SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

1. Approved the Minutes of the December 4, 2019, meeting of the Board of Directors.

2. Overturned the Executive Director’s decision on appeals of two schools appealing their classification based upon the Competition Formula.

3. Upheld the Executive Director’s decision on appeals of three schools appealing their classification based upon the Competition Formula.

4. Approved the request of a PIAA member school to change classification from A to AA in boys’ soccer.

5. Approved the request of a PIAA member school to continue in AA classification in girls’ volleyball.

6. Approved the request of a PIAA member school to continue in AAA classification in wrestling.

7. Approved a Co-op sport agreement between Washington, Burgettstown and Fort Cherry High Schools, in the sport of boys’ soccer, with Washington being the host, and playing an exhibition schedule for the 2020 and 2021 soccer seasons.

8. Unanimously denied the request of a PIAA member school to return to 1A classification from 2A classification, in the sport of girls’ soccer.

9. Held an executive session to discuss active litigation.

10. Received a legislative report from legislative counsel.

11. Approved, on a third and final reading basis, a motion to amend the PIAA Constitution, Article IX, District Committees, Section 1, to add a provision permitting the removal of District Committee members. The added provision is analogous to the Constitutional provision allowing for removal of Board of Directors members. This amendment will be presented to the membership for a vote at their Annual District meetings to be held in April 2020.

12. Approved the following By-Law Amendments, on a third and final reading basis, effective July 1, 2020;

   • ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 2. Rules and Regulations A. Out-of-Season Activities to (1) add a Note to authorize participation in sanctioned NCAA/NFHS scheduled events; and (2) authorize community groups to use a school’s name and nickname;

   • ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 4, Mixed Gender Participation, Subsection D3, to include tennis as a sport where a mixed gender Team must participate in the boys’ postseason competition;

   • ARTICLE XIX, JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS, (Junior High/Middle School 7th, 8th and 9th Grade Competition) Section 3, Period of Participation B. to make clear that (1) no junior high/middle school student may participate in any sport for more than three seasons in grades seven through nine, inclusive, and (2) a student may practice for and participate in only one season in each sport during each school year.

13. Approved the following proposed By-Law Amendments, all on a second reading basis:

   • ARTICLE VI. TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 2., C. Waiver provision of A and/or B - District Committee may grant eligibility if certain situations are met: to make clear that a student seeking a waiver due to a change in financial condition must demonstrate an involuntary substantial change in financial condition and resources that compelled withdrawal from a school.

   • ARTICLE I, AGE, Section I, Maximum Age Rule, to prohibit practicing of students who are beyond the maximum age limitation in collision sports, as follows:

   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.

   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 INTERPRETATIONS, page 11 of PIAA By-Laws).
14. Approved the following proposed Policies and Procedures amendment:

- On a first reading basis, to amend language to the Corrections to School’s Enrollment Report and Correction Of Enrollment Report Errors to modernize the language.
- On a first reading basis to direct the Executive Staff to develop language for more restrictive penalties for behaviors that result in ejection of a player, coach, team personnel, and spectators, and to extend officials jurisdiction to the premises of the competition.

15. Accepted a report and update from the Executive Director on the:

- PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ended November 30, and December 31, 2019;
- Summary of Fall Championships Financials;
- Football Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020;
- First reading of recommendations from the PIAA Football Steering Committee to:
  1. Permit Teams, upon mutual agreement, and for sub-varsity Contests only, to allow for modification of timing and playing rules; and
  2. Require heat acclimatization to be 5 days for Teams, to occur Monday through Friday - and to permit that Teams that complete the 5 days of heat acclimatization to have an interschool practice on day 6 (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;
- PIAA’s 100th Year of Basketball Celebration plans; and
- The 2020 Basketball and Wrestling Championships.

16. Accepted the Assistant Executive Director’s report on the:

- PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 and an Executive Staff review of the selection process of post-season volleyball officials;
- PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee & Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association Minutes from their meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020; and
- NFHS Coaches of the Year awards.

17. Accepted the Assistant Executive Director’s report on the:

- Recently held elections of Male and Female Officials’ Representatives in the Odd Numbered PIAA Districts;
- Notice of submission of District recommendations for the Winter Sports Championships;
- PIAA Registered Sports’ Officials’ registration fees (face value period is from January 15 until February 29, 2020);
- Online mandatory rules meetings for fall and winter sports;
- Chapter and District Interpreters’ Annual Mandatory Online Meeting;
- PIAA Golf Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020; and
- First reading to approve recommendations from the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to:
  1. Adopt additional language regarding girls playing in the boys’ individual championship tournament; and
  2. Adopt a revised calendar for championships, which would move up the dates of regional, individual and team championships.

18. Accepted the Associate Executive Director’s report on the:

- Recently completed PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships;
- PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020. As part of the recommendation, the Board:
  Accepted the recommendation from the Field Hockey Steering Committee to modify the Overtime procedure for Championship Finals to be two (2) 10-minute Reduced Player Sudden Victory;
- NFHS Student Leadership Summit – to be held July 20-22, 2020; and
- Policy of Schools over Co-Op limit of 300. It was agreed to defer discussion of this topic to the PIAA Summer Board Meeting.

19. Accepted the Chief Operating Officer’s report on the:

- PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020;
- First reading to approve a recommendation from the PIAA Cross Country Steering to
  1. Adopt a policy which would provide for a guaranteed number of two (2) qualifiers and ten (10) non-team individuals from a qualifying District or Region with 12 or more schools;
- PIAA Soccer Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020;
- Recommendations from the Soccer Steering Committee, which were accepted, to:
  1. Authorize the Administrative Staff to submit a rules proposal to the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee for consideration of adopting a “soft red card”;
  2. Modify the last five minutes’ substitution rule, to provide that if play has implicated the use of a “mercy rule”, the clock will not be stopped for substitution by the team in the lead;
• Request of the Soccer Steering Committee, which was rejected by the Board, to move the start of the fall season to the first day of heat acclimatization for all sports; and
• Proposed Number of Entries (Qualifiers) and Brackets (Pairings) by District or by Region for 2020-21 & 2021-22 PIAA Championships.

20. Accepted the Budget Committee Report including the 2020-21 Operating Budget and 2020-21 Cash Flows Budget with recommendations from its meeting of January 8, 2020.

21. Distributed the Annual Meeting Forms.

22. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2019-2020 school year (will not affect classification size of teams):

   District II – Berwick Area High School and Columbia Montour Area Vo-Tech (girls’ swimming and diving)

   District III – Correction from 10/2/19 meeting: Remove Penn Manor Junior High and The Stone Independent School (boys’ and girls’ soccer)

   District III – Greenwood and Halifax Area and Newport High Schools (girls’ track and field)

   District III – Muhlenberg and Fleetwood High Schools (boys’ and girls’ bowling) Tabled to July Meeting

   District III – Mechanicsburg High School and West Shore Christian Academy (boys’ volleyball)

   District IV- Bloomsburg and Millville High Schools (girls’ spirit and swimming and diving)

   District IV & VI - East Juniata and Juniata High Schools (boys’ and girls’ rifle)

   District V – Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon County High Schools (boys’ soccer)

   District VIII- Perry and Brashear High Schools (boys’ and girls’ swimming)

   District X- Erie First Christian and Mercyhurst Prep (boys’ volleyball)

   District XI – Nativity BVM and Shenandoah Valley High Schools (girls’ soccer)

   District XII – Benjamin Franklin High School, Science Leadership Academy and Parkway City Middle College (boys’ indoor track and field)

   District XII – Science Leadership Academy, Benjamin Franklin and Academy at Palumbo High Schools (girls’ lacrosse)

   District XII – Science Leadership Academy and Academy at Palumbo High School (girls’ swimming and diving)

23. Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2019-2020 school year:

   District II – Lake Lehman and Northwest Area (boys’ volleyball)

   District XII – Philadelphia HS Creative & Performing and Academy at Palumbo (boys’ basketball)

24. Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2020-2021 school year:

   District IV- Shikellamy and Northumberland Christian (softball)

   District XII – KIPP Dubois Charter and Belmont Charter (football)

   District XII – Academy at Palumbo, Constitution, William Bodine and GW Carver (wrestling)

25. Approved the following member school applications, effective July 1, 2019:

   District I - Renaissance Academy High School

   District III- La Academia Partnership Charter School

   District VII- Environmental Charter Middle School and Hillcrest Christian Academy High School

26. Approved on a first reading the policy for election and replacement of officers to modernize the language.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020, AT 3:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.