At 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 19, 2015, James T. Zack, President, called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square ............................................................. District 1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville ..................................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre .................................................................. District 2
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
Dean M. Rossi, Hollidaysburg ......................................................................... District 6
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls ...................................................................... District 7
Scott D. Heinauer, Mars ................................................................................ District 7
Scott M. Seltzer, Pittsburgh .......................................................................... 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
Julie K. Swartfager, Franklin
  Representing ...................................................... PSBA
Dr. Frederick C. Johnson, Edinboro
  Representing ...................................................... PASA
Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg
  Representing ...................................................... PASSP
Timothy P. Honeywell, Stroudsburg
  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
John P. Milliron, Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legislative Counsel
Andrew M. Goodman ................................................................. PIAA Legislative Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT

Robert J. Tonkin, Treasurer ........................................................................ District 9
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education .......................................................... Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Michael Cordas, Jr., D.O., Chairman ............................................................... PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director ................................................... PSFCA
Corey Sigle, Athletic Director ........................................................................ Coatesville Area Sr. High School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes, of the Wednesday, January 28, 2015 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.
COATESVILLE AREA SR. HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST TO SUSPEND APPLICATION OF ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1B, OF THE PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Dr. Johnson, it was unanimously voted to reject the request of Coatesville Area Sr. High School to suspend the application of ARTICLE VIII, Section 1B, of the PIAA By-Laws, as applied to a particular student.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:20 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 4:40 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 & Goodman LLC reported on the appointment of Pennsylvania Oversight Committee members and information on the recent developments of the Open Records Office.

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.

PIAA FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Motion passed: 18-yes, 12-no.

PIAA SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Myers, 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 under the direction of an MD and DO to complete and sign the NFHS skin form, effective July 1, 2015.
On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to define “Thud” as a contact activity. This motion is supported and based upon the recommendation from the NFHS SMAC and the NFHS Concussion Summit Task Force, effective July 1, 2015.

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee that a wrestler must present the skin form to the medical staff/official prior to their weigh-in. Disqualification will result from any form not be properly presented, effective July 1, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee meeting of Sunday, February 8, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 1.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS**

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, on a first reading basis, to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, to clarify the definition of a transfer and the summer try-out by a student, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VI**

**TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING**

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Section 1. Definition of Transfer.

A. General Definition. A transfer occurs in any situation in which a student seeks eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at a school other than the one at which the student was either enrolled or otherwise eligible.

B. Summer Conduct by Student. Following the completion of a school year, a student may enroll at another school but not be deemed to have Transferred unless (1) the student Practices with a Team from another school; (2) the student attends at least one fall semester class at another school; and/or (3) the student, through the student's school has requested a determination of eligibility at another school and the applicable District Committee or Regional Panel has ruled on such request. Once a student Practices with another school's Team or attends a fall semester class at another school, the student will be considered to have Transferred to that school. A District Committee's or Regional Panel's determination of eligibility cannot be avoided by re-enrollment back at the prior school, which would be viewed as a new Transfer.

A student who either enrolls at or otherwise seeks eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at a PIAA member school, other than the one at which the student was either enrolled or otherwise eligible, between the end of a school year and the first Practice day of fall sports for the next school year, as established under
ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, of the PIAA By-Laws, but who neither Practices with nor attends that member school, shall, unless a request for determination of eligibility relating to that enrollment has first been ruled upon by a Regional Panels or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, be deemed for purposes of this ARTICLE VI not to have transferred to that member school.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Rossi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, on a first reading basis, to amend ARTICLE XV, Table II, Schedule of Winter Sports, for clarification on multiple school dual or individual pool events, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XV**

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**TABLE II – Schedule of Winter Sports**

NOTES:

6. A PIAA member school is permitted to participate in a maximum of twenty-two (22) Regular Season wrestling Contests based on the following method of counting Regular Season wrestling Contests:
   a. One (1) Contest for each dual meet.
   b. Two (2) Contests for each triangular meet or each individually or Team bracketed Tournament involving no more than 8 Teams, pursuant to NFHS Wrestling Rule 10, Conduct of Tournaments, Section 3, Tournament Brackets.
   c. Three (3) Contests for each quadrangular meet, each individually or Team bracketed Tournament involving at least 9 Teams, pursuant to NFHS Wrestling Rule 10, Conduct of Tournaments, Section 3, Tournament Brackets, and each one-day Multiple School (Dual) Event or Individual Pool Event. A PIAA member school may participate in no more than two (2) Multiple School (Dual) or Individual Pool Events, excluding triangular or quadrangular meets, during the Regular Season.
   d. Multiple day Combination Tournament competition points and/or multiple day Multiple School (Dual) Event competition points are the aggregate of b and/or c herein.
   e. All of the foregoing must be compliant with NFHS Wrestling Rule 1, Competition, Section 4, Representation, Article 3, which provides for no wrestler to represent that wrestler’s school in more than one weight class in any meet or wrestle in more than five matches (championship or consolation), excluding forfeits in any one day.

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Football, Section 2, Rules and Regulations, C5, effective immediately, to read as follows:
C. Football.
The following sport specific rules modify the provisions otherwise set forth in this ARTICLE. To the extend any other provision in this ARTICLES is inconsistent with the Section, This Sections controls.

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 the same calendar year that fall football season.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Executive Director reported that the Board of Directors’ request to PIAA District VII to complete the paperwork in the process of centralized accounting and submit these items to the Director of Business Affairs has been completed and the finalization of some dates are all that needs to be completed.

The Executive Director reported on the upcoming “Collaborative Solutions for Safety in Sport” scheduled to be held on March 26-27, 2015, at the NFL Headquarters in New York City, which will bring together key stakeholders in high school athletics, along with renowned medical experts, to discuss best practices for health and safety in sport. This meeting supported the health and safety initiatives of the National Federation of State High School Associations by working through its national network of member organizations to discuss strategies for developing and implementing life-saving policies in member schools. The meeting will be co-hosted by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association and the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, in conjunction with the NFL Health and Safety Division and the Korey Stringer Institute.

The Executive Director reported on the meeting with the Athletic Directors at their Annual PSADA Conference in Hershey and the proposal for six classifications by Mr. Tonkin. The Board of Directors’ were reminded of a joint meeting of the Football Steering Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the PIAA Office.

The Executive Director also reported on the 96th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting that will be held in New Orleans, LA, from Sunday, June 28 to Thursday, July 2, 2015.

TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to modify 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, effective July 1, 2016.
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for months ended January 31 and February 28, 2015.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on:

1) Number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2014-2015 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 (227) and wrestling (52);

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, 2015;

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;


ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

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 Swimming and Diving Championships; 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 20-22, 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. The deadline for applicants to apply has been extended to Wednesday, April 15, 2015.
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORTS

The Chief Operating Officer shared a Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association letter expressing its opposition to the proposed rule change that deals with penalty kick shootouts and its request to leave the shootout format as is.

The Chief Operating Officer thanked the districts on their assistance with basketball Inter-District Championship sites and gave a report on the recently completed 2014-2015 PIAA Team Wrestling and Individual Wrestling Championships.

Mr. Kanaskie expressed his appreciation to the PIAA Executive Staff on well-run and well organized Wrestling championship events.

PIAA SOCCER STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Dr. Johnson, it was unanimously voted to table the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee 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.

PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Myers, 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, 2016, as set forth in Attachment 2.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, 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, 2016, as set forth in Attachment 2.

PIAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman of the PIAA Nominating Committee advised the PIAA Board of Directors that the current President, Vice President, and Treasurer of PIAA are seeking re-election for the term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2014:

District III - Hilda Goodling Impact Academy Charter High School
Hilda Goodling Impact Academy Charter Middle School

District XII - New Foundation Charter School
APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION

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

District XII - Hill Freedman Public High School
Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber

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. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Scott, 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 VII - Avella Area Junior High School and Burgettstown Area Middle School (football)

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. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, 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
- Susquehanna Preparatory and Wyoming Area Middle School (softball), conditioned upon PIAA District II Committee approval
- Lake Lehman and Northwest Area High Schools (boys’ volleyball)

District III
- New Covenant Christian and Lebanon Catholic High Schools (baseball)

District V
- Rockwood Area Junior High School and Turkeyfoot Valley Middle School (boys’ and girls’ track and field), conditioned upon PIAA District V Committee approval

Districts VI and VII
- Marion Center and Blairsville – District VI High Schools and Apollo Ridge, Indiana Area, and Ford City – District VII High Schools (girls’ lacrosse)

District IX
- Brockway Area and DuBois Central Catholic High Schools (boys’ and girls’ track and field), conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval

District X
- Erie First Christian Academy and Union City High School (baseball)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to
approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the
beginning of the 2015-2016 school year:

District V
- Rockwood Area and Berlin-Brothersvalley High Schools (football)

District IX
- Ridgway Area and Johnsonburg Area High Schools (boys’ and girls’ cross
country)
- Ridgway Area Middle School and Johnsonburg Area Junior High School (boys’
and girls’ cross country)

District XI
- Shenandoah Valley and Mahanoy Area High Schools (boys’ and girls’ golf)

PENNSYLVANIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Executive Director gave a report on the First PIAA & Pennsylvania Special
Olympics Bocce Championships that were being held on Friday, March 20, 2015 at The
GIANT Center, Hershey, PA.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zack adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 5:55 p.m.,
Thursday, March 19, 2015.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 20,
2015, IN THE BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director