

Meeting of the Executive Committee

March 20, 2013 1:00 p.m.

CIF Southern Section Office Los Alamitos, California

Minutes

1. OPENING BUSINESS

DISPOSITION

ITEM

- A. Call to order by Jim Monico, President of the Council
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Introduction of Guests

Members of the media were present and introduced: Eric Sondheimer, Los Angeles Times; Jerry Gittleson, Los Angeles Daily News; Loren Ledin, Ventura County Star

E. Adopt Agenda

Approved

F. Approval of Minutes

Approved

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There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2013 Executive Committee meeting. The motion carried.

2. PUBLIC HEARING SESSION

A. Recognition of anyone wishing to address the Executive Committee. Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes.

There was no one present to address the Executive Committee.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bishop Diego High School Appeal of Sanction

Presenting on behalf of the CIF Southern Section was Rob Wigod, Commissioner of Athletics. Rob reviewed the CIF Southern Section position of the sanction issued to Bishop Diego High School, and stated the findings of the investigation that determined Bishop Diego violated CIF Southern Section

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Bylaw 510, Undue Influence by distributing a flier which offered two free tickets to the Bishop Diego High School Homecoming Football Game to any student who attended Spirit day at Bishop Diego High School. As a result, Bishop Diego High School was prohibited from hosting any CIF Southern Section Playoff contests in the sport of football for the 2012 football season. There were no questions posed to Commissioner Wigod by the Executive Committee.

J. Paul Gignac, Esq. presented on behalf of Bishop Diego High School, also in attendance on behalf of the school were Dr. Paul Harrington, Head of School and Dan Peeters, Athletic Director for Bishop Diego High School. J. Paul Gignac stated the sanction has been served but he asked to discuss the allegation that has been made against the school and not the sanction. He summarized the Bishop Diego High School appeal process for the sanction and requested a reversal of the decision and removal of the violation from the school record. He stated the Youth Football team parent had no affiliation to Bishop Diego and distributed the flier to the team without the knowledge of Bishop Diego High School or the Youth Football League coach. J. Paul Gignac stated Bishop Diego High School is present today to dispute a violation was committed and if there was, the school did not participate in the violation and asked the committee to understand the intention of the activity and flier.

Discussion held. Motion made and seconded to overturn sanction of Bishop Diego High School.

Vote: 8 in favor, 13 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion failed. The sanction for Bishop Garcia High School stands.

J. Area Placement Appeals

Presenting on behalf of the CIF Southern Section was Rob Wigod, Commissioner of Athletics. He reviewed the CIF Southern Section area placement process, timeline for appeals and parochial area profile. He provided an overview of the Parochial Area geography and student enrollments.

1. St. Bonaventure High School

Rob Wigod provided enrollment information and geography details of St. Bonaventure High School and also provided a four year competitive equity history for the athletic programs.

Presenting on behalf of St. Bonaventure High School were Mark Groff, Principal and John Muller, Athletic Director. Mark Groff summarized the distance between schools in the Parochial Area and raised concerns related to missed class time for students and transportation issues in the event of Parochial Area placement of St Bonaventure High School.

Discussion held. Motion made to support the CIF Southern Section recommendation to place St. Bonaventure High School into the Parochial Area; motion seconded.

Vote: 12 in favor, 9 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion passed. St. Bonaventure High School will be placed into the Parochial Area for the 2014-2018 Releaguing Cycle.

2. Oaks Christian High School

Rob Wigod provided enrollment information and geography details of Oaks Christian High School and also provided a four year competitive equity history for the athletic programs.

Presenting on behalf of Oaks Christian High School were Jeff Whitcock, founding Head of School; Kirk Miyashiro, Principal; Jan Hethcock, Athletic Director. Jeff Whitcock discussed concerns that the

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placement of Oaks Christian High School to the Parochial Area would cause geography-based hardships for students, decreased parental involvement and an impact on academics due to an increase in missed class time for the students.

Discussion held. Motion made and seconded to support the appeal of Oaks Christian High School to stay in the current area placement.

Vote: 6 in favor, 14 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion failed. Oaks Christian High School will be placed into the Parochial Area for the 2014-2018 Releaguing Cycle.

3. St. Lucy's High School

Rob Wigod provided enrollment information and geography details of St. Lucy's High School and also provided a four year competitive equity history for the athletic programs.

In attendance on behalf of St. Lucy's High School were Robert Prata, Counsel; Sister Monica Collins Principal; Valerie Pentolino, Athletic Director; Gina Giuliucci, Activities Director.

Robert Prata stated St. Lucy's High School did not presently request to be moved out of their current area and in 1998 they were awarded an appeal to remain in the Mt. Sac. Area. He stated St. Lucy's High School is ranked third place in their current league and that proves they are competitively equal. The school feels there is not a valid basis as to why they should be placed into the Parochial Area and the prior appeal should be upheld.

Discussion held. Motion made and seconded to support the appeal of St. Lucy's High School to stay in the current area placement.

Vote: 7 in favor, 13 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion failed. St. Lucy's High School will be placed into the Parochial Area for the 2014-2018 Releaguing Cycle.

4. Damien High School

Rob Wigod provided enrollment information and geography details of Damien High School and also provided a four year competitive equity history for the athletic programs.

Robert Prata, Counsel presented on behalf of Damien High School. He stated Damien High School has no history of playing in a state championship in any sports. He also said the enrollment is closer to the Mt. Sac Area schools than the Parochial Area school enrollments and that an increase missed class time would deter students from participating in athletics since Damien High School is chosen for educational purposes.

Discussion held. Motion made and seconded to support the appeal of Damien High School to stay in the current area placement.

Vote: 6 in favor, 14 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion failed. Damien High School will be placed into the Parochial Area for the 2014-2018 Releaguing Cycle.

4. ADVANCE PLANNING

A. DATES

1. April 24, 2013 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Angels Stadium, Anaheim, California

4. ADVANCE PLANNING (Cont.)

- 2. April 25, 2013 CIF Southern Section Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m., The Grand, Long Beach, California
- 3. May 15, 2013 CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, TBD

B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Blue Book Bylaw 3214.1

5. ADJOURNMENT

A. Time of Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m. in honor of former CIF Southern Section Assistant Commissioner Scott Raftery.

Respectfully submitted by:	Approved by:
Heather Smith, Executive Secretary	Rob Wigod, Commissioner of Athletics