At 8:30 a.m., Monday, March 26, 2018, 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
Scott D. Heinauer, Mars ................................................................. 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
Ashley White, Mechanicsburg
  Representing ................................................................. PSBA
Jonathan Bauer, King of Prussia,
  Representing ................................................................. PA Principals Association
Timothy J. Walter, Bradford
  Representing ................................................................. PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing ................................................................. PCA
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre
  Representing ................................................................. Female Officials
William H. Sinning, Pittsburgh
  Representing ................................................................. Male Officials
Danielle Turner, Warrington
  Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Aaron J. Straub, Saint Marys
Representing ................................................................. Private Schools
Cathy S. Wreski, Middletown
Representing ................................................................. Female Parents
Kevin Doverspike, New Bethlehem
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
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
Catharine Conner ................................................................. Milliron & Goodman LLC

GUESTS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Turner, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, January 24, 2018, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as corrected and presented by the Executive Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:40 a.m., President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss active litigation and personnel matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 8:50 a.m., President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Catharine Conner of Milliron & Goodman LLC reported on legislative matters.
APPEAL OF REJECTION OF APPLICATION
FOR REGISTRATION AS A PIAA-REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIAL

A hearing was conducted before the PIAA Board of Directors, in which an applicant to become a PIAA-registered sports official sought review of the decision of the PIAA Executive Director to reject his Application for Registration until one year from his original application date, which would be January 27, 2019.

The Board of Directors considered the written materials submitted to and by the Executive Director and the official requesting the appeal; the additional correspondence which occurred after the date of the Executive Director’s decision; and the documents presented, testimony given, and the information made at the appeal hearing.

On the basis of the foregoing, on a motion by Mr. Doverspike, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to deny the request to reverse the Executive Director’s action and accept his Application for Registration as originally received.

PIAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the report of the PIAA Nominating Committee chaired by Mr. Bauer, and the recommendation of that Committee that the current President, Vice President, and Treasurer of PIAA are recommended for re-election for the term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 and their names will be placed upon the May ballot.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Grassel gave a status report on:
1) Coaches’ Education; and
2) the soon to be completed 2017-2018 PIAA Basketball Championships.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Gebhart gave a status report on the:
1) number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2017-2018 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 (205), swimming & diving (0), and wrestling (90);
2) notice of submission of District recommendations for the Spring Sports Championships;
3) PIAA registered sports’ officials registration fees penalty payment period from March 1 until March 31, 2018; and
4) Proposed revisions to the Officials’ Manual that are being forwarded to the Officials’ Council for its review and recommendations.
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Associate Executive Director Mertz gave a status report on the:

1) recently completed 2017-2018 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships; and

2) NFHS Leadership Summit that will be held July 23-25, 2018. Six (6) students have been selected to represent Pennsylvania. The students are Colin Campbell, Zachary Hartman, Hailey Hockenberry, Tyler Long, Caitlyn Urban and Alexandria Zeigler.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Heinauer, it was unanimously voted to approve a total of 6 students (3 boys and 3 girls) along with a male and female chaperone to attend the 2018 NFHS Leadership Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORTS

The Chief Operating Officer gave a status report on the:

1) maximum number of entries/qualifiers and brackets for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 classification cycle, as set forth in Attachment 1 which were distributed at the March 26th Board of Directors’ meeting and was unanimously approved upon motion by Dr. Iacino and Mr. Gavlik.

Further discussion was held regarding two classifications in the sport of Competitive Spirit for 8 champions. On a motion by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was voted to refer this matter to the Competitive Spirit Committee meeting for its review and recommendation.

Motion passed: 25-yes, 1-no.

2) recently completed 2017-2018 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships;

3) 2017-2018 PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships; and

4) Eligibility Web Portal.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Competition Committee, and approve a provision barring a student transferring after a season has begun from further participation during that season if, prior to transfer, that student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of regular season contests allowed per sport, and to include a hardship waiver provision to be heard by the respective District Committee as part of, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws effective April 1, 2018, to read as follows:
ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING

Section 1. General Provisions.

C. In-Season Transfers.

1. Because of the timing difficulties in expeditiously obtaining necessary paperwork, of confirming representations of eligibility, of determining whether such Transfers are opposed by any appropriate party, of promptly scheduling hearings to consider such matters, and to reduce the likelihood of participation by an ineligible student that would impact on competition and the opportunity to participate by other students, a student who Transfers after the student Practices with a school’s Team shall be ineligible to participate in that sport in Contests for a period of 21 calendar days following enrollment at the student’s new school. The student’s eligibility shall thereafter be determined by Sections 2 or 3 of this ARTICLE, as applicable.

2. If the student transfers after the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, will not be eligible for further participation in that sport. The District Committee may waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student that the transfer was not materially motivated by an athletic purpose and either that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional or unusual circumstances that compelled a transfer prior to the end of the season. For purposes of this provision, transfers to address academic needs and desires, or for social reasons, are not considered exceptional and compelling circumstances.

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On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously approved to suspend protocol and accelerate the applicable date of the previously approved 21-day sit out period following an in-season Transfer, as part of, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, effective April 1, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, on a second reading basis, on a recommendation of the Competition Committee, it was unanimously voted to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) clarify the school of eligibility for students participating in a Multi-Public School District Academic Arrangement, and (2) to add a fee for modification of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE

Section 1. Where Enrolled for Attendance.

To be eligible to participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest, a student must be regularly enrolled in a secondary school and in full-time attendance, or be home-schooled.

Except as otherwise provided in this ARTICLE, a student is eligible only at the school at which the student is enrolled.
Section 2.  Number of Days of Enrollment Necessary to Count as a Semester.

Fifteen days or more of enrollment in a semester in any secondary school counts as one semester of attendance.  Enrollment at summer school does not count as a semester or part of a semester.

INTERPRETATION


Enrollment at any school, accredited or not, counts as enrollment.

Section 3.  How Absence Affects Eligibility.

A student who has been absent from school during a semester for a total of twenty (20) or more school days, is ineligible to participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest until the student has been in attendance for a total of forty-five (45) school days following the student’s twentieth (20th) day of absence.

The following absences may be waived by the District Committee:

A. days when the student was required to serve as the primary caregiver to a member of the student’s immediate family or a near relative or a death in that student’s immediate family or of a near relative, both as defined in Section 1154 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended;

B. days when the student was absent due to the student’s compliance with a court subpoena;

C. days when the student was confined by quarantine;

D. days when the student attended a religious activity/function which the church requires its members to attend;

E. days when the student has an excused absence of five (5) or more school days due to the same confining illness or injury.

If the establishment of any requirement necessary for the District Committee to exercise its discretion to grant a waiver of five (5) or more excused absences results from illegal conduct on the part of the student, other than absences during which the student, without there having been a criminal conviction or an adjudication of delinquency, is admitted to a substance abuse treatment facility, the District Committee may not grant the waiver. Attendance at summer school does not count toward the forty-five (45) school days required.

Absence from school for an entire semester, or for several semesters, disqualifies a student for the same period as stated in this Section.

INTERPRETATIONS

Section 3.  April 14, 1984.

Pregnancy shall be treated as an illness if a physician certifies, in writing, that the student was unable to attend school as a result of pregnancy.


When computing total days absent during a semester, days absent during a period of suspension count as part of the twenty day absence total in a given semester.


Students serving an in-school suspension are not counted as days of absence.

Section 4.  Combination of Students Enrolled in Grades 7-8-9.

Students enrolled in grades 7-8-9, within the same public school district, may be combined to form one or more Teams within the public school district.

Section 5.  Alternative School Students, Magnet School Students, and Technology School Students.

Alternative School students, Magnet School students, and Technology School students are eligible at only one school for all interscholastic athletics.  A student
attending an Alternative School, a Magnet School, or a Technology School on a full-time basis is eligible only at said school if said school offers one or more interscholastic athletic programs. A part-time Alternative School student attending a full-time Alternative School, a part-time Magnet School student attending a full-time Magnet School, and a part-time Technology School student attending a full-time Technology School is eligible only at the school which the student would otherwise attend by virtue of the student’s residence. All students attending Alternative Schools, Magnet Schools, or Technology Schools, which do not offer any interscholastic athletic programs, are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the schools that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residences.

**Section 6. Charter School and Cyber Charter School Students.**

Students enrolled in a Charter School or Cyber Charter School are eligible only at said school in those interscholastic sports sponsored by that school. Students enrolled in a Charter School or Cyber Charter School that does not offer a particular interscholastic sport are eligible to participate in that sport at the school which they would otherwise attend, in the public school district of their residences, provided that the students meet all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, school verified evidence of full-time attendance.

**INTERPRETATION**

**Section 6. 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 be considered the public school district of residence of the student.

**Section 7. Privately-Tutored and/or Home-Schooled Students.**

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

**Section 8. Multi-Public School District Academic Arrangements.**

**A.** Where students are enrolled in a public school in the public school district of their residence but, pursuant to an agreement between public school districts, attend some or all classes at a public school in another public school district, the students may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student’s home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student desires to participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that the student has not been recruited.

**B. Students Placed by Court Order or as a Result of Disability.**

A student who has been (1) enrolled at a school that has no interscholastic athletic program in the sport(s) in which the student desires to participate, and (2) placed in that school either by court order or because the student is a Student With A Disability whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) has concluded that the student’s educational needs could not be accommodated in the public school that the student would otherwise have
attended, may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student’s home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student desires to participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that the student has not been recruited.

Appointment of a legal guardian for the student, or court approval of an agreement between separating or divorcing parents, does not by itself constitute placement in a school by court order.

When the District Committee has declared a student eligible at a school, the District Committee may not declare that student eligible at any other school at which the student could have been declared eligible unless, in addition to the other requirements of this provision, it receives a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student has been declared eligible that said school will no longer permit that student to participate or compete for a position on any of its interscholastic athletic Teams.


Where the rules or policies of a public school district having more than one school at a particular level do not provide for attendance at that level by place of residence, the student, with the permission of the Principal, shall select the school in that public school district which the student will attend, which is the only school at which the student will be eligible. A subsequent change of selection will be considered a Transfer and, therefore, subject to ARTICLE VI of these By-Laws.

Section 10. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport.

A. Philosophy.

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

1. The Board supports opportunities for greater student participation.
2. The Board encourages projects that combine smaller PIAA member schools for sponsorship of an activity rather than a small PIAA member school combining with a larger PIAA member school when the smaller PIAA member school cannot support the activity alone.
3. The Board will not approve agreements where an intent of the agreement is to improve the quality of a Team (i.e., obtain a better win/loss record).
4. The Board will not approve agreements whereby:
   (a) any students enrolled at any of the PIAA member schools entering into the agreement would be prohibited from participation in the sports governed by the agreement because of the location of their residence;
   (b) one of the PIAA member schools is a public school and the agreement would bar any Home-Schooled Students who are otherwise eligible at that school from participating on the Team(s) covered by the agreement; and/or
   (c) more than one school to the agreement is to host the same sport.
5. The Board will neither consider nor approve agreements with non-PIAA member schools.
6. The public school districts of the participating PIAA member schools must be contiguous and/or overlap.
B. Provisions Applicable to all Agreements.

1. School Enrollments:
   (a) For cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport, the male enrollment, as of the
date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department
of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in
grades nine through eleven must be 300 students or less. For cooperative
sponsorship of a girls’ sport, the female enrollment, as of the date as of which
schools report their enrollments to PDE of each odd-numbered year, in each of the
schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 300 students or less.
   (b) The combined male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report
their enrollments to PDE of each odd-numbered year, of (1) all male students
enrolled in the school with the highest male enrollment of those schools involved in
the cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport and (2) 50% of all male students
enrolled in other schools participating in the cooperative sponsorship of the boys'
sport, will determine the classification of the Team in that sport. The combined
female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to
PDE of each odd-numbered year, of (1) all female students enrolled in the school
with the highest female enrollment of those schools involved in the cooperative
sponsorship of a girls’ sport and (2) 50% of all female students enrolled in other
schools participating in the cooperative sponsorship of the girls’ sport, will
determine the classification of the Team in that sport.

2. Requests to Approve Agreements:
   (a) Requests to approve Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements must
be submitted by the requesting PIAA member schools to the applicable PIAA
District Committee. Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall
forward the request, together with its recommendation, to the PIAA Board of
Directors for its consideration.
   (b) For agreements between public schools within a single public school district,
said requests for approval must include the approving resolution of the School
Board having jurisdiction over the PIAA member schools. For all other PIAA
member schools, said requests for approval must include the proposed agreement
between the participating PIAA member schools. The resolution or agreement, as
applicable, must fully delineate the terms and conditions that pertain to the
Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport by the participating PIAA member schools,
including at least the following:
   (1) Introduction and purpose of agreement.
   (2) Timeline for implementation.
   (3) Duration of agreement (must be for at least a two-year enrollment
classification cycle).
   (4) Administrative responsibility, liability, and insurance.
   (5) Team name and uniforms.
   (6) Financial arrangements.
   (7) Staffing.
   (8) Operating procedures.
   (9) Facilities.
   (10) Transportation.
   (c) Requests for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements,
which would not affect the classification size of a Team, may be submitted at any
time to the applicable PIAA District Committee.
(d) Requests for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted on or before September 15th of any odd-numbered year to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors for that proposed agreement to be considered for approval for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

(e) Requests for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted by the applicable PIAA District Committee to the PIAA Board of Directors by October 1st of any odd-numbered year to be considered for approval for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

(f) Decisions by the PIAA Board of Directors on all applications for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, which would affect the classification size of a Team, will be made no later than its December meeting of any odd-numbered year for the next reclassification cycle.

3. Modification or Termination of Agreements:

(a) Procedure and Timing of Requests.

(1) Requests to modify or terminate a previously approved Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreement must be submitted by the requesting PIAA member school to the applicable PIAA District Committee. Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall forward the request, together with its recommendation, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration. The request must include a resolution of the School Board(s) and/or Board(s) having jurisdiction over the PIAA member schools approving such modification or termination.

(2) Such requests for modification or termination, which would not affect the classification size of a Team, may be submitted at any time to the applicable PIAA District.

(3) Such requests for modification or termination, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted on or before September 15th of any odd-numbered year to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

(4) Such requests for modification or termination, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted by the applicable PIAA District Committee to the PIAA Board of Directors by October 1st of any odd-numbered year to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

(5) Decisions by the PIAA Board of Directors on requests for modification or termination, which would affect the classification size of a Team, will be made no later than its December meeting of any odd-numbered year for the next reclassification cycle.

(6) Requests to modify or terminate the agreement must be initiated by all of the schools if the agreement has been in place for four years or less. Thereafter, any school to the agreement may submit a request to modify or terminate the agreement, subject to the applicable provisions set forth in subsection B3 and any modification requests will incur a $100 modification fee from each school involved in the agreement.

(b) Grounds for Termination.
(1) Agreements are for at least a two-year enrollment classification cycle.

(2) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors prior to the expiration of a two-year enrollment classification cycle under the following conditions:

(a) Closing of one of the schools;
(b) If more than one of the schools’ enrollment is greater than 300 (effective beginning the 2018-19 school year);
(c) Substantiated complaints from surrounding schools concerning recruiting by one of the participating PIAA member schools;
(d) Substantiated complaints from parents, School Boards, and/or students in one of the participating PIAA member schools; and/or
(e) Other valid reasons as determined by the PIAA Board of Directors.

(3) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors, after a two-year enrollment classification cycle, upon request by all parties to the Agreement and the request is absent good cause for not doing so.

(4) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors, after two, two-year enrollment classification cycles, upon request by any participant in the Agreement and the request is absent good cause for not doing so.

**INTERPRETATION**

**Section 11.B.3. December 6, 2017.**

Requests to terminate a previously approved Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement submitted by a school after September 15th of any odd-numbered year and which would affect the classification size of a school may be approved by the Board of Directors. However, the school shall remain in the same classification as established by the existing cooperative sponsorship for the next two-year cycle.

**C. Effect of Termination of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement.**

Any student whose own school does not sponsor a particular sport and who was a member of a Team during the season that a Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement was in place may, upon termination of such agreement, and with the consent of the Principals of the schools to the agreement, continue to participate on such Team as if said agreement remains in effect. Such student, however, is not eligible to participate on the other school’s Team if the student’s own school then sponsors a Team in that sport.

As it is intended that this provision only permit a phase-out of a Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement without negative impact on those students who actually participated under the agreement when it was in place, and not to allow additional participation, should this provision be deemed by any court to be violative of the rights of any other student by denying that student the opportunity to participate on a Team sponsored by another school, this provision shall be stricken in its entirety and, upon termination of any Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement, the students shall thereafter be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics as if no Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement had ever existed.

Motion passed 27-yes, 1-no.
On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of PIAA Executive Staff, on a second reading basis, to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 3, Reporting of and Procedure for Alleged Violations, of the PIAA By-Laws, to simplify the process of reporting and addressing violations of this article, to read as follows:

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

Section 3. Reporting of and Procedure for Alleged Violations.
Violations of this ARTICLE shall subject the Student, Team and/or school to any and all possible penalties provided for in Sections 2 through 9 of ARTICLE XIII, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Alleged violation(s) of PIAA Season or Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations shall be reported and addressed as follows:

1. Any person may report a violation via the PIAA form entitled “Report of Alleged Violation(s) of PIAA Season or Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations”. The form must be signed by the complainant. Where the complainant is a PIAA member school, the form must be signed by the Principal or Athletic Director. The form must be submitted to the District Committee of the District having jurisdiction over the school allegedly committing the violation.

2. Upon the receipt of a properly completed and signed form, the Chairman of the District Committee or executive staff of the District shall mail a copy of the form to the Principal of the school allegedly involved. The Principal of the involved school shall have twenty-one (21) calendar days in which to respond, in writing, to the alleged violation(s) and to report the actions, if any, the Principal has taken concerning the alleged violation(s).

3. The District Committee shall consider the report of the Principal and determine whether the report fully addresses the alleged violation(s) and satisfies all PIAA interests and concerns.

4. If the District Committee determines that the report of the Principal fully addresses the alleged violation(s) and satisfies all PIAA interests and concerns, it shall close the matter. If the District Committee determines that the report does not fully address the alleged violation(s) and/or does not satisfy all PIAA interests and concerns, it shall conduct a hearing upon the alleged violation(s).

5. If the District Committee finds that there was a violation(s) of this ARTICLE, the offending school will be subject to any of the penalties described in ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Sections 2 through 7, of the PIAA By-Laws.

PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel, on a second reading basis, to amend INCIDENTS ARISING DURING INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS AND OTHER MATTERS DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Section VII, Conduct of Hearings, Subsection G, Other Procedural Matters, of the PIAA Policies and Procedures, to address the swearing in of witnesses, to read as follows:
INCIDENTS ARISING DURING INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS
AND OTHER MATTERS DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VII. Conduct of Hearings

G. Other Procedural Matters.

Swearing of witnesses is permitted so long as the party requesting it has made
the necessary arrangements for the attendance and compensation of a person
authorized to do so.

Swearing of witnesses is not permitted absent the consent of the witnesses.

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept
the recommendation of PIAA District I, on a first reading basis, to amend the
POSTGAME POLICY REGARDING SPECTATORS ENTERING THE COMPETITION
SURFACE, to address players rushing into stands to celebrate with their fans after
winning a contest, to read as follows:

POSTGAME POLICY REGARDING SPECTATORS ENTERING THE COMPETITION
SURFACE AND PLAYERS/COACHES ENTERING SPECTATOR SEATING AREA

PIAA member schools are responsible for the treatment of all visitors and officials
attending contests conducted by their school. Access to competition areas should be
limited to participating student-athletes, coaches, officials, and game personnel. For the
safety of participants and spectators alike, at no time before, during or after a contest
should spectators be permitted to enter the competition area prior to the teams and
contest officials leaving the competition area. For the safety of participants and
spectators alike, at no time before, during or after a contest should players and/or
coaches be permitted to enter the spectator seating area.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director gave a report on

1) the 2018 Annual District Meeting Schedule; and

2) the 99th National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Annual
Summer Meeting which is scheduled to be held in Chicago, Illinois from June 28
thru July 2, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sinning, it was unanimously voted to
accept the Executive Director’s report, to approve the PIAA (Headquarters only)
unaudited financial statements for the months ended December 31, 2017, January 31,
and February 28, 2018.
On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to reject a proposal from the Executive Director to adopt e-sports competitions (NFHS Network - PlayVS eSports Symposium) as a PIAA sponsored championships event.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Doverspike, it was unanimously voted to approve the recommendation from the Executive Director on Religious Headwear Guidelines on a first reading basis and to refer this item to the Winter Sports Committees for further discussion.

**RELIGIOUS HEADWEAR GUIDELINES**

Headwear, except those specified, are prohibited.

**EXCEPTION:** Religious headwear is permitted provided it is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to any player and must be attached in such a way it is highly unlikely to come off during play. Religious headwear does not need to comply with any of the color restrictions defined in NFHS uniform codes.

**PIAA SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. On a motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, to publish on the Sports Medicine page of the PIAA website a position statement regarding the health and safety of student athletes. The position statement is as follows:

   *The PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee is committed to supporting schools in developing guidelines to provide safe and healthy conditions for student-athletes to compete. The SMAC has developed these items to assist in promoting optimum health and safety conditions for all student-athletes. Health care is not one size fits all medicine and individual assessments of each student-athlete must be completed to ensure each student is cleared to participate after sound medical evaluations.*

2. On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to allow students to wear prescription eyewear as eye protection if prescribed by a physician to compete in field hockey.

3. On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to add to the Sports Medicine Guidelines additional cooling methods and protocols that may be utilized where and when appropriate and included in the Football Heat Acclimatization Guidelines. Items discussed were the use of the wet bulb globe temperature (WBGT) to calculate the heat-stress index and medically accepted individual heat assessments where and when applicable and available to medical staffs. The use of cooling methods that may include, but not limited to, spray bottles, ice tubs, ice towels, ice “tacos”, shaded areas and small portable pools with ice.
On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Steering Committee meeting of Sunday, February 7, 2018, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 2.

PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Straub, 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, 2019, as set forth in Attachment 3.

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, 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, 2019, as set forth in Attachment 3.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mrs. Wreski, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2017:

District IV - Juniata Mennonite High School
Sunbury Christian Academy

District VII - Community Day School

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

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request to terminate cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

District III: Dayspring Christian and Veritas Academies (girls’ volleyball)
Exeter Township and Antietam High School (boys’ tennis)

District IV: Sayre Area and Northeast Bradford High Schools (wrestling)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2017-2018 ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2017-2018 enrollment classification cycle that will not affect classification size:

**Districts II & IV:**
Berwick Area High School and Columbia County Christian School (baseball)

**Districts IV & IX:**
Cowanesque Valley Junior and Northern Potter Junior High Schools (baseball)

**District III:**
Dayspring Christian Academy and Columbia High School (girls' lacrosse)

**District VI:**
Central Mountain and Bucktail Area High Schools (boys' track & field)

**District XII:**
Kensington Multiplex and Penn Treaty School (baseball)
Overbrook High School and Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber (boys' volleyball)
Parkway Center City Middle College and Franklin Learning Center (baseball)
Belmont Charter School and KIPP DuBois Collegiate Academy (boys' and girls' track & field)
South Philadelphia High School and Preparatory Charter School (boys’ and girls’ track & field and boys’ lacrosse)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was voted to approve the following request to terminate cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, conditioned that the schools remain in current classification for the next two years.

**District IV:**
Shikellamy High School and Northumberland Christian School (softball)

Motion passed: 25-yes, 1-no.
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Sette, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request to terminate cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

**District IV:**
South Allegheny and Serra Catholic High Schools (boys’ and girls’ swimming & diving)

**District XII:**
Overbrook and West Philadelphia High Schools (wrestling)

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2018:

**District III -** York Academy Regional Charter School

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2018-2019 ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 enrollment classification cycle that will not affect classification size:

**Districts II & IV:**
Berwick Area and Columbia County Christian High Schools (baseball)

**District III:**
York County School of Technology and York Country Day School to include York Catholic High School (field hockey)

**District VII:**
Freedom Area, Quigley Catholic, and New Brighton Area High School (wrestling)

**District VII:**
Freedom Area and Quigley Catholic High Schools (football)

**District XII:**
Murrell Dobbins CET High School and Eastern Academy Charter School to include A. Philip Randolph Career Academy (girls’ and boys’ cross county, girls’ soccer, girls’ and boys’ indoor track & field and boys’ volleyball)
Kensington Multiplex and Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School to include Penn Treaty School (football, boys’ volleyball, girls’ and boys’ soccer)

Overbrook and West Philadelphia High Schools to include Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber (wrestling)

West Philadelphia High School and Boys’ Latin of Philadelphia Charter School (wrestling)

Franklin Learning Center and Parkway Center City Middle College (girls’ cross country)

Kensington Multiplex and Penn Treaty Schools (competitive spirit)

Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush and Swenson Arts and Technology School (girls’ and boys’ bowling)

Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts and Academy at Palumbo High School (boys’ basketball and boys’ soccer)

Overbrook High School and Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber (girls’ volleyball and girls’ basketball)

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Walter, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 10:10 a.m., Monday, March 26, 2018.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018, BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director