West Alameda County Conference

Minutes – Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – 8:15 AM – Encinal High School Room 3105

Present: Alameda (Ithurburn), Arroyo (Webster), Berkeley (Raygoza), Bishop O’Dowd (Evans), Castro Valley (Fortenberry), Encinal (Snyder), Mt. Eden (Walton), Piedmont (Goswani), San Leandro (Barloga, Thomas), San Lorenzo (Cusi), Tennyson (Taylor)

Absent: Hayward

Guests: none

1. There was no public input

2. There were no corrections to the minutes of the September 27, 2023 meeting

1. MSC (Ithurburn, Cusi, 8-0-0) to approve the remedy proposed by Piedmont for the use of two ineligible student-athletes who participated in a basketball scrimmage.
2. Bishop O’Dowd reported on a violation where two student-athletes participated in a club soccer event, while at the same time participating on their high school team; a violation of CIF rules. No action was taken as none was necessary.
3. The league commissioner reported on 2024-25 league alignments. MSC (Snyder, Goswami, 9-0-0) to approve the X-C, football, tennis, volleyball, and water polo alignments.
4. The principals then reviewed proposed 2024-25 league schedules. No action was taken as several schools wanted more complete information from their AD’s. Saturday contests, contests scheduled for teacher work days and school holidays, and planning around other school activities were some of the reasons given for the postponement of the approval.
5. MSC (Snyder, Fortenberry, 11-0-0) to appoint Robert Ithurburn to the open position as one of our representatives on the NCS Board of Managers. In addition: delegates were directed to:

* MSC (Ithurburn, Snyder 11-0-0) to support Item X. E.
* MSC (Ithurburn, Walton 10-0-1) ) to oppose Item X. F.
* MSC (Goswami, Webster, 9-0-2) to support Item X. G. b. the NCS staff revision of the NCS playoff structure.

1. Principals had a long discussion about the importance of sportsmanship in providing student-athletes with a positive educational athletic experience and will continue to work with their athletic administration team to emphasize this at their school.
2. The board went into closed session.
3. President Evans reported on closed session discussion. The Board will conduct a performance evaluation and a salary review of the league commissioner.
4. The Contra Costa Assigners will be providing baseball umpiring services to the WACC this spring and they are in the process of tendering a contract.
5. The principals reviewed the AD request to hold the NCS-mandated NCS Eligibility Workshop on Friday, August 9 at 4:00 pm. They moved the Workshop to Thursday, August 8 at 4:00.
6. The league commissioner reviewed some items from the 1/23/26 AD meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20; 8:15 am; Alameda High School

6. NCS Items

* Replace Ron Richardson as one of our WACC delegates to the NCS BOM.
* Take positions on items from the NCS BOM agenda: direct our delegates to either support, oppose, or vote their conscience - discussion on the following:
  + X. E. – Wrestling sub section meet
  + X. G. – NCS Playoff Structure
  + other

7. Sportsmanship

* New banners
* “Running up the Score”

8. Closed Session

* The Board will go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

9. Report from the Closed Session

* The Board will report out and take any action necessary

10. Officiating Contracts

* Discussion/Action – Baseball

11. WACC Calendar

* August 9, 2024 – date for preseason meetings and NCS workshop

12. Items from the 1/23 AD meeting – Discussion/Action as necessary

13. New Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13; 8:15 am – Alameda High School