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PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING MINUTES

Board Room
PIAA Office
Mechanicsburg, PA

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

At 4:10 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 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
Harold A. “Hal” Griffiths, Shiremanstown ........................................... 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
Pamela R. Cherubin, 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
Richard J. Dry, Minersville
  Representing Junior High/Middle Schools
Brian W. Campbell, Harrisburg
  Representing PA Dept. of Education
Ashley White, Mechanicsburg
  Representing PSBA
Michael J. Craig, Mechanicsburg
  Representing PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing PCA
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre
  Representing Female Officials
William H. Sinning, Pittsburgh
  Representing Male Officials
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Danielle Turner, Warrington
Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
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
Andrew L. Levy, Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
Andrew Goodman ................................................................. Milliron & Goodman LLC

GUESTS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Executive Director .................................................. District 1
Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Director .............................................. District 1
Robert J. Tonkin, Treasurer ............................................................ District 9
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ............................................. Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Executive Director ................................................... PSFCA
Keenan Huss .................................................................................... PIAA Intern
Luke Modrovsky ............................................................................... PIAA Intern

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Monday, March 26, 2018, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as corrected and presented by the Executive Director.
MaST COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL REQUEST
TO TRANSFER FROM PIAA DISTRICT XII TO PIAA DISTRICT I

On a motion by Mrs. Wreski, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, it was voted to allow MaST Community Charter School of PIAA District XII to transfer to PIAA District I.

Motion passed: 24-yes, 1-no and 3 abstentions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:05 p.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 5:30 p.m., President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Andrew Goodman of Milliron & Goodman LLC reported on legislative matters. Mr. Goodman further stated that the PIAA Executive Director, the Associate Executive Director and Mr. Goodman have met with various members of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee regarding proposals to separate private schools and public schools in post-season athletic competition.

APPROVAL OF 2018-2019 PIAA MEETINGS SCHEDULE

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to approve the meetings schedule as presented for the 2018-2019 school year, as set forth in Attachment 1.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director reported on:

1. the results of balloting for the one proposed amendment to the PIAA Constitution, which passed and becomes effective Sunday, July 1, 2018;
2. the Administrative Staff’s attendance at the District Annual Meetings, with all schools receiving consistent talking points statewide;
3. the 2019 NFHS Summit and Legal Meeting that will be held on April 17-19, 2019 and requested that districts consider NOT scheduling their district annual meetings during this time;
4. the 99th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting that will be held in Chicago, Illinois, from Thursday, June 28 to Monday, July 2, 2018; and
5. the previously emailed unaudited financial statements for the months ended of March 31 and April 30, 2018.
On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to approve that the Request for Proposals (RFPs) to host the 2019, 2020, 2021, and/or 2022 PIAA Spring Championships be e-mailed or mailed as prepared and presented.

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Heinauer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Executive Director’s recommendation to approve the PIAA (Headquarters only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended March 31 and April 30, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Sette, it was unanimously voted to suspend protocol and accept the recommendation from the Executive Director to approve a Religious Headwear Guidelines policy, to read as follows:

**RELIGIOUS HEADWEAR GUIDELINES**

Religious headwear is permitted provided it is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to the participant and any other 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 applicable sport uniform codes.

Religious headwear in swimming and diving and wrestling must comply with the safety standards of the sport and be approved by the head coach and contest referee.

Hijabs, turbans and yarmulkes are acceptable types of religious headwear.

**ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS**

Assistant Executive Director Grassel gave a status report on the:

1. Coaches’ Education Clearances where, to date, 14,280 have been approved;
2. recently completed 2018 PIAA Boys’ Team Tennis Championships;
3. soon to be completed 2018 PIAA Boys’ Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships; and
4. soon to be completed 2018 PIAA Boys’ Volleyball Championships.

**ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS**

Assistant Executive Director Gebhart gave a status report on the 24th Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention that will be held on Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4, 2018. The event will include Train the Trainers for District and Chapter Interpreters in all sports; and the 30 Years of Service Banquet.
PIAA OFFICIALS’ COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Sinning, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was unanimously voted to accept the Officials’ Council recommendation to approve multiple changes to the Officials’ Manual.

On a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Officials’ Council recommendation to adopt the Absence or Withdrawal of Officials at Contest Policy (modified) and the recently developed Religious Headwear Policy.

Mr. Sinning moved, and Mrs. Williams seconded, a motion to accept the modified Officials’ Council recommendation to adopt each sport’s respective NFHS Rules Book provision for approved officials’ uniforms.

Motion failed: 8-yea, 20-no.

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, April 4, 2018 meeting of the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee, as prepared and presented by the Assistant Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 2.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

Associate Executive Director Mertz gave a status report on the:

1. delinquent schools assessed penalties for non-submission of eligibility lists;
2. National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Leadership Summit that will be held July 23-25, 2018 at which six students and two chaperones have been chosen to represent Pennsylvania, their names and schools are listed on PIAA’s Web site;
3. soon to be completed 2018 Boys’ and Girls’ Lacrosse Championships; and
4. soon to be completed 2018 Softball Championships.

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Heinauer, it was unanimously voted to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to cablecast, telecast and/or video stream PIAA Championships (Finals) for a four year period, beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022, to be e-mailed or mailed as prepared and presented.

PIAA SWIMMING AND DIVING STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mrs. Williams, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee recommendation to advance 32 relay teams to the PIAA Championships and reduce the guaranteed number of tickets per qualifier from three to two.
On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, April 4, 2018 meeting of the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 3.

PIAA COMPETITIVE SPIRIT STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, April 4, 2018 meeting of the PIAA Competitive Spirit Steering Committee, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 4.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORTS

The Chief Operating Officer gave a status report on the:

1. Eligibility Web Portal;
2. soon to be completed 2018 PIAA Track & Field Championships; and
3. soon to be completed 2018 PIAA Baseball Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Heinauer, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the PIAA Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the maximum number of entries/qualifiers and brackets for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 classification cycle, as set forth in Attachment 5, which was distributed at the May 23rd Board of Directors’ meeting.

PIAA WRESTLING STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Craig, it was unanimously voted to accept the Wrestling Steering Committee recommendation to assign 50% of the total prestige points for state finishers from other State Championships or the National Prep Tournament that have transferred to a PIAA school.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the Wrestling Steering Committee recommendation to amend the maximum number of AA qualifiers as follows:

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On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to accept the Wrestling Steering Committee recommendation to utilize and study data provided by NWCA and Trackwrestling to evaluate the possibility of reducing the number of weight classes.

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, April 4, 2018 meeting of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 6.

PIAA BASKETBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Straub, it was unanimously voted to accept the Basketball Steering Committee recommendation to provide that the HOME team will supply the game ball for the entire contest during Inter-District playoff contests.

On a motion by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Wreski, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Basketball Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 4, 2018, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 7.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a third and final reading, on a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, on the 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, effective July 1, 2018, 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 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 third and final reading, on a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, on the recommendation of PIAA Executive Staff, it was unanimously voted 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, effective July 1, 2018, to read as follows:

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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.

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PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On a third and final reading, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel, 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, effective July 1, 2018, to read as follows:

INCIDENTS ARISING DURING INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS AND OTHER MATTERS DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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VII. Conduct of Hearings
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G. Other Procedural Matters.
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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.
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On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of PIAA District I, and to suspend protocol and amend the POSTGAME POLICY REGARDING SPECTATORS ENTERING THE COMPETITION SURFACE, effective immediately, 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.
On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel, on a first reading basis, to amend the POLICY REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION RELATING TO STUDENT-ATHLETES, MEMBER SCHOOLS, SPORTS OFFICIALS, AND OTHER ADULTS, regarding Right-to-Know Requests, to provide further clarification, to read as follows:

POLICY REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION RELATING TO STUDENT-ATHLETES, MEMBER SCHOOLS, SPORTS OFFICIALS, AND OTHER ADULTS

I. Student-Athlete Information:

5. PIAA Responses to Right To Know Law Requests:
The Pennsylvania Right To Know Law (65 P.S. §§ 67.101, et seq.) (RTKL), identifies PIAA as an entity subject to the law. PIAA periodically receives requests for eligibility determinations and student information. The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records has determined that transcripts of closed eligibility hearings are not subject to disclosure where the relevant hearings “involved the personal and private information concerning the applicable students and their families.” Fife v. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Ass’n, No. AP 2018-0264 (Mar. 30, 2018). Although the decision itself was limited to the requested documents (the hearing transcripts), PIAA interprets the decision to include any request seeking personal and private information of students including, as noted by the Office of Open Records “evidence as to family finances, health issues, domestic relations, emotional and social development of students and disciplinary issues.” PIAA will oppose any request seeking such information.

II. Information Concerning Member Schools and Adults:

D. PIAA Responses to Right To Know Law Requests:
The Pennsylvania Right To Know Law (65 P.S. §§ 67.101, et seq.) (RTKL), identifies PIAA as an entity subject to the law. PIAA periodically receives requests for information relating to disciplinary action taken relating to coaches, officials and other adults, as well as other information relating to adults. In considering such requests, PIAA is required to balance the privacy rights and interests of persons whose information is sought against the public benefit which would result from disclosure. PIAA will engage in such analysis in considering any request received by it.
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PIAA COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Heinauer, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Competition Committee, on a first reading basis, to adopt the following changes to the terms OPEN GYM in the GLOSSARY and further define the activities that are included in the hosting of Open Gyms, as follows:

GLOSSARY

OPEN GYM: An event/activity whereby a PIAA-member school makes available the use of its gymnasium and/or other athletic facilities to all students enrolled in their school.

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Section 2. Rules and Regulations.

E. Open Gyms - This activity as defined in the glossary is to encourage participation in a sport. Open Gyms are limited to two hours per day and three days per calendar week outside the defined sport season during the school year.

Weight training and conditioning activities are not considered Open Gyms and may be held daily as long as they are voluntary and not compulsory.

Out of season competitions are prohibited 10 days prior to the start of each sports season by any student enrolled at a PIAA member school.

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Recommendation to delete Open Gym – from ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, Section 2., Practices, Inter-Schools Practices, Scrimmages, and Contests Limited to Six Days Per Calendar Week During Preseason and Regular Season.

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On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Competition Committee meeting of Tuesday, March 27, 2108, as prepared and presented in Attachment 8.

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Competition Committee, on a first reading basis, that a student who has competed in a sport in his/her 9th grade, or thereafter, and subsequently transfers to another school, and is declared eligible at the new school, is ineligible for participation in the postseason (district championship tournament and thereafter) in that sport for a period of one year from the date of transfer.

Motion passed: 27-yes, 1-no.
On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Competition Committee, on a first reading basis, to draft a hardship provision to be added to the proposed postseason ineligibility aspect of ARTICLE VI. The District Committee will be given authority to waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student and/or the student’s school that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances and that imposing the restriction would create a particular hardship to the student. For purposes of this provision, transfers to address academic needs and desires, or for developmental, spiritual, and/or social reasons, are not considered exceptional and compelling circumstances. A change in residence necessitated by a change in employment by a parent may qualify.

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Competition Committee, on a first reading basis, to adjust the fine to $100 per sport for schools not submitting eligibility lists in a timely fashion. Additionally, the school will not be eligible for postseason until the fine is paid.

Motion passed: 22-yes, 5-no.

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Competition Committee, on a first reading basis, to modify the classification criteria in the sports of football and basketball, beginning in the next classification cycle, to classify schools by the use of a competition formula.

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Competition Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 23, 2108, as prepared and presented in Attachment 9.

PIAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Dr. Crumrine, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the report of the PIAA Nominating Committee chaired by Mr. Bauer, and elect James T. Zack as PIAA President; Francis M. Majikes as PIAA Vice President; and James B. Manners, as PIAA Treasurer, for the term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt the PIAA Operating Activities Budget, as amended, for the year ending June 30, 2019, as set forth in Attachment 10.

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Straub, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt the PIAA Cash Flows Budget, as amended, for the year ending June 30, 2019, as set forth in Attachment 10.
On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Budget Committee, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 10.

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. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, 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 VII:**
- South Allegheny and Serra Catholic High Schools to rescind the termination that was approved at the March 2018 PIAA Board of Directors’ meeting for boys’ and girls’ swimming & diving

**District XII:**
- Benjamin Franklin and Constitution High Schools (boys’ and girls’ cross country and football)
- William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs and Constitution High School (boys’ and girls’ soccer)
- Academy at Palumbo and Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts (football)

REQUESTS 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. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Heinauer, 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:

**District II:**
- Susquehanna Community and Blue Ridge Middle Schools, conditioned upon PIAA District II Committee approval (boys’ and girls’ soccer)
- MMI Preparatory Junior High School and Holy Family Academy Middle School, conditioned upon PIAA District II Committee approval (boys’ and girls’ basketball)

**District IV:**
- Our Lady of Lourdes Regional and Mount Carmel Area High School (boys’ soccer)
- Our Lady of Lourdes Regional and Mount Carmel Area Junior High School (boys’ soccer)
- Central Columbia Middle School and Millville Junior High School, conditioned upon PIAA District IV Committee approval (football)
District V:
- Meyersdale Area and Turkeyfoot Valley Area High Schools (football)
- Windber Area and Conemaugh Township Area High Schools (boys’ and girls’ tennis)
- Conemaugh Township Area and Windber Area High Schools (boys’ and girls’ rifle)
- Chestnut Ridge High School and Foundations Christian Academy (baseball, boys’ and girls’ basketball, football, boys’ and girls’ golf, softball, girls’ tennis, boys’ and girls’ track and field, girls’ volleyball and wrestling)
- Chestnut Ridge Middle School and Foundations Christian Academy Junior High School (baseball, boys’ and girls’ basketball, football, boys’ and girls’ golf, boys’ soccer, softball, girls’ tennis, boys’ and girls’ track and field, girls’ volleyball and wrestling)

District V/VI:
- Chestnut Ridge High School, Foundations Christian Academy and Claysburg Kimmel High Schools (boys’ soccer)
- Chestnut Ridge Middle School and Claysburg Kimmel Junior High Schools (boys’ soccer and boys’ and girls’ track and field)

District VI:
- West Shamokin and Marion Center Area High Schools (boys’ golf)
- Cambria Heights and Glendale High Schools (boys’ and girls’ track and field)
- Northern Cambria and Blacklick Valley High Schools (boys’ and girls’ rifle)

District VI/IX:
- Punxsutawney Area and Purchase Line High Schools (boys’ wrestling)

District VII:
- Connellsville Area and Geibel Catholic High Schools (girls’ tennis)
- Apollo Ridge and Leechburg Area High Schools (girls’ soccer)

District IX:
- Otto-Eldred and Oswayo Valley High Schools (boys’ and girls’ golf)

**PSADA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Craig submitted from the PSADA Delegate Assembly the following recommendations:

- Coaches Education - To have coaches’ names listed alphabetically on the PIAA Web-site by individual schools, as well as having all sports listed alphabetically. The Administrative Staff has addressed this request with PIAA’s Internet Technology Consultant and it is completed.
- Competitive Spirit Classifications - The request for two classifications was submitted to the Competitive Spirit Committee for its review and recommendation. The Competitive Spirit Committee discussed this topic and their actions are reflected in the Competitive Spirit Committee’s Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, April 4, 2018.
RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO ARE RETIRING AND/OR TERMS OF SERVICE WILL EXPIRE AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

President Zack recognized those members of the Board of Directors who are retiring and/or terms of service will expire as of June 30, 2018, and presented those in attendance with their PIAA portraits. Those members are:

- Dr. David A. Crumrine, PIAA District VI Chairman;
- Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative;
- Timothy J. Walter, CAA, PSADA Representative;
- Maureen S. Williams, Female Officials’ Representative;
- William H. Sinning, Male Officials’ Representative;
- Aaron J. Straub, Private Schools’ Representative;
- Cathy S. Wreski, Female Parents’ Representative; and
- Kevin M. Doverspike, Male Parents’ Representative.

RECOGNITION OF PIAA STAFF WHO IS RETIRING

President Zack and the Board of Directors’ recognized the retirement of Deborah T. Alford, Executive Director’s Secretary, after 42 years of service.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 7:10 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 2:00 - 5:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 17 AND 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018, AT THE PENN STATER, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director