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PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Board Room, PIAA Office
Mechanicsburg, PA

Thursday, March 21, 2013

At 4:35 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2013, James T. Zack, President, called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square ...........................................District 1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville ................................................ District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ............................................. District 2
Samuel S. Elias, Hershey .......................................................... District 3
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy .................................................. District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township .................................................. District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ...................................................... District 5
Dean M. Rossi, Hollidaysburg ..................................................... District 6
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls .................................................. District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown .......................................................... District 7
Daniel J. Cardone, Pittsburgh .................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh .................................................. District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway .................................................. District 9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard .......................................................... District 10
Jason T. Zimmerman, Schnecksville ........................................ District 11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ............................................. District 12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia ............................................ District 12
Kirk J. Scrupa, Sharpsville
Representing ..............................................................Member Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
Representing ..............................................................Department of Education
Gary T. DeFlorentis, Mechanicsburg
Representing ..............................................................PSBA
Eric P. Wolfgang, York
Representing ..............................................................PSBA
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, York
Representing ..............................................................PASA
Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg
Representing ..............................................................PASSP
Gerald B. Schwille, Dillsburg
Representing ..............................................................PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
Representing ..............................................................PCA
MEMBERS PRESENT

Elisabeth M. Wilson, Emmaus
Representing .......................................................... Female Officials
Terry M. Diehl, Bedford
Representing .......................................................... Male Officials
Kimberly L. Hubler, Morristown
Representing .......................................................... Girls’ Athletics
Gayle L. Huffman, Sugar Run
Representing .......................................................... Female Parents
Robert J. Taylor, Oil City
Representing .......................................................... Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Executive Director ........................................ PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Chief Operating Officer ............................................... PIAA
Patrick B. Gebhart, Assistant Executive Director .............................. PIAA
Gregory G. Biller, Director of Business Affairs ................................. PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs ....................... PIAA

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. .......................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
John P. Milliron, Esq. ................................................................ PIAA Legislative Counsel
Dr. Andrew Sandusky .................................................................. PIAA Legislative Representative

GUESTS PRESENT

Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary .............................................. District 1
Rodney Frisco, Webmaster .......................................................... District 3
Charles H. “Buss” Carr, Executive Secretary .................................. District 4
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ......................................... Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director ............................... PSFCA
Dick Welsh, General Manager ...................................................... Licensing Resource Group, LLC (“LRG”)

MEMBER ABSENT

Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Hermitage
Representing ........................................................................... Member Private Schools

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Wolfgang, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes, of the Thursday, January 24 and Friday, January 25, 2013 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.
INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Zack introduced Gerald B. Schwille, Alternate Voting Representative for
Andrew J. Krahe, PSADA Representative.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Rossi, it was unanimously voted to
grant the request of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA,
effective July 1, 2013:

District III - Greenwood Middle School

District IV - Curtin Middle School
    Lycoming Valley Middle School

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to
accept into membership the following schools, effective July 1, 2013:

District IV - Williamsport Area Middle School

District VII - Mother of Sorrows Junior High

District X - Living Word Christian School,
    conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval

REQUESTS OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to
approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the
beginning of the 2012-2013 school year:

District III - Lebanon Catholic School and New Covenant Christian School – softball,
    conditioned upon District III Committee approval

District IX - Abraxas/Arlene Lissner and Sheffield Area High Schools – softball,
    conditioned upon District IX Committee approval

REQUESTS OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to
approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the
beginning of the 2013-2014 school year:
District III - Lancaster Catholic and Lancaster Mennonite school - football

District IV - Benton Area and Millville High Schools – field hockey
Benton Area Middle and Millville Junior High Schools – field hockey
Meadowbrook Christian and Milton Area High Schools – boys’ and girls’ bowling, boys’ and girls’ cross country, field hockey, and boys’ and girls’ tennis

District IX - Johnsonburg Area and Ridgway Area High Schools – football, girls’ and boys’ tennis, boys’ soccer, and softball, conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval

On a motion by Mr. Crumrine, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year:

District V & VI – Conemaugh Twp. and Westmont Hilltop High Schools – boys’ tennis

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORTS

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to approve the unaudited financial statements for the months ended January 31 and February 28, 2013.

The Director of Business Affairs gave a status report on the:

1) 2012-2013 PIAA Wrestling Championships;

2) update of PIAA statewide banking depository.

PIAA TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Following a third and final reading, on a motion by Mr. Wolfgang, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee, to approve rotating the AAA and AA time schedule for Team and Singles/Doubles Tennis Tournaments every 2-year cycle beginning with the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 classification cycle, effective July 1, 2013.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on the:

1) number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2012-2013 regular season and postseason contests by state high school association recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of basketball (221), and wrestling (64);

2) soon to be completed 2012-2013 PIAA Basketball Championships.
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on the:

1) Recently completed 2012-2013 Competitive Spirit Championships;

2) 2013-2014 Competitive Spirit Championships, which have been scheduled for Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25, 2015 at the GIANT Center, Hershey, PA;

3) Gender Participation Survey of Membership, which had a 52% response rate;

4) Recently completed PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORT

The Chief Operating Officer gave a status report on the recently completed PIAA Team Wrestling Championships.

PIAA GOLF STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Following a third and final reading, on a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to amend, the General Rule for Coach and Spectator Decorum for the purpose of permitting Coaches and spectators to be either in front or behind the contestants, so long as they stay a minimum of 10-yards from the contestants, effective July 1, 2013, which would read as follows:

General Rule for Coach and Spectator Decorum

Coaches and spectators will be permitted to walk and may be permitted to ride a cart on the course no closer than ten (10) yards from BEHIND the contestants during competition.

Coaches and spectators who choose to walk or who are permitted to ride the course BEHIND the contestants, during competition, may do so under the following restrictions:

A. DO NOT offer comments or make suggestions to the competitors. NO COACHING!

B. DO NOT observe play closer than ten (10) twenty-five (25) yards from BEHIND the group of competitors being observed.

C. DO NOT cross over or observe play from teeing areas, fairways, or putting greens. Play may be observed from cart paths or the “rough” only.

D. DO NOT move or talk when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.

E. DO NOT attempt to decide questions of fact nor attempt to apply the Rules of Golf.
PIAA CROSS COUNTRY STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Following a third and final reading, on a motion by Mr. Wolfgang, seconded by Mr. Majikes, to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee to establish a policy which would authorize the use of picture based technology in conjunction with the electronic timing system, effective July 1, 2013, which would read as follows:

POLICY REGARDING PICTURE-BASED FINISH/TIMING SYSTEMS AT CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS
PIAA authorizes the use of a picture-based finish/timing system, which, in conjunction with chip timing or other electronic timing system which is attached to the shoe(s)/torso of each runner, enhances the accuracy of the finishing position of each runner by utilizing the torso breaking the plane of the finish line.

AD HOC COMPREHENSIVE FOOTBALL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT

After considerable discussion, Districts I and III indicated they were not in favor of item number 4 of the Pre-Season Heat-Acclimatization Guidelines. It was also noted that Dr. Cordas, PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Chairman indicated that this is medically safe as listed.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and to provide Pre-Season Heat Acclimatization Guidelines prior to the season to minimize injury and enhance players' health and well-being, effective immediately, as follows:

Pre-Season Heat-Acclimatization Guidelines

Practice or competition in hot and/or humid environmental conditions poses special problems for student-athletes. Heat illness is a primary concern in these conditions. Although deaths from heat illness are rare, constant surveillance and education are necessary to prevent heat-related problems.

Core Principles:
1. **Acclimatization Period**: The first three days of football practice commencing on the first starting day – Monday, August 12th. Helmets and shoulder pads with shorts the first 2 days and full gear on third day with contact permitted on third day.

   These practices are limited to 5 hours of practice daily for the 3 days of heat acclimatization. Practice sessions may be no longer than 3 hours in length and teams must have 2 hours of rest between sessions.

   If starting the previous week by school option, these days are to be three consecutive days and it is strongly recommended to host no earlier than
Wednesday the previous week – August 7th. Helmets and shoulder pads with shorts the first 2 days and full gear on third day. No contact on third day (prior to start date).

If more than 48 hours between the conclusion of the heat acclimatization program and first day of practice, the program will not have its intended affect medically. Therefore, these practices are limited to five hours per day with no contact on the third day since it is prior to the start of the stipulated fall season.

If starting the previous week option is chosen, Monday’s practice – August 12th – may be 5 hours with a 2 hours buffer between practices and contact may be included.

Prevention of Heat Illness from the Sport Medicine Guidelines of the PIAA Handbook should be observed. These include regular measurements of environmental conditions. See Sports Medicine Guidelines for more detail or consult with your athletic trainer and/or team physician.

2. **Scrimmages:** A team shall not participate in a scrimmage prior to the first available scrimmage date as provided in Article XVI: Season and Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations of the PIAA By-Laws.

3. **Participation Limitation:** No Team, no individual member or members of such Team, and no individual representing any PIAA member school, may Practice or participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, Contest, and/or Open Gym on more than six days in any Calendar Week during the Regular Season.

4. **Out-of-Season Activities:** General conditioning provides only partial heat acclimatization. Therefore, student-athletes should be exposed gradually to hot and/or humid environmental conditions to provide better heat acclimatization. Each exposure also should involve a gradual increase in the amount of exercise that is undertaken over a period of days to weeks until the exercise intensity and duration is comparable to that likely to occur in competition. If conditions are extreme, training or competition should be held during a cooler time of the day.

When protective gear and clothing is authorized by the school Principal outside of the defined season, frequent rest periods should be scheduled so that the gear and clothing can be loosened to allow evaporation of sweat and other forms of heat loss. During the acclimatization process, it may be advisable to use a minimum of protective gear and clothing and to Practice in T-shirts, shorts, socks and shoes. Excessive tape and outer clothing that restrict sweat evaporation should be avoided. Rubberized suits should never be used.
DEFINITIONS
(for the purpose of these Guidelines)

Minimum Practice Time: The minimum practice time for the first three days is 3 hours per day.

Maximum Practice Time: The maximum allotted time per day for practice is 5 hours and teams must have 2 hours of rest between sessions.

Practice: The time a player engages in physical activity. It is defined that any practice session be no greater than three (3) hours in length. Warm-up, stretching, conditioning, weight training and ‘cool-down’ periods are all considered practice.

Recovery Period: A minimum of a two (2) hour recovery period must be provided after any session.

Walk-through: No protective equipment or strenuous activity permitted. Only balls and field markers (cones) may be used.

For additional information on heat acclimatization, access the PIAA Sport Medicine Guidelines section of the PIAA Handbook at:

http://www.piaa.org/resources/handbook/default.aspx

FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was voted, on a second reading basis, to adopt a policy which would prohibit more than three (3) days of physical contact per Calendar Week, excluding Scrimmages and Contests, during the defined regular season for football.

Motion passed: 28-yes, 2-no.

On a motion by Mr. Zimmerman, second by Mr. Rossi, it was unanimously voted to adopt a guideline in all sports, on a second reading basis, which provides for a "shutdown" period and prohibits contact by school representatives and their students for a one-week (Saturday through the following Sunday) period over the course of the summer. This policy would also prohibit out-of-season activities sponsored on school grounds during the shutdown period. Said policy to read as follows:

POLICY RECOMMENDING “SHUTDOWN PERIOD” OF ALL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Schools shall utilize a one week “shutdown period” of all athletic activities on their campus, which shall occur at the school's discretion between the end of school and the first Practice date for fall sports of the new school year. The week will be an extension of the Calendar Week and be Saturday through the following Sunday. During the “shutdown period” student-athletes and Coaches are prohibited from having any contact or athletic activities on their school campus.

Motion passed: 22-yes, 8-no.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The PIAA Executive Director gave status report on the:

1) 94th National Federal of State High School Associations (NFHS) Annual Summer Meeting, which is to be held in Denver, Colorado;
2) soon to be completed 2012-2013 PIAA Basketball Championships and various incidents;
3) proposed meetings schedule for 2013-2014;
4) a proposal to assume jurisdiction over the sport of ice hockey and bowling;

Mr. Dick Welsh, Licensing Resource Group, LLC (“LRG”) General Manager, High School Division, introduced his company and provided a full review of the programs offered to various state high school associations and their member schools.


Ms. Yunghans, Dr. Kressly and Dr. Williamson of the PA Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics made a presentation concerning the PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (“CIPPE”) form, in which the CIPPE may not be authorized earlier than June 1st and shall be effective, regardless of when performed during a school year, until the next May 31st. They clarified that by signing the CIPPE form, the physician is assuming responsibility of the health of the student.

PIAA SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Following a third and final reading, on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, to amend ARTICLE V, HEALTH, Section 4, of the PIAA By-Laws, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE V
HEALTH
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Section 4. Timing.
The CIPPE may not be authorized performed earlier than June 1st and shall be effective, regardless of when performed during a school year, until the next May 31st.

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On a motion by Mrs. Hubler, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to establish guidelines for heat index that will be reviewed by that Committee and accepted for inclusion into the Sport Medicine Guidelines Section of the PIAA Handbook.
After further discussion, on a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was voted to table to support the legislation proposed by the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society (PATS) to have each school hire an athletic trainer on their staff.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 1-no.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS**

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, to amend ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 3, Permissible Awards, of the PIAA By-Laws, to modernize the language, effective immediately, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II**

**AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS**

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**Section 3. Permissible Awards.**

A. **Member Schools:** A student may accept, from the student's school, or a school-affiliated booster club, items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification, upon completion of a season of participation on a Team and/or for earning the official school letter or award. The fair market value of items provided to any such student shall not exceed $200.

B. **Sponsors of Athletic Events:** A student may accept, from the sponsor or sponsors of an athletic event or group of athletic events, items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification, if the student participated in the athletic event and/or earned an award for an athletic event or events. The fair market value of items provided to any such student shall not exceed $500 $200. Such sponsor or sponsors may also pay the expenses for a student to participate in educational programs, tours, and field trips provided by the sponsor or sponsors in connection with the athletic event or events.

C. **Media and Other Public Recognition:** A student may accept, from a non-profit service organization approved by the Principal of the student's school, or the news media, items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification in recognition of the student's athletic ability or performance, and present the same at a time appropriate to such recognition. The fair market value of items provided to any such student shall not exceed $500 $200.

D. **Banquets:** Students may also attend, without charge of admission, athletic banquets sponsored by the institutions listed above in this Section 3.

E. **Participation expenses:** A student may accept, from a school, and/or the sponsor of an athletic event or group of athletic events, the reasonable and necessary expenses for transportation, lodging, and/or meals incurred by the student and/or the student's Team for participation in an athletic event or events.
school affiliated booster club may pay the reasonable and necessary expenses for their school students to attend a camp or clinic.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimous voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, A-6, of the PIAA By-Laws, to modify the requirement that public school districts of the participating PIAA member schools must be contiguous and/or overlap unless no contiguous public school district is willing to approve a cooperative sponsorship request.

After further discussion, on a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to table the recommendation of the Executive Director, to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, A-6, of the PIAA By-Laws, to modify the requirement that public school districts of the participating PIAA member schools must be contiguous and/or overlap unless no contiguous public school district is willing to approve a cooperative sponsorship request, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE

Section 11. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport.

A. Philosophy.

The philosophy that will guide the PIAA Board of Directors in reviewing and approving applications for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport between two or more PIAA member schools is as follows:

1. The Board supports opportunities for greater student participation.

2. The Board encourages projects that combine smaller PIAA member schools for sponsorship of an activity rather than a small PIAA member school combining with a larger PIAA member school when the smaller PIAA member school cannot support the activity alone.

3. The Board will not approve agreements where an intent of the agreement is to improve the quality of a Team (i.e., obtain a better win/loss record).

4. The Board will not approve agreements whereby:

   (a) any students enrolled at any of the PIAA member schools entering into the agreement would be prohibited from participation in the sports governed by the agreement because of the location of their residence;

   (b) one of the PIAA member schools is a public school and the agreement would bar any Home-Schooled Students who are otherwise eligible at that school from participating on the Team(s) covered by the agreement; and/or

   (c) more than one school to the agreement is to host the same sport.

5. The Board will neither consider nor approve agreements with non-PIAA member schools.

6. The public school districts of the participating PIAA member schools must be contiguous and/or overlap, unless no contiguous public school district is willing to approve a cooperative sponsorship request.
Following a third and final reading, on a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Wolfgang, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to adopt, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 2, Presumptive Eligibility, Section H, Transfer From Court Assigned School, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for criteria to be followed in Transfers from court assigned schools, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Section 2. Presumptive Eligibility.

H. Transfer From Court Assigned School. Upon transferring from a school at which a student was placed pursuant to a court order, said student shall be presumptively eligible at (1) a public school in the district of residence of the student where the student would have otherwise attended but for the judicial assignment and, if different, (2) the school at which the student attended prior to placement pursuant to court order. If the student transfers to any other school, the student shall be presumptively ineligible in all sports played within one year prior to transfer. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4 of this ARTICLE, said period of ineligibility shall be lifted only if the student demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the decision to enroll at such school was not motivated by a desire to play for or with a particular student, school, Coach or Team.

Following a third and final reading, on a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Wolfgang, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, to adopt ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 5, Transfers Following Expulsion or Anticipated Expulsion, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for a criteria to be followed in transfers following expulsion or anticipated expulsion cases, effective July 1, 2013, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Section 5. Transfers Following Expulsion or Anticipated Expulsion. A student who is expelled from a school, or who withdraws pending likely expulsion, for conduct which, had the student been allowed to remain at the sending school, would likely have resulted in loss of the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the receiving school for a period of one year from the date of transfer or, if the student demonstrates by compelling evidence that the period of ineligibility at the sending school would have been less, for the demonstrated period of ineligibility at the sending school.

Section 65. Termination of Team(s) for Budgetary Reasons.

Section 76. Feeder Schools for Private Schools.
Section 87. Recruiting.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 2, Presumptive Eligibility, Subsection G, Boarding School Student, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for clarification of a boarding school student, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE & RECRUITING

Section 2. Presumptive Eligibility
Subject to Section 4C of this Article, a transferring student is presumed eligible if the student meets one of the following provisions:

G. Boarding School Student.
The student has enrolled at, and resides in housing provided by and on the campus owned by-ef, a boarding Private School.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE VII, FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, Section 5, American Dependencies and Foreign Student, Subsection B, Foreign Students, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for clarification of a foreign exchange students, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII
FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS,

Section 5. American Dependencies and Foreign Students.

B. Foreign Students. A resident of a foreign country who Transfers to a PIAA member school but who does not meet the requirements in Section 1 or Section 2 above is considered a Foreign Student. The eligibility of Foreign Students shall be determined upon Transfer to a PIAA member school under ARTICLE VI, Section 4 of these By-Laws and the student must meet all other PIAA eligibility provisions.

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification From Next Contest(s), Subsection A, General Rule, Sub-subsection 2, Discretionary Disqualification, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for clarification of who has authorization to determination disqualification, to read as follows:
ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

Section 8. Disqualification From Next Contest(s).
A. General Rule.

2. Discretionary Disqualification. Upon the finding by a PIAA-appointed Tournament Director, Contest Manager, District Committee, Regional Panel, or, if the conduct occurred in an Inter-District Contest, by the Executive Director or Board of Directors, within their respective jurisdictions, that a student-athlete, Coach, and/or Team, while Coaching or competing for a PIAA member school, engaged in flagrant misconduct while on the premises where a Contest is conducted, said student-athletes, Coaches, and/or Teams may be disqualified from participation in the next scheduled Contest following said determination.

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, Section 2, How Persons May Become PIAA Officials Section 3, Duty to Report Offenses, and Section 6, Removal of Registered Sports Officials, of the PIAA By-Laws, to update language to reflect changes that have been developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV
OFFICIALS

Section 2. How Persons May Become PIAA Officials.
To become a PIAA-registered official in any sport, the applicant shall meet the qualifications and requirements and pass such examination as may be required by the PIAA Board of Directors.

Applicants shall be required to identify any crimes of which they have been convicted or have pled guilty or no contest. Any applicant who has been convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e) shall not be registered by PIAA unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

The application of any individual convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, a felony more than ten years prior to applying shall be reviewed by the PIAA Executive Director. In considering whether to accept said application, the Executive Director shall consider the nature of the offense and whether the applicant poses a danger specifically to school students or is otherwise unsuitable for registration as an official. This factor is most paramount as to an applicant convicted of a sexual offense, especially an offense (especially one which would trigger registration under Megan’s Law) involving sexual, physical or verbal abuse against a child. Other factors to be considered by the Executive Director include the following:
• The time period that has elapsed since the offense.
• Whether the offense was an isolated single event or was repeated.
• The presence or absence of a subsequent criminal history.
• Whether the offense bears a relationship to interscholastic athletics.
• Whether the person was involved in interscholastic sports when the crime occurred.
• Whether the conduct occurred on the property of a school or relating to sports.

Additionally, the Executive Director shall not accept the application of an individual convicted of an offense identified in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e) unless the PIAA Director of Legal Affairs certifies that he or she believes that the refusal to accept the application would likely be inconsistent with the applicant’s constitutional rights.

Applicants convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other felony of the first, second, or third degree shall not be registered by PIAA unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

Applicants convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree shall not be registered by PIAA unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

Applicants convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one first degree misdemeanor under 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 3802 relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance shall not be registered by PIAA unless a period of three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.

Applicants may also be rejected by the Executive Director if they have been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the honesty or veracity of the applicant.

The decision of the Executive Director to reject an application may be appealed by the applicant to the PIAA Board of Directors.

All newly registered sports officials, all sports officials registered for the first time with PIAA since April 1, 2007, and all sports officials whose registration have lapsed for more than one year, shall be required to obtain and submit to PIAA valid (obtained within the past year) copies of (1) a Pennsylvania State Police background check (Act 34 of 1985) report; (2) a Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare child abuse history (Act 151 of 1994) report; and (3) a FBI federal criminal history record (Act 114 of 2006) report. Expenses for obtaining and submitting said reports shall be borne by the registered sports official.
Section 3. Duty to Report Offenses.

Any registered sports official who has been either convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, any felony or misdemeanor of the first degree offense identified under 24 P.S. § 1-111(e) (see the current list of such offenses in the NOTE herein), shall so notify the Executive Director of such previous conviction or of an such recent arrest for such charges or conviction by completing the form developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, a copy of which is published on the PIAA Web site at www.piaa.org.

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Section 6. Removal of Registered Sports Officials.

A. Mandatory Removal.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pleads guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e).

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other felony of the first, second, or third degree unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one first degree misdemeanor under 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802 relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.

Any sports official removed from the list of registered sports officials under this subsection A may reapply for registration upon expiration of the period identified therein. Reinstatement is within the discretion of the Executive Director and, in any event, shall not be granted unless the removed sports official (1) meets all of the qualifications and requirements then in place and (2) passes such examination(s) as then may be required by the Board of Directors. In granting reinstatement, the Executive Director may place the official on probation for a defined period of time and under conditions deemed appropriate by the Executive Director.

In considering reinstatement of any individual convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, any felony or misdemeanor of the first degree, the Executive Director shall consider the nature of the offense and whether the applicant poses a danger specifically to school students or is otherwise unsuitable for registration as an official. This factor is most paramount as to an applicant convicted of a sexual offense, especially an offense (especially one which would trigger registration under Megan’s Law) involving sexual, physical or
verbal abuse against a child. Other factors to be considered in making the decision include the following:

- The time period that has elapsed since the offense.
- Whether the offense was an isolated single event or was repeated.
- The presence or absence of a subsequent criminal history.
- Whether the offense bears a relationship to interscholastic athletics.
- Whether the person was involved in interscholastic sports when the crime occurred.
- Whether the conduct occurred on the property of a school or relating to sports.

Additionally, the Executive Director shall not reinstate any individual convicted of an offense identified in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e) unless the PIAA Director of Legal Affairs certifies that he or she believes that the refusal to reinstate would likely be inconsistent with the individual's constitutional rights.

B. Discretionary Removal.

The Board of Directors may remove from the list of registered sports officials any person:

1. Whom the Board of Directors has determined to have been biased and/or consistently incompetent or unfair in the official's decisions in Contests, or

2. Whose conduct on or off the competition surface renders the official unfit to act as a registered sports official, or

3. Who is convicted of forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the honesty or veracity of the official, or

4. Who has been removed for misconduct by a national amateur or professional athletic organization or a state high school association that recognizes and/or registers sports officials, or

5. Who, while under suspension herein, engages in conduct defined in Section 7 below that would be additional grounds for suspension.

Any sports official removed from the list of registered sports officials under this subsection B may reapply for registration after no less than five school years have passed from such removal. Reinstatement shall be solely within the discretion of the Board of Directors and, in any event, shall not be granted unless the removed sports official (1) meets all of the qualifications and requirements then in place, (2) passes such examination(s) as then may be required by the Board of Directors, and (3), at a hearing before the Board of Directors, demonstrates, by clear and convincing evidence, that the reason(s) for removal have been satisfactorily addressed and that the official currently possesses the character, integrity, moral fitness, and competence to be registered. In granting reinstatement, the Board of Directors may place the official on probation for a
defined period of time and under conditions deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

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On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I – Schedule of Fall Sports; Table II – Schedule of Winter Sports; and Table III – Schedule of Spring Sports, Maximum Number of Regular Season Contests, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify what is to be counted as a Contest, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XVI**

**SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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**TABLE I** - Schedule of Fall Sports

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**TABLE II** - Schedule of Winter Sports

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**TABLE III** - Schedule of Spring Sports

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Motion failed: 1-yes, 29-no.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Rossi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to adopt, on a first reading basis, a Policy for Change in Numbers of Qualifiers, Brackets (Pairings) After the Three Reading Process is Approved, to read as follows:

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**POLICY FOR CHANGE IN NUMBERS OF QUALIFIERS, BRACKETS (PAIRINGS) AFTER THE THREE READING PROCESS IS APPROVED**

If the number of member schools in a PIAA District changes due to school closings, consolidations, and/or opening/creating new schools, the PIAA Executive Staff will review the number of qualifiers and brackets (pairings) and, if the school actions affect the proportional representation distribution between Districts, the Executive Staff is authorized to propose to the Board of Directors an adjustment in qualifiers and bracketing to further the intent of proportional representation.
On a motion by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, on a first reading basis, to adopt a policy regarding Corrections to School’s Enrollment Report, to read as follows:

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CORRECTIONS TO SCHOOL’S ENROLLMENT REPORT

The Annual Dues and Enrollment Report shall be filed with the PIAA Office no later than the date the Public School Enrollment Report is due to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Member schools are expected to closely review the Enrollment Report for possible errors. To address possible mistakes or oversights, PIAA will provide a copy of the submitted report numbers to each member school for their review. PIAA member school may submit a written request to revise their Enrollment Report on or before November 15th of every odd numbered year and must indicate if they want to move up in a classification. Oral requests for revisions to enrollment numbers and to move up in a classification; and requests for revisions submitted after the November 15th deadline will not be considered by PIAA.

PIAA will formally announce the classification assignments for the next two year period within 30 days of the November 15th deadline or as soon thereafter as possible.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL PUBLIC REPORT

John P. Milliron, Esq. and Dr. Andrew J. Sandusky, Director of Legislative Affairs, of Milliron Associates reported on various legislative issues.

PIAA TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted, on a second reading basis, to accept the recommendation to:

1) Increase the senior high school dues by $50 and the junior high school dues by $25 beginning the 2014-2015 fiscal year;

2) Increase the Tournament application fees by $25 for non-member school sponsored Tournaments, effective July 1, 2013; and

3) Increase the housing fees for PIAA Track and Field Championships by $5 per person, which includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals), effective July 1, 2013.

4) Increase semi-final ticket prices in all team sports to $8 per adult and $4 per student, effective July 1, 2013.

The Administrative Staff was directed to prepare presentations for the May Board of Directors’ meeting to determine 1) if PIAA should return merchandising to an in-house type of program versus its present outsourcing and 2) options on reimbursement policy for football and basketball.
On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a second reading basis, the amended PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the year ending June 30, 2014, as set forth in Attachment 1.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a second reading basis, the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year ending June 30, 2014, as set forth in Attachment 1.

**PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Majikes, PIAA Human Resources Committee Chairman, gave a brief overview of the Thursday, March 21, 2013, meeting of the PIAA Human Resources Committee meeting.

**PRIVATE FEEDER SCHOOLS**

A review of private feeder schools, at the request of Mr. Fullen, PIAA District VII Chairman. The Executive Director informed the Board of Directors that the Associate Executive Director has developed an annual report and timeline for private schools to provide information to PIAA Headquarters. No further action taken.

**PIAA DISTRICT I PRESENTATION ON MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING WEIGHT CLASSES**

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to move Dr. Barber, PIAA District I Chairman’s concerns regarding middle school wrestling weight classes to the Thursday, March 21, 2013, meeting of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:15 p.m. President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss legal matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legal and personnel matters were discussed.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

At 7:25 p.m. President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PIAA BY-LAWS**

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and to provide an Interpretation to ARTICLE VIII,
PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 6E, for clarification in calculating whether a student participated in at least 25% of the identified Maximum Number of Regular Season Contests, **effective immediately**, as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII**
**PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION**

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Section 6. Waiver of Sections 1A and/or 1B.
   E. Waiver to participate at the Junior Varsity Level of Competition.

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**INTERPRETATION**

Section 6. March 21, 2013
The Maximum Number of Regular Season Contests, as used in this Section, refers to the specific number set forth for each sport in Tables I, II and III of these By-Laws. Participation by a student at any levels (varsity, junior varsity, etc., or any combination thereof) is included in calculating whether the student participated in at least 25% of the identified Maximum Number of Regular Season Contests.

Motion Passed: 29-yes, 1-no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Zack adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2013.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 AND 8:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013, BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANISBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director