At 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 30, 2020, Mr. James T. Zack, PIAA President, called the teleconference meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square ........................................... District 1
Dr. Patrick Nugent, Spring Ford ....................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre .................................................... District 2
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown .................................................. District 3
Patrick J. Tulley, Shillington ......................................................... District 3
Dr. Ronald Kennedy, Mount Joy ..................................................... District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ....................................................... District 4
Paul Leonard, Cairnbrook ............................................................... District 5
William W. Marshall, Cresson ........................................................ District 6
Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino, Pittsburgh ............................................... District 7
Scott Seltzer, Pittsburgh ............................................................... District 7
Karen Arnold, Pittsburgh ............................................................... District 8
Aaron Straub, St. Marys ................................................................. District 9
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Sharon ............................................................. District 10
Robert F. Hartman, Whitehall ......................................................... District 11
Michael W. Hawkins, Fort Washington .......................................... District 12
Joseph D. Sette, Warminster .......................................................... District 12
Jeffrey D. Batzel, Loysburg ............................................................ Junior High/Middle Schools Representative

Representing: David A. Troxell, Catasauqua ..................................... Male Parents Representative

Lee Ann Wentzel, Folsom ............................................................... PASA

Representing: Jonathan Bauer, King of Prussia ............................... PAESSP

Representing: Michael J. Craig, Mechanicsburg ................................. PSADA

Representing: Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, Millersville ............................ PSBA

Representing: Nathan G. Mains, Mechanicsburg ................................. PSBA

Representing: Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside ..................................... PCA
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MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Catherine Ann Foley, Pittsburgh
   Representing ............................................................... Female Officials
Kevin J. McNamara, Montoursville
   Representing ............................................................... Male Officials
Harold A. “Hal” Griffiths, Shiremanstown
   Representing ............................................................... Private Schools
Audrey K. Hall, McConnellsburg
   Representing ............................................................... Girls’ Athletics

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 STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Director .................................................. District 1
W. Rodney Stone, Executive Director ....................................................... District 1
Amy Scheuneman, Associate Executive Director .................................. District 7
Sean P. McAleeer, Director of Education ................................................ Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Executive Director ........................................................ PSFCA
Mike White, Sports Reporter ................................................................. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Jerry DiPaolo, Sports Reporter ............................................................... Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
Edward Sutelan, Sports Reporter .............................................................. Pennlive.com
Joby Fawcett, Sports Reporter ................................................................. Scranton Times-Tribune
Mike Drago, Sports Reporter ................................................................. Reading Eagle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, January 22, 2020, and the Thursday, March 12, 2020, Emergency Meeting via teleconference of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PIAA BY-LAWS

1. On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously approved on a third and final reading basis, effective July 1, 2020, to amend the language of Article VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 2., C, as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING
Section 2. C.

C. Waiver provision of A and/or B - District Committee may grant eligibility if certain situations are met:
NOTE: 21 day rule is not subject to a waiver.

A District Committee may waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student’s family. For purposes of this provision, the following reasons WILL be deemed sufficient to meet this standard:
- A change of residence necessitated by a change in employment;
- A school-initiated administrative transfer within a school district;
- A transfer following an order of court in a delinquency or dependency proceeding;
- A change of schools caused by a military reassignment of a parent;
- A change of schools caused by release from a juvenile facility; and
- An involuntary substantial change in financial condition and resources that compels withdrawal from a school.

For purposes of this provision, the following reasons will NOT be deemed to meet this standard:
- A transfer for academic, developmental, spiritual and/or social reasons; and
- A change of residence resulting from a family separation, unless following court approval.

All other tendered reasons will be considered by the District Committee on a case-by-case basis.

2. On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Straub, it was unanimously voted on a third and final reading basis to defeat a proposal to amend the language to Article I, Age, Section I. Maximum Age Rule, as follows:

ARTICLE I
AGE

Section 1. Maximum Age Rule.

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition upon attaining the age of nineteen years, with the following exception:
If the age of 19 is attained on or after July 1, the student shall be eligible, age-wise, to compete through that school year.
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A student who is ineligible under this provision shall not participate in any Practice for  
the collision sports of football, wrestling and boys' lacrosse. (This change will add ARTICLE I  
to the July 22, 1982, as amended July 24, 2009, INTERPRETATION, page 11 of PIAA By-  
Laws)

3. On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted on a  
first reading basis to revise language in the Glossary section, as follows:

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: A school formed as a result of a special program jointure, as,  
established by the School Boards of one or more public school districts and approved by  
the Pennsylvania Department of Education, which enrolls high-risk students or students who  
previously dropped out.

MAGNET SCHOOL: A school established by one or more School Boards of public school  
districts designed to provide an academic focus on a particular theme (e.g. science/math,  
liberal arts, performing arts, gifted/talented, or foreign language).

TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL: A school established by one or more School Boards of public  
school districts that provides either (1) a total educational program and services for both  
specialized career and technical education and academic education, or (2) an educational  
program and services for only specialized career and technical education.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SECTION OF THE PIAA HANDBOOK

1. On a motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. McNamara, it was unanimously voted on  
a second reading basis to amend language to the Corrections to School's Enrollment  
Report and Correction Of Enrollment Report Errors to read as follows:

CORRECTIONS TO SCHOOL'S ENROLLMENT REPORT

The Annual Dues and Enrollment Report shall be filed with the PIAA Office not later than the date the Public  
School Enrollment Report is due to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Member schools are  
expected to closely review the Enrollment Report for possible errors. To address possible mistakes or oversights,  
PIAA will provide an electronic copy of the submitted report numbers to each member school for their review.  
PIAA member school may submit a written request to revise their Enrollment Report on or before November 15th  
of every odd numbered year. Oral requests for revisions to enrollment numbers and requests for revisions  
submitted after the November 15th deadline will not be considered by PIAA.

PIAA will formally announce the classification assignments for the next two year period within 30 days of the  
November 15th deadline or as soon thereafter as possible.

Any member school which, through excusable error, submits an erroneous Enrollment Report may request that a  
corrected Enrollment Report be accepted. Such request may be granted by the Board of Directors if the following  
criteria are met:

1. The member school submitted a written request to revise its Enrollment Report on or before  
November 15th.

2. The Board of Directors is persuaded that the error was inadvertent and unintentional;
3. The error was caught within 30 days from its release and will not affect the enrollment classifications or number of entries (qualifiers) for any PIAA District;

4. There is no history of such errors being committed by the member school; and

5. The District Committee having jurisdiction over the member school supports the correction of the error.

CORRECTION OF ENROLLMENT REPORT ERRORS

PIAA relies upon the accuracy of Enrollment Reports submitted by member schools pursuant to ARTICLE IV, DUES AND ENROLLMENT, Section 1, Annual Dues and Enrollment Report, of the PIAA Constitution, to establish enrollment classifications and entries (qualifiers) for each District in each sport in which the PIAA Board of Directors has established Inter-District Championships. It is, therefore, important that member schools take great care in submitting accurate Enrollment Reports. PIAA also recognizes, however, that inadvertent errors can occur and the organization does not seek to punish member schools where errors can be corrected within 30 days from its release and have minimal impact on the administration of sports. Any member school which, through excusable error, submits an erroneous Enrollment Report may request that a corrected Enrollment Report be accepted. Such request may be granted by the Board of Directors if the following criteria are met:

1. The Board of Directors is persuaded that the error was inadvertent and unintentional;

2. The error was caught within 30 days from its release and will not affect the enrollment classifications or number of entries (qualifiers) for any PIAA District;

3. There is no history of such errors being committed by the member school; and

4. The District Committee having jurisdiction over the member school supports the correction of the error.

2. On a motion by Dr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was voted to table a proposal to add more restrictive penalties for behaviors that result in ejection of a player, coach, team personnel and/or spectators, and to extend the officials' jurisdiction to apply such penalties to the premises of the competition and for such time that the officials are present. The draft language to be further reviewed is as follows:

ARTICLE XIII, Section 8, Disqualification from Next Contest(s).

General Rule (Preamble)
Sportsmanship is a core principle in interscholastic athletics. Actions which are unethical and/or intended to demean, embarrass, intimidate or injure opposing contestants. Teams, spectators and/or officials are considered unsportsmanlike and will not be tolerated since they are contrary to the purposes of PIAA and convey lessons incompatible with the reason why high school sports exist.

A. Mandatory Disqualification - One Game Suspension
Any Coach and/or contestant who, while Coaching or competing for a PIAA member school, is ejected from a Contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct is disqualified from Coaching and/or participating for the remainder of the day and in all Contests on the next Contest day of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the Coach and/or contestant was previously disqualified. For a Coach, participation in the next Contest includes any contact by the Coach with
members of the Team, including other Coaches, between the time that the Team arrives at the Contest site and the conclusion of the last Contest of the day. The Principal must direct the Coach not to attend all of the Contest(s).

B. Enhanced Disqualification - Two Game Suspension
Any Coach and/or contestant who is ejected from a Contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official and a component of the ejection is confronting, contacting or addressing a Coach, contestant or official using foul or vulgar language, or physical contact will be disqualified from competition for the remainder of the day and for the next two (2) Contests including all Contests on the next two (2) Contest days of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the Coach and/or contestant was previously disqualified. For the purposes of this provision, the jurisdiction of the official(s) to apply and enforce this rule begins upon the official’s arrival at the Contest site and ends when the official (or the last of the team of officials) leaves the Contest site. The Contest site is defined as premises on which the competition surface is located and includes the entirety of the premises and parking areas.

When the Enhanced Disqualification implicates a contestant, and in addition to the two (2) Contests disqualification, the contestant may not return to competition representing the contestant’s school until the contestant completes the NFHS Sportsmanship program at NFHSLearn (online) and provides a certification of completion of this program to the student’s Principal and the Principal submits the certification to the PIAA District Sport Chairman. A Coach disqualified under this provision may not return to competition representing the Coach’s school until the Coach completes the NFHS Sportsmanship program and Teaching and Modeling Behavior program at NFHSLearn (online) and provides a certification of completion of these two programs to the Coach’s Principal and the Principal submits the certification to the PIAA District Sport Chairman.

A PIAA District Committee may, at its discretion, convene a hearing to address any and all disqualifications and provide additional penalties as warranted by the circumstances.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director reported on the following subjects:

1. Annual District Meeting Schedule – The Executive Director provided information to the Board of Directors regarding the Annual District Meetings. Since Governor Wolf has closed schools indefinitely due to the COVID-19, coronavirus, PIAA Districts may (1) meet by electronic means and/or by teleconference, or (2) postpone the scheduled meetings and hold their re-organizational meeting at a later date to vote for the members of the District Committee. The PIAA Constitution provides guidance that this meeting only needs to be completed by July 1st.
2. Constitutional Amendment – Because a Constitutional amendment has been developed and passed by the Board of Directors prior to February 1st, the amendment must be voted on by the PIAA member schools in attendance at a meeting or electronically with the votes tabulated and submitted to the Executive Director by May 1st.

3. NFHS Annual Meeting - The Executive Director gave a scheduling update on the 101st NFHS Annual Meeting to be held in Denver, CO June 28-July 2, 2020. Cancelling and/or rescheduling this meeting is being discussed by the NFHS Board of Directors due to coronavirus pandemic. Also under consideration are possible changes in the format, such as a virtual meeting; meeting on an electronic basis; or by webinar. Determination of the status of this meeting status is to be determined by NFHS Board of Directors in the near future.

PIAA FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted on a second reading basis to accept a proposal to permit Teams, upon mutual agreement of the Coaches for sub-varsity Contests only, to allow for modification of timing and playing rules with specific language as to the extent of permitted modifications to be further considered.

2. On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to defeat a proposal to provide heat acclimatization to be 5 days for Teams, to occur Monday through Friday - and to permit Teams that complete the 5 days of heat acclimatization to have an inter-school practice on day 6 (with no contact allowed) – Saturday – and then have the Team’s first full contact Scrimmage on the following Friday and be allowed to play their first Contest during week zero.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept a proposal by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) to return to the SMAC for further discussion the proposed addition of a mental health component to Section 6 of the Comprehensive Initial Pre-participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) form. The SMAC is considering the addition of four questions regarding mental health and another addressing adolescent suicide as part of the Health History Section and communications between the Authorized Medical Examiner and the student.

2. On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to approve the addition of more information in the Sports Medicine Guidelines in reference to heat acclimatization in the sport of football. Specifically, referencing the evaluation of an athlete’s body temperature by utilizing the suggested NATA wet bulb evaluation and cold immersions to address heat related conditions.

3. On a motion by Ms. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Troxell, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Grassel shared with the Board of Directors the topics to be included in the upcoming PIAA Newsletter and the narratives from some of our student leadership students from last July's NFHS Student Leadership Summit. These students provided their views upon the coronavirus circumstances and their experiences in interscholastic athletics and how it has assisted them in coping with this situation.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Ms. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Troxell, it was unanimously voted to approve a recommendation of Assistant Executive Director Gebhart for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Designation as “Official PIAA Equipment Center for Registered Sports Official” to be provided to any and all possible vendors to submit a proposal.

GOLF STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Straub, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following language recommended by the PIAA Golf Steering Committee at its meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 regarding girls playing in the boys’ individual golf championship tournament as follows:

   To authorize a set of forward tees for girls playing on boys’ golf Teams, which approximate 85% of the total yardage of the course that the boys play. For postseason individual golf events, girls’ participating in boys’ individual golf competition must play from the same yardage as the boys.

2. On a motion by Mr. Tulley, seconded by Mr. McNamara, it was unanimously voted on a suspended protocol basis and effective immediately to adopt a revised calendar of events to advance the 2020 East & West Golf Regionals (October 12 & 13, 2020), 2020 Boys & Girls Individual Golf Championships (October 19 & 20, 2020) and 2020 Boys’ & Girls’ Team Golf Championships (October 26, 2020) by one week.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Associate Executive Director Mertz gave an update on the recently completed 2019-20 PIAA AAA Swimming and Diving Championships and the suspended 2019-20 AA PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships due to COVID-19, the coronavirus.

The Associate Executive Director provided the Board of Directors with information regarding the postponed July NFHS Student Leadership Summit which was to be held in Indianapolis, IN. Due to the impact of the coronavirus, this meeting is placed on hold pending future discussion based upon the national status of the coronavirus.
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Operating Officer Byers gave reports on the recently completed 2019-20 Team and Individual Wrestling Championships.

APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT FOR 2019-20

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2019-2020 school year (will not affect classification size of teams):

Recension of Co-Op agreement for boys’ and girls’ lacrosse between Northampton and Whitehall High Schools,

**District II & IV** – Berwick Area High School and Columbia Montour Area Vo-Tech - girls’ swimming and diving

**District III** – Christian School of York and Logos Academy - baseball and boys’ and girls’ cross country

**District III** – Harrisburg Academy and Covenant Christian Academy - boys’ tennis

**District VI** – Glendale and Harmony Area Junior High Schools - softball

**District VII** – Leechburg Area and Apollo Ridge High Schools - boys’ soccer

**District VII** – Sewickley Academy and Quaker Valley Middle Schools - baseball

**District IX** - Coudersport and Austin Area High Schools - softball
TERMINATION REQUESTS CONCERNING COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP
OF A SPORT FOR 2019-20

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of 2019-2020 school year.

**District III** – Mechanicsburg and West Shore Christian Academy - boys’ volleyball

**District III** – Harrisburg Christian and Covenant Christian Academy - baseball and girls’ lacrosse

TERMINATION REQUESTS CONCERNING COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP
OF A SPORT FOR 2020-21

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to approve Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of 2020-2021 school year.

**District III** – Lebanon Catholic and New Covenant Christian Schools - baseball

**District IV**– Bloomsburg and Millville High Schools - girls’ spirit and girls’ swimming and diving

**District IV** – East Juniata and Juniata High Schools – boys’ and girls’ rifle

**District IX** – Redbank Valley and Union Junior High Schools - wrestling

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION(S), EFFECTIVE **July 1, 2020**

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was unanimously voted to approve the following Member School Application(s), effective **July 1, 2020**:

**District III**- The King’s Academy High School

**District IV** – Juniata Mennonite High School

**District VII** – Sewickley Academy Middle School

**District XI** – Executive Education Middle School
DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to move the winter sports first practice day to Friday, November 20 (from Monday, November 16) before Thanksgiving and leave the first scrimmage date as the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 27).

2. On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to deny a request from the Interscholastic Bowling Championships Association to extend the regular season in bowling. The Board agreed to provide the same opportunity to this group to complete their championships if PIAA ends the suspension of winter championships and creates an opportunity for the PIAA swimming and diving and basketball championships to resume and complete.

Mr. Zack adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020, AT 4:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.