

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018**

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1. Approved the Minutes of December 6, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Accepted a report from the Executive Director on the responses to the Request for Proposals submitted for sites of the 2018-2021 PIAA Fall Sports' Championships. Proposals were submitted from the following sites. The sites listed in *italics* were the recommendation by the Executive Staff for hosting the 2018-2021 PIAA Fall Sports Championships. All recommendations were unanimously approved.

Cross Country: *Hershey Parkview*; Big Spring HS
Field Hockey: *Whitehall HS*; Bloomsburg University
Football: *Hersheypark Stadium*
Golf: *Heritage Hills (York)*; Golden Oaks (Fleetwood); Penn State Golf Courses
Soccer: *Hersheypark Stadium*
Individual & Team Tennis: *Hershey Racquet Club*
Volleyball: *Cumberland Valley HS*; Richland; Spooky Nook
3. On a third and final reading basis, it was voted to amend ARTICLE II, PURPOSES, Section 1, Charitable Purposes, of the PIAA Constitution. The proposal will be presented to the membership in the spring for approval.
4. On a third and final reading basis, it was voted to amend ARTICLE XII, Athletic Relations, Section 1, Teams which PIAA Member Schools may Play, and Section 3, Requirements of a Written Contract, of the PIAA By-Laws to clarify conditions of participation against schools from other states.
5. Approved, on a second reading basis, a proposal to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, to include a new provision (C2) barring a student transferring after a season has begun from further participation during that season if that student was eligible to participate in at last 50% of the number of Contests allowed per sport, and including a hardship waiver provision as part of this amendment.
6. Approved, on the first reading basis, a proposal to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, of the PIAA By-Laws, to reorganize the sections and to make a modification of the cooperative sponsorship of a sport provisions.
7. Approved, on a first reading basis, a proposal to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 3, Reporting of and Procedure for Alleged Violations, of the PIAA By-Laws, to simplify the process of reporting and addressing violations of ARTICLE XVI.
8. Approved, on a first reading basis, a proposal to amend INCIDENTS ARISING DURING INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS AND OTHER MATTERS DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Section VII. Conduct of Hearings, Subsection G, Other Procedural Matters, of the PIAA Policies and Procedures, to address the swearing in of witnesses.
9. Sustained, after a hearing on the matter, the decision of the Executive Director to suspend a PIAA-registered baseball and basketball official.
10. Declined, following a request and presentation by a PIAA-member school to reconsider the Board's December 2017 decision to deny their request to re-submit their classification numbers as being untimely.
11. Denied a PIAA-member school request for permission to move up in class and compete at a higher level as being untimely.
12. Held an executive session to discuss active litigation.

13. Received legislative report from legislative counsel.
14. Accepted the following recommendations and reports from the Executive Director:
 - PIAA (Headquarters Only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended November 30 and December 31, 2017; and
 - Summary of Fall Championships Financials; and
 - Football Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
15. Accepted the Associate Executive Director's report on the:
 - Recently completed Competitive Spirit Championships in which 120 schools participated;
 - Field Hockey Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
 - Posting of information for the NFHS Student Leadership Summit that will be held July 23-25, 2018 in Indianapolis, IN.
16. Unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee to adopt a 1 v. 1 overtime procedure, for all regular season tournaments, District and Inter-District playoffs. The 1 v. 1 overtime procedure would replace penalty strokes. The reduced player, sudden victory overtime period would remain in effect and be conducted prior to the 1 v. 1.
17. Unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee to modify mandatory protective eyewear rule for players with prescription eyewear. Schools shall request authorization from PIAA to permit these students to wear medically prescribed eyewear.
18. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:
 - Volleyball Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018;
 - Tennis Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018;
 - PIAA January 2018 Newsletter included a Quick Facts Guide of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, which is a reference chart that may be used to find answers to questions located in the Constitution and By-Laws; and
 - Five (5) months remain for the coaches' registration deadline.
19. Accepted the following reports from Assistant Executive Director on:
 - The recently held elections of Male and Female Officials' Representatives in the Odd Numbered PIAA Districts;
 - The submission deadline (February 5) of Districts' recommendations for officials for the Winter Sports Championships;
 - PIAA Registered Sports' Officials' registration fees face value period is from January 15 until February 28, 2018;
 - Winter make-up mandatory rules interpretation online meetings;
 - Chapter and district interpreters' annual mandatory online meetings; and
 - Golf Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
20. Accepted the Chief Operating Officer's report on the:
 - Coaches' Advisory Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018; and
 - Soccer Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
 - Accepted for additional study the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee to amend the proportional representation process for determining qualifiers, by using a two-year average of teams and individual qualifiers that actually competed in the 2018 and 2019 Cross Country District Championships for the next classification cycle.
 - Accepted the Cross Country Steering Committee Minutes from its meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018.
21. Accepted the recommendation of the Cross Country Steering Committee to require the use of one PIAA-registered official for all varsity cross country events, effective July 1, 2019; and to recommend the use of one PIAA-registered official for all junior high/middle school cross country events, effective July 1, 2019.
22. Received the maximum number of entries/qualifiers and brackets for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 classification cycle. This information will be placed upon PIAA's Website for viewing by the membership and general public.
23. Accepted the Competition Committee Minutes and Report from its meeting of December 8, 2017.

24. On a first reading basis, approved a proposal to limit to 14 calendar days prior to the official starting date of practice for a sport season open gym activities to only school enrolled students and to prohibit any non-enrolled school students from participating during this period. This item was referred back to the Competition Committee for further review and recommendations.
25. Accepted the Human Resources Committee Minutes and Report from its meeting of January 24, 2018.
26. Accepted the Budget Committee Minutes and Report from its meeting of January 24, 2018, on a first reading basis, and approved proposals:
- to increase officials' game fees in PIAA Inter-District playoff contests by \$5.00 per official; and
 - to authorize donation of the Land Lease Agreement funds to the PIAA Foundation; and
 - to accept the 2017-2017 Operating Budget and Cash Flows Budget as amended and presented by the PIAA Treasurer and Chairman of the Budget Committee.
27. Approved the following Withdrawal of Membership, effective July 1, 2017:
District IV - Northumberland Christian School
28. Approved the following Member School Application, effective July 1, 2017:
District VII - Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School (JHS)
29. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2017-2018** enrollment classification cycle that **WILL NOT** affect classification size:
- District II** - Pittston Area and Old Forge High Schools (girls' swimming and diving)
- District IX** - Cowanesque Valley and Norther Potter Junior High Schools, conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval (baseball)
30. **Denied** the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2017-2018** enrollment classification cycle that **WILL** affect classification size:
- District IX** - Coudersport and Austin Area High Schools (softball)
31. Approved the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2018-2019** enrollment classification cycle that **WILL NOT** affect enrollment classification:
- District VI** - Conemaugh Valley and Blacklick Valley High Schools (girls' volleyball)
32. Approved the transfer of Octorara High School and Octorara Junior High School from PIAA District I to PIAA District III, effective July 1, 2018.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018, AT THE HERSHEY LODGE, HERSHEY, PA.