SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

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- 1. Approved the Board of Directors Minutes, as corrected for the listing of approved cooperative sponsorship of sports agreements, for the December 6, 2017 and January 24, 2018 meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 2. Sustained, after an appeal hearing, the decision of the Executive Director to deny the application, due to criminal convictions, of an applicant to register as an official, until January 27, 2019.
- 3. On a third and final reading basis, it was voted to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, effective April 1, 2018, to include a new provision barring a student transferring after a season has begun from further participation during that season if that student was eligible and available to participate in 50% of the number of the PIAA maximum number of competitions allowed per sport. This by-law addition also includes a hardship waiver provision for district committees to consider under appropriate circumstances.
- 4. Approved accelerating the applicable date of an amendment to ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, to April 1, 2018. The amendment, approved at the January 24, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors, provides for a 21 day sit-out following a Transfer, and was previously approved to be applicable effective July 1, 2018.
- 5. Approved, on the second reading basis, a proposal to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) clarify the school of eligibility for students participating in a Multi-Public School District Academic Arrangement, and (2) to add a fee for modification of cooperative sponsorship of a sport.
- **6.** Approved, on a second 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 this Article.
- 7. Approved, on a second 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 provide for consistency in the procedures relating to the swearing in of witnesses in different hearing contexts.
- Accepted, on a first reading basis, a recommendation from the Executive Director to adopt a policy to provide for an exception to NFHS contest rules to address religious headwear and referred this policy proposal for further review to the winter sport steering committees of basketball, competitive spirt, wrestling and swimming and diving to discuss safety and competitive issues with headgear and full body attire requests.
- **9.** Approved, on a first reading basis, a proposal to amend POSTGAME POLICY REGARDING SPECTATORS ENTERING THE COMPETITION SURFACE, of the PIAA Policies and Procedures, to prohibit players/coaches from teams from leaving the competition areas and rushing into stands to celebrate with their fans after winning a Contest.
- **10.** Adopted the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee report and recommendations from its meeting of February 4, 2018, which included:
 - A mission statement to be included in the Sports Medicine Guidelines
 - The use of prescription eyewear that meets safety standards in field hockey.
 - Items for possible use in methods of treatment for heat assessments.
- 11. Accepted the report of Nominating Committee Chairman Bauer and unanimously recommended to place the current officers upon the ballot for re-election.
- **12.** Held an Executive Session to discuss active litigation.
- **13.** Received legislative report from legislative counsel.

- **14.** Received a report from the Executive Director on:
 - the Annual District Meeting Schedule;
 - the 99th NFHS Summer Conference in Chicago, Illinois, June 28-July 2, 2018.
 - the NFHS Network and PlayVS eports symposium.
- **15.** Rejected a proposal from the Executive Director to adopt e-sports competitions as a PIAA sponsored championship event.
- **16.** Received a report of the Assistant Executive Director on:
 - the Coaches Education update; and
 - the 2017-18 PIAA Basketball Championships.
- **17.** Received a report of the Assistant Executive Director on:
 - the number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2017-18 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 (205), swimming & diving (0), and wrestling (90);
 - 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, 2018; and
 - the submission to the Officials' Council of recommendations to review and update the Officials' Manual.
- **18.** Received a report of the Associate Executive Director on:
 - the 2017-18 PIAA Swimming & Diving Championships; and
 - the NFHS Student Leadership Summit, which will be held July 23-25, 2018.
- **19.** Received a report of the Chief Operating Officer on:
 - the maximum number of entries and qualifiers for the 2018-19 an 2019-20 classification cycle;
 - the 2017-18 PIAA Team and Individual Wrestling Championships; and
 - presented information regarding eligibility portal.
- **20.** Accepted the PIAA (Headquarters Only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended January 31 and February 28, 2018.
- 21. On a 2nd reading basis, approved the 2018-19 Operating Budget and Cash Flows Budget as presented by the PIAA Treasurer and Chairman of the Budget Committee.
- **22.** Approved the following Withdrawal of Membership, effective July 1, 2017:
 - **District IV -** Juniata Mennonite High School Sunbury Christian Academy
 - District VII Community Day School
- **23.** Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2017-2018** school year:
 - **District III -** Dayspring Christian and Veritas Academy (girls' volleyball) Exeter Township and Antietam High Schools (boys' tennis)
 - **District IV -** Sayre Area and Northeast Bradford (wrestling)
- 24. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the 2017-2018 enrollment classification cycle that **WILL NOT** affect classification size:
 - Districts II & IV Berwick Area High School and Columbia County Christian School (baseball)
 - District IV Cowanesque Valley Junior and Northern Potter Middle Schools (baseball)
 - District VI Central Mountain and Bucktail Area High Schools (boys' track & field)

- District XII Kensington Multiplex and Penn Treaty School (baseball)
 - Overbrook High School and Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber (boys' volleyball) Parkway Center City Middle College and Franklin Learning Center (baseball)
 - Belmont Charter School and KIPP DuBois Collegiate Academy (boys' and girls' track & field)
 - South Philadelphia High School and Preparatory Charter School (boys' and girls' track & field and boys' lacrosse)
- 25. Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the <u>2018-2019</u> enrollment classification cycle, conditioned that the schools remain in current classification for the next two years:
 - **District IV -** Shikellamy High School and Northumberland Christian (softball), due to Northumberland Christian School closing at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
- **26.** Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2018-2019** school year:
 - District VII South Allegheny and Serra Catholic High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming & diving)
 - District XII Overbrook and West Philadelphia High Schools (wrestling)
- 27. Approved the following Member School Application, effective July 1, 2018:
 - District III York Academy Regional Charter School
- **28.** Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2018-2019** enrollment classification cycle that **WILL NOT** affect enrollment classification:
 - **District III -** Dayspring Christian Academy and Columbia High Schools (girls' lacrosse)
 - **District III -** York County School of Technology and York Country Day Schools to include York Catholic High School (field hockey)
 - District VII Freedom Area, Quigley Catholic, and New Brighton High Schools (wrestling)
 - **District VII -** Freedom Area and Quigley Catholic High Schools (football)
 - **District XII -** Murrell Dobbins CET High School and Eastern Academy Charter School to include A. Philip Randolph Career Academy (girls' and boys' cross country, girls' soccer, girls' and boys' indoor track & field and boys' volleyball)

Kensington Multiplex and Mariana Bracetti Academy Charter School to include Penn Treaty School (football, boys' volleyball, girls' and boys' soccer)

Overbrook and West Philadelphia High Schools to include Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber (wrestling)

West Philadelphia HS and Boys' Latin Philadelphia Charter School (wrestling)

Franklin Learning Cntr and Parkway Center City Middle College (girls' cross country)

Kensington Multiplex and Penn Treaty School (competitive spirit)

Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush and Swenson Arts and Technology School (boys' and girls' bowling)

Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts and Academy at Palumbo High School (boys' basketball and boys' soccer)

Overbrook High School and Science Leadership Academy @ Beeber (girls' volleyball and girls' basketball)