West Alameda County Conference

Minutes – Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – 8:42 AM – Encinal High School

Present: Alameda (Lee), Arroyo (Kurzfeld), Berkeley (Vegt), Bishop O’Dowd (Evans), Castro Valley (Feria), Encinal (Snyder), Hayward (Purser), Mt. Eden (Walton), Piedmont (Small), San Leandro (Stobing), San Lorenzo (Ahrens), Tennyson (Estrada), Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: None

Guests: None

1.There was no public input

2. There were no changes to the 1/22/25 Board minutes

3. MSC (Small, Vegt, 10-0-1) accept the Bishop O’Dowd review of their violation of CIF Bylaw 510

4. MSC (Small, Walton, 12-0-0) to accept the remedy proposed by Berkeley for the use of an ineligible student-athlete in soccer.

5. MSC (Vegt, Ahrens, 11-0-0)) to approve the remedy proposed by San Leandro for the use of two ineligible student-athletes in soccer.

6. The Board took no action evaluating the remedy proposed by Arroyo for the use of two ineligible student-athletes in soccer. Arroyo will present a revised remedy at our next WACC Board meeting.

7. The Board had a thorough discussion about the problems caused by club sports when they willfully ignore CIF and NCS season-of-sport rules.

8. The Board addressed the NCS BOM 3/28 agenda and directed our delegates in the following way:

* Oppose Item VII, A. - Attachment C – NCS 218 – increased penalties for using ineligible student-athletes
* Oppose Item XIV. C. - CIF Bylaw 503.M, increased sanctions for adults who are ejected from contests. Attachment II
* Support Item X. E. - E. NCS Football Proposal - football teams finishing with 8 wins or better, and who were not an automatic qualifier out of its league be shall included in the NCS playoffs as an additional automatic qualifier pending adherence to the NCS application process. This proposal is only for the 2025-2026 school year.
* Support Dr. Steve Amara, Item VII. E. for the open position on the NCS Executive Committee - President-elect
* Oppose Item XIV. C. increasing the sanctions for adults who are ejected from contests. Attachment II

9. The Board had a thorough discussion about ways all of our schools can improve sportsmanship on their campus and improve their supervision of athletic contests. Principals left the meeting with ideas that might work on their campus.

10. The league commissioner reported on a meeting with Mission Valley athletic administrators, Mission Valley football officials, WACC athletic administrators and EBFOA football officials. The goal is to improve communication between officials and student-athletes, officials and coaches, officials and site supervisors that would result in improved sportsmanship and security at football games.

11. MSC (Vegt, Snyder, 11-0-0) to change Football Special Rule 1313.3 to read: Players shall be nominated by position. On offense those positions are **receivers (3), tight end** (1) linemen (5), quarterback (1), and running back (2). On defense those positions are linemen (4), linebacker (4), and defensive backs (4).

12. MSC (Feria, Vegt, 11-0-0) to approve the following Winter 2025-26 sports schedules, posted on the website:

* Basketball – Foothill and Shoreline Boys
* Soccer – Foothill and Shoreline Boys and Girls
* Wrestling

13. MSC (Ahrens, Walton, 12-0-0) to approve the revised 2025-26 Flag Football schedules.

14. MSC (Vegt, Snyder, 12-0-0) to approve the following addition to the Swimming Special Rules:

3102.3 Each school is allowed unlimited entries in any race but only the top four from any one school shall be included in the scoring individual events.

15. WACC Organizational Structure

The Board approved leadership positions for the 2025-26 season:

President: Monique Walton

President-Elect: Brock Ahrens

Past President: Doug Evans

NCS BOM Representatives: open

WACC Board Meeting Dates were set:

August 7; 3:00 pm; San Leandro

October 1; 8:30 am; San Leandro

January 21; 8:30 am; San Leandro

March 25; 8:30 am; San Leandro

May 20; 8:30 am; San Leandro – if necessary meeting

16. MSC (Snyder, Walton, 12-0-0) to approve the WACC 2025-26 Meetings and Events Calendar posted on the website.

17. There was no other new business

Meeting Adjourned at 11:01

Respectfully submitted Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 7; 3:00 pm; San Leandro High School