1. Approved the Minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting and the Emergency Teleconference Meeting of March 12, 2020 of the Board of Directors.

2. Approved the following proposed By-Law amendment, on a third and final reading basis, (effective July 1, 2020):
   • 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:
     
     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 court ordered transfer;
     - 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 compel 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 court approval.
     
     All other tendered reasons will be considered by the District Committee on a case-by-case basis.

3. Unanimously defeated the following proposed By-Law amendment, on a third and final reading basis:
   • 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.

     A student who is ineligible under this provision shall not participate in any Practice involving the collision sports of wrestling and boys’ lacrosse. (This change will add ARTICLE I to the INTERPRETATIONS, page 11 of PIAA By-Laws)

     With the defeat of this proposed amendment, all students, regardless of age, remain eligible to participate in Practices. It is within the discretion of the school to determine whether a particular student, because of his/her age, poses an enhanced risk of injury to other members of the Team and should not be permitted to Practice.

4. Approved the following proposed revised language in the Glossary section of the PIAA By-Laws, on a first reading basis:

   ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: A school formed as a result of a special program jointure as, established by the School Boards of one two 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.

5. Approved, on a second reading basis, a proposal to accept language for imposition of more restrictive penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct behaviors that result in ejection of a player and/or coach, and to provide an educational component that must be completed and submitted to the District Committee before the return to play, and to allow for subsequent District Committee review of the actions that resulted in the ejection, and to define the officials’ jurisdiction to apply this rule to include all times while at the premises of the competition.

6. Accepted a report, recommendations and update from the Executive Director on the following:
   • Possible modifications to the Annual District Meeting Schedule and the hosting of each District’s election and re-organization of the District Committee that needs to be completed by July 1st.
Reviewed possible electronic procedures to complete the voting by member schools for the Constitutional amendment that was passed by the Board of Directors before February 1st. This voting must be completed and submitted to the Executive Director by May 1st.

Upon recommendation of the Football Steering Committee, the Board approved a proposal, on a second reading basis, to allow for mutual agreement between sub-varsity Teams to modify certain playing rules, eliminate appropriate game formations and to allow for participation with a reduced number of players so to not have to cancel Contests.

Upon consideration of a recommendation of the Football Steering Committee, the Board defeated proposal, on a second reading basis, to change the provisions of the heat acclimatization period to 5 days for Teams, to occur Monday through Friday and to allow Teams to compete in an inter-school practice (7 v. 7) before the first day of practice on Saturday of that week (Day 6) with no contact, then allow the Team’s first full contact scrimmage on the following Friday and play their first game on week Zero.

Upon consideration of a recommendation of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC), the Board voted to table a request to add mental health components to the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE). The proposal was tabled to allow for more feedback from Authorized Medical Examiners (AME) to indicate if they are trained enough in this area to evaluate these items.

Upon consideration of a recommendation of the SMAC, the Board voted to add more information in the PIAA Sport Medicine Guidelines to further update the use of wet bulb evaluations in heat acclimatization scenarios.

The Board voted to accept the Minutes of the SMAC from its meeting of March 15, 2020.

The Board accepted information regarding the NFHS Annual Summer Conference to be held in Denver, CO, June 28-July 2, 2020 and the possible postponement or change of structure of that meeting due to the COVID-19, coronavirus situation that is across the country.

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

PIAA Newsletter for March that is posted to the PIAA website and emailed to all principals and athletic directors that highlights students from this past year’s NFHS Student Leadership Summit. The students provided their thoughts on the lessons learned from their athletic experiences, how it assists them in dealing with the coronavirus situation and their suggestions to other student-athletes.

8. Accepted the Assistant Executive Director’s report on the following:

The Board voted to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) for designation as “Official PIAA Equipment Center for PIAA Registered Sports Officials”;

On a second reading basis, the Board accepted the PIAA Golf Steering Committee’s proposal to adopt additional language regarding girls playing on boys’ golf Teams which approximate 85% of the total yardage of the course that the boys play. For post-season individual events, girls playing in the boys’ individual competition must play from the same yardage as the boys;

On a suspended protocol basis, the Board adopted a revised calendar for championships, which would move up the dates of the regional, individual and Team Championships. This will assist in the courses that will host securing the dates for competition.

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

Recently completed PIAA AAA Swimming and Diving Championships and the postponed PIAA AA Swimming and Diving Championships due to the coronavirus;

The potential hosting of the NFHS Student Leadership Summit, to be held July 20-22, 2020 in Indianapolis, IN.

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

PIAA Team Wrestling Championships;

PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships.
11. Approved 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

12. Approval of 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

13. Approval of 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

14. Approval of 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

15. Approved a proposal to return the start of the winter sport practice date to the Friday before Thanksgiving and allow for the first scrimmage date to be the Saturday after Thanksgiving when Thanksgiving is late in the calendar.

16. Denied a request from the Scholastic Bowling Championships Association to extend the regular season to allow them to complete their event at a future date. The Board recognizes that this request was based upon the COVID-19 coronavirus situation, and will allow this group to host their championships at a future date if the Board takes the same action for the completion of the PIAA basketball and AA swimming and diving championships.

**NEXT SCHEDULED PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020, AT 3:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.**