At 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 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 2
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
Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino, Pittsburgh ........................................ District 7
Scott D. Heinauer, Mars .......................................................... District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh .................................................. District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway ................................................... District 9
Robert J. Taylor, Oil City ......................................................... District 10
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., Whitehall ............................................ District 11
Michael W. Hawkins, Fort Washington ..................................... District 12
Joseph D. Sette, Warminster .................................................... District 12
Brown E. Cutchall, Waterfall
    Representing .................................................................Member Junior High/Middle Schools
Stephen Fisher, Harrisburg
    Representing .................................................................PA Department of Education
Nathan G. Mains, Mechanicsburg
    Executive Director .........................................................PSBA
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, Millersville
    Representative ..............................................................PSBA
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, York
    Representing .................................................................PASA
Jonathan Bauer, King of Prussia
    Representing .................................................................PA Principals Association
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Timothy J. Walter, CAA, Bradford
  Representing ................................................................. PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing ................................................................. PCA
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre
  Representing ................................................................. Female Officials
William H. Sinning, Pittsburgh
  Representing ................................................................. Male Officials
Audrey K. Hall, McConnellsburg
  Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Aaron J. Straub, Saint Marys
  Representing ................................................................. Private Schools
Cathy S. Wreski, Middletown
  Representing ................................................................. Female Parents
Kevin M. 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
Carol Steinour Young, Esq. .................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
John P. Milliron, Esq. ................................................................ PIAA Legislative Counsel
Andrew M. Goodman ................................................................ PIAA Legislative Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT

Cole Hoover .............................................................................. PIAA Intern
Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Director ........................................ District 1
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ........................................ Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director ................................ PSFCA
INTRODUCTION OF RECENTLY ELECTED MEMBER  
OF THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Zack introduced the following as a recently elected member, in the position noted, of the PIAA Board of Directors:

- Jonathan Bauer, PA Principals Association Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Thursday, July 21, 2016, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.

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 4:25 p.m., President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

John P. Milliron and Andrew M. Goodman of Milliron & Goodman LLC reported on legislative matters, which included that the Oversight Committee has not scheduled any meetings through the end of the year.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS  
FROM STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the following recommendation of the Executive Director, for further clarification and place before ARTICLE I, of the PIAA By-Laws in the Interpretation box, **effective immediately**, to read as follows:
INTERPRETATIONS

October 1, 1983; as amended May 11, 2002; July 28, 2005; and July 24, 2009.

To participate in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests, a student must be eligible for interscholastic athletics in all respects.


A PIAA member school may permit any of its students who are ineligible to participate in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests under any provision(s) of the PIAA By-Laws other than ARTICLES IV and V to Practice with any of its Teams.

October 5, 2016

These By-Laws apply to all PIAA member schools and those students seeking to participate in interscholastic competition at those PIAA member schools. They also apply in determining the eligibility of students at PIAA member schools who previously were enrolled at or attended non-PIAA member schools.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the following recommendation of the Executive Director, for further clarification, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI

Transfers, Residence and Recruiting

Section 2. Presumptive Eligibility.

C. Change of Residence of Parent(s).

The student (1) has moved with and resides with the student’s natural or, if legally adopted, the student’s adoptive parents, or with either parent and (2) has transferred to a PIAA member school in the public school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

Upon the separation of the student’s natural or adoptive parents, the student has accompanied the parent departing from the family residence and resides with the departing parent in the public school district in which that parent establishes residence; and the student has transferred to a PIAA member school in the public school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

A student whose natural or adoptive parents are separated, and who has more than one Transfer between residences of separated parents from a public school district where one parent resides to a public school district where the other parent resides, shall have the student’s eligibility determined under Section 4 herein.

Section 4. Regional Panel or District Committee Review
E. **NOTE:** A student who Transfers because of alleged bullying, harassment or other misconduct by (1) Coaches and/or other members of a sports Team and/or (2) if related to the student’s participation in interscholastic athletics, by other students, is nevertheless considered to have transferred in some material way for an athletic purpose unless the student demonstrates that (1) the alleged misconduct is corroborated by evidence and/or testimony from persons unrelated to the student and/or the student’s family; (2) the student timely sought assistance of appropriate school personnel to address such misconduct; and (3) the District Committee finds that such misconduct produced severe and unusual conditions which would have prevented a reasonable student under similar circumstances from receiving an appropriate education at the school. All three (3) factors must be present for the District Committee to grant eligibility under this Section.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the following recommendation of the Executive Director, for further clarification, effective immediately, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Period of Participation**

**Preamble (Second paragraph)**

In light of the important purposes of this ARTICLE, and the fact that granting additional eligibility to students will almost always result in denial of playing opportunities for other students, waivers of the Semester Rule are very sparingly granted and permitted only under the most exceptional of circumstances. Illnesses and injuries sustained which only affect a student's ability to participate in athletics will not be considered. This ARTICLE is not intended to authorize athletic red-shirts simply because a student is unable to participate in a season due to injury or illness, nor are waivers intended to reward illegal or improper conduct. Students are limited to six seasons of participation beyond the sixth grade or four seasons of competition beyond the eighth grade.

**Section 1. Period of Participation.**

A student may not represent the student’s school in interscholastic athletics if the student has:

A. Reached the end of the student’s fourth consecutive year (8th consecutive semester or the equivalent) beyond the 8th grade year, without regard to the student’s period of attendance;
## INTERPRETATION

### Section 1. October 5, 2016.

The number of semesters to be counted under Section 1A is not triggered until the student enrolls in and attends 9th grade. The number of seasons to be counted under Section 1B is triggered at the beginning of the student’s 7th grade year. In calculating semesters, as well as seasons played, under this Section, enrollment and participation at any school, not just a PIAA member school, are included in making such determinations.

- **B.** Participated in six seasons beyond the sixth grade or four seasons beyond the eighth grade in any sport; or
- **C.** Completed the work of grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve, inclusive.

### Section 2. When a Student Participates in a Season.

A student is considered as representing the student’s school during a particular season in a sport only if the student has participated in a Regular Season or Postseason Contest in that sport.

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On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, of the PIAA Handbook; and accept the following recommendation of the Executive Director, for further clarification, **effective immediately**, to read as follows:

### GLOSSARY

**TEAM:** A school-sponsored organization which (1) consists of one or more students eligible under these By-Laws to and which that represents that school in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests under PIAA jurisdiction. This is inclusive of a competitive spirit squad.

### PIAA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mrs. Hall, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee, to amend on a first reading basis, the PIAA Member School Athletic Transfer Waiver Request Form, to include “Timing” for clarification, to read as follows:

“**Timing:** A receiving school Principal shall initiate this form after the student has been enrolled in their school and is no longer in attendance at their previous school. The receiving school Principal shall forward this form to the sending school upon completion and without undue delay. The sending school shall then complete and return the form without undue delay.”
PIAA SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY AND
PIAA BASEBALL STEERING COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS

1. On a motion by Mr. Heinauer, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to adopt the baseball pitching restrict policy as developed by the Baseball Steering Committee, and to institute the following pitching restrictions and corresponding days of rest:

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*No pitcher may appear in more than two (2) consecutive days.

Maximum number of pitches in calendar week is 200. Calendar week is Sunday through Saturday.

If a pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count permitted in a calendar day during an at bat, that pitcher will be permitted to continue to pitch to that batter, or any substitute for that batter, until such batter is put out or reaches first base, or until a third out has been made prior to the end of that at bat. The pitcher will be credited with 100 pitches for the appearance.

2. On a motion by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to give permission to Dr. Lombardi to forward their recommendation to modify the NFHS Lightning Policy as developed by the NFHS Sports Medicine Committee. This policy is printed in every NFHS fall and spring sports rules book.

The proposal is as follows:

These guidelines provide default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school activities association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service. Mobile phone apps and online Weather Services, including the National Weather Service, also can be consulted through mobile phone service or internet service.

PROACTIVE PLANNING
1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests. Staff to consider for assistance for monitoring of lightning and thunder includes event coordinators, medical staff, and game officials. If any of these persons has a concern for the safety of the event as outlined below, strong consideration should be given to the most cautious approach.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safe areas.

3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
   A. When technology is available, such as lightning strike detection devices, or commercially available lightning strike mobile phone apps, that indicate a lightning strike has occurred within 10 miles the storm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for 30 minutes and take shelter immediately.
   B. If no lightning detection devices are available, or if there is not adequate cell phone service for mobile phone apps to function adequately, and if thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen that makes you believe the technology is not functioning properly, play should be suspended for 30 minutes and everyone should seek shelter immediately.
   C. Thirty minute rule: Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last detection of lightning within 10 miles, or if technology is not available for lightning detection, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed, prior to resuming play.
   D. Any subsequent detection of lightning within 10 miles, or in the absence of lightning detection technology, any subsequent thunder or lightning detection as above, will reset the clock and another 30 minute count will begin.

4. Review annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel.

5. Inform student-athletes of the lightning policy at the start of the season.

3. On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee meeting of Sunday, August 28, 2016, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 1.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director 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, 2016 and 2) the draft of the audited PIAA Headquarters financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016, as prepared by Boyer & Ritter.

On a motion by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the unaudited financial statements for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2016.

The Executive Director thanked the Treasurer for his assistance and oversight of PIAA’s budgets over the past four (4) years.
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Assistant Executive Director Grassel gave a status report on:

1) the announcement of NFHS “My Reason Why” campaign; and

2) PIAA’s Monthly Newsletter that will be posted on PIAA’s website at [www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org).

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Assistant Executive Director Gebhart gave a status report on the:

1) Deadline for receipt of recommendations to officiate the 2016 PIAA Fall Championships in the sports of girls' volleyball, field hockey, and soccer is October 11th and football is October 20th;

2) Online mandatory rules meetings that are up and available until November 11th for fall sports coaches;

3) Start of the 2016-17 PIAA Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings;

4) 22nd Annual PIAA Officials' Convention; and the 30 Years of Service Banquet; and noted that the 2016 PIAA Officials’ Convention will be held on August 4 and 5, 2017; and

5) Creation and future implementation of online officials testing.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on the:

1) Electronic eligibility lists submission;

2) Soon to-be-determined PIAA Lacrosse Championship site; and

3) Meeting with Pennsylvania’s Physician General, Dr. Rachel Levin, regarding PIAA’s position on transgender students participating in interscholastic sports.
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORTS

The Chief Operating Officer gave a status report on:

1) The approximately 2,200 participants at the 10th Annual PIAA Cross Country Foundation Race;

2) Wrestling Weight control dates that are posted on PIAA’s website at www.piaa.org; and

3) A visit to The University of Pennsylvania to discuss possible use of its facilities.

PIAA BASEBALL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Monday, August 22, 2016 Webinar of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 2.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2016:

- **District IV** - Epiphany Junior High School
- **District VII** - Wilkinsburg High School
- **District X** - Robert Benjamin Wiley Charter Middle School
- **District XII** - Saint Thomas Middle School
- **District X** - Robert Benjamin Wiley Charter Middle School
- **District XII** - Saint Thomas Middle School

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following schools, effective July 1, 2016:

- **District III** - Linville Hill Christian School
- **District XII** - Tech Freire Charter School
- **District XII** - ACT Academy Cyber Charter School
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST(S) 
CONCERNING COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE 
BEGINNING OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Gavilk, it was unanimously voted to approve the request(s) for withdrawal of cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year:

District X - Central Tech, East, and Strong Vincent High Schools to withdraw their request to cooperatively sponsor girls’ swimming & diving and girls’ track & field.

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

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

District IV
- Columbia County Christian School and Southern Columbia area High School (football and wrestling))
- Milton area and Warrior Run High Schools (boys’ and girls’ bowling)

District VII
- Highland Middle School and Western Beaver Junior High School (football)
- Aquinas and Vincentian Academies (boys’ lacrosse)
- Beaver Area and Midland Middle Schools (boys’ and girls’ cross country, football, boys’ and girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ track & field, and wrestling)

District IX and X
- Venango Catholic and Rocky Grove Senior High Schools (girls’ basketball), pending District IX Committee approval

PIAA DISTRICT VII REQUEST

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve District VII’s request to adjust the 2017 and 2018 PIAA Boys’ and Girls’ Lacrosse Championship brackets:

- 2017 & 2018 Girls’ AAA Lacrosse Brackets:
  7-1 replaces 7-2, 7-2 replaces 7-3; and remove 7-3 from the bracket

- 2017 & 2018 Boys’ AAA Lacrosse Brackets:
  7-1 replaces 7-2; 7-2 replaces 7-3; 7-3 replaces 7-4; and remove 7-4 from the bracket
DEVELOPMENT OF A SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY
FOR AWARDS/MEDAL CEREMONIES

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Coaches Association (PCA) and the PIAA Sportsmanship Steering Committee, on a first reading basis, to develop a policy to address unsportsmanlike behavior by teams or individual athletes during the awards/medal ceremony:

SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY FOR AWARDS/MEDAL CEREMONIES

Players, coaches or team personnel exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior or conduct will be removed from the awards/medal ceremony by PIAA-Appointed Tournament Director, Contest Manager, and District Committee member. Removal from a ceremony under this provision may subject identified students, athletic administration personnel and/or the member school to further sanction as permitted under Article XIII of the PIAA By-Laws.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 1:00 P.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016, IN EMPIRE ROOMS A, B, AND C OF THE HERSHEY LODGE & CONVENTION CENTER, HERSHEY, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director