



Bishop Gorman High School and the NIAA
Prepared Statement
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At the March 6th Board of Control meeting Bishop Gorman suggested that an objective committee be formed to study issues raised by certain member schools. The Board of Control, whose charge is to treat all NIAA member schools fairly, directed the NIAA Administration to work with Bishop Gorman on the selection of the committee and the agenda. Our understanding of the objective of this directive was to avoid a situation where time and resources would be invested on an outcome that, in all probability, would not be productive, fair or acceptable to all. The NIAA Administration in its own published minutes of the March 6th meeting states “Ms. Cranor (Board of Control member) requests a letter of confirmation from both sides (Bishop Gorman and the NIAA) that this committee is acceptable to all involved.” It is obvious now that this and similar directives were not followed.

Unfortunately, the NIAA Administration ignored Bishop Gorman’s repeated attempts to engage in a cooperative effort of committee selection and unilaterally selected a committee of which certain members have exhibited an ongoing bias against Bishop Gorman. When challenged on this point, the Executive Director stated “Quite frankly, I can think of more than four CCSD Principals who might be perceived as holding greater prejudice against Bishop Gorman High School than those who were selected by the CCSD Principals Association. Additionally, to be quite honest, I am not sure there are any principals in the CCSD high schools that do not harbor some animus against Bishop Gorman High School.”

These comments and actions demonstrate, in our opinion, a prejudice against Bishop Gorman and clear discrimination of a member school in good standing, who is owed the same rights and privileges as other member schools. While we were originally encouraged that the process outlined by the Board of Control at its March 6th meeting would reach a fair result for everyone, we now believe that this will not be the case.

As a result, Bishop Gorman has chosen not to participate in today's discussion because we feel to do so would suggest that we condone the process that has taken place to establish this committee and its agenda. It is our view that the actions that have been taken are in direct conflict with the original meeting proposal and the directives outlined by the Board of Control at its March 6th meeting.

Since we have limited time in this "Public Input - Informational Items" of your meeting, we will save other objections and supporting documents for another day.

Thank you.