

**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
Principals' Committee on Athletics  
Monday, August 24, 2020 @ 1:30 pm  
RIIL Office  
875 Centerville Road, Building #3  
Warwick, RI 02886**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Kelly; Mmes., Gribbin, Henneman and Massaro. Messrs., Barbieri, Barr, Coleman, DiMuccio, Habershaw, Kavanagh, MacKenzie, Sollitto, Warner and Whaley

**Also Present:** Michael Lunney, Executive Director; Thomas Marcello, Assistant Director; Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant, Donna Kane, Business Manager, Carolyn Thornton, Director of Multimedia Content, and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*

**Absent:** Messrs., Biah and Buchanan

*The August meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:30 p.m.*

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session.*

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: Finance Committee report; RIIL Sportsmanship and Equity; New mandates for this year; RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and Fall Sports update.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES JUNE 15, 2020 AND SPECIAL MEETING JULY 21, 2020**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the June 15, 2020 and special meeting on July 21, 2020 meeting were unanimously (14-0) approved.

**PCOA RESIGNATION**

The Committee received a letter of resignation from Ms. Shani Wallace, as a member of the Committee and Sport Co-Director of Girls Basketball. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) accepted, with regret, Ms. Wallace's resignation.

**RIASP REPORT: ROBERT LITTLEFIELD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Littlefield, RIASP Executive Director discussed his intention to keep the positive communication and relationship between the PCOA and RIASP.

**RIIL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Kelly reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 24, 2020. Items discussed and reviewed were an update on investments, the 2019-2020 final RIIL budget and the recommended 2020-2021 RIIL operating budget. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved the 2020-2021 operating RIIL budget as proposed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- New mandates for this year:
  - Updated – RIIL Assumption of Risk Form
  - COVID-19 for Coaches and Administrators – FREE online course on NFHS Learn
- RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
  - Return to Play Protocols – COVID-19
  - Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Letter to Schools
- Correspondence and meetings
- RIIL Mask-up Campaign Video

**RIIAAA REPORT – KAREN MASSARO**

Mrs. Massaro, President of the RIIAAA, provided updates as to issues, concerns, and recommendations on behalf of the RIIAAA.

**SCHOOL REQUEST**

The Committee received a request from Moses Brown, East Providence and Tolman to dissolve their Boys Ice Hockey Co-op beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved their request.

**FALL SPORTS**

None

**WINTER SPORTS**

None

**SPRING SPORTS**

None

*The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.*

*The August meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.*

Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
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Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 1:30 pm  
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**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Kelly; Mmes., Gribbin, Henneman and Massaro. Messrs., Barbieri, Coleman, DiMuccio, Habershaw, Kavanagh, MacKenzie, Solitto, Warner and Whaley

**Also Present:** Michael Lunney, Executive Director; Thomas Marcello, Assistant Executive Director; Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Thornton, Director of Multimedia Content, Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times* and Eric Rueb, *ProJo*

**Absent:** Messrs., Barr, Biah and Buchanan

*The November meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:30 p.m.*

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session.*

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: Fall sports update; winter sports update and rules violations.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES AUGUST 24, 2020 MEETING**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the August 24, 2020 meeting were unanimously (13-0) approved.

**PCOA NEW APPOINTMENT**

The Committee on Athletics reviewed and discussed several applications of those administrators interested in serving on the PCOA. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) voted to approve the following appointment: Dr. Renee Palazzo, Ponaganset High School.

**RIIL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The 2019-2020 RIIL Annual Report is completed and posted on the RIIL website and will be distributed to all members.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- New contact tracing procedures (RIDOH/RIIL)
- Update on meetings with Governor's Team and RIDOH
- Section I Update – Status of Winter Sports
- CNESSPA – New England Championships Update
- NFHS – RI Coaches of the Year (2019-20)
- Alignment Changes for 2021-22
- Cranston East Cross-Country Team – Good Sportsmanship

**RIIL RULE REVISIONS**

- Article 7, Section 7 – Coaching Students in the off Season During the Academic Year
  - Article 7, Section 7 was revised for the 2020 fall season and the revision will expire on November 22, 2020 and revert back to the original rule.
- Article 7, Section 6 – Non-School Competition and Loyalty to School Team
  - Article 7, Section 6 no action taken to revise this rule was taken by PCOA as it relates to COVID-19.

**SCHOOL REQUESTS**

The Committee received a request from East Greenwich HS Boys' Hockey team to be moved into Division 1 beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0)

approved their request. The Committee received a request from Providence Country Day School to join the League in Boys' and Girls' Basketball beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) approved their request.

#### **RIIL RULE VIOLATIONS**

##### **Shea High School, Article 3, Section 5, Length of Eligibility (Boys Soccer)**

The Committee reviewed the circumstances involving the use of an ineligible athlete in Boys' Soccer at Shea High School. On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (13-0) voted the following:

1. to impose a fine of \$100 on Shea High School for violating Article 3, Section 5.
2. Shea High School must forfeit any wins or ties the ineligible student-athlete participated in.
3. the Shea High School athletics program is placed on probation for one year 2020-2021.

The PCOA commends the Shea High School administration for their integrity and professionalism in handling this matter.

##### **Cranston High School West, Article 7, Section 7, Coaching out of Season (Softball)**

The Committee reviewed the circumstances involving coaching out of season in softball at Cranston High School West. On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (13-0) voted the following:

1. to impose a fine of \$200 on Cranston High School West for violating Article 7, Section 7.
2. the softball head and assistant coaches are suspended for two RIIL League games in 2021.
3. the Cranston High School West softball program is placed on probation for one year 2020-2021.

The PCOA commends the Cranston High School West administration for their integrity and professionalism in handling this matter.

##### **Scituate High School, Article 7, Section 7, Coaching out of Season (Girls' Basketball)**

The Committee reviewed the circumstances involving coaching out of season in Girls' Basketball at Scituate High School. On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (13-0) voted the following:

1. to impose a fine of \$200 on Scituate HS for violating Article 7, Section 7.
2. the girls' basketball head coach is suspended for two RIIL League games in 2021.
3. the Scituate High School girls' basketball program is placed on probation for one year 2020-2021.

The PCOA commends the Scituate High School administration for their integrity and professionalism in handling this matter.

#### **RIIAAA REPORT – KAREN MASSARO**

Mrs. Massaro, President of the RIIAAA, provided updates as to issues, concerns, and recommendations on behalf of the RIIAAA.

#### **FALL SPORTS**

Mr. Lunney reported on the completion of the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Class and State Championships and Girls' Tennis Championships. Also, he discussed the impact of COVID-19 and teams being quarantined both before and during the soccer playoffs. Mr. Lunney also reported and recognized the impact to schools whose teams were either impacted or eliminated from the soccer playoffs.

#### **WINTER SPORTS**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (13-0) moved the start of winter sports to December 11, 2020 with the understanding that changes in the Governor of RI and RI Department of Health guidance may change and impact the start date of winter sports.

*The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.*

*The November meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.*

Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
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Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 1:30 pm  
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**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Assistant Chairman Warner; Mmes., Henneman, Massaro and Palazzo. Messrs., Barbieri, Barr, Coleman, DiMuccio, Habershaw, Kavanagh, MacKenzie, Sollitto, and Whaley

**Also Present:** Michael Lunney, Executive Director; Thomas Marcello, Assistant Executive Director; Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Thornton, Director of Multimedia Content and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*

**Absent:** Messrs., Biah, Buchanan and Kelly Mme., Gribbin

*The January meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:30 p.m.*

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session.*

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: Update from RIDOH and Governor's Team; Proposal for school-centered regular-season format for future alignments; Transfer rule update and Providence Country Day School update.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2020 AND SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 9, 2020**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the November 16, 2020 and Special meeting on December 9, 2020 meeting were unanimously (13-0) approved.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- Survey results regarding winter sports
  - Spectator Policy (on campus events)
  - Live streaming of Events
- Unified Sports Update
- *REAP: The Benefits of Good Concussion Management*
- NFHS Virtual Winter Meeting update

Mr. Lunney discussed feedback for spectator policies for on-campus athletic events in gymnasiums. In addition, Mr. Lunney discussed the unanimous recommendation from the RIIAAA Executive Board to not allow spectators at athletic events for on campus gymnasiums except for a one-time senior day event for home team parents only.

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (13-0) approved the following: Based on the feedback from RIIL member schools, no spectators will be allowed at athletic events held at on campus gymnasiums except for a one-time senior day event for home team parents only if it is within all guidelines and restrictions from the State of RI. Schools must follow all spectator policies at all other off campus athletic facilities (i.e., ice rinks, pools, and gymnastics facilities, etc.).

Mr. Lunney discussed the RIIL met with the Special Olympics of RI regarding the upcoming scheduled unified sports season (unified volleyball and basketball). At this time, the RIIL will be planning for these seasons with modifications and is committed to offering unified opportunities during the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Lunney discussed the *REAP: The Benefits of Good Concussion Management* document which was previously approved by the Committee and the RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. This document is now posted on the RIIL website and is recommended for use by all member schools.

Mr. Lunney discussed the following highlights from the NFHS virtual winter meetings that was held on January 5, 6, and 7, 2021:

- Mental health impact of COVID-19 on student-athletes conducted by Dr. Tim McGuire.
- NFHS winter sports season guide that gives a summary of start dates and modifications for all states in the country.

In addition, Mr. Lunney informed the Committee that the RIIL will schedule a weekly virtual meeting for all principals and athletic directors on Thursday's beginning on January 14, 2021 through the end of the school year at the recommendation of Mr. Marcello.

#### **RIIL RULE VIOLATIONS**

##### **Prout School, Article 3, Section 11.B., Undue Influence (Boys' Ice Hockey)**

Mr. David Estes, principal of Prout School and Mr. Duane Maranda, co-athletic director of Prout School presented the Committee with information concerning a rules violation of Article 3, Section 11.B., Undue Influence in Boys Ice Hockey. On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (13-0) voted the following:

1. Prout School Athletic Program be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years beginning in January 2021.
2. to impose a fine of two hundred (\$200) dollars.
3. to suspend the head ice hockey coach for the first two (2) varsity ice hockey league games of the 2020-2021 season.
4. to require the athletic department to hold an annual in -depth coaches education clinic on the rules and regulations of the RIIL prior to the start of each sport season.

The PCOA commends the Prout School administration for their integrity and professionalism in handling this matter.

#### **RIIAAA REPORT – KAREN MASSARO**

Mrs. Massaro, President of the RIIAAA, provided updates as to issues, concerns, and recommendations on behalf of the RIIAAA.

#### **WINTER SPORTS (SEASON 2)**

Mr. Lunney reported the following:

- Practices started for 36 schools last week (January 4 – 8, 2021)
- 16 schools scheduled to begin today (January 11, 2021)
- Central Falls has delayed their start date to January 18, 2021

The current Executive Order runs through January 19, 2021 which only allows practices based on our meetings with RIDOH and the Governor's Team. Regarding COVID-19 testing, many schools have opted into tested students. The RIIL will be surveying schools this week for more specific information (i.e., how often and will it be mandated for athletes?). The RIIL will discuss potential RIIL policy with RIDOH and our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

*The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.*

*The January meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.*

Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
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Monday, March 15, 2021 @ 1:30 pm  
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**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Kelly; Mmes., Gribbin, Massaro and Palazzo. Messrs., Barbieri, Barr, Buchanan, Coleman, DiMuccio, Habershaw, Kavanagh, MacKenzie, Sollitto, Warner and Whaley

**Also Present:** Michael Lunney, Executive Director; Thomas Marcello, Assistant Executive Director; Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Thornton, Director of Multimedia Content and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*

**Absent:** Messr., Biah and Mme., Henneman

*The March meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:30 p.m.*

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session.*

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: Appeal – Prout School; Spring Sports Alignment; Winter Sports and Fall 2 Update.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 9, 2020 AND JANUARY 11, 2021**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the Special meeting on December 9, 2020 and January 11, 2021 meeting were unanimously (15-0) approved.

**APPEAL – PROUT SCHOOL**

**Prout School – Article 3, Section 11.B., Undue Influence (Boys' Ice Hockey)**

The Committee heard an appeal by Mr. David Estes, Principal and Mr. Duane Maranda, Athletic Director of Prout School. After due consideration, on a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) voted to deny and upheld Prout School Athletic Program placed on probation for a period of two (2) years beginning in January 2021.

**RIIL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 15, 2021. Mr. Stuart Peterson of Janney provided the Committee with an RIIL update on investments, current budget, and COVID-19 financial impact in 2020-2021.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- Colleen Gribbin Retirement
- 2021-2022 PCOA, Finance and Waiver Hearing Committee Meeting Dates
- NFHS Strategic Plan Committee
- NFHS Learn – New Course on Implicit Bias
- Student Initiative – Collection for Crossroads RI (National Guard/IHeart Radio)
- Student-Athlete of the Year Program (BCBSRI) Nominations

**RECOGNITION AND RESIGNATION OF MEMBER**

The Committee recognized and thanked Ms. Colleen Gribbin for her years of dedicated service as a member of the Committee and Sport Co-Director of Girls' Tennis from 2000 – 2021. She has served with distinction on the Committee over the past 20 years. The Committee wishes her well in her retirement and future endeavors!

**2021-2022 PCOA MEETING DATES**

- August 16 and November 15, 2021 and January 10, March 21 and June 13, 2022

**2021-2022 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

- August 16, 2021, March 21 and June 13, 2022

**2021-2022 WAIVER HEARING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

- Fall – August 5 and 12, 2021
- Winter – October 7 and 14, 2021
- Spring – January 27 and February 3, 2022

**NFHS STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lunney was appointed to represent Section 1 NFHS Strategic Plan Committee. Plan Committee will be meeting in May.

**NFHS LEARN – NEW COURSE ON IMPLICIT BIAS**

NFHS Learn has a new FREE online course on Implicit Bias which will be used as part of the ongoing education of coaches, officials and administrators.

**NEW RIIL INITIATIVES**

Mr. Lunney reported on two new RIIL initiatives. First, the student initiative “*Collection for Crossroads RI*” in conjunction with the National Guard/iHeart Radio and commended all the member schools that have participated. The Second is the Student-Athlete of the Year Program sponsored by BCBSRI. Nomination Forms have been sent to schools with a deadline of March 16, 2021.

**2021 SPRING SPORTS ALIGNMENT**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee approved the following 2021 Spring Sports Alignments as presented: Baseball, Softball, Boys’ and Girls’ Lacrosse, Boys’ and Girls’ Outdoor Track, Boys’ Volleyball and Boys’ Tennis.

**RIIL SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lunney reported the next RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled on March 16, 2021 to finalize spring sports safety modifications. Also, the RIIL weekly Thursday meetings with schools will be joined by RIDOH Epi/Ops team to discuss contact tracing on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

**SCHOOL REQUEST**

The Committee received a request from Paul Cuffee School to join the league in Girls’ Volleyball beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) approved their request.

**RIIAAA REPORT – KAREN MASSARO**

Mrs. Massaro, President of the RIIAAA, provided updates as to issues, concerns, and recommendations on behalf of the RIIAAA.

**FALL 2 SPORTS UPDATE**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) approved elimination of the no spectator policy for on-campus gymnasiums. Effective March 22, 2021, member schools can follow State of Rhode Island school and youth sports guidance for indoor/outdoor athletic facilities as listed on Reopening RI website and any school policy that may be more restrictive. The RIIL will work the RIIAAA Executive Board to develop consistent standards.

Note: Sporting venues/school athletic facilities may impose additional conditions or restrictions based upon the venue’s ability to comply with applicable executive orders and regulations.

**WINTER SPORTS**

Mr. Lunney reported and commended the efforts of the principals, athletic directors, sport directors and facility managers for their extraordinary efforts in allowing our student-athletes to have a successful winter sports season. The following 2021 winter sports championships were unanimously approved: Gymnastics, Boys’ and Girls’ Indoor Track, Boys’ Division II and Girls’ Division I Hockey, Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball and Boys and Girls Swimming. In addition, due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis, Boys’ Division I Hockey were crowned State Co-Champions.

**SPRING SPORTS**

The Golf Sport Committee requested to move the golf start date to April 12, 2021. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) approved to move the start date of golf to begin on April 12, 2021. Also, pitchers and catchers can begin on April 19, 2021.

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Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Meeting Minutes**

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**Also Present:** Michael Lunney, Executive Director; Thomas Marcello, Assistant Executive Director; Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*

**Absent:** Mmes., Gribbin, Henneman, Massaro and Palazzo Messrs. Biah, Buchanan, MacKenzie and Whaley

*The June meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:30 p.m.*

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session.*

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: Providence Country Day School request; Finance update; Budget 2020-2021; Proposed Budget 2021-2022 and Spring alignments 2021-2022.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES MARCH 15, 2021**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the March 15, 2021 meeting were unanimously (9-0) approved.

**PCOA RESIGNATION**

The Committee received letters of resignation from Mr. Craig MacKenzie, Principal of Chariho High School and Mr. Matthew Buchanan, Principal, Hope High School as a member of the Committee. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously accepted (9-0), with regret, their resignations and wished them continued success in their new respective positions.

**RECOGNITION AND RESIGNATION OF MEMBER**

The Committee recognized and thanked Ms. Colleen Gribbin for her many years of dedicated service as a member of the Committee and Sport Co-Director of Girls' Tennis from 2000 – 2021. She has served with distinction on the Committee over the past 20 years. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously accepted (9-0), with regret, her resignation and wishes her well in her retirement and future endeavors!

**PCOA VACANCIES**

As a result of the recent resignations on the PCOA, the RIIL will send out applications to member school principals to fill the vacancies.

**RIIL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on June 14. Items discussed were review of the 2020-2021 RIIL budget; Summaries and recommendations for the preliminary 2021-2022 RIIL budget; Review of the annual audit, and review of the RIIL investments. Final 2021-22 budget recommendation will be submitted in August.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- Vaccination Clinics – The RIIL is partnering with the Governor of RI to provide five free COVID-19 vaccination clinics at selected sites of RIIL Spring Sport Championships. There will be three clinics to be held on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and two additional will be offered on June 26. The RIIL is proud to help provide and encourage COVID-19 vaccinations for Rhode Islanders in conjunction with our state championship events.

- The Year in Review – A brief video was presented with a timeline compiled by Carolyn Thornton, Director of Multimedia Content, that illustrated the many challenges that the RIIL had to overcome to provide our student-athletes with all 28 sports and championships during the 2020-2021 school year.
- RIIL Awards Luncheon – The RIIL honored 19 individuals, including 14 student-athletes, for their exemplary achievements over the past year at its ninth annual RIIL Awards Luncheon on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza. The honorees: **RIIL Male Student-Athlete of the Year presented by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI:** Kenny Rix, Pilgrim HS; **RIIL Female Student-Athlete of the Year:** Mariah Ramos, Tiverton HS; **RIIL Student-Athlete Academic Achievement Award:** Dylan Balon, Lincoln HS and Spencer Shiels, Chariho HS; **RIIL Student-Athlete Athletic Achievement Award:** Darius Kipyego, St. Raphael Academy and Olaitan Olagundoye, Johnston HS; **RIIL Student-Athlete Citizenship Award:** Mahari Nayte, Juanita Sanchez HS and Meghan Janicki, West Warwick HS; **RIIL Student-Athlete Leadership Award:** William Turner, Coventry HS and Catherine Consiglio, Cranston HS West; **RIIL Spirit of Sport:** Kevin Negrón, Central HS; **RIIL Heart of the Arts:** Dominic Wiharso, Scituate HS; **RIIL Unified Sports Award in Partnership with RI Special Olympics:** Dylan Figueroa and Alicia Pacheco, East Providence HS; **Athletic Director of the Year:** Ted Quigley, La Salle Academy; **Administrator of the Year:** Michael Solitto, Burrillville Superintendent and **RIIL Distinguished Service Award:** George Finn, Barrington HS, Athletic Director, Janet Coit, Director, RI Department of Environmental Management and Sandra Powell, Associate Director of Health, RI Department of Health.
- TPG Report – Mr. Lunney commended Teall Properties Group and RIIL General Manager of Corporate Partnerships Mr. Steve Silva for their efforts in maintaining current sponsor relationships during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Lunney also discussed the importance of sponsor relationships to the future success of the RIIL.
- NFHS Strategic Plan Committee – The results of the NFHS Strategic Plan Committee meetings at the future priorities and goals for interscholastic school based athletic programs over the next five years.
- Fall/Winter Sport Alignments – The fall/winter sport committees were very active over the past few months and commended the committee members efforts in establishing the fall/winter alignments for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Study of Alignment, Classification & Championships – The progress in the study and research of future alignment, classification, and championships. The goal of this study and research is to address the concerns brought forward by member schools regarding the current alignment and classification guidelines. Continued progress will be made over the summer, and it is the intent to have a recommendation for any potential changes ready for the January 2022 PCOA meeting.
- Update on Coaches Certification Requirements – Update on coaches' certification requirements and reported that the RIIL is working with the RIIAAA on streamlining coaches' certification requirements and a potential state-wide coaches association structure for the future.

#### SCHOOL REQUESTS

The Committee received a request from Blackstone Valley Prep School to join the league in Girls' Volleyball beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (9-0) approved their request. The Committee received a letter from Rogers High School to dissolve the Boys' Tennis Co-op with Middletown High School beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (9-0) approved their request. The Committee received a letter from Providence Country Day School regarding Boys' Basketball for 2021-2022 (only) school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (9-0) approved their request.

#### RIIAAA REPORT – KAREN MASSARO

None given.

#### FALL SPORTS – MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021

Mr. Lunney reported the 2021-2022 falls sports schedules were distributed to schools. The summer contact period for coaches begins on June 15. All fall sports begin on Monday, August 23, 2021.

#### WINTER SPORTS – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

Mr. Lunney reported all winter sports begin on Monday, November 29, 2021.

#### FALL II CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following Fall II Championships were approved: Football; Girls' Volleyball and Game Day Cheerleading.

**SPRING SPORTS**

The RIIL spring playoffs schedule begins June 14, 2021.

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*The June meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.*

Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_