At 4:55 p.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2015, James T. Zack, President, called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square ............................................................. District 1
Chris Lunardi, West Chester ........................................................................... District 1
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
Dr. Bart Rocco, Elizabeth ............................................................................... 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
Steve Fisher, 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 P. Honeywell, Berwick
  Representing ............................................................................................... PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing ............................................................................................... PCA
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh
Representing ................................................................. Female Officials
Herbert R. Welsh, New Ringgold
Representing ............................................................... Male Officials
Beth L. Schulze, Athens
Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Dennis F. Nemes, Allentown
Representing ............................................................... Member Private Schools
Sandra J. Hanes, Ridgway
Representing ................................................................. Female Parents
Dale E. Myers, Glenville
Representing ................................................................. Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Executive Director ....................................................... PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Chief Operating Officer ............................................................... 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
Andrew M. Goodman ................................................................. PIAA Legislative Counsel
Matthew S. Wildasin, CPA ................................................................... Boyer and Ritter, P.C.
Donna M. Mullin, J.D., CPA ................................................................... Boyer and Ritter, P.C.

GUESTS PRESENT

Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ......................................................... District 1
Rodney L. Frisco, Webmaster ................................................................. District 3
Robert J. Tonkin, Treasurer ................................................................. District 9
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ........................................ Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director ................................................. PSFCA
Eric Epler, Sports Writer ..................................................................Patriot-News/Penn-Live

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes, of the Thursday, December 11, 2014 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as corrected and presented by the Executive Director.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:00 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 6:15 p.m. President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2015:

District VII - Queen of Angels Catholic Junior High School

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

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

District VI - Harmony Area Middle School and Glendale Junior High Schools (girls’ basketball)

District XI - Nativity BVM and Blue Mountain Junior High Schools (wrestling)

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

On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Ms. Lonardi, 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 III
- Exeter Township and Antietam High Schools (girls’ soccer)

District VII
- Wilkinsburg High School and Imani Christian Academy (boys’ and girls’ track and field and baseball)
- Greensburg Central Catholic and West Hempfield Middle Schools (wrestling)

District X
- Rocky Grove Junior and Franklin Area Middle Schools (boys’ soccer)
District XI
- Nativity BVM Junior High and DHH Lengel Junior High (wrestling)

PIAA FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was voted, on a second reading basis, to accept the PIAA Football Steering Committee recommendation to increase the heat acclimatization program from three consecutive days to five consecutive days and allow all senior high schools participating in football commence this program no earlier than Monday, August 10, 2015.

Motion passed: 16-yes, 8-no.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Andrew M. Goodman of Milliron & Goodman LLC, reported on 1) the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee; 2) developments at the Open Records Office, which enforces the state’s Right-to-Know law and the removal of its Executive Director; and 3) Act 153 of 2014.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Executive Director reported on the on-field incident that occurred during the 2014 PIAA A Football Championship (Final) Contest between Clairton High School and Bishop Guilfoyle High School held at Hersheypark Stadium, Hershey, PA, on Friday, December 12, 2014. The Board of Directors accepted the remedial actions as agreed upon by the Executive Director and the Principal from Clairton High School. The Board of Directors’ commended the Principal of Clairton High School and the Clairton Board of Directors for their swift and positive action addressing this incident.

The Executive Director reported on the meeting with PFCA Executive Committee and introduced Robert Tonkin, who presented a proposal, as referred from the PIAA Football Steering Committee, for six classifications. Mr. Tonkin will meet with the Athletic Directors at their Annual PSADA Conference in Hershey in March to discuss the proposal. He will also report his information to a joint meeting of the Football Steering Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the PIAA Office.

Discussion was held regarding examination of all classifications for all sports to be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

The Executive Director also reported on his meeting with PSADA Executive Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PIAA CONSTITUTION

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to forward to the Strategic Planning Committee, for its review and recommendation, a proposed amendment to ARTICLE IV, DUES AND ENROLLMENT, of the PIAA
Constitution which, if approved, may more accurately reflect student populations that participate at PIAA member schools, effective July 1, 2015, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE IV**

**DUES AND ENROLLMENT REPORT**

**Section 1.** Annual Dues and Enrollment Report.

The annual dues of PIAA member senior high schools are based on the total enrollment of boys and girls in grades 9-11 in the senior high school and shall include all students enrolled at the school. Home-Schooled Students; all students attending an Alternative School, Magnet School, or a Technology School, who are eligible at the senior high school that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residences; and all students enrolled in a Charter School or a Cyber Charter School who are eligible at the senior high school that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residences; as of the date as of which the school reports its enrollment to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year. The enrollment report must be filed with the PIAA Office not later than the date the Public School Enrollment Report is due to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The Principal and Superintendent of any PIAA member school failing to file the requested enrollment report by the aforementioned deadline shall be sent a notice of such failure and a copy of this provision. If the enrollment report is not received within ten (10) days after the notice was sent, the school shall be assessed a fine of $1,000. For each ten (10) days thereafter that the enrollment report is not received, the school shall be assessed an additional fine of $1,000. No individual student-athlete or Team from the school is eligible to participate in District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests in any sport until such report is received and such fine is paid.

Member senior high schools shall be divided each even-numbered year into four classes based on enrollment, each containing as nearly as possible an equal number of schools.

Member junior high/middle schools are all in one class.

The dues of PIAA member schools shall be established by the Board of Directors.

**INTERPRETATIONS**

**Section 1.** March 23, 2007

Where a student is enrolled at a Charter School, and where the public school district in which the student resides has no senior high school, the school at which the student is in full time attendance shall include the student in its calculation of enrollment.

**Section 1.** May 27, 2004.

PIAA member schools should not include in their calculation of enrollment those students enrolled at a member Charter School that sponsors at least one interscholastic sport under the jurisdiction of PIAA. Students enrolled at such member Charter School shall be included in the enrollment calculation of only that school. This lack of inclusion in the PIAA member school’s enrollment does not affect the eligibility of Charter School students to participate at the school that those students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residence, in those interscholastic sports not sponsored by the Charter School.

**Section 1.** May 25, 1951.

In six-year high schools, a membership fee must be paid by both the senior and junior high/middle schools if the school has a Team which competes in both senior and junior high/middle school sports.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel to amend ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, to modernize the language, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV
OFFICIALS

Section 1. Sports Officials must be Registered with PIAA.
All sports officials, in all Contests participated in by a PIAA member school, must be persons who are (1) registered, (2) on active status, and (3) in good standing, with PIAA.

NOTE: Section 1 does not apply to Contests played outside of Pennsylvania, and the opponent is not a member of PIAA.

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

Applicants are 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), or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States, another state and/or a United States territory, may 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 who, more than ten years prior to submission of the application, was convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, an offense listed at the time of application in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense, under the laws of the United States, another state and/or a United States territory, 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; and
• 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), or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States, another state and/or a United States territory, 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 as defined under the laws of the United States, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania another state and/or a United States territory 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 under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States, another state and/or a United States territory 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 misdemeanor offense 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 (1) 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 character, integrity, honesty or veracity of the applicant, or (2) engaged in conduct which is inconsistent with the purposes, ideals and principles of PIAA or which relates to or which calls into question their character, integrity, honesty or veracity.

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 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 charged with an alleged either convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, or is arrested or convicted of, or pleads guilty or no contest to, any offense identified under 24 P.S. § 1-111(e) (see the current list of such offenses in the NOTE herein), felony or misdemeanor shall so notify the Executive Director of such conviction or of an arrest for such charges 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.

Section 4. Requirement of Written Contract.

All PIAA member schools shall enter into either paper or electronic contracts on the official contract form entitled “Contract for Officials Under PIAA Rules”, or an equivalent electronic version thereof, with all registered sports officials retained by the schools or assigned by an assignor. Registered sports officials are independent contractors and therefore, are NOT employees of PIAA, the school, or the assignor. Disputes arising from oral agreements will not be considered by PIAA.
Section 4. October 6, 2011.

Use by PIAA member schools, including member schools and organized groups of member schools utilizing the services of assignors, of online electronic assignment programs shall meet the requirements of entry of contracts under this provision, provided that all critical terms relating to said contracts are communicated to the PIAA-registered sports officials and the sports officials engage in affirmative acts accepting the assignments.

Section 5. Violation or Cancellation of Sports Official’s Contract by a PIAA Member School.

If a PIAA member school violates or cancels a contract with an official, the District Committee or the Board of Directors, within their respective jurisdictions, may require a school so violating or so canceling to pay to the offended official the fee or fees for the Contest or Contests which have been provided in the official contract. The failure of a PIAA member school to live up to the terms of the contract is considered a violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of PIAA.

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), or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States, another state and/or a United States territory.

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 as defined under the laws of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, another state and/or a United States territory, 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 under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States, another state and/or a United States territory 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 offense 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 may be solely within the discretion of the Executive Director and, in any event, may 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; and

Additionally, the Executive Director shall not reinstate any individual convicted of an offense identified in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States, another state and/or a United States territory, 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 is inconsistent with the purposes, ideals and/or principles of PIAA or which otherwise 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 character, integrity, 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 is 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.

**Section 7. Suspension.**

The Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to suspend from the list of registered sports officials, for a period determined to be appropriate by the Executive Director, in the applicable sport(s), any person:
A. Who repeatedly violates or cancels contracts with PIAA member schools or repeatedly alters proposed contracts without the consent of the other contracting party, or

B. Who is charged with any felony of the first, second, or third degree or misdemeanor of the first degree, or

C. Who engages in conduct or pursues a course of action which is inconsistent with the purposes, ideals and/or principles of PIAA or which is otherwise detrimental to the welfare of PIAA, its members, student-athletes, and/or other registered sports officials, or

D. Who fails to cooperate with PIAA in any investigation, or

E. Whose conduct on or off the competition surface is not conducive to the best interests and/or purposes of PIAA, or

F. Who fails to comply with PIAA regulations pertaining to sports officials, and/or with decisions of the Executive Director or Board of Directors relating to the official, or

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

H. Who, while on probation herein, engages in conduct defined in Section 8 below that would be additional grounds for probation, or

I. Who has been determined to have been biased and/or palpably unfair in decisions in a Contest, or

J. Who repeatedly fails to file with the PIAA Office, within twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the Contest, a report of disqualification of a Coach and/or contestant under ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification from Next Contest(s), of the PIAA By-Laws.

NOTE: The offenses identified in Section 1-111(e) currently include: (1) criminal homicide; (2) aggravated assault; (3) stalking; (4) kidnapping; (5) unlawful restraint; (6) luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure; (7) rape; (8) statutory sexual assault; (9) involuntary deviate sexual intercourse; (10) sexual assault; (11) institutional sexual assault; (12) aggravated indecent assault; (13) indecent assault; (14) indecent exposure; (15) sexual intercourse with an animal; (16) incest; (17) concealing death of a child; (18) endangering the welfare of children; (19) offenses dealing with infant children; (20) prostitution and related offenses; (21) obscene and other sexual materials and performances; (22) corruption of minors; (23) sexual abuse of children; (24) unlawful contact with a minor; (25) solicitation of minors to traffic drugs; and (26) sexual exploitation of children. The list further includes (1) equivalent or similar crimes under federal law or of another state, United States territory, the District of Columbia, a foreign nation, or under a former law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and (2) a felony offense under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act. This list may be modified, reduced, or expanded by Act of the General Assembly. The list of offenses in effect at the time of violation by the sports official shall be applicable to proceedings to remove or suspend that sports official.

Section 8. Probation.

The Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to place on probation and exclude from eligibility for assignments to District or Inter-District Championship Contests, for a period determined to be appropriate by the Executive Director, in the applicable sport(s), any registered sports official:

A. Who violates or cancels a contract with a PIAA member school or alters a proposed contract without the consent of the other contracting party, or
B. Who fails to wear the required uniform, or
C. Who fails to cooperate with PIAA in any investigation, or
D. Whose conduct on or off the competition surface is inconsistent with the purposes, ideals and/or principles of PIAA or which otherwise is not conducive to the best interests and/or purposes of PIAA, or
E. Who fails to comply with PIAA regulations pertaining to sports officials and/or with decisions of the Executive Director or Board of Directors relating to the official, or
F. Who has been placed on probation for misconduct by a national amateur or professional athletic organization or a state high school association that recognizes and/or registers sports officials, or
G. Who has been accused of being biased and/or palpably unfair in decisions in a Contest, or
H. Who fails to file with the PIAA Office, within twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the Contest, a report of disqualification of a Coach and/or contestant under ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification from Next Contest(s), of the PIAA By-Laws.

**INTERPRETATION**

The use of the official’s standard uniform is mandatory.

**Section 9. Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)**

A suspension imposed on an official pursuant to Section 7B of this ARTICLE will be lifted upon the official providing certification of his/her completion of an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program disposing of all the charges.

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**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS (NFHS) NETWORK**

The Board of Directors viewed an NFHS Network presentation on the Student Broadcast Program (SBP).

**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE IX, REPRESENTATION**

The Board of Directors’ referred to Legal Counsel and the Executive Director a request to draft language for ARTICLE IX, REPRESENTATION, for students who transfer after registering in the summer at multiple schools and who practice at one of them, but then transfer to another school prior to the start of classes.

**PIAA DISTRICT V REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF A COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT**

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board of Directors’ approved a request from District V to facilitate a wrestling cooperative sponsorship between two of its member schools.

**TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to modify, on a second reading basis, the Tournament Rules and Regulations for Team Tennis after one of
the competing Teams has secured three wins, that the remaining matches will be conducted using no-add scoring effective with the next game regardless of set, for PIAA District and Inter-District play.

Motion passed: 25-yes, 1-no.

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Lunardi, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to adopt a switch of the Individual and Team Tournament Dates on the PIAA Calendar.

Motion failed: 7-yes, 19-no.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORTS

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements 1) for months ended November 30 and December 31, 2014 and 2) of the recently completed 2014 PIAA Fall Championships.

PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee to the PIAA Budget Committee to approve PIAA staff salaries, as set forth in Attachment 1.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a first reading basis, the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the year ending June 30, 2016, as set forth in Attachment 1.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a first reading basis, the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year ending June 30, 2016, as set forth in Attachment 1.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, January 14, 2015 meeting of the PIAA Budget Committee, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 1.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Board of Directors received a status report on:

1) The results of the even numbered District Officials’ Representatives elections;

2) The notice of submission of District’s recommendations for the Winter Sports Championships;
3) PIAA registered sports’ officials registration fees face value period from January 15 until February 28, 2015; and

4) The deadline for the removal of the Online Make-up Rules Interpretation Meetings (winter sports) from the PIAA Website on February 11th and information to the Board of Directors’ of the dates on the upcoming Chapter Interpreters’ Annual Mandatory Online Rules Meetings.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on:

1) The PIAA Web site makeover that is scheduled to launch in July 2015;

2) The recently completed Competitive Spirit Championships in which 117 schools participated; and

3) The NFHS Student Leadership Conference in which information can be found on the PIAA Website. The Conference will be hosted by NFHS on July 20-23, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN. It was further noted that Pennsylvania will be sending eight students and two adult chaperones. District Chairmen are encouraged to share this information with their schools and promote participation in the student leadership application process.

WRESTLING STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Wrestling Steering Committee from its meeting of Wednesday, March 26, 2014, to limit the participation by a school to no more than two (2) Multiple School (Dual) Events or Individual Pool Events, to become effective July 1, 2015.

Motion passed: 22-yes, 4-no.

PIAA SOCCER STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee, on a second reading basis, to modify the Tournament Progression to provide that a coach can select any five players to take the second set of sudden victory penalty kicks, effective July 1, 2015.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Rossi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Chief Operating Officer to change NW AAA Region to provide for District IV to receive 2 qualifiers and District IX to receive 3 qualifiers, effective immediately.
PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to adopt the District Accountability Policy, as prepared and presented at the Friday, December 12, 2014 meeting of the PIAA Human Resources Committee meeting, effective immediately.

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, it was unanimously voted to amend the PIAA Employee Handbook, as prepared and presented at the Friday, December 12, 2014 meeting of the PIAA Human Resources Committee meeting, effective immediately.

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Human Resources Committee meeting of Friday, December 12, 2014, as prepared and presented by Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, as set forth in Attachment 2.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Legal Counsel, and Michael L. Solomon, Esq., the Director of Legal Affairs, reported on Act 153 and its possible effect on PIAA, its officials, and its membership of schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Manners adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 7:55 P.M., Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015, HERSHEY LODGE AND CONVENTION CENTER, HERSHEY, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director