

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017**

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1. Approved the Minutes, as corrected, for the January 25, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Received a report from the District XII Committee regarding its approval of Olney Charter School's request for a senior student-athlete to finish her softball career at Olney after her classification as a cyber school student at Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School.
3. Approved the following By-Law Amendments, effective immediately, **on a 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading basis**:
  - 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, to provide clarification.
  - the GLOSSARY, to create a definition for "Assignor".
  - the GLOSSARY, definition of the term "Team", to provide clarification.

Approved Proposed By-Law Amendments, **all on a first reading basis**, to amend:

  - ARTICLE IX, DISTRICT COMMITTEES, INTERPRETATION, Section 3-A and 3-E to confirm that a District Committee has authority to address and resolve any actions by a league or conference which are contrary to the purposes and goals of PIAA.
  - ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, Section 3, Background Certifications, b, Currently Registered Officials and Section 7, Removal of Registered Sports Officials to remove outdated and unnecessary provisions.
4. Approved the following Member School Application, effective July 1, 2017:  
**District VII** - Penn Hills Charter (Junior High) School of Entrepreneurship
5. Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2017-2018** school year:  
**District V** - Meyersdale Area and Salisbury Elk Lick High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country)
6. 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 III** - Trinity High School & West Shore Christian Academy (baseball)  
**District V & VI** - Chestnut Ridge and Claysburg-Kimmel High Schools (boys' & girls' track & field)  
**District VII** - Penn Hills and Riverview High Schools (boys' volleyball)  
**District X** - Warren and Eisenhower High Schools (boys' tennis)  
**District XII** - West Philadelphia & Science Leadership Academy High Schools (boys' & girls' lacrosse)
7. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2017-2018** enrollment classification cycle (these approvals have no effect on enrollment classifications).  
**District VI** - Glendale and Harmony Area High Schools (girls' volleyball)  
**District VII** - Bentworth and California Area Middle Schools (wrestling)  
Hempfield Area and Jeannette High Schools (wrestling)  
**District X** - Warren and Youngsville High Schools (football)  
  
**District XI** - North Schuylkill and Mahanoy Area High Schools (girls' soccer), pending PIAA District XI Committee approval
8. **On a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading basis**, approved the recommendation of the Football Steering Committee 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, to provide that a maximum of ten (10) Regular Season football Contests may be played at the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition. With District Committee approval, member senior high schools may play one (1) additional Regular Season **varsity football** contest, effective the beginning of the next classification cycle.
9. Accepted the PIAA (Headquarters Only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended December 31, 2016 and January 30 and February 28, 2017.

10. Received a report of the Executive Director on the Annual District Meeting Schedule.
11. Adopted the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee report and recommendations from its meeting of February 12, 2017 to add language to Section 1 of the Comprehensive Initial Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) form to read:
  - . . . until the latter of the next May 31<sup>st</sup> or the conclusion of the current spring sports season.
  - Student's Health condition(s) of Which an Emergency Physician or Other Medical Personnel Should be Aware.
  - Student's Prescription Medications and Conditions of Which They are Being Prescribed.

Accepted the recommendation of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to modify the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Communicable Skin Lesion Form to comply with PIAA's policy of who may authorize treatment for a communicable skin lesion.
12. Received a report of the Assistant Executive Director on Coaches Education and the soon to be completed 2016-2017 PIAA Basketball Championships.
13. Received a report of the Assistant Executive Director on:
  - the number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2016-17 regular season and postseason contests by state high school association recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of basketball (185), swimming & diving (2), and wrestling (53);
  - the submission of Districts' recommendations for officials for the Spring Sports Championships;
  - PIAA Registered Sports' Officials' Registration Fees penalty payment period March 1 until March 31, 2017;
  - Prospective candidates as registered sports officials online testing for registered sports officials is now available; and
  - the process in establishing officials' fees at local levels.
14. Received a report of the Associate Executive Director on:
  - the 2016-2017 PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships;
  - the 2016-2017 PIAA Swimming Championships;
  - the soon to be completed 2016-2017 PIAA Diving Championships; and
  - the NFHS Student Leadership Summit, which will be held July 17-19, 2017.
15. Received a report from the Executive Director on behalf of the Chief Operating Officer on the 2016-2017 PIAA Team and Individual Wrestling Championships.
16. Accepted the Strategic Committee Report and recommendations from its meeting of March 22, 2017 to:
  - amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, to address the challenges relating to consideration of in-season transfers; and
  - establish a Competition Committee to review all aspects of competition, including classifications, transfers, school definitions and competitive balance.
17. Accepted the Human Resources Committee Report and recommendations from its meeting of March 22, 2017 and discussed (in executive session) a personnel matter.
18. **On a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading basis**, approved the 2017-2018 Operating Budget and Cash Flows Budget as amended and presented by the PIAA Treasurer and Chairman of the Budget Committee.
19. Received a report from the PIAA Nominating Committee from its meeting of March 22, 2017.
20. Received an updated report from PIAA District X stating that Erie School District has withdrawn its request for consolidation of sports teams, effective 2018-19.

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017 IN THE BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.**