SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

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1. Approved the Minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors.

2. Suspended protocol to approve amendment of ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING ITEM B. Waiver of Ineligibility to clarify the burden of proof for a presumptively ineligible student that the District Committee, waive the period of ineligibility in some or all sports. The student needs to demonstrate clear and convincing evidence that the transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

3. Approved on a suspended protocol basis, and effective July 1, 2019 amendment of 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.”

4. Approved on a third and final reading and effective July 1, 2019, amendment to Article II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, of the PIAA By-Laws to increase the fair market value of items which may be received by student-athletes without loss of amateur status to an amount not to exceed $750 and to allow for reimbursement of costs of participation on National Governing Body (NGB) teams (National Teams) and NCAA Youth Development Camps.

5. Approved on a suspended protocol basis and effective July 1, 2019, amendment to ARTICLE XV, Section 1. Sports Officials Must be Registered With PIAA, Section 3. Background Certifications, and Section 7. Removal of Registered Sports Officials, of the PIAA By-Laws, to make clear that PIAA-registered officials are permitted to officiate competitions other than for PIAA, and to further make clear that the background checks and removals for criminal convictions set forth in ARTICLE XV are required pursuant to Pennsylvania law.

6. Accepted a report and update from the Executive Director on the:
   - Results of balloting for one proposed amendment to PIAA Constitution, which passed and becomes effective, Monday, July 1, 2019;
   - 100th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 28-July 2, 2019;
   - 2019 PIAA District Annual Meetings;
   - NFHS Summit and Legal meeting dates for 2020 which are April 15-17;
   - 2019-2020 Board of Directors’ meeting schedule;
   - PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ended March 31 and April 30, 2019;
   - Unaudited financial statements for 2018-2019 PIAA Winter Sports Championships;
   - Proposed adjustment to the NFHS Network Agreement which was approved by a vote of the Board of Directors; and
   - Sports’ Medicine Advisory Committee minutes from its meeting of Sunday, March 31, 2019 which were approved by a vote of the Board of Directors.

7. Unanimously approved the recommendation of the Sports’ Medicine Advisory Committee to remove members of that Committee that do not attend a meeting within a two year period.
8. Unanimously approved the recommendation of the Sports’ Medicine Advisory Committee to not modify the CIPPE form for the 2019-2020 school year.

9. Accepted the Assistant Executive Director’s report on the:
   - Coaches Education Update;
   - Recently completed 2019 PIAA Boys’ Team Tennis Championships;
   - 2019 PIAA Boys’ Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships; and
   - 2019 PIAA Boys’ Volleyball Championships, including a change of venue for this year to be in the Pegula Arena, Penn State University, due to construction at the originally scheduled venue; and
   - Joint State Government Commission studying the possible change of start times for secondary schools.

10. Accepted the Assistant Executive Director report as follows:
    - The Board of Directors tabled action as to the Officials’ Council recommendations for uniform rules.
    - Reported on the plans for the 25th Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention, to be held Friday, August 9, and Saturday, August 10, 2019, which includes 100 plus sessions and 30 Years of Service Banquet.
    - The Board of Directors’ approved the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Saturday, March 23, 2019.

11. Accepted the Associate Executive Director’s report as follows:
    - Reported on the planned NFHS Student Leadership Summit, to be held on July 22-24, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana;
    - Reported on the 2019 PIAA Boys’ and Girls’ Lacrosse Championships;
    - Reported on the 2019 PIAA Softball Championships; and
    - The Board of Directors’ approved the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019; and
    - The Board of Directors’ approved the PIAA Competitive Spirit Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

12. Approved the recommendation from the Swimming and Diving Steering Committee to rescind the PIAA modification of NFHS rules prohibiting jewelry and adopted the jewelry rule as written in the NFHS rules book.

13. Tabled for further study a recommendation from the PIAA Competitive Spirit Committee to create three classifications for competitive spirit.

14. Accepted the Chief Operating Officer’s report as follows:
    - The Board of Directors’ approved the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019;
    - The Board of Directors’ approved PIAA Basketball Steering Committee minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019;
    - The board of Directors’ approved the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019;
    - Reported on the 2019 PIAA Track and Field Championships; and
    - Reported on the 2019 PIAA Baseball Championships.

15. Unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to submit to the NFHS a proposal to amend the rules and adopt the use of 12 weight classes for 2020, and to request approval by the NFHS of a pilot program of 12 weight classes in the event the NFHS wrestling rules committee does not approve a reduction in the number of weight classes.
Unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to reduce the number of junior high/middle school weight classes from 18 to 15, effective for the 2019-2020 school year.

Unanimously voted to approve the recommendation from the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to refer the NCAA grooming rules for wrestling to the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for its consideration and possible recommendation.

Unanimously approved a proposal for Varsity Regular Season individually bracketed tournaments with 9 or more teams in senior high competition, to allow a team to enter an additional wrestler per each weight class without counting additional Team competitions, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, effective July 1, 2019.

Unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee to continue to gather qualifier information from each district for their 2016-19 Championships. A recommendation regarding qualifiers will be made to the Board of Directors for the next classification cycle.

Approved the Competition Committee Minutes and Report from its meeting of May 22, 2019. The following recommendations of the Committee were approved:

1. On a first reading basis, to adjust the number of transfers required to trigger possible changes 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.

2. To further consider possible amendment of the Semester Rule to start at the beginning of the 7th grade and be 12 consecutive semesters through grade 12, instead of 8 consecutive semesters after the start of the ninth grade.

Accepted on a third and final reading the Budget Committee recommendations for the 2019-20 PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the year ending June 30, 2020; and the 2019-20 PIAA Cash Flows Budget for year ending June 30, 2020.

Accepted a report from the Nominating Committee on the election of officers to elect James T. Zack as PIAA President; Francis M. Majikes as PIAA Vice President; and Michael A. Gavlik as PIAA Treasurer and certified the results of the written balloting electing those candidates as officers for one year, effective July 1, 2019.

Approve Member School Application(s), effective July 1, 2019:

District III - Anchor Christian Academy

District III – Lititz Area Mennonite High School

Approve Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective during the 2018-2019 school year (will not affect classification size of Team(s)):

District V – North Star and Somerset Christian (baseball)

Approve Request(s) for Termination of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective during the 2019-2020 school year:

District III - Halifax Area and Millersburg High Schools (wrestling, boys’ golf, and boys’ and girls’ track and field)

District III - Reading and Berks Catholic High Schools (wrestling)

District IV & II - Benton Area and Northwest Area High (boys’ and girls’ soccer)
District V - Shade and Johnstown Christian High Schools (boys’ basketball)

District VII – Penn Hills and Trinity Christian High Schools (football)

District X - Rocky Grove and Venango Catholic High (girls’ basketball), (pending District 9 approval)

District XII - Simon Gratz Mastery Charter and Pickett Mastery Charter Schools (boys’ and girls’ track and field)

26. Approve Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of 2019-2020 school year (will not affect classification size of Team(s):

District IV – Central Columbia and Benton Area Middle Schools (football)

27. Referred to the Officials’ Council for consideration a request to discuss the acceptance of the diagonal system of control for PIAA soccer officiating and a discussion of the hosting chapter meetings.

28. Approved a request from the Athletic Directors’ Association to send PIAA-generated surveys to Athletic Directors as well as Principals.

29. Recognized James Manners, Scott Heinauer, Danielle Turner and Richard Dry, retiring members of the PIAA Board of Directors.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 16 AND 11:00 A.M, WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019, AT THE PENN STATER, STATE COLLEGE, PA.