ellen Holmes reported that the MASC Summer Institute in July focused on Mental Health of staff and students.
 - b. M.A.S.S.: Gordon Smith reported the Executive Institute included DEI work to be in alignment with MIAA. Looking to “take a leadership role in this area”.

18. Board members were provided with the 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates (see attached). The Board dates have been established. The MIAA Annual meeting will potentially be moved to Thursday, April 6, 2023.

19. NFHS Summer Meeting Bob Baldwin stated the NFHS Summer Meeting was productive and it was nice to be in person. He noted the strong representation and voice of Massachusetts at many National conferences.

20. Other: There are openings on MIAA Finance Committee. Any Board member who is interested should send an email to either Lindsey, Sherry, or Bob.

21. Meeting adjourned 1:40pm.