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**CIF San Francisco Section Board of Managers' Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2020**

1. Call To Order

The Board of Managers' May 14, 2020 meeting was called to order at 8:04 am. This meeting was held on-line via Zoom. The following members of the Board were in attendance: Gregory Markwith (Academy), Freedom Siyam (Balboa), Suniqua Thomas (Burton), Tami Benau (Galileo), Nicholaus Archibald (Jordan), Shari Balisi Manalang (Lincoln), Dacotah Swett (Lowell), Mark Heringer (Marshall), Susan Ryan (O'Connell), and President Susan Saunders (Washington). Commissioner Donald Collins, Section Vice President Catherine Arenson, and SFUSD Assistant Superintendent Bill Sanderson were also in attendance.

2. Minutes of March 5, 2020

The minutes of the March 5, 2020 Board of Managers' meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Public Comment

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

4. Medical Update: Information From UCSF

Commissioner Collins reviewed medical information that our UCSF medical team presented to the ADs. This was an informational item. No action was taken.

5. Election of Section President To a Term That Expires On June 30, 2022

The Board unanimously elected Catherine Arenson, the current Vice President, to the position of Section President for a term that begins on July 1, 2020 and expires on June 30, 2022. Ms. Arenson ran unopposed. Susan Saunders, the outgoing President, is retiring at the end of the year.

The Board unanimously elected Suniqua Thomas, the current Section minority representative, to the position of Vice President. Ms. Thomas will fill the

remaining year of Ms. Arenson's term as Vice President. Her term will expire on June 30, 2021.

6. Summer Sports Issues/Fall Sports Issues

The Board reviewed the Section's rules barring schools from fielding teams or using school equipment in the summer. The Commissioner has reminded ADs of these rules, and emphasized the importance of following them during a period where schools are closed until the beginning of the fall due to the coronavirus.

The Board and Commissioner noted that some coaches field or are affiliated with club teams. The Board and Commissioner noted that school coaches must make sure that their clubs have their own separate insurance, and they must advise students' parents that their summer activities are club activities, not school activities.

The Board and Commissioner noted that some coaches have snuck clubs into school sites without permits in past years. Sometimes they were caught and penalized. Sometimes they may have gotten away with it. We can't afford to have them even attempt this now. There is also no legal way for coaches to bring clubs into schools as the District will issue no facilities permits during this summer.

The Board and Commissioner also noted that football practice starts in late July, and ADs or assistant ADs must be available to review all student paperwork prior to the start of practice.

7. Cheer – United Spirit Association (USA) Summer Participation Requirement

The Board discussed the United Spirit Association's (USA) requirement that 75% of the members of a cheer team plus the coach attend a summer credentialing camp if the team wishes to qualify for nationals. The Board noted that under CIF San Francisco Section rules, our teams can't go to these camps. CIF San Francisco Section competitive teams can't go because it's against Section rules. SFUSD sideline cheer teams can't go because the District has shut down non-essential activities during the coronavirus health crisis.

The Commissioner advised the Board that he has spoken with USA regarding fall home camps, which can be used to meet the requirements for qualifying for nationals. The Commissioner will update schools on these home camps as he gets more information.

The Commissioner brought a bylaw amendment forward regarding an exception to the Section's summer restrictions for competitive cheer. The Board of Managers tabled this proposal by a unanimous vote.

8. Update on Multi-Schools

The Commissioner advised the Board that he had submitted the 2020-21 multi-school renewal applications to the State CIF. The Commissioner had to use the old forms since the CIF has not been able to produce the new forms due to the coronavirus. The Commissioner advised the Board that the CIF has accepted the renewal applications.

9. Grading Issues/Probationary Periods

The Commissioner advised the Board that he has worked with Bill Sanderson, the associate superintendent for SFUSD high schools, to submit a proposal to the SFUSD leadership team for SFUSD students to be granted an emergency probationary period during the fall semester to account for any coronavirus grading irregularities. The commissioner will update the Board on the District's actions. The Commissioner will advise the Section's non-SFUSD traditional public high schools that they have the option of using probationary periods to account for coronavirus grading irregularities at their schools.

10. Track Committee Proposal To Increase FS Entries From 4 to 6 (voting item)

The Board tabled the track committee's proposal to increase All City Frosh/Soph entries from four to six.

11. Adjourn

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:55 am.