

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017**

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1. Approved the Minutes of December 8, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Referred to District X the request of the Erie School District's request for consolidation of sports teams. The school district is requested to provide more specific plans as to what schools will sponsor which sports. District X shall review the proposal and submit a recommendation to the Board of Directors for further action. Additionally, the Strategic Planning Committee shall further discuss application of the 300 student limit for schools in a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement.
3. Remanded back to District VI for its Committee to hear Bishop Carroll High Schools' appeal of the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference actions to remove them from membership in the Conference.
4. Approved Proposed By-Law Amendments, **all on a 2nd reading basis**, to amend:
 - SPORTSMANSHIP, AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, to add provisions addressing unsportsmanlike behavior by student-athletes, coaches, and/or teams during awards/medal ceremonies, as recommended by PCA and Sportsmanship Steering Committees.
 - ARTICLE IX, REPRESENTATION, Section 5, Eligibility of Students for Championship Contests, for further clarification.
 - the GLOSSARY, to create a definition for "Assignor".
 - the GLOSSARY, definition of the term "Team", for further clarification.
5. Approved the following withdrawal of membership, effective July 1, 2016:

District VI - Strodes Mills Middle School
6. Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2016-2017** enrollment classification cycle:

District XII - South Philadelphia , Academy at Palumbo, Franklin Learning Center, Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts High Schools (Boys' Tennis)
7. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2016-2017** enrollment classification cycle (these approvals have no effect on enrollment classifications).

District II

- Greater Nanticoke and Hanover Area High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming and diving)

District III

- Schuylkill Valley and Fleetwood Area High Schools (boys' and girls' lacrosse)
- Berks Christian and Daniel Boone High Schools (baseball), conditioned upon District III Committee approval

District IV & VI

- East Juniata and Juniata High Schools (girls' volleyball)

District VI

- Cambria Heights and Glendale High Schools (boys' and girls' soccer)

District IX & X

- Oil City and Venango Catholic High Schools (baseball), conditioned upon District IX and X Committees approval

District X

- Fairview, Northeast and Girard High Schools (boys' lacrosse)
 - Fairview, General McLane and Girard High Schools (girls' lacrosse)
8. Received a report of the Executive Director on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate (\$.535), which became effective January 1, 2017.
 9. Accepted the PIAA (Headquarters Only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended November 30 and December 31, 2016 and summary of fall sports' financials.
 10. **On a 1st reading basis**, approved the recommendation of the Football Steering Committee to:
 - approve to eliminate the use of shoulder pads for out-of-season activities except for quarterback throwing activities;
 - amend ARTICLE XVI, Table I - Schedule of Fall Sports, item #8, with District Committee approval, member senior high schools may play one (1) additional Regular Season varsity football contest.
- Rejected** the recommendation of the Committee to rescind the policy restricting performance of schools' bands at regular season, district, and inter-district football championship contests.
11. It was unanimously voted to refer the recommendation of the Volleyball Steering Committee to create a dress code policy for volleyball coaches to the Pennsylvania Coaches Association (PCA) for further review and recommendation.
 12. Approved, effective immediately, the recommendation of the Tennis Steering Committee that, for the PIAA Doubles Inter-District Tennis Tournament, if one of the two individuals on the doubles team cannot participate for any reason, the team will have to withdraw from the tournament. In the event of a withdrawal, that PIAA District is responsible to 1) replace the doubles team entry and 2) resubmit that PIAA District's entry(ies) to the PIAA Doubles Inter-District Tennis Tournament.
 13. Received a report of the Assistant Executive Director on:
 - the recently held elections of Male and Female Officials' Representatives in the Even Numbered PIAA Districts;
 - the submission of Districts' recommendations for officials for the Winter Sports Championships;
 - winter make-up mandatory rules interpretation online meetings that will be available until February 15th; and
 - chapter and district interpreters' annual mandatory online meetings.
 14. Received a report of the Associate Executive Director on:
 - the recently completed Competitive Spirit Championships in which 119 schools participated and
 - the posting of information for the NFHS Student Leadership Summit which will be held July 17-19, 2017.
 15. **Rejected** the recommendation of the PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee to adjust the PIAA Field Hockey playoff bracket to have first round and semi-final games take place on Wednesday with the beginning of next classification cycle.

Accepted the report of the Field Hockey Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

16. **On a 3rd and final reading basis**, approved the recommendation of both the Baseball Steering Committee and Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and adopted a baseball pitching restriction policy as follows:

Total Number of Pitches Thrown	Required Days of Rest
76-100	3 calendar days
51-75	2 calendar days
26-50	1 calendar day
1-25	No rest required

If a pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count permitted in a calendar day during an at bat, that pitcher will be permitted to continue to pitch to that batter, or any substitute for that batter, until such batter is put out or reaches first base, or until a third out has been made prior to the end of that at bat.

- No pitcher may appear in more than two consecutive days of competition;
 - The maximum pitch limitation is 200 pitches in a Calendar Week. If a pitcher is permitted to throw more than 100 pitches to complete an at-bat, that pitcher will be credited with 100 pitches for the appearance;
 - Scorekeepers are requested to frequently confer with one another to confirm pitch counts (no less than once per inning). If a discrepancy occurs between the visiting and home pitch counts that cannot be resolved, the scorebook of the home team shall be the official book; and
 - A representative of each school must record pitch counts for their players in MaxPreps no later the team's next regularly scheduled contest. **Note:** PIAA recommends using Game Changer, as it is a free app for Apple products and can be easily synched into MaxPreps.
17. Accepted the report of the Coaches' Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 2017.
18. Rejected the recommendation of the Soccer Steering Committee to advance the first practice date by one week.
19. Approved the recommendation of the Soccer Steering Committee to require a school to provide a report or to have a hearing before their District Committee if that school experiences, in a single season, three disqualifications, by team level, for fighting and/or foul language in the sport of soccer.
20. Approved the Administrative Staff's recommendations of "official balls" from the RFP process, effective the 2017-2018 to 2020-2021 season:
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| Baseball - Spalding | Football - Wilson | Softball - Dudley (Spalding) |
| Basketball - Spalding | Tennis - Wilson | Volleyball - Baden |
| Soccer - Spalding | | |
21. Received the report of the Strategic Planning and Track and Field Committee special meeting of Friday, December 9, 2016, in which the Strategic Planning Committee recommended to maintain two classifications and the Track and Field Committee recommended to continue discussion of three classifications in track and field. The Board of Directors' voted to defer review of all recommendations and to make a decision at a later date for the upcoming classification cycle that would be effective in 2019; and
- approved the Strategic Planning Committee's recommendation to discontinue the ability to upload PDFs as eligibility lists, effective the 2017-18 school year;
 - **on a 2nd reading basis**, approved the Strategic Planning Committee's recommendation to accept the proposed changes to ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING.

The Board of Directors tabled and referred to the Strategic Planning Committee for further review, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 4, Regional Panel or District Committee Review, subsection B, Waiver of Ineligibility and subsection C, Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility.

22. Accepted the Human Resources Committee Report and recommendation from its meeting of January 25, 2017 and approved an Employee Conduct Policy that is effective immediately.
23. Accepted the Budget Committee Report and recommendations from its meetings of January 11 and January 25, 2017.
24. **On a 1st reading basis**, approved the 2017-2017 Operating Budget and Cash Flows Budget as amended and presented by the PIAA Treasurer and Chairman of the Budget Committee.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 IN THE HERSHEY LODGE, HERSHEY, PA.