At 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2019 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
Dr. Pat Nugent, Spring Ford ................................................................. District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ......................................................... District 2
Dr. Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ......................................................... District 3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown ......................................................... District 3
Patrick J. Tulley, Shillington ................................................................. 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
Scott D. Heinauer, Mars .......................................................................... District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ................................................................. District 8
James B. Manners, Brookville ................................................................. District 9
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Sharon .................................................................. District 10
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., Whitehall .......................................................... District 11
Michael W. Hawkins, Fort Washington .................................................. District 12
Joseph D. Sette, Warminster ................................................................. District 12
Richard J. Dry, Minersville
Representing ................................................................. Junior High/Middle Schools
Brian W. Campbell, Harrisburg
Representing ................................................................. PA. Dept. of Education Representative
Jonathan Bauer
Representing ................................................................. PA Principals Association Representative
S. Janelle Henderson, Bedford
Representing ................................................................. Female Parents’ Representative
David A. Troxell, Catasauqua
Representing ................................................................. Male Parents’ Representative
Lee Ann Wentzel, Folsom
Representing ................................................................. PASA
Nathan Mains, Mechanicsburg
Representing ................................................................. PSBA
Michael J. Craig, Mechanicsburg
Representing ................................................................. PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
Representing ................................................................. PCA
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Catherine Foley, Pittsburgh
Representing ................................................................. Female Officials
Kevin J. McNamara, Montoursville
Representing ................................................................. Male Officials
Danielle Turner, Warrington
Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Harold A. “Hal” Griffiths, Shiremanstown
Representing ................................................................. Private Schools’

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
Andrew Goodman ................................................................. PIAA Legislative Representative
Andrew Levy, 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, Executive Director ............................................ PSFCA
Michael Hudak, PIAA Official’s Representative ............................ District 6
Robert Tonkin, Treasurer ....................................................... District 9

VISITORS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

During the period of Visitors Opportunity to Comment, Francis Scarcella, writer for Daily Item of Sunbury, PA, directed questions to President Zack regarding the finances and hosting of meetings by PIAA District IV. President Zack informed Mr. Scarcella that this was a public comment period and if he would like to make commentary he was welcome, but questions were not appropriate at that time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Majikies, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the corrected Minutes of the Wednesday, January 23, 2019, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, with language included of accepted actions adopted on a suspended protocol basis, effective July 1, 2019 for five recommendations from the Officials’ Council as presented by the Executive Director.
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On a motion by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Dr. Mannarino, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Executive Director to author a letter of support for the StAndrewDevelopment Inc., a health education and technology organization, which is making an initiative to combat the national health concerns involving opioid abuse and high school age students in Pennsylvania schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:35 p.m., President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss pending litigation.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 3:50 p.m., President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Andrew Goodman of Milliron & Goodman LLC, reported on PIAA legislative matters.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion made by Mr. Troxell, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously approved, on a second reading basis, to adopt additional language to Article II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS to address participation on national teams and inflation since prior adoption of the provision.

ARTICLE II

AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS

Section 3. Permissible Awards.

B. Sponsors of Athletic Events: A student may accept, from the sponsor or sponsors of an athletic event or group of athletic events, items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification, if the student participated in the athletic event and/or earned an award for an athletic event or events. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed $750. Such sponsor or sponsors may also pay the expenses for a student to participate in educational programs, tours, and field trips provided by the sponsor or sponsors in connection with the athletic event or events.

C. Media and Other Public Recognition: A student may accept, from a non-profit service organization approved by the Principal of the student’s school, or the news media, items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification in recognition of the student’s athletic ability or performance, and present the same at a time appropriate to such recognition. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed $750.
I. Operation Gold and National Governing Body (NGB) Participation: Consistent with NFHS policy, a student may accept monies under this program, which provides monetary rewards to athletes who place in the Olympic Games and/or World Championships in designated sports. Additionally, a student and/or the student’s parents may accept monies for participation on National Teams or tryouts sponsored by the NGB and NCAA Youth Development Camps.

On a motion by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Manners it was unanimously approved on a first reading basis to change language to ARTICLE XV OFFICIALS.

ARTICLE XV
OFFICIALS

Section 1. Sports Officials Must Be Registered With PIAA.
All sports officials, in all Contests participated in by a member school of PIAA, shall be persons who are (1) registered, (2) on active status and (3) in good standing, with PIAA.

NOTE: Section 1 does not apply to Contests played outside of Pennsylvania. Additionally, registration with PIAA does not in any way limit or restrict the ability of officials to officiate sports at any level or for any entity including but not limited to intercollegiate, professional, recreational, AAU and other sports organizations.

Section 3. Background Certifications.

d. Rejection Of Applicants Based Upon Information Disclosed In Certifications.

Pursuant to state law, PIAA shall reject the application of a person who has been identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. §1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, and any other felony, unless a period of at least ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

Pursuant to state law, PIAA shall reject the application of any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.
Pursuant to state law, PIAA shall reject the application of any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one misdemeanor offense relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.

Section 7. Removal of Registered Sports Officials.

A. Mandatory Removal.

(2) Felony violations. Pursuant to state law, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, or any other felony, unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

(4) First degree misdemeanor violations. Pursuant to state law, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

(5) DUI and Controlled Substance offenses: Pursuant to state law, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one misdemeanor offense relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of at least three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and on a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA unaudited financial statements for the months ended January 31 and February 28, 2019.

The Executive Director gave a report on:

1) the preliminary schedule for the 100th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting which is scheduled to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 28 thru July 2, 2019; and

2) the Annual District Meeting Schedule.
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Grassel gave a status report on the following:
1) Coaches Education Update; and

2) the 2018-2019 PIAA Basketball Championships.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Gebhart gave a status report on the:

1) number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2018-19 regular season and postseason contests by state high school association-recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of basketball (206), and wrestling (39);

2) notice of submission of District recommendations for the Spring Sports Championships; and

3) PIAA registered sports’ officials’ registration fees, which are in the penalty payment period of March 1 until March 31, 2019.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Associate Executive Director Mertz gave a status report on the:

1) recently completed 2018-2019 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships; and

2) NFHS Student Leadership Summit, which is scheduled for July 22 thru July 24, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN. Six students have been selected to represent Pennsylvania. The students are Braden Bohannon, Julia Cacciotti, Madison Flythe, Ethan Gavlik, Katie McCallum and Derek Troxell.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chief Operating Officer gave a status report on the:

1) recently completed 2018-2019 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships; and

2) the 2018-2019 PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted on a first reading basis: to modify ARTICLE XVI, Section 2, Rules and Regulations, Subsection E. Open Gyms, to provide that such provision applies only to team competitions and those where at least one coach is involved, to read as follows: Within 10 days prior to the start of each sports season, no student enrolled at a PIAA member high school may participate in any team competition on a team on which all other players and at least one coach are also affiliated at that student’s school.
On a motion by Mr. Troxell, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was unanimously voted on a third and final reading, effective July 1, 2019, to modify language of ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING to address post season eligibility on transfers occurring after the 10th grade season.

1. ARTICLE VI TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING

Section 2. Eligibility of Transfers

A. In-Season Transfers

1. 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 21 calendar days following enrollment at the student’s new school. The student’s eligibility shall thereafter be determined by Sections 3 or 4 of this ARTICLE, as applicable.

2. If a student in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade transfers before the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, the student is ineligible for participation in the postseason (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport, for the current school year.

3. If a student transfers after the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, will not be eligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year.

a. If said student is in the 10th or 11th grade then said student is ineligible for participation in the postseason in the (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport of the subsequent school year.

B. Out-of-Season Transfer (effective for transfers occurring on or after August 6, 2018).

1. If a student transfers after participating in a sport in their 10th grade year, or thereafter, and following completion of such season, transfers to another school, said student is ineligible for participation in the postseason (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport for the subsequent school year. The student, if otherwise eligible, may participate in that sport only during the regular season.

C. Waiver Provision of A and/or B. – District Committee may grant eligibility if certain situations are met.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to deny the request of Altoona High School to move the gymnastics season from the winter sports season to the fall sports season.

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Heinhauer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes and Report of the PIAA Competition Committee meeting of March 20, 2019.
BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Ms. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to adopt on a second reading of the Budget Committee recommendations the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for year ending June 30, 2020; and

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Heinauer, it was unanimously voted to adopt the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year 2019-20 PIAA Cash Flows Budget for year ending June 30, 2020.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Ms. Wentzel, seconded by Mr. Craig, it was unanimously voted to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the recommendation of that Committee that the current President, Vice President, and Treasurer of PIAA are recommended for re-election for the term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and their names will be placed upon the May ballot.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Dr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2019:

District X - Visionquest High School

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE
DURING THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the 2018-2019 school year (will not affect classification size of Team(s)):

District III - Lancaster County Christian and Stone Independent High Schools (baseball)
District III - Penn Manor and Stone Independent High Schools (boys’ tennis)
District VII - Vincentian Academy and Eden Christian Academy (boys’ and girls’ track & field)
District VII - Vincentian Academy and Aquinas Academy (baseball)
District IX - Sheffield Area and Abraxas Arlene Lissner High Schools (girls’ track & field)
District X - Fort LeBoeuf and General McLane High Schools (boys’ volleyball)
District XI - Notre Dame Green Pond and Moravian Academy (softball)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE DURING THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Dr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Troxell, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request to terminate cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective during the 2018-19 school year.

District III - William Penn and York Catholic High Schools (boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving)

District III - Upper Dauphin Area and Line Mountain Senior High Schools (boys’ and girls’ track & field)

District IV - Berwick Area and Columbia County Christian High Schools (baseball and boys’ volleyball)

District IV - Southern Columbia Area and Columbia County Christian High Schools (football and wrestling)

District IV - Columbia Montour Area Vo-Tech and Columbia County Christian High Schools (softball)

District X – Fort Leboeuf and Corry Area High Schools (volleyball)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Dr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2019-2020 school year (will not affect classification size of Team(s)):

District II - Blue Ridge and Susquehanna Community High Schools (boys’ volleyball)

District III - Millersburg Area and Upper Dauphin Area High Schools (boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving, boys’ golf, boys’ and girls’ track and field, competitive spirit)

District V – Northern Bedford County and Tussey Mountain (boys’ and girls’ cross country)

District VII – Indiana Area Senior High School and Seeds of Faith Christian Academy (football)
APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Ms. Henderson, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective July 1, 2019:

District II – River of Life Christian Academy

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously approved to allow District XII to participate in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball, June Scholastic Events for High School Participants, on June 21-23, 2019 and June 28-30, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously approved for PIAA District 1 2A boys' volleyball to enter into a Regional with PIAA District XI and PIAA District II.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zack adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 4:25 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019, IN THE BOARD ROOM, AT THE PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.