At 3:10 p.m., Friday, August 21, 2020, Mr. Frank Majikes, PIAA President, called the Zoom videoconference meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square ................................................................. District 1
Stephen Brandt, Glen Mills ............................................................................. District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ................................................................. District 2
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown ............................................................... District 3
Patrick J. Tulley, Shillington ....................................................................... District 3
David Bitting, Hummelstown ........................................................................ District 3
Chris Venna, Coal Township ........................................................................ District 4
Paul Leonard, Cairnbrook ............................................................................ District 5
William W. Marshall, Cresson ......................................................................... District 6
Scott Seltzer, Pittsburgh .................................................................................. District 7
Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino, Pittsburgh ............................................................... District 7
Michael E. Allison, Aliquippa ........................................................................ District 7
Karen Arnold, Pittsburgh ................................................................................ District 8
Aaron Straub, St. Marys .................................................................................. 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
Lee Ann Wentzel, Folsom
  Representing .................................................................................................. PASA

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

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

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

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

Jeffrey D. Batzel, Loysburg
  Representing ................................................................................................ Junior High/Middle Schools Representative

Robert J. Taylor, Oil City
  Representing ................................................................................................ Male Parents’ Representative

Dina Henry, Lancaster
  Representing ................................................................................................ Female Parents’ Representative
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Maureen Gregory, Downingtown  
Representing ................................................................. Female Officials
Michael P. Hudak, Jr., Johnstown  
Representing ................................................................. Male Officials
Michael Cacciotti, Altoona  
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 CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ................................................................. Legal Counsel
Andrew Goodman ................................................................. Legislative Counsel
Catharine Conner ................................................................. Legislative Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT

Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Director ................................................................. District 1
W. Rodney Stone, Executive Secretary ................................................................. District 1
Amy Scheuneman, Executive Director ................................................................. District 7
Tom Haines ................................................................. PA Senate
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ................................................................. Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Holly Farnese ................................................................. PSADA
Mike Drago ................................................................. Reading Eagle
Joe Santoliquito ................................................................. Eastern PA Football
Steve Bennett ................................................................. Citizens Voice
Mike Rubinkam ................................................................. Associated Press
Billy Splain ................................................................. PAFootball.com
Lisa Renwick ................................................................. Meadville Tribune
Mike White, Sports Reporter ................................................................. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Jacob Adams, Sports Reporter ................................................................. Carlisle Sentinel
Keith Groller, Sports Reporter ................................................................. Morning Call
Joby Fawcett, Sports Reporter ................................................................. Scranton Times-Tribune
Tom Robinson, Sports Reporter ................................................................. Scranton Times-Tribune
Bob Greenburg, Sports Reporter ................................................................. Cumulus Radio
GUESTS PRESENT (Continued)

Mitch Rupert, Sports Reporter................................................................. Williamsport Sun Gazette
Jeff Reinhart, Sports Reporter............................................................... LNP
Eric Epler, Sports Reporter................................................................. Pennlive
Josh Martin, Sports Reporter............................................................... Gettysburg Times
Dan Cuellor, Sports Reporter................................................................. 6ABC Philly
Michael Boytim, Sports Reporter......................................................... Altoona Mirror
Phil Anastasia, Sports Reporter........................................................... Philadelphia Inquirer
Pat Principe, Sports Reporter............................................................... WGAL- TV
John Erzar, Sports Reporter.................................................................. Wilkes Barre Times Leader
Lee Goodwin, Sports Reporter............................................................... Record Herald
Rich Charneski, Sports Reporter............................................................. WBRE
John Finnerty, Sports Reporter............................................................... CNHI Harrisburg
Rob Rose, Sports Reporter.................................................................... York Dispatch
Melissa Signs, Sports Reporter.............................................................. NBC Philadelphia
Ed Sutelan, Sports Reporter.................................................................... Pennlive
Andrew Chiapazzi, Sports Reporter....................................................... Beaver County Times
Tom Reisenweber, Sports Reporter......................................................... Erie Times News
Joel Smith, Sports Reporter.................................................................... CBS 21 News
Ali Berube, Sports Reporter................................................................... ABC 27 News
Bob McCool ........................................................................................... PCN
Mike Mastrovich, Sports Reporter........................................................... Tribune Democrat
Chris Harlan, Sports Reporter................................................................. Tribune Review
Todd Sadowski, Sports Reporter............................................................. Fox 43 News
Dylan Fearon, Sports Reporter............................................................... Fox 56
Mark Bertig, Sports Reporter................................................................. Renda Broadcasting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Dr. Lacino, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2020 meeting, via teleconference, of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Andrew Goodman and Catherine Connor of Milliron & Goodman LLC, reported to the Board of Directors on PIAA legislative matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:10 p.m., President Majikes called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss litigation matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where litigation matters were discussed.
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 3:15 p.m., President Majikes returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to
Regular Session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director reported on the following subjects:

1. On a motion by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Straub, the Board unanimously
   approved the minutes of the PIAA Sports’ Medicine Advisory Committee meeting
   of Monday, August 17, 2020.

2. On a motion by Mr. Hudak, seconded by Mr. Batzel, the Board unanimously
   approved on a first reading basis, amendatory language to be added to the
   Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Examination (CIPPE), Section
   4, to provide information relating to COVID-19 and the passage of Peyton’s Law.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PIAA BY-LAWS

3. On a motion by Ms. Hall, seconded Mr. Hartman, the Board approved on a first
   reading basis, language interpreting ARTICLE X, CURRICULUM, Sections 1 &
   2, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Motion passed: 25-yes; 5-no

ARTICLE X
CURRICULUM

Section 1.

To be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition, a student must pursue a
curriculum defined and approved by the Principal as a full-time curriculum. Where
required, this curriculum or its equivalent must be approved by, and conform to, the
regulations of the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania School Code, as well
as any local policies established by the local School Board. The student must be
passing at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent. Eligibility is cumulative from
the beginning of a grading period, must be reported on a weekly basis, and must be
filed in the Principal’s office. Where a student’s cumulative work from the beginning of
the grading period does not as of any Friday meet the standards provided for in this
Section, the student is ineligible from the immediately following Sunday through the
Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which the student’s cumulative
work from the beginning of the grading period meets the standards provided for in this
Section. Where a school is closed on a Friday for any reason, the Principal may, at the
Principal’s election, determine whether the student as of that day meets the standards
provided for in this Section.
Section 2.
To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a student must have passed at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent, during the previous grading period, except as provided in Section 5.
Back work may be made up, providing it is in accordance with the regular rules of the school.

**INTERPRETATIONS**

**Sections 1 and 2. August 21, 2020.**
For the 2020-21 school year, a senior student is permitted to take only those credits necessary for graduation, which may be less than four (4). The student must be passing each credit in order to maintain eligibility. The student must be enrolled in minimally a class providing at least one (1) credit.

4. On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Iacino, the Board unanimously approved, on a suspended protocol basis, and effective immediately, revised Football Pre-Season Heat-Acclimatization Guidelines, for the 2020 football season only, as follows:

**FOOTBALL PRE-SEASON HEAT-ACCLIMATIZATION GUIDELINES**

Practice or competition in hot and/or humid environmental conditions poses special problems for student-athletes. Heat illness is a primary concern in these conditions. Having a scripted practice plan with breaks from activity as well as scheduled hydration and cooling off periods will be of great assistance in preparing student-athletes for the football season.

**CORE PRINCIPLES:**

1. **Acclimatization Period:** All schools sponsoring high school football are recommended to institute the heat acclimatization program on Monday or Tuesday (August 10 or 11, 2020) for 5 consecutive days prior to the Monday starting date (August 17, 2020) for the 2020 football season. If a school opts to institute heat acclimatization during this period, the intent is to have all members of the team be present and participate in all 5 consecutive days of the heat acclimatization period, but minimally, a player must be present for 3 consecutive days of these first 5 days of heat acclimatization to satisfy the requirement. A school must have 5 consecutive days of heat acclimatization prior to their first contact drills and contact drills may not be initiated before Monday, August 17, 2020 (the first legal practice date of fall sports).

- The practices for this week are limited to a 5-3-5-3-5 hours of practice daily for the 5 days of heat acclimatization. Practice sessions may be no longer than 3 hours in length and teams must have 2 hours of rest (recovery period) between sessions. Days 1, 3 and 5 are limited to 5 hours per day and Days 2 and 4 are limited to 3 hours per day.

**NOTE:** For the 2020 Football Season, if a Team is unable to meet the 3 hour daily minimum due to school being in session during the day(s) of heat acclimatization, the Team is expected to maximize the time available for heat acclimatization on those days to satisfy the spirit and intent of this guideline.
FALL SPORTS DISCUSSION

On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Mr. Bitting, the Board approved the start date of the 2020 Fall Sports Season as Monday, August 24, 2020, with each local school having the option to participate at its discretion.

Motion approved: 25-yes; 5-no

On a motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously approved that, based upon each local school’s decision, PIAA will monitor how many schools are participating in fall sports and may pursue alternate solutions for those choosing not to participate, if options are appropriate and feasible.

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION, EFFECTIVE July 1, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Straub, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to approve the following Member School Application(s), effective beginning of 2020-2021 school year:

District IX – Venango Catholic Junior/Senior High School

APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT FOR 2020-21, EFFECTIVE July 1, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Ms. Hall, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2020-2021 school year, (will not affect classification size of teams):

District III- Oley Valley and Berks Christian Catholic High Schools (boys’ golf)
District III- Muhlenberg and Fleetwood Area High Schools (boys’ and girls’ bowling)

On a motion by Mr. Venna, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2020-2021 school year, (will not affect classification size of teams):

District IV- East Juniata and Juniata Mennonite High Schools (baseball and softball)

On a motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Cacciotti, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2020-2021 school year, (will not affect classification size of teams):

District VI-Conemaugh Valley and Ferndale Area Sr. High and Jr. High/Middle Schools (football), (contingent upon District VI approval)
On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2020-2021 school year, (will not affect classification size of teams):

District X-Maplewood Junior High School and The Learning Center (boys' basketball, football and boys' volleyball)

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors' was adjourned at 3:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director