At 8:05 a.m., Thursday, October 5, 2006, President Walter J. Blucas called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington ................................................................. District 1  
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville ........................................................... District 1  
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ............................................................ District 2  
John W. Ziegler, Newport ................................................................. District 3  
Samuel S. Elias, Hershey .......................................................... District 3  
Joseph T. Kelly, Bloomsburg .............................................................. District 4  
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ............................................................. District 5  
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman ......................................................... District 6  
Richard A. Constantine, Uniontown .................................................. District 7  
John B. Fullen Sr., Beaver Falls ....................................................... District 7  
Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh ......................................................... District 7  
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ........................................................... District 8  
Aaron J. Straub, St. Marys ............................................................. District 9  
Walter J. Blucas, Girard ............................................................. District 10  
John P. Wabby, Pottsville .......................................................... District 11  
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ................................................... District 12  
Stephen C. Pollock, Bensalem ......................................................... Junior High/Middle Schools  
Thomas J. Gentzel, New Cumberland ................................................hellip; PSBA  
Edward W. Godin, Bristol ............................................................. PSBA  
Dr. Donald J. Tylinski, Harmony ........................................................ PSASA  
Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli ........................................................... PASSP  
Dennis J. Ramella, West Mifflin ......................................................... PSADA
MEMBERS PRESENT (CONTINUED)

Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
   Representing .................................................................................. PCA
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre
   Representing .................................................................................. Female Officials
Dennis J. Geitner, Saint Marys
   Representing .................................................................................. Male Officials
Beth L. Schulze, Athens
   Representing .................................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Richard B. Culver, Hollidaysburg
   Representing .................................................................................. Private Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
   Representing .................................................................................. Department of Education
Cynthia K. Wagner, Karns City
   Representing .................................................................................. Female Parents
Michael J. Costanza, Laflin
   Representing .................................................................................. Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Bradley R. Cashman, Executive Director .................................................................. PIAA
Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Associate Executive Director .............................................. PIAA
Melissa N. Mertz, Assistant Executive Director ........................................................... PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Assistant Executive Director ................................................................ PIAA
Gregory G. Biller, Director of Business Affairs ............................................................ PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs .................................................... PIAA

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. .................................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
John P. Milliron, Esq. .................................................................................. PIAA Legislative Counsel
Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ........................................................................ PIAA District I
C. Wendell Hower, Executive Director/Secretary ....................................................... PIAA District III
Charles H. Carr, Executive Secretary ........................................................................ PIAA District IV
John M. Bailey ....................................................................................................... PSFCA Representative
George B. Shue ....................................................................................................... PSFCA Representative

INTRODUCTION OF RECENTLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF AND ALTERNATE
VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Blucas introduced Mr. Samuel S. Elias, PIAA District III Vice Chairman; Mr. Dennis J. Ramella, PSADA Representative; and Mrs. Cynthia K. Wagner, Female Parents’ Representative; as recently elected members of the PIAA Board of Directors; and Ms. Pamela R. Cherubin, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Jon L. Vallina, PIAA District VII Treasurer; Mr. Michael A. Gavlik, Alternate Voting Representative for Howard D. Bullard, PIAA District VIII Chairman; Aaron J. Straub, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. James B. Manners, PIAA District IX Chairman; and Mr. Richard
CORRECTION TO MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to correct the Minutes of the Thursday, July 27, 2006 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, to read as follows:

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; suspend Rules 6, 7, and 8 of the portion of ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 10, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, C, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport - Across School District Boundaries, of the PIAA By-Laws; and approve the request of Upper Dauphin and Line Mountain High Schools to terminate Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in girls’ soccer, conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee and PIAA District IV Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year.

President Blucas called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss personnel matters, which included a review of the Executive Director’s Management Performance, and an announcement of the Executive Committee’s scheduled review of the Administrative Staff Appraisals at the Human Resources Committee meeting of Wednesday, August 23, 2006, pending litigation, and the report and analysis of PIAA’s legislative consultant. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where personnel matters, which included a review of the Executive Director’s Management Performance, pending litigation, and legislative matters were discussed.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted, on a first reading basis, to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III, Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to increase the number of Contests in the sport of baseball from 20 to 24.

Motion failed: 5-yes, 21-no.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted, on a first reading basis, to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Softball Steering Committee to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III, Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to increase the number of Contests in the sport of softball from 20 to 24.

Motion failed: 5-yes, 21-no.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Thursday, July 27, 2006 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as herein corrected and presented by the Executive Director.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year:

- District VII – Quigley Catholic Junior High School

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Straub, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year:

- District X – Cornell Abraxas High School

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Blucas called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss the auditor’s Statement and Auditing Standards (SAS61) letter, the report and analysis of PIAA’s legislative consultant, and the status of pending litigation. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where the auditor’s Statement and Auditing Standards (SAS61) letter, the report and analysis of PIAA’s legislative consultant, and the status of pending litigation were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

President Blucas returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Stone, it was unanimously voted to accept the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2006, as prepared and presented by Greenawalt and Company, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.

On a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Executive Director to correspond with the PIAA District Chairmen relative to ensuring their respective Committee’s compliance with the Policy Regarding Standardization of Reporting Procedures and Centralization of Accounting.

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Pollock, it was unanimously voted to ratify the decision of the PIAA Executive Committee’s selection of Option 1 of the Wireless Capital Partners, LLC (“WCP”), proposal to acquire PIAA’s interest in a communications facility lease on a PIAA-owned location.
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to the Policy Regarding Budgetary Transfers, on a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Director of Business Affairs to amend the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the year ending June 30, 2007.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Stone, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Director of Business Affairs to amend the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year ending June 30, 2007, to provide for the purchase and installation of a SonaVision Local Viewing Service (“LVS”) system and a Digital Video Recording (“DVR”) system, at a cost not to exceed $3,100.00, which will not increase that recently adopted Cash Flows Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2006, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

SECOND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Second Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on the PIAA District Committees which are participating in the “Official Ball” agreements with WILSON in the sports of girls’ tennis and football and BÄDEN in the sport of girls’ volleyball.

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Costanza, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Second Assistant Executive Director to approve another one-year corporate sponsorship agreement with the United State Marine Corps.

PIAA BASEBALL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Culver, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, it was unanimously voted, on a second reading basis, to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee to amend the Code of Ethics Pertaining to High School Athletics, of the PIAA By-Laws, to read as follows:

**CODE OF ETHICS PERTAINING TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

Section 4. The Athletic Director Should:

B. Not schedule or reschedule a Contest for the purpose of circumventing the application, enforcement, and/or intent of any provision of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of PIAA.
FIRST ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The First Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on the publishing and distribution of the 2006-2007 PIAA Calendar; the final notice mailing to 93 PIAA-member schools regarded as delinquent as a result of not paying their dues on or before September 30, 2006; and the redesign of the PIAA Web site and back-end database by andCulture (formerly d/b/a D2 Media).

PIAA TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Pollock, it was voted, on a second reading basis, to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to schedule the PIAA Singles and Doubles Championships weekend to precede the PIAA Team Tennis Championships weekend, effective July 1, 2008.

Motion failed: 11-yes, 16-no.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on the recently completed NFHS Field Hockey Rules Interpreters meeting, which was held on Thursday, August 10, 2006; the Train the Trainers for District and Chapter Interpreters in all sports, which was held on Thursday, August 10, and Friday, August 11, 2006; the Twelfth Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention, which began at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2006, with the Opening General Session and concluded with the Officials’ 25/35 Years of Service Banquet, which began at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2006, all at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrisburg, PA.

The Associate Executive Director also gave a status report on the deadline for receipt of recommendations from the respective PIAA District Chairmen of registered officials that are qualified to officiate the 2006 PIAA Fall Championships, with a reminder that, pursuant to the Policy Regarding Evaluation of PIAA District Championship Contest Officials, it is recommended that all officials assigned to District Championship Contests in the sports of field hockey, football, soccer, and girls’ volleyball, be evaluated; the start of the 2006-2007 PIAA winter sports’ rules interpretation meetings; the soon-to-be held election for PIAA-Registered Officials’ Representatives to the even-numbered PIAA District Committees; and the launching of the recently revised PIAA Wrestling Weight Control program, which requires the use of the National Wrestling Coaches Association (“NWCA”) Optimal Performance Calculator, Scholastic Edition.

On a motion by Mr. Geitner, seconded by Mrs. Williams, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Associate Executive Director to rescind the Thursday, July 28, 2005 action of the PIAA Board of Directors, and which was to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council to rescind the first year dues payment that is included in prospective officials’ application fee, effective immediately.
PIAA WRESTLING STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to add a NOTE to Section 7, CIPPE Minimum Wrestling Weight Classification, of the PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form, effective immediately, to read as follows:

NOTE: Any athlete who disagrees with the Initial Assessment may appeal the assessment results one time by having a second assessment performed. The second assessment must utilize either Air Displacement Plethysmography (Bod Pod) or Hydrostatic Weighing testing to determine body fat percentage. Results obtained at the second assessment shall supersede the Initial Assessment and are automatically accepted; no further appeal by any party is permitted. All costs incurred in the second assessment are the responsibility of those appealing the Initial Assessment. The urine specific gravity testing will be conducted and the athlete will need to have a result of less than or equal to 1.025 in order for the second assessment to proceed.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to rescind, effective immediately, the second sentence of National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rule 1-3-3, as unnecessary, as recertifying at a higher weight during the wrestling season is not possible, utilizing the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Optimal Performance Calculator descent plan.

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, September 13, 2006 meeting of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee, as presented by the Associate Executive Director.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, who was invited to make a presentation at each of the following, gave a status report on the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Summer Workshop, which was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at the WPIAL Office, Pittsburgh, PA; the PIAA District V Fall In-Service, which was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at the Arena Restaurant, Bedford, PA; the PIAA District III Committee Summer Workshop, which was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at Allenberry Resort Inn, Boiling Springs, PA; the PIAA District IV Fall In-Service, which was held on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at the Watson Inn, Watsontown, PA; the PIAA District I Fall In-Service, which was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at the Westover Golf Club, Jeffersonville, PA; the meeting of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee, which was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006; in Room 39 East Wing, Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA; and the PIAA District X Fall In-Service, which is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 13, 2006 at the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club, Conneaut Lake, PA.

The Executive Director also gave a status report on the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Section 2 Meeting, as a result of the Executive Director, Associate Executive Director, First Assistant Executive Director, Second
Assistant Executive Director, and Director of Business Affairs hosting that meeting on Sunday, September 24; Monday, September 25; and Tuesday, September 26, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn’s Landing, Philadelphia, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to accept the George Westinghouse High School Principal’s written report of the development of a compliance program intended to familiarize all George Westinghouse High School personnel involved in athletic administration with the contents and interpretations of the PIAA Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations.

On a motion by Mr. Geitner, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Executive Director to approve three non-scholastic boys’ basketball events during the April 2007 contact period, consistent with National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Bylaw 13.1.8.8 Evaluation Days -- Basketball, (a) Men’s Basketball, (3) April Contact Period, (i) Evaluations at Nonscholastic Events.

Following consideration of written materials submitted, the failure of the official to respond thereto or to appear before the Board of Directors, and the mandatory language set forth in ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, Section 5, Removal of Registered Sports Officials, of the PIAA By-Laws, on a motion by Mr. Geitner, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to remove from the list of registered sports officials, effective immediately, a PIAA-registered baseball, basketball, football, and volleyball official who entered a no-contest pleas to charges that he attempted to solicit sex from a 12-year old girl.

On a motion by Mr. Ramella, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Executive Director to survey PIAA-member schools regarding (1) the extent of boys’ playing on girls’ sports Teams and girls’ playing of boys’ sports Teams, injuries being sustained by athletes playing against members of the opposite sex, the policies being used by member schools in relation to participation in sports against students of the opposite sex; (2) school policies and incidents relating to the illegal use of alcohol, drugs, and other controlled substances; and (3) other matters of interest to the Association.

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Dr. Tylinski, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Executive Committee and Administrative Staff to expedite the establishment of a PIAA-related charitable entity, to be known as the PIAA Foundation, for the initial purpose of implementing the STAR Sportsmanship pilot program in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS**

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Pollock, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 3,
How Absence Affects Eligibility, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify the days of absence that may be waived by a PIAA District Committee, effective immediately, to read as follows.

**ARTICLE III**

**ATTENDANCE**

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**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, shall not be eligible 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 except that where there is an excused absence due to a requirement that 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 or to 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 such excused absence may be waived from the application of this rule by the District Committee.

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On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend **ARTICLE IX, REPRESENTATION, Section 1, Eligibility of College Students for High School Athletics**, of the PIAA By-Laws, to remove the requirement that a student be enrolled at a college for the provision to be applicable, and to provide for sport specific loss of eligibility when a student participates with or against a college Team, effective immediately, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE IX**

**REPRESENTATION**

**Section 1. Eligibility of College Students who Participated in a Collegiate Scrimmage or Contest for High School Athletics.**

No person who has been enrolled as a part-time or full-time student in an institution of college standing and who has participated in an Intercollegiate Scrimmage or Contest with or against a Team sponsored by an institution of college standing shall be eligible to participate in an interscholastic Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest in that sport for interscholastic athletics.

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PIAA Policy Review Committee Report and Recommendations

The Chairman of the PIAA Policy Review Committee advised the Board of Directors that Committee, at its meeting of Wednesday, October 4, 2006, which was held in the East Wing Conference Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA, voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that it (1) amend, on a suspended protocol basis, Procedural Standards for Appeal Hearings; and (2) adopt, on a suspended protocol basis, a policy addressing Requests for Accommodations Due to Disabilities.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend Procedural Standards for Appeal Hearings, effective immediately, to read as follows:

**PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR APPEAL HEARINGS**

VII. Notification of Appeal Hearing

A. In all cases where a hearing is to be held, the Executive Director, or another member of the Administrative Staff designated by the Executive Director, shall send a letter to (1) the Principal of the school(s) involved; (2) if a student's eligibility is at issue (and the names and addresses of the student’s parents or guardians are provided to the Executive Director), to the parents or guardians of that student; and (3) any adult who may be subject to sanction as a result of findings by the Board of Directors or the Board of Appeal, advising them of the following:

5. That the Board of Directors or Board of Appeal will have copies of the written materials submitted to and by the District Committee, as well as any correspondence subsequent thereto, making it unnecessary for the school to provide them. Should the school or student not have copies of any of these materials, a request may be made to the Executive Director to provide a set to the school and/or student.

VIII. Conduct of Appeal Hearing

J. Other procedural matters:

2. Where a request is made that the hearing be transcribed by a court reporter, it is PIAA policy that it shall be permitted so long as (1) it is at the expense of the requesting party, and (2) PIAA receives a copy of
the transcript at the expense of the requesting party contemporaneously with the delivery of the original to the requestor. The Board, on its own, may elect to transcribe the hearing. If it chooses to do so, it will bear the expense for attendance of the court reporter. Costs for a transcript must be borne by the parties requesting preparation of the transcript.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and adopt Requests for Accommodations Due to Disabilities, effective immediately, to read as follows:

**REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO DISABILITIES**

One of the purposes of PIAA, as stated in ARTICLE II of the PIAA Constitution, is to "promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic competition." To that end, PIAA generally requires adherence to the rules adopted for each individual sport. PIAA is also cognizant, however, of the need to accommodate individuals with disabilities to the extent that reasonable accommodation will not fundamentally alter essential elements of a sport or provide the student-athlete with an unfair advantage. Therefore, evaluation of requests by students or coaches for exemption from, or modification of, applicable sport rules and regulations due to a physical, mental, or emotional disability will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Guidelines for handling such requests are set forth below.

**A. Authority To Grant Accommodation Requests:**

1. Relating to participation in Regular Season Contests and District Championships Contests and/or Tournaments:

For those sports in which a procedure to request an accommodation for a disability is not set forth in the applicable NFHS sport-specific rules, requests for accommodations due to disabilities shall be submitted to the District Committee having jurisdiction over the Contests and/or Tournaments for which an accommodation is sought. The District Committee may delegate consideration of the matter to its executive director or District Chairman.

The applicable District Committee, executive director, or district chairman shall have the authority to determine (1) whether the student is disabled within the meaning of the Americans With Disabilities Act (see Sub-Section G below), (2) whether an accommodation is necessary for participation, and (3) what accommodation, if any, should be granted, taking into account the essential elements of the sport and fairness to other participants. If an accommodation would fundamentally alter an essential element of a sport or would provide an
unfair advantage to the student, the accommodation is not a reasonable one and should not be granted. Appeals from denial of a request may be submitted to the PIAA Board of Directors.

2. Relating to participation in PIAA Inter-District Championships Contests and/or Tournaments:

Requests for accommodations due to disabilities shall be submitted to the PIAA Executive Director, who shall have the authority to consider and rule on (1) whether the student is disabled within the meaning of the Americans With Disabilities Act (see Sub-Section G below), (2) whether an accommodation is necessary for participation, and (3) what accommodation, if any, should be granted, taking into account the essential elements of the sport and fairness to other participants. If an accommodation would fundamentally alter an essential element of a sport or would provide an unfair advantage to the student, the accommodation is not a reasonable one and should not be granted. Appeals from decisions of the Executive Director may be submitted to the PIAA Board of Directors.

B. Requests To Waive "Age Rule":

ARTICLE I, AGE, Section 1, Maximum Age Rule, of the PIAA By-Laws, sets forth a maximum age at which a student is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. Said limitation may be waived for students with disabilities. The standard for such waiver is set forth in ARTICLE I, AGE, Section 3, Waiver of Maximum Age Rule.

C. Requests For Use Of Pull Or Motorized Golf Carts:

Golfers with disabilities who, because of their disability, are unable to walk and/or carry their own bags where such walking and carrying is required, may seek an accommodation allowing them to use a pull or motorized cart. Persons seeking such accommodation shall submit to PIAA a completed "PIAA Request to Use a Pull or Motorized Cart." Requests will be granted upon determination that the athlete has a disability which substantially interferes with participation but for use of the requested cart, and the use of the cart will not provide the student with an unfair advantage. Accommodations may be granted for specific Contests and/or for a specific period of time.

D. Requests For Use Of Other Special Equipment:

Requests for use of special equipment otherwise prohibited by the rules of a particular sport will be considered and granted where, (1) due to a disability, the equipment is necessary for participation, (2) the said equipment does not pose a cognizable increased risk of harm to teammates and/or opponents, and (3) the equipment does not provide the student, coach, and/or school with an unfair advantage. Accommodations may be granted for specific Contests, specific sports, and/or for a specific period of time.
E. Information To Be Provided With Request For Accommodation:

Requests for accommodations should include the name, contact information, specific accommodation requested, reason for the requested accommodation, and medical documentation supporting the request.

F. Consultation With Experts:

The applicable decision-maker may consult with appropriate medical personnel to assess the severity of the disability and the relationship between the disability and the requested accommodation. They may also consult with sport-specific experts to assess the affect of the accommodation on the nature of the sport and on whether the accommodation would provide an unfair advantage to the participant.

G. Determining Whether A Student Is Disabled:

Under the Americans With Disabilities Act, a person with a disability is one who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; who has a record of substantially limiting impairment; and/or who is perceived to have such an impairment. Major life activities would include such things as seeing, hearing, speaking, walking, breathing, performing manual tasks, learning, caring for oneself, and working. An individual with epilepsy, paralysis, HIV infection, AIDS, a substantial hearing or visual impairment, mental retardation, or a specific learning disability would be covered, but an individual with a minor, non-chronic condition of short duration, such as a sprain, broken limb, or the flu, generally would not be covered.

H. Illustrations:

1. A request to accommodate a tennis player confined to a wheelchair by allowing the student two bounces to get to a ball should be denied as such accommodation would fundamentally alter an essential rule of the game of tennis.

2. A request to allow a wheelchair track athlete to compete against able bodied runners in a distance event over 400 meters should be denied since wheelchair athletes have a significant and unfair advantage in distance events over 400 meters.

3. A base coach who requires the use of crutches, canes, or braces may be granted an accommodation provided that the coach can demonstrate that, with the devices, that coach is sufficiently mobile would be able to avoid contact with players during the course of a Contest.

4. A deaf swimmer may be granted an accommodation, such as the use of hand signals by a teammate, to assist the swimmer in the start of a race.

On a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of Wednesday, October 4, 2006.
THIRD READING OF PIAA DISTRICT III COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION TO ASSUME JURISDICTION OVER BOYS’ LACROSSE

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA District III Committee to assume jurisdiction over the sport of boys’ lacrosse, effective July 1, 2008.

Motion passed:  25-yes, 1-no.  PIAA District X Chairman voted in the negative.

WILLIAM TENNENT HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST
FOR FORFEITURE OF FOOTBALL CONTEST

Following a presentation by the PIAA District I Chairman, on behalf of William Tennent High School, regarding its request for forfeiture of a football Contest between Dobbins-Randolph Area Vocational Technical School, which is under the jurisdiction of the PIAA District XII Committee, and William Tennent High School, which is under the jurisdiction of the PIAA District I Committee, and the response of the PIAA District XII Chairman; on a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was voted to award a forfeit win to William Tennent High School and a forfeit loss to Dobbins-Randolph Area Vocational Technical School.

Motion failed:  8-yes, 19-no.

BAYARD RUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST TO CORRECT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2005 ENROLLMENT FIGURES

Following a presentation by the PIAA District I Chairman, on behalf of Bayard Rustin High School, regarding its request to correct enrollment figures submitted to PIAA on Bayard Rustin High School’s application for membership, dated Friday, September 16, 2005, on a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to grant that request for the 2006-2007 school year only.

STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION DUE TO DISABILITY

Following consideration of a request from Strath Haven High School, on behalf of Robert Calderoni, for “an assessment on one of our students [Robert Calderoni] to enable him to compete in boys’ soccer” for Strath Haven High School while using padded crutches for mobility, on a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously determined that the accommodation requested by Strath Haven High School was necessary to permit participation, would not fundamentally alter an essential element of the sport of soccer, and would not provide an unfair advantage to the student. As such, the accommodation was considered reasonable and was granted.
GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, SECTION 3, FORFEITURE OF CONTESTS, PIAA BY-LAWS

Following a hearing to consider Greensburg Central Catholic High School’s request for relief from the otherwise automatic requirement of forfeiture of a Contest in which a school uses an ineligible contestant, on a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to suspend application of the relevant By-Law as contrary to its purpose under the narrow facts presented. Consequently, Greensburg Central Catholic High School will not incur a forfeiture for the football Contest in which an ineligible contestant participated. The relief was granted as the Board of Directors determined that there was no reasonable means by which Greensburg Central Catholic High School could have known of the student’s ineligibility and because Greensburg Central Catholic High School acted expeditiously to impose a one Contest suspension immediately upon learning of the disqualification.

WEST MIFFLIN AREA HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST TO AMEND ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, SECTION 3, HOW ABSENCE AFFECTS ELIGIBILITY, PIAA BY-LAWS, AND APPEAL FROM PIAA DISTRICT VII/WPIAL COMMITTEE DECISION

Following the request of West Mifflin Area High School to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 3, How Absence Affects Eligibility, of the PIAA By-Laws, and, in conjunction with that request, an appeal of the decision of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee denying eligibility of Ephron D. Prince, III, pending the completion of forty-five (45) days of attendance since his twentieth day of absence, on a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was voted 2-yes, 27-no to deny the request of West Mifflin Area High School to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 3, How Absence Affects Eligibility, of the PIAA By-Laws, to authorize a District Committee to waive absences when a student is absent five (5) or more school days due to a severe and unusual personal hardship.

As to the appeal hearing, on a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to sustain the decision of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee denying eligibility of Ephron D. Prince, III pending the completion of forty-five (45) days of attendance since his twentieth day of absence.

Finally, based upon the PIAA Board of Directors’ review of Ephron’s entire 2005-2006 school attendance record, as presented by West Mifflin Area High School, on a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to remand this matter to the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee for further review of whether Ephron was eligible to participate in interscholastic basketball during the 2005-2006 school year and, if not, whether West Mifflin Area violated ARTICLE XIII, Section 3A, of the PIAA By-Laws, which states that “A school shall be required to forfeit a Contest in which an ineligible coach coached and/or an ineligible contestant participated on behalf of the school.”
GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL APPEAL FROM
PIAA DISTRICT XII DISTRICT COMMITTEE DECISION

Following the appeal hearing requested by George Washington High School concerning the eligibility of Jeffrey Jones, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted, with one abstention (PIAA District XII Chairman), to reverse the decision of the PIAA District XII Committee that Jeffrey Jones is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at George Washington High School and to grant a waiver of ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 1A, of the PIAA By-Laws on the basis that Mr. Jones had suffered a severe and unusual personal hardship.

ADJOURNMENT

President Blucas adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 3:50 p.m., Thursday, October 5, 2006.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 AND 8:00 A.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2006, CRYSTAL A, HERSEY LODGE AND CONVENTION CENTER, HERSEY, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director