PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

The Nittany Lion Inn
Faculty Staff Club
State College, PA

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

At 10:22 a.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2017, James T. Zack, President, called the meeting of 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
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ................................................................. District 3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown ............................................................. District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ................................................................. District 4
Paul Leonard, Cairnbrook ........................................................................ District 5
Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg .......................................................... District 6
Scott M. Seltzer, Pittsburgh ........................................................................ District 7
Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Pittsburgh ............................................................. District 7
William J. Cleary, McKeesport ................................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh .................................................................. District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway .................................................................... District 9
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Sharon ........................................................................ District 10
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., Whitehall ............................................................ District 11
Michael W. Hawkins, Fort Washington .................................................. District 12
Joseph D. Sette, Warminster .................................................................... District 12
Brown E. Cutchall, Waterfall
Representing ......................................................... Member Junior High/Middle Schools
Brian W. Campbell, Harrisburg
Representing ......................................................... PA Department of Education
Ashley White, Mechanicsburg
Representing ......................................................... PSBA
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, Millersville
Representing ......................................................... PSBA
Jonathan Bauer, King of Prussia,
Representing ......................................................... PA Principals Association
Timothy J. Walter, Bradford
Representing ......................................................... PSADA
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing ................................................................. PCA
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre
  Representing ................................................................. Female Officials
Danielle Turner, Warrington
  Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Aaron J. Straub, Saint Marys
  Representing ................................................................. Private Schools
Cathy S. Wreski, Middletown
  Representing ................................................................. Female 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
Jennifer S. Grassel, Assistant Executive Director .............................. PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs .......................... PIAA

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. .......................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
Carol Steinour Young, Esq. ....................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
Adam Santucci, Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
Logan Hetherington ................................................................. Legal Intern

GUESTS PRESENT

Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Director .......................................... District 1
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education .................................. Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director .............................. PSFCA

INTRODUCTION OF RECENTLY ELECTED MEMBER
OF THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Assistant Executive Director Grassel introduced the following as a recently elected member, in the position noted, of the PIAA Board of Directors:

- Danielle Turner, Girls’ Athletics Representative

CERTIFICATION OF RECENTLY ELECTED MEMBER OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 1, Board of Directors, of the PIAA Constitution, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to certify the recently elected member of the 2017-2018 PIAA Board of Directors.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND STATEMENT

Pursuant to the PIAA Conflict of Interest Policy, President Zack requested that each member of the 2017-2018 PIAA Board of Directors and PIAA Administrative Staff read, sign, and date the PIAA Conflict of Interest Statement and submit via e-mail to the Executive Director for filing.

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA EXECUTIVE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Executive and Compliance Committees, which will meet at the call of the President in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and the Executive Director:

*James T. Zack, PIAA President and District IV Chairman
Francis M. Majikes, PIAA Vice-President and District II Chairman
James B. Manners, PIAA Treasurer and District IX Chairman
*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Human Resources Committee, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

James T. Zack, Pres & Dist IV Chairman
*Francis M. Majikes, VP & District II Chrmn
James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chrmn
Dr. Michael A. Barber, District I Chairman
Ronald H. Kennedy, District III Chairman
Paul Leonard, District V Chairman
Scott M. Seltzer, District VII Chairman
Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino, District VII Treasurer
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., District XI Chairman
Joseph D. Sette, District XII Vice Chairman
Brian W. Campbell, PA Dept. of Ed Rep
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, PSBA Representative
Jonathan Bauer, PA Principals Assoc Rep
Timothy J. Walter, PSADA Rep
Maureen S. Williams, PIAA Female Offs Rep
Aaron J. Straub, Private Schools’ Rep
Cathy S. Wreski, Female Parents’ Rep
*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Budget Committee, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

James T. Zack, Pres & Dist IV Chairman
Francis M. Majikes, VP & District II Chrmn
*James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chrmn
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, District I Vice Chrmn
Douglas M. Bohannon, Dist III Vice Chrmn
Dr. David A. Crumrine, District VI Chairman
Dr. Bart Rocco, District VII Vice Chairman
Michael A. Gavlik, District VIII Chairman
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, District X Chairman
Michael W. Hawkins, District XII Chairman
Richard J. Dry, Jr High/Middle Schls’ Rep
Nathan G. Mains, PSBA Representative
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative
Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative
William H. Sinning, PIAA Male Offs Rep
Danielle Turner, Girls’ Athletics Rep
Kevin M. Doverspike, Male Parents’ Rep
*Indicates Presiding Officer
APPOINTMENT OF PIAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Nominating Committee, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA:

Nathan G. Mains, PSBA Representative
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, PSBA Representative
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative

*Jonathan Bauer, PA Principals Assoc Rep
Timothy J. Walter, PSADA Representative

*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Policy Review Committee, which will meet at the call of the President in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee:

James T. Zack, Pres & District IV Chairman
Francis M. Majikes, VP & District II Chrmn
James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chrmn
Richard J. Dry, Jr High/Middle Schls’ Rep
Brian W. Campbell, PA Dept. of Ed Rep
*Nathan G. Mains, PSBA Representative
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, PSBA Representative
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative
Jonathan Bauer, PA Principals Assoc Rep

Timothy J. Walter, PSADA Representative
Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative
Maureen S. Williams, PIAA Female Offs Rep
William H. Sinning, PIAA Male Offs’ Rep
Danielle Turner, Girls’ Athletics Rep
Aaron J. Straub, Private Schools’ Rep
Cathy S. Wreski, Female Parents’ Rep
Kevin M. Doverspike, Male Parents’ Rep

*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee:

*James T. Zack, Pres & District IV Chairman
Francis M. Majikes, VP & District II Chrmn
James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chrmn
Dr. Michael A. Barber, District I Chairman
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, District I Vice Chairman
Ronald H. Kennedy, District III Chairman
Douglas M. Bohannon, District III Vice Chrmn
Paul Leonard, District V Chairman
Dr. David A. Crumrine, District VI Chairman

Scott M. Seltzer, District VII Chairman
Dr. Bart Rocco, District VII Vice Chairman
Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino, District VII Treasurer
Michael A. Gavlik, District VIII Chairman
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, District X Chairman
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., District XI Chairman
Michael W. Hawkins, District XII Chairman
Joseph D. Sette, District XII Vice Chrmn

*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, May 24, 2017, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.
EXEcutive session

At 10:40 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 11:15 p.m., President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

Legislative counsel report

Dr. Lombardi, on behalf of Andrew Goodman of Milliron & Goodman LLC, reported on PIAA legislative matters.

PIAA Foundation Annual report

Michael L. Solomon, Esq., PIAA Foundation Executive Director gave the annual report on the Board Members, their terms of service and financial status of the PIAA Foundation.

Proposed amendments to PIAA by-laws

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, contained in the PIAA By-Laws Section of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel to amend ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 5, Forfeiture of Championship Rights, of the PIAA By-Laws, for further clarification, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII
Penalties

Section 5. Forfeiture of Championship Rights

A school may be required to forfeit championship rights for flagrant misconduct and/or any violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of PIAA, and for participating in a non-approved or a disapproved Tournament in a sport, or in lieu of penalties which could be imposed under Sections 1 and/or 2 of this ARTICLE.

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, contained in the PIAA By-Laws Section of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, Section 5, Transfers Following Expulsion or Anticipated Expulsion, of the PIAA By-Laws, for further clarification, 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 is 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.

Where a school has prohibited a student from participating in interscholastic athletics at the school, the student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at any other PIAA member school for the shorter of (1) one year from the imposition of the school’s prohibition, or (2) the period that the student would have been prohibited from participating at his/her school.

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, contained in the PIAA By-Laws Section of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE IX, REPRESENTATION, and ARTICLE XVI, Season and Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations, of the PIAA By-Laws, for further clarification, to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX
REPRESENTATION

Preamble

Interscholastic athletic competition is an extension of the classroom and an educational activity that provides outstanding opportunities within a school setting. Through participation in such education based programs, young people learn values and skills that help prepare them for the future. To that end, the purposes of this Article are as follows: (1) to promote uniform standards in all interscholastic competition for student-athletes and Teams representing PIAA member schools; (2) to encourage interscholastic participation by student-athletes and Teams throughout the defined season; and (3) to discourage outside participation in a sport to the detriment of interscholastic participation.

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

A. Out-of-Season Activities.

Outside of the defined-season for sports:

1. PIAA member schools may not sponsor Teams in that sport;
2. PIAA member schools, Coaches and/or students of PIAA member schools may be involved with sports activities such as training programs, recreational activities,
Open Gyms, clinics, and camps provided that any participation by Coaches and/or students is as private citizens and is voluntary as described below;

3. Coaches and/or students acting as private citizens, and on a voluntary basis, may participate on Teams that are not affiliated with PIAA member schools. Coaches and other PIAA member school personnel may not require a student to participate in a sport or a training program for a sport outside of the PIAA-defined sport’s season. The participation of students in any sports activity that occurs outside of its defined season must be voluntary; and

4. The school’s name, nickname, and interscholastic athletic uniform, interscholastic athletic equipment, and interscholastic athletic health/first-aid supplies may not be used by community organizations, and groups, or. The school’s name, nickname and interscholastic athletic uniforms may not be used by students; however, the Principal, with the exception of football equipment, may permit community organizations, groups or students to use the school's interscholastic athletic equipment and the school's interscholastic athletic health/first-aid supplies.

B. Conclusion of Regular Season.

With the approval of the District Committee, Regular Season Contests which have been postponed may be rescheduled and played between the last Regular Season Contest day in that sport and the District Deadline in that sport. For purposes of the immediately preceding sentence, the last date of playing of the last such a postponed Regular Season Contest constitutes the last Regular Season Contest day in that sport.

C. Football.

The following sport-specific rules modify the provisions otherwise set forth in this ARTICLE. To the extent any other provision in this ARTICLE is inconsistent with this Section, this Section controls.

3. Outside the PIAA-defined football season, the Principal may permit students of the Principal’s school to use the school’s helmets, shoulder pads, and shoes for non-Physical Contact skill related instruction supervised by school-approved adults or at instructional camps. This provision is to promote student safety in football-related activities that do not include Physical Contact.

4. Outside the PIAA-defined football season, in addition to PIAA member school sponsorship of activities defined in Section 2.A(3) of this article, PIAA member schools may sponsor non-contact 7v7 programs provided that any participation by Coaches and/or students is voluntary.

54. In recognition of the unique circumstances within those PIAA member schools that are absent of any junior high/middle school interscholastic football program, students enrolled in and attending those member schools in grades 7 and 8 may annually participate in the out-of-season interscholastic football program organized and operated as National Football League (NFL) Junior Player Development. A student’s participation shall be limited to a maximum of two weeks per year.

55. Nothing in this Section shall prevent any student from participating, up through the completion of 8th grade, on community based non-school affiliated youth fall football programs through December 31st of that fall football season.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA Policies and Procedures, contained in the PIAA Policies and Procedures Section of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel to amend Indoor and Outdoor Events: Spectator Decorum, of the PIAA Policies and Procedures, for further clarification, to read as follows:

INDOOR EVENTS: SPECTATOR DECORUM
The presence and/or the use of balloons, banners, laser pointers, noisemakers, pom-poms (by spectators), shakers, signs, sirens, strips of material, towels, whistles, and/or portable listening devices (without earphones) are PROHIBITED! Persons using such items may be removed from the Contest. The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from their cheerleaders and/or the spectators from their school and community. The use of pom-poms by cheerleaders and small portable listening devices with earphones is permitted. During basketball Contests cheerleaders may utilize portable signs in their cheer performances and confirm that this does not violate the intent of the “no sign” policy. Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirt and/or using body paint while in attendance at District and Inter-District Championship Contests and may be removed from the Contest for doing so. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall inform, announce and publicize these regulations to students. The failure of a school to so inform or publicize will not, however, prevent removal from the Contest for violations of this policy.

OUTDOOR EVENTS: SPECTATOR DECORUM
The presence and/or the use of balloons, whistles, and/or portable listening devices (without earphones) are PROHIBITED! Persons using such items may be removed from the Contest. The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from their cheerleaders and/or the spectators from their school and community. The use of pom-poms by cheerleaders and small portable listening devices with earphones is permitted. Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirts and/or using body paint while in attendance at District and Inter-District Championship Contests and may be removed from the Contest for doing so. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall inform, announce and publicize these regulations to students. The failure of a school to so inform or publicize will not, however, prevent removal from the Contest for violations of this policy.

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The Principal, Athletic Director, Coaches, team physician, team trainer, players in uniform, managers, ball holders, and statisticians are will be the only persons permitted in the team box.

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA Policies and Procedures, contained in the PIAA Policies and Procedures Section of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel to create a PIAA Merchandising Policy, to read as follows:
MERCHANDISING

PIAA retains the exclusive right to produce and sell souvenir products (apparel and otherwise) at all District and Inter-District Championship Tournament Contests.

Participating schools may not sell products or items depicting any registered PIAA trademarks without prior written permission from PIAA.

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA Policies and Procedures, contained in the PIAA Policies and Procedures Section of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel to create PIAA Public Address Protocol Policy, to read as follows:

PUBLIC ADDRESS PROTOCOL

The public address announcer is considered a bench official for all PIAA District and Inter-District Contests. He/she shall maintain complete neutrality at all times and, as such, shall not be a “cheerleader” for any Team. The announcer will follow the PIAA script for promotional announcements, player introduction and awards ceremonies. These scripts may be obtained from PIAA headquarters. Other announcements are limited to:

- those of an emergency nature (e.g., paging a doctor, lost child or parent, etc.);
- those of a “practical” nature (e.g., announcing that a driver has left his/her vehicle lights on);
- Starting lineups or entire lineups of both participating Teams (what is announced for the home Team must be announced for the visiting Team); and
- Announcements that the PIAA souvenir merchandise, souvenir programs and concessions are on sale in the facility.

During the Contest, the announcer should:

- Recognize players about to attempt a play (e.g., coming up to bat in baseball, punting, kicking or receiving a kick or punt in football, serving in volleyball, etc.);
- Recognize a player for making a play (e.g., “basket by Jones” in basketball, “Smith on the kill” in volleyball);
- Report a penalty as signaled by the referee/official;
- Report substitutions and time-outs;
- NOT call the “play-by-play” or provide “color commentary” as if he/she were announcing for a radio or television broadcast;
NOT make any comment that would offer either Team an unfair advantage in the Contest; and

NOT make any comments critical of any school, Team, player, Coach or official, nor make any other comment that has the potential to incite unsporting conduct on the part of any individual.

The announcer should be certain of the accuracy of his/her statements before making them. When in doubt, the announcer should remain silent.

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On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director and to refer the matter of District Transcription of Hearings to the Eligibility Determination Sub-Committee for its report and recommendation.

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL (DISTRICT III) APPEAL OF SANCTION OF ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 2C, OF THE PIAA BY-LAWS

Wilson High School, West Lawn, appeal of the sanction of ARTICLE XVI, Section 2C, of the PIAA By-Laws, regarding a student who violated contact outside the defined football season, was referred to PIAA District III for its consideration.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE MEMBER SCHOOL PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL EVENTS OR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Discussion was held regarding possible member school participation in national events or National Championships. The Board agreed to maintain the status quo support in the current prohibition of contact outside the defined season for football, but permitting participation in other sports if it would otherwise comply with the PIAA By-Laws.

REMOVAL OF PIAA-REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIAL

The Board of Directors reviewed the PIAA Executive Director’s recent suspension of a PIAA-registered sports official and considered the written materials submitted to and by the Executive Director concerning the Executive Director’s recommendation that the official be removed.

On the basis of the foregoing, on a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to permanently remove a PIAA-registered volleyball, boys’ lacrosse, and basketball official, effective immediately.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director reported on:

1) Boyer & Ritter, PC’s recently issued request for PIAA District Committee audit and tax documentation for the year ended June 30, 2017;
2) The recently issued requests for PIAA District Committee financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017; and

3) The recently prepared and mailed invoices for PIAA member school dues that reflected the previously approved $25 increase;

4) The 98th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting which was held in Providence, Rhode Island, from Tuesday, June 27 to Monday, July 3, 2017;

5) eSports/Gaming discussion and meetings, which were also attended by the Director of Legal Affairs; and

6) Discussion of creating a standard monthly appeal date.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Executive Director’s recommendation, to approve the PIAA (Headquarters only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended May 31 and June 30, 2017.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Grassel gave a status report on the Coaches’ Education and the Safe Schools Initiative.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

Assistant Executive Director Gebhart gave a status report on the:

1) announcement of the newly opened position of PIAA Boys’ Lacrosse Statewide Rules Interpreter;

2) number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2017 Regular Season and Postseason Contests PIAA recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of baseball (112), boys’ lacrosse (52), girls’ lacrosse (15), softball (16), track & field (4) and boys’ volleyball (3);

3) schedule of the 23rd Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention; which includes Train the Trainers for District and Chapter Interpreters in all sports; and the 30 Years of Service Banquet; and

4) 2017 PIAA Fall Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings.
PIAA OFFICIALS' COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. On a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Walter, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Officials’ Council Steering Committee to adopt the:
   - 2016 NFHS fall sports’ rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications;
   - 2016-17 NFHS winter sports’ rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications.
   - 2017 NFHS spring sports’ rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications.

2. On a motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Officials' Council to adopt the following language change to the POLICY REGARDING REGULAR SEASON CONTEST OFFICIALS' FEES:

   Host schools and entities should ensure that Contest officials' fees are paid to the officials prior to the beginning of in a timely fashion for all Regular Season Contests. To be so paid, checks must be prepared in advance and the host school or entity must have the required information concerning the official. Therefore, the failure of an official to have executed an Officials’ Contract reasonably prior to the Contest or Tournament may result in the host school or entity being unable to comply with this recommendation.

3. On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mrs. Wreski, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Officials’ Council to adopt the following language changes to the Officials' Manual regarding chapter meetings:

   Lack of attendance at six (6) chapter meetings will cause the official to be suspended unless the chapter accepts the official's excuse(s) or the Assistant Executive Director accepts the official's excuse(s) at season's end if the official has not met the required meeting attendance. (Official's Manual, page 2 (C) (1) (d))
   
   a) CHAPTER SECRETARIES shall:
      Receive the reasons for absences from the regularly scheduled chapter meetings submitted in writing by the chapter members. (Officials' Manual, page 9, (D) (6) (a))
      
   Section 5. Reasons for absences shall be submitted in writing to the appropriate chapter secretary who, in turn, will review those documents and determine if acceptable. The secretary will enter meeting attendance online for the Rules Interpretation and Chapter meetings, preferably within 24 hours of the meeting. (Officials' Manual, page 18, Article X, Section 5)
4. On a motion by Mrs. William, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Officials’ Council to adopt the following language change to the Officials’ Manual regarding chapter meetings:
   
   e) All officials involved in volleyball with dual seasons must attend one (1) PIAA annual mandatory rules interpretation meeting in the summer and must attend a minimum of six (6) chapter meetings during the fall season. In addition, it is recommend that all officials who officiate in the spring must attend one (1) "review" rules interpretation meeting before the start of the spring season conducted by the chapter interpreter prior to the second Monday in March. (Officials’ Manual, page 2, (I) (C) (1) (e))

5. On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Officials’ Council to discontinue in-person testing in October and to produce a news release to publicize its elimination. With the advent of on-line testing the number of individuals testing in-person dropped dramatically.

6. On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Officials’ Council and refer to the Budget Committee for its implementation, an increase in the fee for officiating inter-district playoffs in team sports by $5.00 beginning the 2018-19 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Heinauer, seconded by Mr. Walter, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, June 19, 2017 meeting of the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee, as prepared and presented by the Assistant Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 1.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Executive Director, on behalf of Associate Executive Director Mertz, gave a status report on the recently held NFHS Student Leadership Summit. PIAA sent 10 students, funded by the PIAA Foundation, to participate in this national leadership training hosted by NFHS in Indianapolis, Indiana.

PIAA LACROSSE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Lacrosse Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 21, 2017, as prepared by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 2.

PIAA SOFTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Heinauer, seconded by Mrs. Turner, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Softball Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 21, 2017, as prepared by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 3.
PIAA GIRLS’ ATHLETICS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, June 22, 2017 meeting of the PIAA Girls’ Athletics Steering Committee, as prepared by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 4.

PIAA COACHES’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, June 21, 2017 meeting of the PIAA Coaches' Advisory Committee, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 5.

PIAA TRACK AND FIELD STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to table the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to increase the number of classifications in the sport of track and field from two (2) to three (3) and to refer this matter to either the Strategic Planning Committee or Competition Committee for further review and recommendation.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to adopt the proposed qualifying standards to the 2018 PIAA Track and Field Championships, as set forth in Attachment 6.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to amend the PIAA-adopted dual met tie-breaker to provide that the winning team have one point and an asterisk added to its score.

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to eliminate the PIAA modification on jewelry and adopt the NFHS Rules as written.

Motion passed: 15-yes, 12-no.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 21, 2017, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 6.
PIAA BASEBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee to amend the pitching restriction to permit a pitcher reaching the maximum pitch count for any level of rest during an at bat, to continue to pitch to that batter, or any substitute for that batter, until such batter is put out or reaches first base, or until a third out has been made prior to the end of that at bat. The pitcher will be credited with the maximum number of pitches for that level.

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee to amend the pitching restriction guidelines to provide that the pitch counts need to be entered by no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) the day following a competition.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Cleary, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 21, 2017, as prepared by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 7.

PIAA JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Straub, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, June 22, 2017 meeting of the PIAA Junior High/Middle School Steering Committee, as prepared by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 8.

PIAA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, June 22, 2017 meeting of the PIAA Athletic Directors’ Steering Committee, as prepared by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 9.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ WORKSHOP REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PIAA Constitution & By-Laws Sub-Committee (Attachment 10):

It was recommended by the PIAA Constitution & By-Laws Sub-Committee to reword the language in PIAA Constitution, ARTICLE II, Purpose, and to present it for consideration at the October 4th meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors.

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted by the PIAA Board of Directors to approve, on a first reading basis, an amendment to ARTICLE VII, of the PIAA By-Laws, to address students from other countries who seek PIAA eligibility after having already graduated from school in their native countries.
PIAA Organization Structure Sub-Committee (Attachment 11):

It was recommended by the PIAA Organization Structure Sub-Committee that PIAA Executive Staff develop language to require a “full-time employee” status to represent a District Committee on the Board of Directors.

PIAA District Committee Eligibility Hearings Sub-Committee (Attachment 12):

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was unanimously voted by the PIAA Board of Directors to accept the recommendation of the PIAA District Committee Eligibility Hearings Sub-Committee and to authorize PIAA Staff to investigate development of a Web portal to receive the submission of all requests for decision on athletic eligibility.

On a motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted by the PIAA Board of Directors to accept the recommendation of the PIAA District Committee Eligibility Hearings Sub-Committee and to add a transfer box to the eligibility form and a place to list the student’s physical address.

PIAA Competition Committee (Attachment 13):

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted by the PIAA Board of Directors to remove from the table the proposed revision to the By-Laws to address mid-season transfers.

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was voted by the PIAA Board of Directors to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Competition Committee, on a first reading basis, to approve a modification to ARTICLE VI of the PIAA By-Laws to mandate that otherwise presumptively eligible students who transfer during the school year not be eligible to participate in the same sport for 14 days from the date of enrollment to allow District Committees an opportunity to investigate and address these situations, to become effective July 1, 2018.

Motion passed: 26-yes, 2-no.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2017:

District X - East High School
             Strong Vincent High School

District XII - Delaware Valley Charter School
              World Communications Charter School
APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2017:

District V - Foundations Christian Academy

District VII - Braddock Hills Charter High School
  Braddock Hills Charter Middle School
  Propel Montour Charter Junior High School
  Propel Homestead Charter Junior High School
  Propel East Charter Junior High School
  Propel Pitcairn Charter Junior High School
  Propel McKeesport Charter Junior High School
  Propel Hazelwood Charter Junior High School
  Propel Northside Charter Junior High School

District X - Erie High School

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year:

District III
- Susquenita High School and Carson Long Military Academy (football)
- Harrisburg Academy and Covenant Christian Academy (girls’ soccer), conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval
- Oley Valley and Brandywine High Schools (boys’ and girls’ cross country), conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval

Districts V
- Salisbury-Elk Lick and Meyersdale Area High Schools (girls’ basketball), conditioned upon PIAA District V Committee approval

Districts VII
- Carlynton and Bishop Canevin High Schools (boys’ and girls’ swimming & diving, boys’ and girls’ tennis and wrestling)
- Freedom, Quigley Catholic and New Brighton High Schools (wrestling)
- Moon Area and Cornell High Schools (wrestling)
- Moon Area Middle and Cornell Junior High Schools (wrestling)

Districts X
- Warren and Youngsville High Schools (competitive cheer)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year:

**Districts VII**
- Aliquippa and Hopewell High Schools (boys’ and girls’ soccer)

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 12:50 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017, IN THE BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director