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SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS AT ITS MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012

- I. Approved the following PIAA member school application, effective July 1, 2012:**
Eastern University Charter School (PIAA District XII)
- II. Approved the following withdrawal from PIAA membership, effective July 1, 2011:**
Pittsburgh High School for Creative and Performance Arts (PIAA District VIII)
- III. Approved the following requests concerning cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of 2011-2012 school year (No affect on enrollment classification of Team[s]):**
 - A.** Wyoming Valley West High School and Wyoming Seminary (PIAA District II) to cooperatively sponsor football.
 - B.** Canonsburg Middle and Saint Patrick Junior High Schools (PIAA District VII) to cooperatively sponsor softball.

- IV. Approved the following requests concerning cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of 2012-2012 school year (No affect on enrollment classification of Team[s]):**
- A.** Elk Lake and Montrose High Schools (PIAA District II) to cooperatively sponsor football.
 - B.** Elk Lake and Montrose Junior High Schools (PIAA District II) to cooperatively sponsor football.
 - C.** Wyoming Valley West High School and Wyoming Seminary (PIAA District II) to cooperatively sponsor football.
 - D.** Harrisburg Academy and Trinity High Schools (PIAA District III) to cooperatively sponsor baseball, boys' and girls' cross country, football, boys' and girls' lacrosse, and boys' and girls' track and field.
 - E.** Forbes Road Junior High School (PIAA District V) and Southern Huntingdon County Middle School (PIAA District VI) to cooperatively sponsor football, conditioned upon PIAA District V and PIAA District VI Committees approval.
 - F.** Avella Area and Burgettstown Area High Schools (PIAA District VII) to cooperatively sponsor boys' golf.
 - G.** Elderton and Ford City High Schools (PIAA District VII) to cooperatively sponsor football.
 - H.** Elderton and Ford City Junior High Schools (PIAA District VII) to cooperatively sponsor football.
- V. Accepted the PIAA audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011, as prepared and presented by Boyer & Ritter, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.**
- VI. Accepted the PIAA (Headquarters Only) audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011, as prepared and presented by Boyer & Ritter, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.**
- VII. Accepted the unaudited PIAA (Headquarters Only) financial statements for the month ended December 31, 2011, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Director of Business Affairs.**
- VIII. Approved, on a second reading basis, the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee recommendation to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I - Schedule of Fall Sports and Table III - Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, with the following clarification for defining a Regular Season Contest in the sport of tennis: For round robin or similar alternative competition formats involving more than two PIAA member schools, three (3) standard six-game or reduced play sets counts as one (1) Regular Season Contest, regardless of the number of opponents from different schools playing in the tennis Contest. (e.g. School A, School B, School C, and School D participate in round robin tennis competition using the standard six-game set scoring format. The #1 singles player from School A opposes the #1 singles player from School B for just the first set, then opposes the #1 singles player from School C for the 2nd set, and then opposes the #1 singles player from**

School D for the 3rd set. This would constitute one (1) Regular Season Contest for the #1 singles player of School A.

- IX. Approved PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee recommendations to:**
- A. Amend, on a second reading basis,** the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling and the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball, to provide for an increase in the number of enrollment classifications in the sport of cross country from two to three.
- B. Adopt, on a second reading basis,** an online rules interpretation meeting for all head Coaches of PIAA member senior high schools sponsoring the sport of cross country.
- X. Approved, on a second reading basis, the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee recommendation to adopt** a best three-out-of-five set match, single elimination format, for the 2012 and 2013 PIAA A, AA, and AAA Girls' Volleyball Championships and the 2013 and 2014 PIAA AA and AAA Boys' Volleyball Championships, which would extend the respective championships (finals) by one week to a Saturday best three-out-of-five set match.
- XI. Rejected the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee recommendation to amend** ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification From Next Contest(s), of the PIAA By-Laws, to impose an additional one-Contest penalty on Coaches and/or contestants who, while Coaching or competing for a PIAA-member school, direct abusive and/or vulgar language toward an opposing Coach, opposing contestant, or a Contest official.
- XII. Accepted the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to award the hosting of the 2012 and 2013 PIAA Golf Championships to Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York, PA.**
- XIII. Accepted the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to approve, on a first reading basis, the:**
- A.** Proposed number of entries (qualifiers), by District or by Region, for the 2012 and 2013 PIAA Fall Championships; and the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2012 and 2013 PIAA Girls' Team and Singles and Doubles Tennis, Girls' Volleyball, Field Hockey, Girls' and Boys' Soccer, and Football Championships.
- B.** Proposed number of entries (qualifiers), by District or by Region, for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 PIAA Winter Championships; and the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 PIAA Team Wrestling and Basketball Championships.
- C.** Proposed number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region, for the 2013 and 2014 PIAA Spring Championships; and the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2013 and 2014 PIAA Boys' Team and Singles and Doubles Tennis, Boys' Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, and Softball Championships.
- XIV. Accepted the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to present the following proposed amendment to the PIAA Constitution to the member**

schools for their vote at their 2012 District Annual Meetings, which, if approved, would amend ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 2, Membership of the Board of Directors, and Section 3, Term of Office, of the PIAA Constitution, **effective July 1, 2012**, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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Section 2. Membership of the Board of Directors.

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I. One female registered sports official, who is on active status and in good standing with PIAA~~an active official~~, elected annually from among their own ~~members~~ by the female officials' representatives to members of the respective District Committees ("the Officials' Council"); and one male registered sports official, who is on active status and in good standing with PIAA~~an active official~~, elected annually from among their own ~~members~~ by the male officials' representatives to members of the respective District Committees ("the Officials' Council") shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.

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Section 3. Term of Office.

The members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a period of one year beginning July 1st next following their election, except the Junior High/Middle Schools' representative, the representative of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors' Association (PSADA), the representative of the Pennsylvania Coaches' Association (PCA), the chairpersons of the Girls' Athletics and Private Schools' Steering Committees, ~~and the representatives of the Parents' Advisory Committee,~~ and the representatives of the Officials' Council, who shall serve for a period of two years.

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- XV. Rejected the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to present a proposed amendment to the PIAA Constitution to the member schools for their vote at their 2012 District Annual Meetings, which, if approved, would have amended** ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 2, Membership of the Board of Directors, to provide for only Districts with at least 50 member senior high schools to have a representative on the Board of Directors.
- XVI. Rejected the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to present proposed amendments to the PIAA Constitution to the member schools for their vote at their 2012 District Annual Meetings, which, if approved, would have amended** ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 2, Membership of the Board of Directors, subsections D and I, to reduce the size of the Board of Directors by (1) reducing the representation of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association on the Board of Directors from two members to one; and (2) reducing the representation of sports officials on the Board of Directors from two members to one.

XVII. Rejected the requests for relief from the enrollment report submitted on behalf of Ambridge Area High School (PIAA District VII), and Blue Ridge and G.A.R. Memorial High Schools (PIAA District II), as of Monday, October 3, 2011.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

XVIII. Accepted the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to amend the following provisions of the PIAA By-Laws:

A. Following a third reading, ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 3, Permissible Awards, of the PIAA By-Laws, to authorize PIAA member schools to address issues relating to "pay-to-play" policies, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

ARTICLE II
AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS

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Section 3. Permissible Awards.

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F. Participation Fees: Schools charging fees for students to participate in interscholastic athletics may reduce or waive such fees under the following circumstances: (1) the Principal may approve a reduction or waiver of the fee for an individual student who demonstrates financial need; (2) the Principal may accept a donation of all or part of the fee from a school-affiliated booster club for an individual student who demonstrates financial need; and/or (3) the Principal may accept donations from any party which are to be applied pro rata to all students participating in interscholastic athletics or to all students on a particular Team. Under no circumstance can any reduction or waiver be tied into the athletic ability of such students.

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B. Following a third reading, ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 3, Permissible Awards, subsection F, Payments to Schools, of the PIAA By-Laws, to permit PIAA member schools to receive donations of athletic equipment and/or product consistent with the existing authorization to accept payments to schools of Consideration, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

ARTICLE II
AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS

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Section 3. Permissible Awards.

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GF. Donations of Athletic Equipment and/or Product and/or Payments to Schools: Nothing in this Section should be deemed to prohibit a donor of athletic equipment and/or product and/or the sponsor of any athletic event or group of athletic events from providing to a school any Consideration, provided that such Consideration is not made with the assurance or understanding that all or some of such Consideration is to be then conveyed by the school to any individual student-athletes.

HG. College Recruiting: A student may accept from an institution of higher education which the student visits in connection with the student's prospective or possible attendance there as a college student, reasonable expenses necessitated by such visit, and free admission to home athletic events of such institution which occur during such visit.

IH. Operation Gold: Consistent with NFHS policy, a student may accept monies under this program, which provides monetary rewards to athletes who place in the Olympic Games and/or World Championships in designated sports.

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C. Following a third reading, ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, subsection B, Provisions Applicable to all Agreements, sub-subsection 2, Requests to Approve Agreements, sub-sub-subsection (b), and sub-subsection 3, Modification or Termination of Agreements, sub-sub-subsection (b), Grounds for Determination, of the PIAA By-Laws, to require that approved agreements be for a duration of at least a two-year enrollment reclassification cycle, **effective July 1, 2012**, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE**

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Section 11. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport.

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B. Provisions Applicable to all Agreements.

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2. Requests to Approve Agreements:

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(b) For agreements between public schools within a single public school district, said requests for approval must include the approving resolution of the School Board having jurisdiction over the PIAA member schools. For all other PIAA member schools, said requests for approval must include the proposed agreement between the participating PIAA member schools. The resolution or agreement, as applicable, must fully delineate the terms and conditions that pertain to the Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport by the participating PIAA member schools, including at least the following:

- (1) Introduction and purpose of agreement.
- (2) Timeline for implementation.
- (3) Duration of agreement (must be for at least a two-year enrollment classification cycle).
- (43) Administrative responsibility, liability, and insurance.
- (54) Team name and uniforms.
- (65) Financial arrangements.
- (76) Staffing.
- (87) Operating procedures.
- (98) Facilities.
- (109) Transportation.

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3. Modification or Termination of Agreements:

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- (b) Grounds for Termination.
 - (1) Agreements are for at least a two-year enrollment classification cycle period.
 - (2) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors prior to the expiration of a two-years enrollment classification cycle under the following conditions:
 - (a) Closing of one of the schools;
 - (b) Substantiated complaints from surrounding schools concerning recruiting by one of the participating PIAA member schools;
 - (c) Substantiated complaints from parents, School Boards, and/or students in one of the participating PIAA member schools; and/or
 - (d) Other valid reasons as determined by the PIAA Board of Directors.
 - (3) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors, after a two-years enrollment classification cycle, upon request by **all parties** to the Agreement and the request is absent good cause for not doing so.
 - (4) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors, after two, ~~four~~ two-years enrollment classification cycles, upon request by **any participant** in the Agreement and the request is absent good cause for not doing so.

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D. On a first reading basis, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 3, Ineligible Students, and Section 4, Regional Panel or District Committee Review, subsection C, Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify the eligibility of transferring students in sports not played by that student within the past year, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI

TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Section 3. Ineligible Students.

A student not presumptively eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE shall be presumptively ineligible to participate in each sport in which the student participated within one year immediately preceding the date of the student's Transfer. The student shall be presumptively eligible in all other sports.

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Section 4. Regional Panel or District Committee Review.

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C. Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility.

Notwithstanding Sections 2 and 3 of this ARTICLE, a Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, may, following a student's Transfer, and upon request of the Principal of a PIAA member school, or on its own initiative, after giving notice to the student's school and an opportunity to be heard to the student and the student's school, (1) declare any transferring student ineligible to participate in each sport in which that student participated within a period of one year immediately

preceding the date of Transfer, if the Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose or would otherwise circumvent the purpose of the ARTICLE of deterring Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose; and/or (2) if a finding is specifically made that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to specific sports, declare that the student shall be ineligible to participate in those sports for one year from the date of Transfer, regardless of whether the student actually participated in those sports for the year preceding the date of Transfer.

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E. Following a third reading, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 4, Regional Panel or District Committee Review, subsection C, Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility, of the PIAA By-Laws, to reorganize that subsection and rescind the provision that permits a student to regain eligibility after transferring again during an already imposed one-year period of ineligibility, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING**

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Section 4. Regional Panel or District Committee Review.

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C. Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility.

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D. Subsequent Transfer. A student who Transfers again during the one-year period of ineligibility shall remain ineligible, in the applicable sports, until the conclusion of that year, ~~unless the student is declared eligible under this Section.~~

ED. Transfers which are motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose are those Transfers which would not have occurred but for a desire of the student or the student's family (1) to gain additional playing time; (2) to play for a particular school, Coach, or Team; (3) to avoid either playing for, or athletic sanctions imposed by, a particular school, Coach, or Team; and/or (4) to gain increased media or college exposure.

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F. Following a third reading, ARTICLE VII, FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS, Section 1, Foreign Exchange Student, subsection 6, and Section 2, International Student, subsection 4, of the PIAA By-Laws, to require a Foreign Exchange Student or an International Student, to meet the requirements of ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, of the PIAA By-Laws, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VII
FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS**

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Section 1. Foreign Exchange Student.

A Foreign Exchange Student is a student who:

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6. meets the requirements of ARTICLE I (the Age Rule), ARTICLE II (the Amateur Rule), and ARTICLE V (the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation [CIPPE] Rule) of the PIAA By-Laws; and

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Section 2. International Student.

An International Student is a student who:

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4. meets the requirements of ARTICLE I (the Age Rule), ARTICLE II (the Amateur Rule), and ARTICLE V (the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation [CIPPE] Rule) of the PIAA By-Laws; and

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G. Following a third reading, ARTICLE XX, AMENDMENTS, of the PIAA By-Laws, to authorize the Executive Director to make technical, typographical, spelling, and grammatical changes to the PIAA By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations in order to assure editorial continuity with substantive changes approved by the Board of Directors, and to delete provisions which have become obsolete, **effective July 1, 2012**, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XX
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Majority Approval Necessary.

Amendments to these By-Laws must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the PIAA Board of Directors.

Section 2. Non-Substantive Amendments.

The Executive Director is authorized to make technical, typographical, spelling, and grammatical changes to the PIAA By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations in order to assure editorial continuity with substantive changes approved by the Board of Directors, and to delete provisions which have become obsolete.

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XIX. Deferred until the Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23, 2012 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors a third reading of the following proposed adoptions of, or amendments to, the GLOSSARY, of the PIAA By-Laws:

BOUNDARY SCHOOL: All Public Schools.

CHARTER SCHOOL: An independent public school, which is organized as a non-profit corporation, established and operated under a charter from a local School Board.

CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL: An independent public school, which is organized as a non-profit corporation, established and operated under a charter from the Department of Education, in which the school uses technology to provide a significant portion of its curriculum and to deliver a significant portion of instruction to its students through the Internet or other electronic means.

NON-BOUNDARY SCHOOL: All schools that are not Public Schools.

PRIVATE SCHOOL: A nonpublic school that is not an Alternative School, a Charter School, a Cyber Charter School, a Magnet School, a Public School, or a Technology School.

PRIVATE SCHOOL'S SCHOOL DISTRICT: ~~A Each Private School, including each Private senior high School's and its Feeder Schools, shall have its own "school district". Regardless of the location of its Feeder Schools, the geographic boundaries of the Private senior high School's "school district" shall be considered the boundaries of the public school district in which it is geographically located. The Private School's school district and the public school district are separate school districts.~~

PUBLIC SCHOOL: A school, which is owned and funded by a Public School District and governed by a School Board.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT: An entity created pursuant to the Pennsylvania Public School Code, which is charged with the responsibility of public education and which is authorized to assess taxes on properties located within its geographic boundaries.

- XX. Following a third reading, amended ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table II - Schedule of Winter Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to 1) assume jurisdiction over the girls' sport of competitive spirit; and 2) establish PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships on the Saturday prior to the PIAA Team Wrestling Championships weekend, **effective July 1, 2012**, to read as follows:

TABLE II - Schedule of Winter Sports

			First Inter-School	Maximum Number of Regular Season	First Regular Season	Maximum Length of Regular Season	Maximum Number of Contests (See NOTES 3 & 4)	Last Regular Contest (See NOTE 5)	PIAA District/Region Deadline	PIAA Championships Deadline
Winter Sports	Practice Day	Practice (See NOTE 1)	Day (See NOTE 2)	School Practices or Scrimmages	Day	Day	Day	Day	69 th Day of Winter Sports' Season	76 th Day of Winter Sports' Season
Competitive Spirit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	69 th Day of Winter Sports' Season	76 th Day of Winter Sports' Season
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- XXI. Rejected the PIAA District I Committee's request for consideration to re-establish the multi-class sports' parameters for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

- XXII. Rejected the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee's recommendation to comprehensively amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws.

XXIII. Rejected the PIAA District V Committee's proposal to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I – Schedule of Fall Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for the reduction of the Regular Season and Postseason in the sport of football from 16 weekends to 15 weekends, effective July 1, 2012.

XXIV. Rejected the appeal of a sports official suspended by the PIAA Executive Director following that sports official's violation of conditions of probation imposed by the Board of Directors.

XXV. Agreed, at the request of the Fox Chapel Area School District, to investigate a possible modification of the permanent injunction issued against PIAA in 1975 by the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, which prohibits PIAA from preventing boys and girls from participating and Practicing together.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 22 AND 8:00 A.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012, ASSEMBLY ROOM, THE NITTANY LION INN, STATE COLLEGE, PA.