At 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2015, James T. Zack, President, called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square .................................................. District 1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville .......................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ....................................................... District 2
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy .............................................................. District 3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown ....................................................... District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ............................................................... District 4
Paul Leonard, Cairnbrook ........................................................................ District 5
Dean M. Rossi, Huntingdon ....................................................................... District 5
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls ............................................................. District 6
Scott M. Seltzer, Pittsburgh ....................................................................... District 7
Scott D. Heinauer, Mars ........................................................................... District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ................................................................... District 7
James B. Manners, Brockway ................................................................. District 8
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Sharon ....................................................................... District 9
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., Whitehall ............................................................ District 10
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ............................................................. District 11
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia .......................................................... District 12
Brown E. Cutchall, Waterfall .................................................................... District 12

Representing .............................................................................................. Member Junior High/Middle Schools

Steve Fisher, Harrisburg ............................................................................ Department of Education

Representing .............................................................................................. PSBA

Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, Millersville .......................................................... PSA

Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, York ........................................................................ PASA

Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg .......................................................... PASSP

Timothy P. Honeywell, Stroudsburg .......................................................... PSADA

Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside .................................................................... PCA

Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh .................................................................. Female Officials

Representing .............................................................................................. Male Officials

Herbert R. Welsh, New Ringgold ....................................................................
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Audrey K. Hall, McConnellsburg
Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Aaron J. Straub, St. Marys
Representing ................................................................. Member Private Schools
Sandra J. Hanes, Ridgway
Representing ................................................................. Female Parents
Dale E. Myers, Glenville
Representing ................................................................. Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Executive Director ........................................ PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Chief Operating Officer .............................................. PIAA
Melissa N. Mertz, Associate Executive Director ................................. PIAA
Patrick B. Gebhart, Assistant Executive Director ............................... PIAA
Gregory G. Biller, Director of Business Affairs .................................. PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs ........................... PIAA

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ....................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
John P. Milliron, Esq. ........................................................... PIAA Legislative Counsel
Andrew M. Goodman ............................................................. PIAA Legislative Advisor

GUESTS PRESENT

Robert J. Tonkin, Treasurer .................................................................. District IX
Dan Dragicevic, Athletic Director ...................................................... Farrell Area School District
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education .............................................. Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director .................................. PSFCA
Eric Epler ...................................................................................... PennLive
Chris Harlan ................................................................................... Pittsburgh Tribune Review
Patrick Strohecker ............................................................................ York Dispatch
Steve Miller ...................................................................................... Allentown Morning Call
John Baffone ................................................................................... Game Time
Tom Risenweber ............................................................................. Erie Times News
Dave Barth ....................................................................................... Carlisle Sentinel
Brian Maddrick ................................................................................ CBS 21
Diane Sandberg ............................................................................... CBS 21
Mike Torcha ..................................................................................... ABC 27

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, July 22, 2015, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.
FARRELL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR RELEASE FROM PIAA DISTRICT X

Following a presentation by Farrell High School, on a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was voted to deny the request of Farrell Area School District that the PIAA Board of Directors release Farrell Area High School and Farrell Area Middle School from District X in order to pursue entry to District VII. District X had previously denied this request.

Motion passed: 24-yes, 5-no, 1-abstention.

PIAA DISTRICT IX’s REQUEST FOR AUSTIN AREA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS TO BE REINSTATED AS GIRLS’ TEAMS

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was unanimously voted to reinstate both Austin Area High School and Austin Area Junior High School volleyball teams as girls’ teams. Both schools inadvertently had played boy(s) on their teams without understanding the consequences of doing so. The schools self-reported their oversight to the District IX Committee and forfeited the contests in which the boys participated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:20 p.m., President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legal and personnel matters were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 4:42 p.m., President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

John P. Milliron, Esq., and Andrew M. Goodman of Milliron & Goodman LLC reported on the recently appointed Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Council and the scheduling of a meeting of that Council for October 27, 2015.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEES REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon recommendation following a joint meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Football Steering Committee, the following motions were presented to the Board of Directors:
On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to PIAA By-Laws Section to modify ARTICLE XVI, Table 1 – Schedule of Fall Sports.

Motion passed: 27-yes, 3-no.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning and Football Steering Committees to allow member school football teams, with District Committee approval, to play a contest on the traditional second scrimmage date.

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning and Football Steering Committees to classify football into six equal classifications, beginning the next two year cycle (2016-2017 and 2017-2018).

Motion passed: 26-yes, 4-no.

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to PIAA Policies and Procedures Section to modify Enrollment Classifications.

Motion passed: 22-yes, 8-no.

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee to classify basketball, baseball, and softball in six equal classifications and to add one additional classification to girls’ volleyball [4], boys’ and girls’ soccer [4], field hockey [3], and boys’ and girls’ lacrosse [2], beginning the next two year cycle (2016-2017 and 2017-2018).

Motion passed: 23-yes, 7-no.

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, September 16, 2015 meeting of the PIAA Strategic Planning and Football Steering Committees, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 1.

**USE OF DRONES POLICY**

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director and to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to PIAA Policies and Procedures Section to approve a Use of Drones Policy.
On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following Use of Drones Policy, effective immediately:

**USE OF DRONES POLICY**

For the purposes of this policy, a drone is any unmanned aerial device ("UAV").

Drones are not permitted above the competition surface or spectator areas during interscholastic Contests, Inter-school Practices and Scrimmages. Drones may not be used to scout opposing team Practices. Member schools may utilize drones for their own school team practice sessions based upon their local school policies.

Persons and/or schools violating this Policy shall be subject to sanctions which may be imposed under Sections 5, 6, 7 and/or 9 of ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Upon timely requests submitted to PIAA, the Executive Director is authorized to grant exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis for PIAA broadcast partners in conjunction with any host school/facility local policies.

**RESOLUTION 14-01 OPPOSING WAIVERS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to endorse the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc. (PSAHPERD) Resolution 14-01 Opposing Waivers for Physical Education.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The Executive Director gave an update on PIAA’s relationship with the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania and the desire to expand programs in Pennsylvania schools.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS**

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Myers, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, to amend ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, for further clarification of acceptable and non-acceptable awards, effective immediately, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II**

**AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS**

**Section 1. Amateur Status Required.**

To be eligible to participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest, a student must be an amateur in the sport involved. An amateur student is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the educational, physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived thereof and does not receive monetary or similar or equivalent compensation or remuneration for such participation.
Where the official rules for a sport provided for under ARTICLE XVIII of these By-Laws establish requirements for amateur status, such requirements shall govern to the extent inconsistent with this ARTICLE II.

Section 2. Loss of Amateur Status.
A student loses amateur status in an interscholastic sport whenever:

A. The student or the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s), receives, or agrees to receive, compensation, other Consideration, or an award not permitted under Section 3 hereof, for or related to the student’s athletic ability, participation, performance, services, or training in a sport; or,

B. The student receives, or agrees to receive, Consideration for becoming a member of an athletic organization or school; or,

C. The student plays on, or enters into a contract to play on, a professional team or as an individual professional athlete in that sport; or enters into a contract to represent a corporation, organization or similar entity in competition or by appearing in public on behalf of such entity; or,

D. The student signs a contract whereby the student agrees to compete in any athletic competition for Consideration. It is not a violation for a high school student to attend, and participate in, a professional try-out camp, provided that (1) no compensation or expenses are paid to the student, (2) the try-out lasts no longer than forty-eight hours; and (3) if in the sport of baseball, the student’s participation is otherwise in conformity with the National Federation Major-Minor League Agreement.

E. The student sells or pawns the student’s athletic achievement awards.

Section 3. Permissible Awards.

G. Donations of Athletic Equipment and/or Product and/or Payments to Schools: Nothing in this Section should be deemed to prohibit a person or entity donor of athletic equipment and/or product and/or the sponsor of any Athletic Event or group of Athletic Events from providing to a school any Consideration, provided that such Consideration is not made with the assurance or understanding that all or some of such Consideration is to be then conveyed by the school to any individual student-athletes.

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Dr. Crumrine, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, to amend ARTICLE X, CURRICULUM, for further clarification of curriculum requirements for students with disabilities, effective immediately, to read as follows:
ARTICLE X
CURRICULUM

Preamble
PIAA is an organization consisting entirely of schools. Academics, therefore, shall always be a priority and demonstration of satisfactory academic performance is an essential and mandatory prerequisite to student eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics. As set forth in this ARTICLE, students not meeting core academic requirements are not eligible until they can correct those deficiencies.

Because PIAA is an educationally-based organization, achievement by all students, including those with disabilities, of the minimum academic standards set forth in this ARTICLE, is a fundamental prerequisite to athletic eligibility and these standards may not be waived except under the most limited of circumstances. Students with disabilities should work with their schools to obtain appropriate accommodations which allow them opportunities to meet the standards. If, despite accommodations provided by the school, a student is still unable to meet the requirements, a District Committee may, after an individualized assessment, grant limited relief by substituting alternative standards appropriate for a unique situation. Such relief may be granted only if the student demonstrates that:

(1) the student suffers from a physical, mental, or emotional disability which has been recognized by, and certified to by, a treating physician or psychiatrist;
(2) the certified to disability has had a direct and significant negative impact on the student's academic performance,
(3) the student has a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a Chapter 15 Service Agreement relating to the certified to disability, at the student's school;
(4) the student was meeting the requirements of the student's IEP;
(5) the student made demonstrable and diligent efforts to take advantage of available opportunities to meet the minimum academic requirements of this ARTICLE;
(6) the student was still unable to meet the minimum academic requirements of this ARTICLE; and
(7) the form of accommodation requested by the student is reasonable in that it would preserve the purposes, intent and expectations of the standards.

A student attending a Private School must meet each of the criteria in this Section, excepting that the Committee may consider, in lieu of an IEP, a defined plan adopted by the school which identifies and addresses the student's disability needs, and which is, in most respects, comparable to an IEP.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Dr. Barber, 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; and accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel to amend SPORTSMANSHIP AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, Section 1, Schools and Their Athletic Personnel, subsection B, to clarify the language, effective immediately, to read as follows:
ATHLETIC COURTESY

Section 1. Schools and Their Athletic Personnel.

B. A school cancels, schedules or reschedules a Contest to gain a competitive advantage.

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mrs. Hall, it was unanimously 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 accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel to amend ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, Section 7, Removal of Registered Sports Officials, subsection A, Mandatory Removal, to clarify the language, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV
OFFICIALS

Section 7. Removal of Registered Sports Officials.

A. Mandatory Removal.

Additionally, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials an individual convicted of an offense identified in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States, another state and/or a United States territory, unless the PIAA Director of Legal Affairs certifies that he or she believes that the refusal to accept the application removal would likely be inconsistent with the applicant's constitutional rights.

PIAA DISTRICT XI RECOMMENDATION FOR THE USE A COURT REPORTER BY PIAA DISTRICTS ON TRANSFER HEARINGS

The PIAA Board of Directors referred to the next meeting of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee, for further consideration and review, the proposal of the District XI Committee to mandate the use of a court reporter by PIAA Districts in hearings of transfer eligibility cases.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS' REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Director of Business Affairs’ gave a status report on:

1) The number of schools regarded to be delinquent as a result of dues not being paid on or before September 30, 2015; and

2) Boyer & Ritter, LLC’s draft of the audited PIAA Headquarters financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2015.
On a motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to approve the unaudited financial statements for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2015.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on:

1) The deadline for receipt of recommendations to officiate the 2015 PIAA Fall Championships in the sports of cross country, girls’ volleyball, field hockey, soccer, and football;

2) The start of the 2015-2016 PIAA Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings;

3) The 21st Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention; and the 30 Years of Service Banquet; and noted that the 2016 PIAA Officials’ Convention will be held on August 5 and 6, 2016;

4) Legislative mandated background clearances for all registered sports officials, effective January 1, 2016;

5) Administrative Assistant screening process; and

6) Appointment of Andrew W. Keteles, as the PIAA Statewide Baseball Rules Interpreter; and that the appointment of the PIAA Statewide Girls’ Lacrosse Rules Interpreter, Karen F. Blaine.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on the:

1) Request for Member School Enrollment Report that was sent to member schools and is due no later than Thursday, October 15th;

2) Electronic eligibility lists submission process and the number of schools regarded to be delinquent that has been assessed the fine of $100; and

3) NFHS School Broadcast program and that they will be in direct contact with Pennsylvania schools that have indicated an interest.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORTS

The Chief Operating Officer gave a status report on:

1) The approximately 1,700 participants at the 9th Annual PIAA Cross Country Foundation Race; and

2) The Oregon Affiliation Rule. The Board recommended that the Administrative Staff create a draft of proposed language to be included on the Transfer Waiver
Request Form using items included in the Oregon Affiliation Rule for review at the December 17, 2015 Board of Directors’ meeting.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2015:

- **District VI** - Living Water Christian Junior Academy
- **District VII** - Aquinas Academy Junior High School
  - Saint Patrick School
- **District X** - Linesville Junior High School
  - Youth Education Services (Yes Academy)
  - Saint Thomas Middle School
- **District XI** - Truebright Science Academy High School
  - Philadelphia Electrical & Technology Charter High School

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following schools, effective July 1, 2015:

- **District II** - McAdoo Middle School
  - Maple Manor Middle School
  - West Hazleton Middle School
- **District VI** - Sto-Rox Middle School
- **District XI** - Moravian Academy Middle School

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, 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 2015-2016 school year.

**District X**
- Cranberry and Oil City Area High Schools (boys’ and girls’ tennis), conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval

**District XII**
- G.W. Carver High School of Engineering and Science and Simon Gratz Mastery Charter School (football)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, 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 2016-2017 school year.

**District III**
- Lancaster Catholic and Janus School (boys’ and girls’ basketball), conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval
- Lancaster Catholic and Lancaster Mennonite High Schools (football), conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval

**District X**
- Kennedy Catholic and Sharon High Schools (football and boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving), conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval
- Cochranton and Commodore Perry High Schools (football and baseball), conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval

**District XI**
- Minersville Area and North Schuylkill High Schools (boys’ soccer)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

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

**District II**
- Susquehanna Preparatory and Wyoming Area Middle School (boys’ basketball)

**District III**
- Dayspring Christian Academy and J.P. McCaskey High School (baseball, bowling, field hockey, football, softball, boys’ and girls’ tennis, and wrestling)
- Antietam and Exeter Township High Schools (boys’ and girls’ water polo)

**District VI**
- Central and Williamsburg High Schools (wrestling)
- Spring Cove Middle and Williamsburg Junior High Schools (wrestling)
- Penn Cambria and Portage Area High Schools (girls’ soccer)

**District VII**
- Armstrong Senior and West Shamokin High Schools (boys’ and girls’ swimming & diving)
- Bishop Canevin and Carlynton High Schools (boys’ and girls’ swimming & diving)
District X
- Fort LeBoeuf and McDowell High Schools (boys’ tennis), conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval

District XI
- Moravian Academy Middle and Notre Dame Junior High Schools (football)

District XII
- The Academy at Palumbo High School and G.W. Carver High School of Engineering and Science (football)
- Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber and Science Leadership Academy (girls’ basketball, competitive spirit, softball, and girls’ volleyball)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Honeywell, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year:

District XII
- The Academy at Palumbo High School and The Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts (boys’ and girls’ cross country and football)

ADJOURNMENT

President Zack adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 5:58 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015, AT THE HERSHEY LODGE AND CONVENTION CENTER, HERSHEY, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director