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**CIF San Francisco Section Board of Managers' Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2021**

1. Call To Order

The Board of Managers' February 4, 2021 meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm. This meeting was held on-line via Zoom. The following members of the Board were in attendance: Dr. Catherine Arenson (Section President), Michael Jones (Academy), Freedom Siyam (Balboa), Suniqua Thomas (Burton), Tami Benau (Galileo), Shari Balisi Manalang (Lincoln), Mark Heringer (Marshall), Vincent Toan (O'Connell), Tara Hobson (SFI), Kemberly Kelly (Wallenberg), and John Schlauraff (Washington). Commissioner Donald Collins, and Keasara Williams from the SFUSD Student, Family and Community Support Division were also in attendance.

2. Minutes of January 14, 2021 Meeting

The minutes of the January 14, 2021 Board of Managers' meeting were approved by a vote of 9-0. This was a unanimous vote of the members present at the time of voting. The members voting in favor of approving the minutes were: Catherine Arenson, Michael Jones, Freedom Siyam, Suniqua Thomas, Tami Benau, Shari Balisi Manalang, Tara Hobson, Kimberly Kelly and John Schlauraff.

3. Public Comment

Commissioner Donald Collins opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

4. North Coast Section Proposal To Suspend the Sit Out Period For 2020-21 –  
Emergency Item For Friday's CIF Federated Council Meeting (Voting Item)

The Board of Managers considered a Federated Council proposal forwarded by the CIF North Coast Section to eliminate the sit out period for first time transfers for the 2020-21 academic year.

The North Coast Section only forwarded this proposal one week prior to Federated Council, and six days prior to the Board of Managers' meeting. This

did not provide time for a first reading (i.e. advance notice of the proposal) either to our Board of Managers or to the Federated Council itself.

The Board of Managers voted 9-0 in favor of hearing this item as an emergency matter. This was a unanimous vote of the members present at the time of voting. The members voting in favor of approving the minutes were: Catherine Arenson, Michael Jones, Freedom Siyam, Suniqua Thomas, Tami Benau, Shari Balisi Manalang, Tara Hobson, Kimberly Kelly and John Schlauraff.

The Board of Managers then voted 11-0 in support of the proposal to eliminate the sit out period for first time transfers for the 2020-21 academic year. This was a unanimous vote of the Board of Managers.

5. Return to Play

Return to Play issues were discussed. The Board reviewed current information from CDPH, SFDPH, the State CIF, and SFUSD on the status for the return of interscholastic sports.

The Board noted that the combination of not being authorized to practice and play, and still being in the purple tier puts the season one sports in a time crunch. Girls' volleyball, football, flag football, cheer, and cross country are season one sports. Those sports' seasons all end in mid-March to early April. They may run out of time.

The Board also discussed the CDPH guideline that limits athletic team travel only to the connecting county, and the CDPH guideline that states that a student can only play and practice with one team at a time whether that team is school or club. The Commissioner reviewed the Section's Athletic Directors' assessment of how this rule would impact each school.

6. Transportation Issues

The Board discussed transportation issues. The Board and Commissioner noted that should sports resume in 2020-21, there could be fewer charter buses available, and schools would need to book more buses per contest due to the need to properly socially distance on a bus.

The Board and Commissioner also discussed the possibility that a number of students will get rides from parents if they are not in school when sports resumes. The Board advised the Commissioner that it will be necessary to get messages about COVID caused restrictions/bans on spectators so the parents will know that they will likely have to drop their students and then return later to pick them up.

7. School Renaming Issues

School Renaming issues were discussed. Commissioner Collins reported that he had advised Athletic Directors at schools up for renaming to hold off on making any new uniform purchases until their school's new name is finalized. The District's Athletic Office will support renamed schools with financial assistance, if needed, to purchase new uniforms down the road. If a school currently requires new uniforms to begin their sport season, they should try and purchase the smallest quantity possible and have the mascot name placed on the jerseys instead of the school name. The Commissioner also noted that school names/mascots/logos on gym floors and fields will remain intact unless the SFUSD provides funding to replace with new ones. Logos on gym floors and fields will ultimately be replaced when a gym or field is up for repair.

8. CIF Federated Council – Update on Voting Items For Friday's Federated Council

The Commissioner reviewed the Board of Managers' instructions on voting items at the February CIF Federated Council Meeting. The Board has previously instructed its voting representatives to vote in favor of the proposal to add Beach volleyball as a CIF sport. The Board has also previously instructed its voting representatives to vote in favor of the 28 contact maximum for baseball and softball.

9. Update on Season One Sports (Football, Cheer, Cross Country, Girls' Volleyball).

The Commissioner updated the Board on the return to play status of football, cheer, cross country, and girls' volleyball.

10. Adjourn

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.