At 4:20 p.m., Wednesday, October 4, 2017, James T. Zack, President, called the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square .............................................................. District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ................................................................. District 2
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ................................................................. District 3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown .......................................................... District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ................................................................. District 4
Paul Leonard, Cairnbrook ................................................................. District 5
Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg ......................................................... District 6
Scott M. Seltzer, Pittsburgh ................................................................. District 7
Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Pittsburgh ......................................................... District 7
Dr. Bart Rocco, Elizabeth ................................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ............................................................. District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway ............................................................. District 8
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Sharon ................................................................. District 9
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., Whitehall ......................................................... District 10
Michael W. Hawkins, Fort Washington ........................................ District 11
Joseph D. Sette, Warminster ............................................................. District 12
Richard J. Dry, Minersville
  Representing ..............................................................Member Junior High/Middle Schools
Brian W. Campbell, Harrisburg
  Representing ..............................................................PA Department of Education
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, Millersville
  Representing ...............................................................PSBA
Jonathan Bauer, King of Prussia,
  Representing ..............................................................PA Principals Association
Timothy J. Walter, Bradford
  Representing ..............................................................PSADA
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
Representing .................................................................................................................. PCA
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre
Representing .................................................................................................................. Female Officials
William H. Sinning, Pittsburgh
Representing .................................................................................................................. Male Officials
Danielle Turner, Warrington
Representing .................................................................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Aaron J. Straub, Saint Marys
Representing .................................................................................................................. Private Schools
Cathy S. Wreski, Middletown
Representing .................................................................................................................. Female Parents
Kevin Doverspike, New Bethlehem
Representing .................................................................................................................. Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. .......................................................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT

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

Associate Executive Director introduced the following as a recently elected member, in the position noted, of the PIAA Board of Directors:

- Richard J. Dry, Junior High/Middle Schools’ Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Frerichs, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, July 19, 2017, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as corrected and presented by the Executive Director.
APPEAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL CONCERNING NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (NFHS) FOOTBALL RULES

A member school appealed the Executive Director's decision concerning NFHS Football Rules.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:00 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 5:15 p.m., President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Dr. Lombardi on behalf of Milliron & Goodman LLC, reported on PIAA legislative matters.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA CONSTITUTION

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel, on a first reading basis, to amend ARTICLE II, PURPOSES, Section 1, Charitable Purposes, of the PIAA Constitution, for further clarification, to read as follows:

ARTICLE II
PURPOSES

Section 1. Charitable Purposes.

The purposes of PIAA are:

A. Health.
   To organize, develop and direct an interscholastic athletic program which promotes, protects, and conserves the health and physical welfare of all participants.

B. Education.
   To formulate and maintain policies that safeguards the educational values of interscholastic athletics and cultivate the high ideals of good sportsmanship.

C. Competition.
   To promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic athletic competition.

   A. To promote and support the educational values of interscholastic athletics and the high ideals of good sportsmanship.
   B. To promote, establish and enforce uniform standards in interscholastic athletic competition among member schools.
   C. To promote and support safe and healthy interscholastic athletic competition.
On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Sette, it was voted to table the recommendation of Constitution and By-Laws Sub-Committee to amend ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 2, Membership of the Board of Directors, of the PIAA Constitution, for further clarification, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 2. Membership of the Board of Directors.

A. Each District is entitled to one representative for the first fifty member senior high schools or fraction thereof. For each fifty additional member senior high schools or major fraction thereof, an additional representative is allowed. These representatives must be members of their respective District Committees and must be employed on a full-time basis as a Principal, Athletic Director, and/or faculty member of a PIAA member school or as a school administrator of a public school district which has at least one member in PIAA.

Motion passed: 21-yes, 7-no.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Competition Committee, on a second reading basis, to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 2, Presumptive Eligibility and Section 4, Regional Panel or District Committee Review, of the PIAA By-Laws, for further clarification, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Section 2. Presumptive Eligibility.

I. In-Season Transfers. Because of the timing difficulties in expeditiously obtaining necessary paperwork, of confirming representations of eligibility, of determining whether such Transfers are opposed by any appropriate party, of promptly scheduling hearings to consider such matters, and to reduce the likelihood of participation by an ineligible student that would impact on competition and the opportunity to participate by other students, a student who Transfers after the student Practices with a school’s Team shall be ineligible to participate in that sport in Contests for a period of 14 calendar days following enrollment at the student’s new school. The student’s eligibility shall thereafter be determined under Section 4 of this ARTICLE.
Section 4. Regional Panel or District Committee Review of Eligibility.

B. Waiver of Ineligibility.
   1. General Waiver. A student who is not otherwise presumptively eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE may, through the Principal of the school at which the student seeks eligibility, request that the Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, waive the period of ineligibility in some or all sports. Said waiver shall not be granted if the Regional Panel or District Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to all sports or if such determination would otherwise circumvent the purpose of this ARTICLE of deterring Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. If granted, eligibility shall be effective as of the date of Transfer.

   2. Partial Waiver. A student who is not otherwise presumptively eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE may, through the Principal of the school at which the student seeks eligibility, also request that the Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, waive the period of ineligibility in those specific sports where the Transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. Said waiver may not be granted if the Regional Panel or District Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to those sports or if such determination would otherwise circumvent the purpose of this ARTICLE of deterring Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. If granted, eligibility is effective as of the date of Transfer.

C. Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility. Notwithstanding Sections 2 and 3 of this ARTICLE, a Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, may, upon request of the Principal of a PIAA member school, or on its own initiative, after giving notice to the student's school and an opportunity to be heard to the student and the student's school, (1) declare any transferring student ineligible to participate in each sport in which that student participated within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of Transfer, if the Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose or would otherwise circumvent the purpose of the ARTICLE of deterring Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose; and/or (2) if a finding is specifically made that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to specific sports, declare that the student shall be ineligible to participate in those sports for one year from the date of Transfer, regardless of whether the student actually participated in those sports for the year preceding the date of Transfer.

Motion passed: 27-yes, 1-no.
On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Doverspike, it was unanimously voted to **table** the amendment to **ARTICLE VII, FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS, Section 1, Foreign Exchange Student and Section 2, International Student, of the PIAA By-Laws, for further clarification, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VII**

FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS

Section 1. Foreign Exchange Student.

A Foreign Exchange Student is a student who:

1. has not already obtained the equivalent of a high school degree, or completed twelve years of scholastic study, in the student’s native country.

Section 2. International Student.

An International Student is a student who:

6. has not already obtained the equivalent of a high school degree, or completed twelve years of scholastic study, in the student’s native country.

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of PIAA Executive Staff, **on a first reading basis**, to amend **ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, Section 1, Teams which PIAA Member Schools may Play and Section 3, Requirements of Written Contract, of the PIAA By-Laws, for further clarification, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XII**

ATHLETIC RELATIONS

Section 1. Teams which PIAA Member Schools may Play.

A. No Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest may be played with a Team not sponsored and controlled by a public school or Private School nor any school not belonging to PIAA, unless the non-PIAA member school's eligibility rules for school, Team, and contestants meet the requirements of PIAA or the non-PIAA member school is a member in good standing with their respective National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS)-member state high school association.

All Contests must be played pursuant to **ARTICLE XVIII, Official Rules for Sports**. This requirement does not apply to Contests played outside of Pennsylvania where the opponent school is not a member of PIAA.

Section 3. Requirements of Written Contract.

Except where scheduling is done by or pursuant to the authority of the District Committee, all schools must enter into either paper or electronic contracts for all Contests in which they participate. All contracts must be on the official contract form entitled “Contract for Contests Under PIAA Rules”, or an equivalent electronic version thereof. Where the opponent is not a member of PIAA or a member in good standing with their respective NFHS-member state high school association, the school must also enter into a
supplement to either a paper or an electronic contract on the official form entitled “Supplement to Contract for Contests Under PIAA Rules Involving Non-PIAA Member Schools”, or an equivalent electronic version thereof. Disputes arising from oral agreements will not be considered by PIAA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director gave a status report on the number of schools regarded to be delinquent as a result of dues not being paid on or before September 30, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to approve the draft of the audited PIAA Headquarters financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017, as prepared by Boyer & Ritter.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the Executive Director’s recommendation, to approve the PIAA (Headquarters only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended July 31 and August 31, 2017.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Executive Director on behalf of the Assistant Executive Director Grassel gave a status report on the:

- Coaches’ Education and the Safe Schools Initiative; and
- PSBA Rural and Urban Webinars - *Role of PIAA & Hot Topics in Interscholastic Athletics*.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Gebhart gave a status report on the:

- Deadline for receipt of recommendation of officials to officiate the 2017 PIAA Fall Championships in the sports of: boys’ and girls’ cross country (September 22); girls’ volleyball, field hockey, and boys’ and girls’ soccer (October 11); and football (October 20);
- Online mandatory rules meetings that are available until November for fall sports coaches;
- Start of the 2017-2018 PIAA Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings;
- Review of the 2017 PIAA Officials’ Convention and 30 year recognition banquet;
- Appointment of boys’ lacrosse statewide rules interpreter - Scott Dede; and
- Online testing to become a PIAA-registered sports official.
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Associate Executive Director Mertz, gave a status report on the:

- Submission of school eligibility lists;
- Report of classification information and timeline; and
- NFHS sanctioning meeting.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORTS

The Chief Operating Officer gave a status report on the:

- 11th Annual PIAA Cross Country Foundation Race, which was held on Saturday, September 23, 2017;
- District online financials with review of website entries; and
- Updated PIAA Cross Country Report of School Sponsorship by District.

PIAA COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Competition Committee meeting of Wednesday, October 4, 2017, as prepared and presented, as set forth in Attachment 1.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

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

District IX - Milford Middle School

District X - Creekside Christian School
    Erie Day School
    Harding Middle School
    Roosevelt Middle School
    Wayne Middle School
APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Walter, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2017:

District II - Gregory the Great Academy
District V - Somerset Christian High School
           Somerset Christian Middle School
District X - East Middle School
           Strong Vincent Middle School
District XII - Belmont Charter High School
             Horace Furness High School
             The LINC (Learning In New Contexts) High School
             The Workshop School
             Building 21 High School - Philadelphia

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

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

**District III:**
Lebanon Catholic High School and New Covenant Christian Academy (girls’ volleyball)

**District V:**
Shade and Johnstown Christian High Schools (baseball and softball)

**District X:**
Franklin Area Middle School and Rocky Grove Junior High School (boys’ golf)
Oil City Middle School and Saint Stephen School (boys’ golf)
Beaty Warren and Sheffield Area Middle Schools (boys’ soccer)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE NOT CONTIGUOUS

On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year and school districts are not contiguous:

**District III**
Lebanon Catholic and Annville Cleona High Schools (girls’ and boys’ bowling, girls’ and boys’ cross country, girls’ and boys’ tennis, girls’ and boys’ track & field, and girls’ volleyball)

Lancaster Mennonite Hershey Campus and Lancaster Mennonite Main Campus High Schools (baseball, field hockey, girls’ lacrosse, softball, and girls’ and boys’ volleyball)

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

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

**District II**
James M. Coughlin and GAR Memorial High Schools (field hockey)

**District III**
Brandywine Heights and Kutztown Middle Schools (field hockey)

Red Land High School and West Shore Christian Academy (girls’ and boys’ swimming & diving)

Manheim Township High School and The Stone Independent School (girls’ and boys’ swimming & diving)

Daniel Boone High School and Berks Christian School (boys’ golf, football, and field hockey)

Muhlenberg and Oley Valley High Schools (girls’ lacrosse), conditioned upon District III Committee approval

J.P. McCaskey High School and The New School of Lancaster (girls’ and boys’ track & field, girls’ and boys’ soccer, and wrestling)

Middletown and Steelton-Highspire High Schools (field hockey)
District IV
Sayre Area and Northeast Bradford High Schools (wrestling), conditioned upon District IV Committee approval

Sayre Area and Northeast Bradford Junior High Schools (wrestling), conditioned upon District IV Committee approval

Districts IV & VI
Juniata and East Juniata High Schools (football), conditioned upon PIAA Districts IV and VI Committee approval

District V
Chestnut Ridge Middle School and Foundations Christian Academy (baseball, girls' and boys' basketball, football, girls’ and boys’ soccer, softball, girls’ and boys’ track & field, girls’ volleyball, and wrestling)

Conemaugh Township High School and Johnstown Christian School (baseball, girls’ and boys’ cross country and softball)

District VI
Huntingdon Area and Belleville Mennonite High Schools (field hockey)

District VII
Margaret Bell and West Greene Middle Schools (boys’ soccer)

Margaret Bell and Mapletown Middle Schools (wrestling)

Beaver Falls and New Brighton High Schools (girls’ and boys’ swimming & diving)

Ellwood City Lincoln and Mohawk Area Junior High Schools (wrestling)

District IX
Coudersport and Northern Potter High Schools (boys’ golf)

Coudersport, Northern Potter and Austin Area High Schools (girls’ golf)

District X
Franklin Area Middle School and Saint Patrick Junior High School (girls' and boys' cross country, football, girls’ and boys’ golf, girls’ and boys’ soccer, softball, girls’ and boys’ track & field, girls’ and boys’ volleyball, and wrestling) corrected request, conditioned upon District X Committee approval

District XII
Hill Freedom World Academy and Building 21 of SDP High School (baseball, girls’ and boys' basketball, girls’ and boys’ indoor track & field, girls’ and boys’ soccer, girls’ and boys’ track & field, and girls’ volleyball), conditioned upon District XII Committee approval

West Philadelphia and Paul Robeson High Schools (girls’ and boys’ lacrosse and girls’ tennis), conditioned upon District XII Committee approval
Overbrook High School and Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber (football and boys’ soccer)

Murrell Dobbins CTE and Eastern University Academy (baseball, girls’ and boys’ basketball, girls’ and boys’ bowling, competitive spirit, girls’ and boys’ cross country, girls’ soccer, softball, girls’ and boys’ indoor track & field, and girls’ and boys’ track & field)

Freire Tech High School and Freire Charter High School (boys’ and girls’ cross country), conditioned upon District XII Committee approval

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Straub, seconded by Mr. Walter, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for a modification of cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year:

District IV
Williamsport Area, Loyalsock Township and South Williamsport Area High Schools (boys’ swimming & diving), conditioned upon District IV Committee approval

Williamsport Area, Bucktail Area and South Williamsport Area High Schools (girls’ swimming & diving), conditioned upon District IV Committee approval

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

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

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

Freedom Area and New Brighton High Schools (girls’ soccer)

Freedom Area and Quigley Catholic High Schools (football)

Southmoreland and Geibel Catholic High Schools (football)

District X:
Union City Area High School and Erie First Christian Academy (baseball)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year:

**District III**
Muhlenberg and Oley Valley High Schools (boys’ lacrosse), conditioned upon District III Committee approval

**District VII**
Western Beaver High School and Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School (baseball, football, and softball)

Ellwood City Lincoln and Shenango High Schools (girls’ and boys’ soccer)

**District IX**
Port Allegany and Smethport Area High Schools (girls’ and boys’ cross country, girls’ and boys’ golf, and girls’ and boys’ soccer)

**District X**
Oil City and Cranberry Area High Schools (wrestling)

Greenville and Reynolds High Schools (girls’ golf and girls’ soccer)

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017, AT THE HERSHEY LODGE, HERSHEY, PA.**

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director