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MPSSAA Board of Control Minutes MPSSAA May 19, 2021

- 1. Mr. Michael Duffy, MPSSAA President, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Mr. Andrew Warner welcomed everyone and reported that 58 of 63 voting members were present (one additional member entered the meeting late for a total of 59), qualifying for a quorum to conduct business for the association. Mr. Duffy requested a motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2020. Mr. Steve Lee made a motion for approval and Mr. John Davis seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 2. Mr. Warner provided the Board of Control an update from the MPSSAA Medical Advisory Committee. The committee met on May 12, 2021 to review the latest MPSSAA guidance. Mr. Warner provided an update on facemasks and capacities at facilities. Mr. Warner informed the Board the Medical Advisory Committee would continue to review information related to vaccines and provide guidance as necessary. Mr. Warner also informed the committee that the Medical Advisory Committee continues to advise students to get up-to-date physicals and keep current COVID-19 forms in place for the 2021-22 academic year.
- 3. Mr. Duffy called each of the Spring Sport Committee Directors to provide information on proposed Spring State Tournament policy and procedures. The following directors spoke to the Board of Directors with the logistics and plans for Spring State Championships.
 - Baseball Jason Woodward
 - Softball Lynn Pitonzo
 - Lacrosse Melba Williams
 - Tennis Jean Vanderpool
 - Track & Field Beth Shook

Ms. Lynette Mitzel made a motion to approve spring state championships as presented by the sport directors. Mr. Kevin Kendo seconded the motion. Mr. Warner clarified that by voting to approve the Spring Bulletins is an approval for the operation of Spring State Championships. The Motioned passed 57-1.

- 4. Mr. Duffy called each of the Fall Sport Committee Directors to provide proposals for the Fall Bulletins. The following directors spoke to the Board of Directors with the logistics and plans for the Fall State Championships
 - Golf Eric Michael

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- Cross County Michael Sye
- Field Hockey Phyllis Hemmes
- Soccer Marianne Shultz
- Volleyball Debbie Basler
- Football Andy Warner

A motion was made by Mr. Eric Michael to accept all fall bulletins as they were presented. A second by Mr. Clayton Culp. The motion passed 59-0.

- 5. Mr. Duffy called each of the Winter Sport Committee Directors to provide proposals for the Fall Bulletins. The following directors spoke to the Board of Directors with the logistics and plans for the Winter State Championships
 - Basketball Lynette Mitzel
 - Indoor Track Clayton Culp
 - Swimming and Diving Kevin Kendro
 - Wrestling Brian Layman

A motion was made by Mr. Michael Sye to accept all fall bulletins as they were presented. A second by Dr. Derek Sabedra. The motion passed 59-0.

- 6. Mr. Warner addressed the Board of Control about waiver requests that were approved by the Maryland State Board of Education for the 2020-2021 academic year. These requests enabled local school systems to navigate COVID-19 with greater flexibility to maximize student participation. The MPSSAA Executive Council is requesting regulation waivers for the 2021-22 academic year specifically for modifying schedules after the first allowable playdate and sanction requirements. Mr. Bryan Ashby made a motion to submit the specified COMAR wavier requests to local superintendents and the State Board of Education for consideration. Mr. Kevin Hook seconded the motion. The motioned passed 59-0.
- 7. Mr. Warner provided information on the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) Title IX campaign and information requested from local school systems to highlight Maryland's achievements. Mr. Warner requested school systems to provide participation numbers and any changes to the Fitness and Athletic Equity Act compliance by the deadlines found on each of the forms. Mr. Warner also shared information on a study out of the University of Wisconsin related to the mental health of student athletes. Any schools that are interested in having students participating in the survey can obtain further information from the MPSSAA office.
- 8. Mr. Warner presented gold cards to Mr. Earl Hawkins and Mr. David Byrd. Both individuals were longstanding members of the MPSSAA Executive Council and have made significant contributions in service to the MPSSAA.
- 9. Mr. Duffy thanked the entire membership for all of their efforts to maximize opportunities for student-athletes. Mr. Duffy asked if there was any more business from the floor. Hearing none, Mr. Stosh Schtierman made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Debbie Basler second. The motion passed 59-0.