At 4:10 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 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. 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
Michael Allison, Aliquippa ............................................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, 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
Jeffrey D. Batzel, Loysburg
  Representing .................................................................. Junior High/Middle Schools Representative
Jonathan Bauer
  Representing ........................................................................................ PA Principals Association Representative
S. Janell Henderson, Bedford
  Representing ........................................................................................ Female Parents’ Representative
David A. Troxell, Catasauqua
  Representing ................................................................................................ Male Parents’ Representative
Lee Ann Wentzel, Folsom
  Representing ................................................................................................ PASA
Michael J. Craig, Mechanicsburg
  Representing ................................................................................................ PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing ................................................................................................ PCA
James Scheirer, Mechanicsburg
  Representing ................................................................................................ PSBA
Catherine Foley, Pittsburgh
  Representing ................................................................................................ Female Officials
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Kevin J. McNamara, Montoursville
  Representing ................................................................. Male Officials
Audrey Hall, McConnellsburg
  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

GUESTS PRESENT

Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Director................................................................. District 1
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ..................................................... Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Executive Director......................................................................... PSFCA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, July 17, 2019, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.

HEARING-WEST GREENE HS & ALBERT GALLATIN HS CONCERNING PROPOSED COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

Following a presentation by the requesting schools, on a motion by Mr. Craig, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was voted to suspend application of Article III, Attendance, Section 10.A.6, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, to accommodate a request from West Greene High School to cooperatively sponsor boys’ soccer with Albert Gallatin High School even though the schools are not contiguous.

Motion passed: 26-yes; 1-no.
APPEAL HEARING-MCKEESPORT HS REGARDING COACH’S SANCTIONS FOR RECRUITING VIOLATION

Following a presentation by the school and coach, on a motion by Ms. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to deny a request for relief by a coach of McKeesport High School, from the application of the mandatory suspension provision of Article VI, Section 9D, of the PIAA By-Laws, Recruiting.

APPEAL HEARING-WISSAHICKON MIDDLE SCHOOL – SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS

Following a presentation by the school, on a motion by Dr. Barber seconded by Dr. Kennedy, it was voted to grant a request from Wissahickon Middle School to suspend application of Article XVI, Season and Out of Season Rules and Regulations, to allow an eighth grade student to participate in an out of season non-contact football event that was re-scheduled due to a scheduling conflict.

Motion passed: 16-yes; 14-no

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:15 p.m., President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss legal matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legal matters were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 5:45 p.m., President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was approved to authorize the PIAA Executive Director to initiate an inquiry further into allegations made regarding potential recruiting violations of Ss. John Neumann & Maria Goretti High School.

Motion passed: 28-yes; 2 abstained

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was approved that each PIAA District would pay to Headquarters, on a proportional basis, funding to assist with the high cost of legal fees incurred in recent litigation matters.

Motion passed: 28-yes; 2-no

The Board of Directors’ accepted the resignation of Michael A. Gavlik as PIAA Treasurer and District VIII Chairman and congratulated him for 15 years of service to the Board of Directors. The PIAA Nominating Committee will begin the search for a replacement for the position of PIAA Treasurer.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PIAA CONSTITUTION

On a motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Batzel, it was unanimously approved, on a first reading basis, to add language to ARTICLE IX, DISTRICT COMMITTEES, Section 1.G. as follows:

Any district committee member may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the committee at any meeting of the district committee whenever, in the judgment of the committee the best interest of the district or PIAA would be served thereby.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Hall, it was unanimously approved to suspend protocol and amend PIAA By-Laws, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 2.C., to make clear that the waiver provision of Subsection 2.C. (Waiver Provision of A. and/or B - District Committee may grant eligibility if certain situations are met”) does not include a waiver of the 21 day rule, to read as follows: NOTE: 21 day rule is not subject to a waiver. This amendment is effective immediately.

On a motion by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously approved, on a first reading basis, to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 2., Rules and Regulations A. Out of Season Activities 1to provide that schools participating in sanctioned NCAA/NFHS scheduled events may sponsor a team. Subsection 4 was also modified, on a first reading basis, to remove the bar on use of school name and nickname by community organizations, groups or students. The school’s interscholastic athletic uniform still may not be used by community organizations, groups, or students.

On a motion by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was unanimously approved, on a first reading basis, to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 4, Mixed Gender Participation, Subsection D3, to provide that a Mixed Gender tennis Team shall play during the boys’ Regular Season and Postseason.

On a motion by Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously approved, on a first reading basis, to amend language in ARTICLE XIX, JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS, (Junior High/Middle School 7th, 8th and 9th Grade Competition) Section 3, Period of Participation B to clarify the period during which junior high/middle school students may participate to clarify that no junior high/middle school student may participate in any sport for more than three seasons in grades seven through nine, inclusive and that students may practice for and participate in only one season in each sport during each school year.

PROPOSED POLICY AND PROCEDURES AMENDMENTS

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously approved on suspended protocol, effective immediately, to clarify the POLICY REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF OPEN RECORDS, as set forth in the PIAA Policies and Procedures, to require persons seeking records from PIAA under the Right to Know Law to utilize the Office of Open Records-approved form for such requests.
LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director reported on the following subjects:

1) Compliance of those schools that were contacted regarding their not timely providing proper information for 2017 eligibility lists.

2) On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Troxell, it was unanimously voted to approve the draft of audited PIAA Headquarters financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019 as prepared by Boyer & Ritter; and PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ended June 30, and July 31 and August 31, 2019.

3) Discussion on Friday night football concerns as a result of two separate incidents at football games in separate areas of the state. The Executive Director provided the Board of Directors with a document titled “Member School Security Considerations for Sporting Events” as a starting point for member schools’ security and safety considerations when hosting athletic events.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Grassel gave a status report on the following:

1) Coaches education update;

2) The September newsletter-emailed and posted to the PIAA website;

3) 2018-19 Coaches of the Year; and


ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

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

1) Review of the 2019 25th Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention and 30 year of recognition banquet;

2) Mr. Majikes being presented a citation issued by the PA House of Representatives recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the PIAA Officials’ Convention;

3) The deadline for receipt of recommendations to officiate 2019 PIAA Fall Championships in sports of cross country, girls’ volleyball, field hockey, soccer and football;

4) The online mandatory rules meetings for fall sports, which are now posted to the PIAA website and will be available until November;
5) The start of the 2019-20 PIAA Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings; and

6) PIAA is now accepting nominations forms or notices for Officials’ Representatives to enter on ballots: deadline for submissions is Nov. 10th.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Associate Executive Director Mertz gave a status report on the following:

1) Report of eligibility lists submission;

2) The number of schools regarded to be delinquent as a result of dues not being paid on or before September 30, 2019; and

3) The reclassification process - started October 1st until October 15th, submission of enrollment numbers and timeline.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORT

The Chief Operating Officer Byers gave a status report on the following:

1) The 2019 PIAA 13th Annual Cross Country Foundation Race which hosted approximately 2,500 runners and 142 schools; and

2) On a motion by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the use of a post-season eligibility form that may be used by District Committees to consider initial requests for waivers of post-season ineligibility.

3) Reported to the Board that Freedom High School, Bethlehem, has been accepted as the 2020 Southeast 2A regional wrestling site.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, the Board of Directors voted to approve, on a third and final reading basis, an adjustment in the competition formula to reduce the number of transfers required to trigger an increase in classification from 5 in football and 2 in basketball, to 3 in football and 1 in basketball for the two-year cycle of the competition formula, effective immediately.

Motion passed: 21-yes; 9-no.

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Troxell, it was unanimously voted, on a suspended protocol basis, to accept the clarification language of ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 3, Permissible Awards, to permit students to receive reasonable and necessary expenses for transportation, lodging, and/or meals incurred by the student and/or the student’s parents, effective immediately.
On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Ms. Wentzel, it was unanimously voted to approve an INTERPRETATION to ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, Section 2, In-Season Transfers, A2 of the PIAA By-Laws, to make clear that the 50% number is based upon the number of Contests on a Team’s schedule while the student was part of the Team, regardless of his/her individual eligibility status during that period.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mrs. Foley, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Competition Committee from its meeting of Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Mannarino, it was unanimously voted to approve a policy to adjust the start date for winter sports, which will be moved to Monday of the previous week from Friday whenever Thanksgiving is late in the calendar.

Mr. Craig moved, and Mr. Bohannon seconded a motion to approve the diagonal system of control as method of officiating boys’ and girls’ soccer starting the fall 2020 at the varsity level when using three officials.

Motion failed: 10-yes; 19 – no.

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE BEGINNING OF THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR, WILL NOT AFFECT CLASSIFICATION

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

**District III** – Penn Manor Junior High School & The Stone Independent Middle School (boys’ and girls’ soccer)

**District III- Change**- Exeter Township and Antietam High Schools to add Wyomissing High School (boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving)

**District III** – Upper Dauphin Area and Millersburg Area High Schools (wrestling)

**District VI** - Williamsburg and Juniata Valley Junior High Schools (football)

**District VI** – Glendale and Harmony Area Junior High Schools (girls’ volleyball)

**District IX** - **Host Correction**- Oswayo Valley and Otto Eldred High Schools (boys’ & girls’ golf)

**District XII** - Science Leadership Academy and Benjamin Franklin High School (girls’ lacrosse)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE
BEGINNING OF THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, WILL NOT AFFECT CLASSIFICATION

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

**District III** – Millersburg Area and Upper Dauphin Area High Schools (boys’ and girls’ soccer)

**District III** – Upper Dauphin Area and Millersburg Area High Schools (JH & V football)

**District V** – Conemaugh Township and Johnstown Christian High Schools (football)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE
BEGINNING OF THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, WILL AFFECT CLASSIFICATION

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Sette, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the 2020-2021 school year (will affect classification size of Team(s)):

**District XII** – West Philadelphia and William L. Sayre High Schools (boys’ soccer)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE DURING THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests to terminate cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective for the 2019-20 school year:

**District III** - Kutztown Area and Brandywine Heights High Schools (boys’ and girls’ track and field)

**District III** - Mount Calvary Christian and Lancaster Mennonite (boys’ and girls’ golf)

**District III** - Southwestern and Delone Catholic High Schools (girls’ lacrosse)

**District III** - Daniel Boone and Berks Catholic High Schools (girls’ golf)

**District VII** - Western Beaver High School and Lincoln Park Performing Arts (baseball)

**District VII** - Cornell and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High Schools (boys’ and girls’ cross country and boys’ and girls’ soccer)

**District VII** - South Side Junior High and Burgettsstown Area Middle School (boys’ soccer)
District X - Franklin and St. Patrick Junior High Schools (boys’ cross country, football, boys’ golf, boys’ and girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ track and field and wrestling)

District XII - Murrell Dobbins High School and Eastern Academy Charter School (competitive spirit, boys’ volleyball, boys’ and girls’ track and field, softball, girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ indoor track and field, boys’ and girls’ cross country, boys’ and girls’ bowling, girls’ basketball and baseball)

District XII - Shoemaker and Hardy Williams Mastery Charter Schools (boys’ and girls’ cross country, boys’ and girls’ track and field)

District XII - Benjamin Franklin High School and Philadelphia Military Academy (girls’ volleyball and baseball)

District XII - Pickett Mastery and Shoemaker Mastery Charter (Competitive Spirit)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE DURING THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests to terminate cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective for the 2020-21 school year:

District VI - Juniata and East Juniata High Schools to terminate girls’ volleyball

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION(S), EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for member school applications, effective July 1, 2019:

District I - The Glen Mills School

District II - Wilkes Barre Area Junior High School

WITHDRAWALS OF MEMBERSHIP(S), EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve the following withdrawal of membership requests:

District I - Scott Middle School
South Brandywine Middle School

District II - Elmer L. Meyers Junior High School
GAR Memorial Junior High School
Solomon/Plains Junior High School

District III - Lancaster Mennonite School
Rowland Intermediate
District IX - St. Bernard Middle School

District X - Calvary Baptist Christian Academy
     St. Patrick Junior High School
     St. Michael School

ADJOURNMENT

James T. Zack, President, adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 6:50 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019, AT 4:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.