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PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES
The Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
Hershey, PA

Thursday, March 20, 2014

At 4:03 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2014, James T. Zack, President, called the PIAA Board of Directors’ meeting 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
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy .................................................................... District   3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown................................................................ 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
Scott M. Seltzer, Pittsburgh ........................................................................ District   7
Scott D. Heinauer, Mars ................................................................................ District   7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ....................................................................... District   8
James B. Manners, Brockway ........................................................................ District   9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard ................................................................................ District  10
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., Whitehall ................................................................ District  11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ................................................................ District  12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia ................................................................ District  12
David F. Bitting, Hummelstown
Representing ......................................................Member Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
Representing .............................................................Department of Education
Nathan G. Mains, Mechanicsburg
Representing ..................................................................................................PSBA
Julie K. Swartfager, Franklin
Representing ..................................................................................................PSBA
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, York
Representing ..................................................................................................PASA
Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg
Representing ..................................................................................................PASSP
Timothy Honeywell, Stroudsburg
Representing ..................................................................................................PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
Representing ..................................................................................................PCA
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Elisabeth M. Wilson, Emmaus
Representing ...................................................................................... Female Officials
Terry M. Diehl, Bedford
Representing ........................................................................................... Male Officials
Beth L. Schulze, Athens
Representing ........................................................................................ Girl s’ Athletics
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Hermitage
Representing ...................................................................................... Member Private Schools
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
Melissa N. Mertz, Associate Executive Director ........................................................ 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

GUESTS PRESENT

Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ................................................................. PIAA District 1
Rodney L. Frisco, Webmaster ......................................................................... PIAA District 3
Francis X. Dougherty, Executive Secretary ........................................................ PIAA District 12
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ................................................ Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director ................................................. PSFCA
David Bohr, Sportswriter ............................................................................ Patriot-News

INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Zack introduced the following Alternate Voting Representative:

- Scott D. Heinauer for Dr. Bart Rocco, PIAA District VII Vice Chairman
- Timothy Honeywell for Gerald B. Schwille, PSADA Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, December 12, 2013 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.
KENNARD DALE HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTARY UPGRADE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' APPEAL

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, it was voted to approve the request of Kennard Dale High School to voluntarily upgrade in the sport of wrestling, conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval.

Motion passed: 25-yes, 4-no.

TOWANDA AREA HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTARY UPGRADE APPEAL

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, it was voted to approve the request of Towanda Area High School to voluntarily upgrade, which has District IV Committee approval, in the sport of boys’ and girls’ cross country.

Motion passed: 25-yes, 4-no.

BLACKLICK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL APPEAL OF TRANSFER FROM PIAA DISTRICT VI TO DISTRICT V

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, the Board was requested to allow all members to vote on the request of Blacklick Valley High School appeal to transfer from PIAA District VI to District V, waiving all conflicts of interest relating thereto. This motion passed: 30-yes, 1-no.

Mr. Blucas moved, and Mr. Coleman seconded, to permit Blacklick Valley High School to transfer from PIAA District VI to District V.

The roll call vote was:

| District 10 | - Yes | District 11 | - Yes |
| District 12 | - Yes | JH/MSs' Rep. | - Yes |
| District 1 | - No | PA Dept. of Ed. | - Yes |
| District 1 | - No | PSBA Exec. Dir. | - Yes |
| District 2 | - No | PSBA Rep. | - Yes |
| District 3 | - Yes | PASA Rep. | - Yes |
| District 3 | - Yes | PASSP Rep. | - No |
| District 4 | - No | PSADA Rep. | - Yes |
| District 5 | - Yes | PCA Rep. | - Yes |
| District 6 | - No | Female Offs. Rep. | - Yes |
| District 7 | - Yes | Male Offs. Rep. | - Yes |
| District 7 | - Yes | Girls’ Athl. Rep. | - Yes |
| District 7 | - Yes | Private Sch. Rep. | - No |
| District 8 | - Yes | Female Parents | - Yes |
| District 9 | - No | Male Parents | - Yes |

Motion failed: 23-yes, 8-no. The PIAA Constitution requires approval by a three-fourths majority vote of the Board of Directors for a school to be transferred from the jurisdiction of one PIAA District to that of an adjacent PIAA District.
STO-ROX HIGH SCHOOL APPEAL OF INCORRECT ENROLLMENT REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was voted to deny the request of Sto-Rox High School to correct errors on their submitted enrollment number.

Motion passed: 20-11.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Staff, to withdraw the memberships, due to lack of payment of dues, of the following schools, effective immediately:

District I - Holland Middle School
District II - West Hazleton Middle School
District VII - AE O'Block Junior High School
District XII - Greater Hope Christian Academy

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2014:

District XII - Hardy Williams Mastery Charter School

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

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

District VII - Freedom Area and Rochester High Schools – boys' and girls' swimming and diving

REQUESTS OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests to terminate cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

District X - Erie First Christian Academy and Union City Area High School – football
REQUESTS OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Manners, 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 - Brandywine Heights and Oley Valley High Schools – boys' volleyball
              Covenant Christian School and Harrisburg Christian Academy – girls’ lacrosse
              Hershey Christian High School and Mount Calvary School - baseball
              Lititz Christian and Warwick High Schools – boys' and girls’ track and field

Districts VI & VII – Marion Center, Blairsville, Ford City, and Indiana Area High Schools – girls’ lacrosse

District XII - Parkway West, Sayre, and West Philadelphia High Schools – girls’ and boys’ track and field

REQUESTS OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year:

District II - Tunkhannock Area and Wyoming Area High Schools – boys’ lacrosse

Districts II & IV – Benton Area and Northwest Area Junior High Schools – football

District III - Hershey Christian High School and Mount Calvary School – girls’ and boys’ golf and girls’ volleyball

District VI Huntingdon and Mount Union High Schools – boys’ and girls’ soccer

District X - Cochranton and Commodore Perry High Schools – baseball and football, conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval
              Cochranton and Commodore Perry Junior High Schools – baseball and football, conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for months ended January 31 and February 28, 2014.
On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, it was voted to accept the policy developed by PIAA Administrative Staff, **on a second reading basis**, for Tennis Doubles Teams Substitutions Due to Illness, Injury or Severe Personal Hardship, as follows:

**DOUBLES TENNIS TEAM SUBSTITUTION DUE TO ILLNESS, INJURY OR SEVERE PERSONAL HARDSHIP**

Doubles Tennis Teams which qualify for the PIAA Tennis Championships may, before the first Inter-District Championship Contest in which that Team is to participate, substitute for a Team member who is unable to participate due to an illness, injury, or severe personal hardship.

Motion passed: 30-yes, 1-no.

**ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS**

The Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on:

1) Number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2013-2014 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 (208) and wrestling (45);

2) Notice of submission of District’s recommendations for the Spring Sports Championships;

3) PIAA registered sports’ officials registration fees penalty payment period from March 1 until March 31, 2014;

4) Deadline for the removal of the Online Make-up Rules Interpretation Meetings (spring sports) from the PIAA Website and information to the Board of Directors’ of the dates on the upcoming Chapter Interpreters’ Annual Mandatory Online Rules Meetings;

5) The soon to be completed 2013-2014 PIAA Basketball Tournament and Championships; and

6) The upcoming 100th Anniversary PIAA Baseball recognition games at the Pittsburgh Pirates (August 8th) and Philadelphia Phillies (August 23rd). Tickets must be purchased.

**ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on the **(1) 2013-2014 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships and a recommendation to reduce the number of diving qualifiers from 32 to 24, which was forwarded to the Swimming and Diving Steering Committee for their meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2014 and (2) technology update for PIAA Headquarters.**
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORT

The Chief Operating Officer gave a report on the recently completed 2013-2014 PIAA Team Wrestling and Individual Wrestling Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to deny undergraduate high school football players to participate in the USA Football national team program.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director gave a report on the (1) combined PIAA/PSADA Newsletter; (2) 95th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting that will be held in Boston, MA, from Saturday, June 28 to Wednesday, July 2, 2014; and (3) PIAA Employee Handbook for district employees.

The Board of Directors received a recommendation from the Executive Director regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP’s) to Host PIAA Girls’ Volleyball Championships for a four year period.

On a motion by Dr. Crumrine, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to award the hosting of the PIAA Girls’ Volleyball Championships for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 to Richland High School and the Richland Sports Center.

PIAA 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA 100th Year Anniversary and Celebration Committee teleconference meeting of Wednesday, February 12, 2014, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 1.

GIRLS’ AND BOYS’ LACROSSE BALLS

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to permit, for the 2014 regular season only, girls’ and boys’ lacrosse teams to use lacrosse balls with either the NOCSAE or NFHS stamp instead of requiring the balls to display both NOCSAE and NFHS stamp due to their availability for the 2014 regular season.

PIAA SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to recommend to all schools sponsoring high school football to institute the heat acclimatization program on Wednesday or Thursday for three consecutive days prior to the Monday starting date for the football season.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to modify
the NFHS provided wrestling communicable disease skin form to allow a certified physician assistant and certified registered nurse practitioner to complete and sign the NFHS skin form, **effective immediately.**

On a motion by Mr. Honeywell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to adopt a policy that would limit football practice contact in live action drills or simulations to 90 minutes per week during regular season football practice, as set forth in Attachment 2.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee meeting of Sunday, February 9, 2014, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 2.

**PIAA FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**On a third and final reading basis,** on a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON, Table I – Schedule of Fall Sports, to extend the football season from the 83rd day to the 85th day to accommodate sub-varsity programs and grant them the opportunity to complete their schedules.

Motion passed: 22-yes, 9-no.

**On a third and final reading basis,** on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Rossi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee to modify the language in the Code of Ethics, of the PIAA By-Laws, to address a school cancelling, scheduling or rescheduling a Contest to gain competitive advantage.

**2014-2015 AND 2015-2016 PIAA FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PROPOSED MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES (QUALIFIERS), BY DISTRICT OR REGION, AND PROPOSED BRACKETS (PAIRINGS)**

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to approve, **on a second reading basis,** the proposed maximum number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region; and proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 PIAA Fall, Winter, and Spring Championships, as amended and set forth in Attachment 3.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS**

**On a third and final reading basis,** on a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that conditions of probation may focus on a particular Team, to read as follows:
Section 7. Probation.

In addition to, or in lieu of, such other discretionary penalties as provided by these By-Laws, a school may be placed on probation.

Probation is an intermediate penalty which may be imposed:

1. upon a finding of a violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of PIAA,
2. to ensure that steps are taken by schools to minimize the risk of future violations by a school of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of PIAA, and/or
3. to address deficiencies in administrative oversight of the interscholastic athletic program or particular Team at a school.

If probation is imposed, it must be for a specified period of time of not less than one year.

The District Committee, Regional Panel, and/or the Board of Directors may identify conditions that a school must satisfy during a probationary period. Such conditions shall be designed on a case-by-case basis to focus on the school’s administrative weaknesses detected in the case and must include, but not be limited to, written reports from the school pertaining to areas of concern to the District Committee, Regional Panel, and/or Board of Directors. Conditions of probation may focus on a particular Team. If the school placed on probation fails to satisfy one or more conditions of probation, the District Committee, Regional Panel, and/or Board of Directors may reconsider the penalties in the case and may extend the term of probation and/or impose additional applicable penalties on the school and/or a particular Team.

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, it was unanimously voted to table for further clarification, the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, of the PIAA By-Laws, to address mixed gender participation, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVI
SEASONS AND OUT-OF-SEASONS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 4. Mixed Gender Participation. PIAA strongly supports and encourages participation by both boys and girls in interscholastic athletics. Based upon real and demonstrable physical and competitive differences between similarly aged and trained high school boys and girls in athletic performances, PIAA recognizes that combining genders for competition purposes would have a chilling effect on female participation in interscholastic athletics. PIAA further recognizes that, historically, girls’ participation has been much more limited than boys’ participation. To promote participation by the historically underrepresented gender in a fair competitive environment, PIAA, therefore, classifies sports by gender and limits mixed gender participation as follows.

A. If a school has a Boys’ Team in a sport, boys at the school are not eligible to play on the school’s Girls’ Team in that sport. If a school has a Girls’ Team in a sport, girls at the school are not eligible to play on the school’s Boys’ Team in that sport.

B. Girls may play on a Boys’ Team if the student’s school does not sponsor a comparable Girls’ Team in that sport. NOTE: softball and baseball are not viewed as
being comparable sports. Despite differences in rules, boys' volleyball and girls volleyball, as well as boys' lacrosse and girls' lacrosse, are viewed as comparable sports.

C. Boys may play on a Girls' Team if (1) the student's school does not sponsor a Boys' Team in that sport, (2) the Principal determines that the overall boys' athletic program at the student's school provides fewer opportunities for boys to participate than for girls, and (3) the Principal determines that the boy would not displace any girl on the Team and would not provide his Team with an unfair competitive advantage. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, boys are permitted to participate on a Spirit Team without Principal approval.

D. Because PIAA does not have a Mixed Gender classification, for Post Season purposes, Mixed Gender Teams (other than in the sport of Spirit) shall compete in the sport classifications designated for boys. For enrollment classification purposes, a Mixed Gender Team's classification shall be based on the By-Law and Policies and Procedures provisions used to determine male enrollment of the school.

E. In the sport of Spirit, all Teams, including Mixed Gender Teams, shall compete as Girls' Teams during Post-Season competition.

F. Where a student's gender is questioned or uncertain, the decision of the Principal as to the student's gender will be accepted by PIAA.

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**GLOSSARY**

**BOYS' TEAM:** A Team consisting of all boys.

**GIRLS' TEAM:** A Team consisting of all girls.

**MIXED GENDER TEAM:** A Team consisting of both boys and girls. Participation of both boys and girls on a Team in any Contest during a season causes the Team to be considered as a Mixed Gender Team for that season.

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that conditions of probation may focus on a particular team, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XII**

**ATHLETIC RELATIONS**

**Section 5. Failure to Participate in Contest.**

PIAA member schools develop their own Regular Season schedules in each sport through their own scheduling, joining local leagues, conferences and/or schedules prepared by a District Committee. Consent to accept such a schedule commits the school to participate in Contests as scheduled. Absent good cause shown, and as more fully discussed below, a voluntary forfeiture of any Contest subjects that school to penalties under ARTICLE XIII of the By-Laws.
Additionally, no PIAA member school is required to enter District or Inter-District Championship Tournaments. Entry and participation in such tournaments is voluntary and entry signifies that the member school accepts the fact that the District Committee (for District Tournaments) and the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee (for Inter-District Tournaments), has the right to schedule and make changes in the date of Contests, location of Contests, management, operation, and schedule of the tournaments. Absent good cause shown, and as more fully discussed below, a voluntary forfeiture of any Contest or withdrawal from the tournament may subject that school to penalties under ARTICLE XIII of the By-Laws.

A. Failure to Participate In Scheduled or Contracted Contest. Cancellation of Contract or Failure to Honor District Schedule.

If a Team fails to participate in a Contest which it has agreed or been scheduled to play or otherwise fails in case of cancellation by one party to a Contract for Contest or the failure by any one of the parties to fulfill any of the material terms of a contract for Contest, except by written mutual consent or due to the suspension of one of the schools, the breaching school may (except by written mutual consent or due to the suspension of one of the schools) be subject to any of the penalties described in ARTICLE XIII, Sections 2 through 7, of the PIAA By-Laws.

If a Team fails to participate in any Regular Season or Post Season Contest scheduled by In case of failure on the part of any member school to perform a schedule prepared by or pursuant to the authority of the a District Committee, except by written mutual consent and the permission of the District Committee or its authorized designee or due to the suspension of one of the schools, the offending school may except by written mutual consent and the permission of the District Committee or its authorized designee, or due to the suspension of one of the schools) be subject to any of the penalties described in ARTICLE XIII, Sections 2 through 7, of the PIAA By-Laws.

If a Team enters a PIAA Inter-District Tournament but fails to participate in any Contest scheduled by PIAA for that tournament, the offending school may (except by written mutual consent and the permission of the PIAA Executive Director or his/her authorized designee, or due to the suspension of one of the schools) be subject to any of the penalties described in ARTICLE XIII, Sections 2 through 7, of the PIAA By-Laws.

B. Section 6. Temporary Closure of School.

A school which is closed may participate during the period the school is closed, at the discretion of the local School Board or Board having jurisdiction over the school. Normal Practice sessions are permitted if the local School Board or Board having jurisdiction over the school permits such action. Normal Practice sessions may not exceed that which would be normal if the school were in session.

Contests scheduled during the period of closing may be rescheduled by mutual agreement of the affected schools. In such cases, the rescheduled Contest must be in conformity with the rules and regulations of the local School Board or Board having jurisdiction over the schools and PIAA.

Inability to reschedule the Contest shall result in a forfeiture by the closed school.

NOTE: Please refer also to ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, October 5, 1994, as amended January 29, 2005 Interpretation;
and “Procedures During Strikes” in the Policies and Procedures Section of the PIAA Handbook.

C. Section 7. Failure to Play Due to Disbandment of Team.

If the failure to play a Contest as scheduled is due to the disbandment of a Team by the Principal, forfeiture of the Contest may or may not be imposed, provided that the Principal immediately notifies the PIAA Board of Directors, the District Committee, and the Principals of such schools as the school’s Team is scheduled to play, stating the reason for disbandment.

D. Inclement Weather.

If the failure to play a Regular Season Contest is due to inclement weather, the schools shall attempt in good faith to reschedule the Contest. If unable to do so, neither Team shall be required to forfeit the Contest.

If the failure to play a District or Inter-District Contest is due to inclement weather, the PIAA Policy Relating to Inclement Weather During District and/or Inter-District Championship Tournaments shall apply.

Section 68. Failure to Agree Upon Officials for Contests.

If the schools fail to agree upon the officials fifteen days prior to the date of the Contest, it is the duty of the Principals of the two schools to notify the District Chairman of such failure. The District Chairman shall then appoint the officials for the Contest, and the fees of the said officials shall be borne by the schools as originally provided in their mutual contract or otherwise. If the Contest is scheduled between schools located in different Districts, the Executive Director of PIAA shall appoint the officials.

On a motion by Mr. Bitting, seconded by Mr. Mains, it was voted 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 accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XVII, CERTIFICATION OF ATHLETES, to clarify conditions when a school certifies an athlete, effective July 1, 2014, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII: CERTIFICATION OF ATHLETES

Section 1. Information To Be Furnished.

On or before the first Regular Season Contest in each sport, the Principal shall certify to PIAA as to the eligibility of all contestants in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of PIAA. Such statements, including name of pupil, address of residence, public school district in which the pupil resides, date of birth, age on last birthday, date of enrollment for current school year, number of semesters of attendance beyond the eighth grade including the present semester, number of seasons of competition beyond the sixth grade including the present season, and the certified minimum weight classification for wrestling. This information shall be submitted to PIAA presented in writing to the Principal of the opponent school or schools on the official PIAA Certificate of Eligibility form or by electronic submission at least four days prior to every Contest. Any modifications to the Certificate of Eligibility shall be timely submitted during the season. The failure to timely and accurately submit the Certificate of Eligibility and
subsequent modifications thereto may result in imposition of sanctions pursuant to ARTICLE XIII of these By-Laws.

Section 2. Information To Be Furnished In Case Of Dispute.

When the eligibility of a contestant is questioned, the Principal of the school in question shall furnish to the District Committee or to the Board of Directors all data required to establish the contestant's eligibility. The District Committee or the Board of Directors may require this information to be in the form of affidavits. A school which does not furnish these data shall be denied championship honors and may be excluded from interscholastic Contests with members of PIAA.

Motion passed: 24-yes, 7-no.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted 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 accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 8, Privately-Tutored and/or Home-Schooled Students, and clarify that privately-tutored and/or home-school students are eligible only at the public schools that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residence, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE

Section 8. Privately-Tutored and/or Home-Schooled Students.

Students instructed by a properly qualified private tutor under Section 1327 of the Public School Code of 1949 and/or students participating in a home education program under Section 1327.1 of the Public School Code of 1949 are eligible only at the public schools that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residences and, for purposes of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, are deemed to be enrolled at the public schools that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residences.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Bitting, it was unanimously voted to table the DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY Policy, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, that would clarify the terms and condition of district personnel, to read as follows:

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY

A. DISTRICT PERSONNEL

No person shall be engaged to provide ongoing or continuous administrative or other services to a PIAA District without prior approval of the PIAA Executive Director and the Board of Directors. In considering approval, the Executive Director and Board of
Directors shall determine whether the individual is to be employed or retained as an independent contractor, and the terms and conditions of the relationship.

If the individual is approved in a full-time or part-time employment capacity, that person is considered a PIAA employee and is accountable to PIAA for his/her conduct. The following policies shall apply to all such personnel:

1. The District Employee’s compensation shall be paid by PIAA Headquarters as set forth in the Employee Handbook. The PIAA District for which the employee works shall reimburse PIAA Headquarters for such employee costs incurred by it.
2. The terms and conditions of employment shall be set forth in a written agreement executed by the employee, the District Chairman and the Executive Director.
3. The District Employee may be terminated only with the approval of the PIAA Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors.
4. All Districts and District Employees shall comply with the provisions of the PIAA Employee Handbook.

B. CONTRACTS

The PIAA President and Executive Director are the only persons authorized by PIAA to enter into contracts on behalf of PIAA. The Executive Director and the Board of Directors may designate other persons to execute contracts on behalf of PIAA. The Executive Director shall maintain a list of all persons who have been designated to execute contracts on behalf of PIAA and any limitations (temporal, subject matter, financial limitations, etc.) on such designations.

PIAA Districts are authorized to enter into contracts with third parties under the following terms and conditions:

1. All Districts, through signature by the District Chairman, may enter into contracts for the use of host sites for Contests provided that said contracts are consistent with the standard form which has previously been approved by the Board of Directors. If a prospective host site desires to use its own form contract, said agreements must be approved, prior to execution, by the PIAA Executive Director.
2. A District may not enter into any other contract unless the agreement has been approved in advance by the Executive Director.

Any person purporting to execute an agreement on behalf of PIAA who has not been authorized by the Executive Director or Board of Directors to do so is subject to immediate discipline including, if an employee, immediate termination of employment from PIAA and, if a volunteer, immediate removal from any and all elected and/or appointed PIAA positions.
PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was voted to accept the recommendation of PIAA District X to eliminate fees for regional golf and golf and competitive spirit championships for a two-year trial period.

Motion failed: 3-yes, 28-no.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a second reading basis, the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the year ending June 30, 2015, as set forth in Attachment 4.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Rossi, 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, 2015, as set forth in Attachment 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:55 p.m. President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legal and personnel matters were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 7:05 p.m. President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

John P. Milliron, Esq., of Milliron Associates, reported on various legislative issues and an upcoming meetings scheduled with PIAA Executive Director; Sean Harris, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee (PAOC); and Representative Will Tallman regarding wrestling and the request of PAOC to hold a hearing on charter schools on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at the Capitol.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PIAA DISTRICT III

On a motion by Mr. Bitting, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was voted to accept PIAA District III’s recommendation, on a first reading basis, that the Principal or Principal’s Designee be able to sign certificate of eligibility; transfer waiver request form; and request for decision on eligibility.

PIAA DISTRICT IV REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, SECTION 8A1, OF THE PIAA BY-LAWS

At the request of PIAA District IV, the Board of Directors directed the Executive Staff to develop language for clarification of ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8A1,
Mandatory Disqualification, of the PIAA By-Laws, for presentation at the Wednesday, May 21, 2014 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, which currently reads as follows:

**ARTICLE XIII**

**PENALTIES**

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Section 8. Disqualification From Next Contest(s).

A. General Rule.

1. Mandatory Disqualification. Any Coach and/or contestant who, while Coaching or competing for a PIAA member school, is ejected from a Contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct is disqualified from Coaching and/or participating for the remainder of the day and in all Contests on the next Contest day of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the Coach and/or contestant was previously disqualified. For a Coach, participation in the next Contest includes any contact by the Coach with members of the Team, including other Coaches, between the time that the Team arrives at the Contest site and the conclusion of the last Contest of the day. The Principal must direct the Coach not to attend all of the Contest(s).

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**PIAA DISTRICT VII REQUEST FOR CLASSIFICATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS**

A request by Mr. Heinauer for discussion on classifying charter schools was moved to the May Board of Directors’ meeting; and, after the meeting on charter schools with the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

**PIAA DISTRICT XI REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, SECTION 1A, OF THE PIAA BY-LAWS**

At the request of Mr. Hartman, the Board of Directors directed the Executive Staff to develop language for clarification of ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, SECTION 1A, for presentation at the Wednesday, May 21, 2014 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, which currently reads as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII**

**PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION**

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Section 1. Period of Participation.

A student may not represent the student’s school in interscholastic athletics if the student has:

A. Reached the end of the student’s fourth consecutive year (8th consecutive semester or the equivalent) beyond the 8th grade year, without regard to the student’s period of attendance;

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PIAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman of the PIAA Nominating Committee advised the PIAA Board of Directors that Committee is soliciting nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer of PIAA for the term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015; and is respectfully requesting that persons submitting nominations seek and receive such nominee’s approval before submitting same for the aforementioned positions.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zack adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 7:55 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2014.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director