Education Committee Meeting
June 4, 2013

Westinghouse Football Request

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BACKGROUND

PIAA District 8/City League
- Comprised only of Pittsburgh Public Schools - Allderdice, Brashear, Carrick, Obama, Milliones, Science and Technology, Perry, Westinghouse

PIAA District 7/WPIAL
- Comprised of 138 school districts in Western Pennsylvania.
Last 3 years Westinghouse football team averaged 23 players. (Info obtained from RTI and rosters submitted)

3-year average of the other schools playing football is 50 players.

As smaller high schools have closed (Peabody, Oliver, Langley) it has reduced the number of teams Westinghouse can compete against.

Varsity/JV contests with same players.
PITTSBURGH WESTINGHOUSE REQUEST

- Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 requests of the District 8/City League committee to become an associate member of the District 7/WPIAL in the sport of football for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Reason for the request is based on competitive imbalance and safety concerns regarding playing teams with much larger participation numbers and greater student populations.
REVIEW of PIAA DISTRICTS

- A review of PIAA District 5 (Johnstown Area), 6 (Altoona Area) & 7 (WPIAL) occurred between November and January to determine feasibility.
- Results: Districts 5 & 6 were not interested in adding a school in football. Travel was a major concern.
- WPIAL/District 7 is most feasible alternative given the proximity of Westinghouse to other schools in WPIAL.
WPIAL Schools – Class A or AA
Classifications based on number of boys in grades 9-11.

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<th>Class A Schools in WPIAL – 28</th>
<th>Class AA Schools in WPIAL - 35</th>
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<tr>
<td>Clairton – 16 miles – 39 minutes</td>
<td>South Fayette – 21.4 miles – 40 minutes</td>
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<td>North Catholic – 15 miles – 32 minutes</td>
<td>Seton LaSalle - 10.6 miles – 29 minutes</td>
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<td>Beth Center – 46.2 miles – 1 hr. 16 min.</td>
<td>South Allegheny – 15.9 miles - 34 min.</td>
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<td>Monessen – 47 miles – 1 hr. 5 min.</td>
<td>McGuffey – 44.5 miles – 59 minutes</td>
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<td>Brentwood – 10.6 miles – 27 minutes</td>
<td>Aliquippa – 33.7 miles – 46 minutes</td>
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<td>Imani Christian – 2.16 miles – 7 minutes</td>
<td>Ellwood City - 44.9 miles – 1 hr. 1 minute</td>
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<td>Serra Catholic – 15.2 miles – 31 minutes</td>
<td>Washington – 38.2 miles – 53 minutes</td>
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<td>Mapletown – 74.6 miles – 1 hr. 34 min.</td>
<td>Brownsville – 45.1 miles – 1 hr. 13 min.</td>
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<td>Frazier – 46 miles – 59 minutes</td>
<td>Sto-Rox – 15.3 miles – 27 minutes</td>
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<td>Western Beaver – 46 miles – 1 hr. 1 min.</td>
<td>Our Lady of Sacred Heart – 22 mi. - 38 min.</td>
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<td>Union – 61.4 miles – 1 hr. 19 min.</td>
<td>East Allegheny – 10.9 miles – 23 minutes</td>
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<td>Rochester – 35.5 miles – 55 minutes</td>
<td>Summit Academy – 35.1 miles – 49 min.</td>
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RECOMMENDATION

District 8 approve Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 request for associate membership to the WPIAL/District 7 for the 2014-2015 school year in the sport of football.

RATIONALE

Approval allows for Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 to play in their appropriate enrollment classification for the size of their school and competition level.
REMAINING SCHOOLS IN CITY LEAGUE

- Remaining schools compete in City League playing each opponent twice for a total of 8 games of league play plus 1 game available for non-league competition. (Endorsed by High School Principals)
- Current format is for each school to play each other once and then secure 3 additional non league contests. Travel for these contests include trips to Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland.
TIMELINE

June 2013 – School Board of Pittsburgh Public Schools update – Education Committee meeting.

June 2013 – PIAA district 8 committee votes on Westinghouse request.

June 2013 – If approved a letter from District 8 to the WPIAL requesting inclusion in the sport of football occur for the 2014-2015 school year on behalf of Westinghouse.

July 2013 – WPIAL/District 7 votes to approve/not approve request.

February 2014 – If WPIAL approves, Westinghouse receives a schedule for next 2 years and is eligible for post season play.