

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017**

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1. Approved the Minutes of May 24, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Accepted from the Director of Legal Affairs the annual report on the PIAA Foundation.
3. Approved Proposed By-Law Amendments, **all on a suspended protocol basis**, to:
 - amend ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 5, Forfeiture of Championships Rights for further clarification to allow for forfeiture of championships rights in lieu of expulsion or suspension of a member school.
 - amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, Section 5, Transfers Following Expulsion or Anticipated Expulsion for further clarification relating to sanctions deemed to follow a student to another school.
 - amend ARTICLE IX, REPRESENTATION, AND ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS for further clarification.

Approved Proposed Policies and Procedures Amendments, **all on a suspended protocol basis**, to:

- amend policies governing Indoor Events and Outdoor Events: Spectator Decorum policies for further clarification relating to sanctions for violations of the policies.
 - create a Policy for Merchandising for clarification at District and Inter-District Contests to make clear that PIAA retains the exclusive right to sell souvenir products at these events.
 - create a Policy for Public Address Protocol to provide guidance for public address announcers at Contests.
4. Referred a request of a member school for determination of the sanction imposed upon a student who violated ARTICLE XVI, Section 2C, of the PIAA By-Laws, pertaining to contact outside the defined football season to the respective District Committee for its consideration.
 5. Discussed possible member school participation in national events or National Championships. The Board agreed to maintain the status quo supporting the current prohibition of contact outside the defined season for football, but permitting participation in other sports if it would comply with the PIAA By-Laws.
 6. Discussed an incident where a school refused to participate in a PIAA Inter-District Contest after qualifying through a District. The Board requested the Executive Director to investigate and take any appropriate action.
 7. Approved the removal of a registered sports' official in all sports, due to his actions.
 8. Approved the following Withdrawal of Membership, effective July 1, 2017:
 - District X** - Strong Vincent High School
East High School
 - District XII** - Delaware Valley Charter School
World Communication Charter School
 9. Approved the following Member School Application, effective July 1, 2017:
 - District V** - Foundations Christian Academy
 - District VII** - Braddock Hills Charter School
Braddock Hills Charter Middle School
Propel Montour Charter Junior High School
Propel Homestead Charter Junior High School
Propel East Charter Junior High School
Propel Pitcairn Charter Junior High School
Propel McKeesport Charter Junior High School
Propel Hazelwood Charter Junior High School
Propel Northside Charter Junior High School
 - District X** - Erie High School

10. 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 III - Susquenita High School and Carson Long Military Academy (football)

District III - Harrisburg Academy and Covenant Christian Academy (girls' soccer), conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval

District III - Oley Valley and Brandywine High Schools (boys' & girls' cross country), conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval

District V - Salisbury-Elk Lick and Meyersdale Area High Schools (girls' basketball), conditioned upon PIAA District V Committee approval

District VII - Carlynton and Bishop Canevin High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming & diving, boys' and girls' tennis, and wrestling)

District VII - Freedom, Quigley Catholic and New Brighton High Schools (wrestling)

District VII - Moon Area and Cornell High Schools (wrestling)

District VII - Moon Area Middle and Cornell Junior High Schools (wrestling)

District X - Warren and Youngsville High Schools (competitive cheer)

11. Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2018-2019** school year:

District VII - Aliquippa and Hopewell High Schools (boys' and girls' soccer)

12. Received a report from the Executive Director on:

- Boyer & Ritter, P.C.'s recently issued requests for PIAA District Committee audit and tax documentation for year ended June 30, 2017; and
- The recently prepared and mailed invoices for PIAA member schools.

13. Accepted the Executive Directors' report on the PIAA (Headquarters Only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended May 31 and June 30, 2017 and the unaudited financial statements for 2016-2017 PIAA Winter Sports Championships.

14. Received a report of the Assistant Executive Director on:

- Coaches Education and the Safe Schools Initiative.

15. Received a report of the Assistant Executive Director on the:

- the newly opened position of Boys' Lacrosse Rules Interpreter;
- the number of coaches and contestants ejected from the 2017 spring sports regular season and postseason contests;
- the schedule of the 23rd Annual PIAA Officials' Convention; which includes Train the Trainers for District and Chapter Interpreters in all sports; and the 30 Years of Service Banquet; and
- the 2017 PIAA Fall Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings.

16. Accepted the recommendations of the PIAA Officials' Council Steering Committee to adopt:

- Fall, winter and spring NFHS & NGB rules books;
- language to change to the Policy Regarding Regular Season Contest Officials' Fees;
- language to change the Officials' Manual regarding attendance at chapter meetings;
- the recommendation to eliminate the October in person test date and produce a news release to publicize its elimination, as this was the final in person test scheduled;
- an increased fee for officiating inter-district play, which is recommended to be raised by \$5.00 beginning the 2018-19 school year; this was referred to the Budget Committee for implementation.

Approved the Minutes of the Officials' Council Steering Committee, as prepared and presented.

17. Received a report of the Associate Executive Director on the:
 - recently held NFHS Student Leadership Summit.
18. Approved the Minutes of the Lacrosse Steering Committee, as prepared and presented.
19. Approved the Minutes of the Softball Steering Committee, as prepared and presented.
20. Approved the Minutes of the Girls' Athletics Steering Committee, as prepared and presented.
21. Approved the Minutes of the Coaches' Advisory Committee, as prepared and presented.
22. Referred to the Competition Committee for consideration a proposed increase of the number of classifications in the sport of track & field from 2 to 3, effective July 1, 2018;
23. Accepted the recommendations of the PIAA Track & Field Steering Committee to:
 - adopt the 2018 proposed qualifying standards;
 - amend the PIAA-adopted dual meet tie-breaker to provide that the winning team have one additional point and an asterisk added to its score;
 - eliminate the PIAA modification of the NFHS Rules Book on jewelry for Track & Field and Cross Country and adopt the NFHS Rules Book jewelry rule as written.

Approved the Minutes of the Track & Field Steering Committee, as prepared and presented.
24. Accepted the recommendation of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee to:
 - amend the pitching restriction to permit a pitcher reaching the maximum pitch count for any level of rest during an at bat, 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. The pitcher will be credited with the maximum number of pitches for that level; and
 - amend the pitching restriction to provide that the pitch counts need to be entered no later than 12:00 pm (noon) the day following a competition.

Approved the Minutes of the Baseball Steering Committee, as prepared and presented.
25. Approved the Minutes of the Junior High/Middle School Steering Committee, as prepared and presented.
26. Approved the Minutes of the Athletic Directors' Steering Committee, as prepared and presented.
27. Received Committee Reports from the Board of Directors' Workshop regarding:
 - a. Constitution and By-Laws
 - b. Organization Structure
 - c. District Committee Eligibility Hearings
28. Approved, on a first reading basis, an amendment to Article VII of the By-Laws to address students from other countries who seek PIAA eligibility after having already graduated from schools in their native countries.
29. Approved on a first reading basis, to modify the 21 day sit-out rule for in-season, same sport, presumptively eligible transfers to 14 days from the date of enrollment to allow District Committees an opportunity to address these situations.
30. Approved to authorize PIAA Executive Staff to investigate the development of a Web portal to receive the submission of all request for decisions on athletic eligibility.
31. Accepted the Competition Committee Report from its meeting of July 18, 2017.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017, BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, PA.