

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018**

1. Approved the Board of Directors Minutes, as corrected, clarifying that the revision to ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING is applicable for a period of 21 calendar days following the first day of attendance at the student's new school, not the first day of enrollment.
2. Received the results of balloting for the PIAA Constitutional amendment that passed by a vote of 839-2 or 99.76%, to amend ARTICLE II, PURPOSES, Section 1, Charitable Purposes, to more clearly set forth the purposes and role of PIAA, effective Sunday, July 1, 2018.
3. Approved the request of MaST Community Charter School to transfer from PIAA District XII to PIAA District I.
4. On a suspended protocol basis, approved "Religious Headwear Guidelines", to read as follows:
Headwear, except those specified, are prohibited.
EXCEPTION: *Religious headwear is permitted provided it is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to the participant and any other player and must be attached in such a way it is highly unlikely to come off during play. Religious headwear does not need to comply with any of the color restrictions defined in NFHS uniform codes.*
Religious headwear in swimming and diving and wrestling must comply with the safety standards of the sport and be certified by the head coach and contest referee.
Hijabs, turbans, yarmulkes, are acceptable religious headwear.
5. Approved the PIAA Spring Championship RFPs to be distributed to various sites and posted to the PIAA website.
6. Received a report from the Executive Director on his and the Administrative Staff's attendance at:
 - District Annual Meetings;
 - the 2018 NFHS Summit and Legal meeting; and
 - the soon to be held 99th NFHS Summer Conference in Chicago, Illinois, June 28-July 2, 2018.
7. Accepted the Executive Director's report on the PIAA (Headquarters Only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended March 31 and April 30, 2018.
8. Received a report from Assistant Executive Director Grassel on:
 - the Coaches Education Update;
 - the recently completed 2018 PIAA Boys' Team Tennis Championships.
9. Received a report from Assistant Executive Director Gebhart on:
 - the schedule of the 24th Annual PIAA Officials' Convention; which includes Train the Trainers for District and Chapter Interpreters in all sports; and the 30 Years of Service Banquet.
10. Unanimously approved the following recommendations and Minutes of the PIAA Officials' Council Steering Committee:
 - 1) Adopting multiple changes to the Officials' Manual;
 - 2) Modifying the Absence or Withdrawal of Officials at Contest Policy.
11. Received a report of Associate Executive Director Mertz on the:
 - PIAA Cablecast/Telecasting RFPs to be mailed on May 24, 2018;
 - Delinquent schools to be assessed a penalty for non-submission of eligibility lists;
 - the NFHS Student Leadership Summit, which will be held July 23-25, 2018.
12. Unanimously approved the recommendation and Minutes of the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee to (1) advance 32 relay teams to state championships, and (2) reduce the guaranteed number of tickets per qualifier from 3 to 2.
13. Unanimously accepted the Minutes of the PIAA Competitive Spirit Steering Committee Report as prepared and presented.
14. Received a report of Chief Operating Officer Byers on the:
 - Eligibility Web Portal;
 - At the recommendation of the Chief Operating Officer, the Board unanimously passed on a third reading basis maximum number of entries and qualifiers for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 classification cycle.

15. Unanimously approved the recommendations of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to:
 - 1) assign 50% of the total prestige points for state finishers from other State Championships or the National Prep tournament who have transferred to a PIAA member school;
 - 2) amend the maximum number of AA qualifiers and AAA qualifiers;
 - 3) utilize and study data provided by NWCA and Trackwrestling to evaluate the possibility of reducing the number of weight classes to twelve.
16. Unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Basketball Steering Committee that the HOME team will supply the game ball for the entire Contest during Inter-District playoff Contests.
17. On a third and final reading basis, approved 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) add a fee for modification of cooperative sponsorship of a sport.
18. On a third and final reading basis, approved 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.
19. On a third and final reading basis, to amend the policy addressing 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, to eliminate the swearing of witnesses at hearings to consider such incidents.
20. Suspended protocol to amend the 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, effective immediately.
21. Approved the recommendation of Legal Counsel, on a first reading basis, to amend the POLICY REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION RELATING TO STUDENT-ATHLETES, MEMBER SCHOOLS, SPORTS OFFICIALS, AND OTHER ADULTS, to provide guidance on responses to Right-to-Know Requests.
22. Unanimously approved the Competition Committee Meeting Minutes recommendation of March 27, and accepted, on a first reading basis, its recommendations to:
 - 1) change the term OPEN GYM in the Glossary as follows:

OPEN GYM: An event/activity whereby a PIAA-member school makes available the use of its gymnasium and/or other athletic facilities to all students in their school;
 - 2) further define the activities that are included in the hosting of Open Gyms; and
 - 3) to delete the Open Gym provision from ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS.
23. Approved the Competition Committee Meeting Minutes and recommendations of May 23, and accepted, on a first reading basis, the following recommendations:
 - 1) to declare a student who has competed in a sport in their 9th grade, or thereafter, and subsequently transfers to another school, and is declared eligible at the new school, ineligible for participation in the postseason (district championship tournament and thereafter) in that sport for a period of one year.
 - 2) to allow a district hearing process and hardship provision to be added to the transfer rule revision discussed above. The District Committee may waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances. For purposes of this provision, transfers to address academic needs and desires, or for developmental, spiritual, and/or social reasons, would not be considered exceptional and compelling circumstances. A change in residence necessitated by a change in employment by a parent may qualify.
 - 3) to adjust the fine to \$100 per sport for schools not submitting eligibility lists in a timely fashion. Also, the school would not be eligible for participation in postseason competition until the fine is paid.
 - 4) to modify the classification process for the next cycle to include a competition formula so as to address competitive balance issues in the sports of football and basketball.

24. Accepted a report from the Nominating Committee on the election of officers from the Nominating Committee, to elect James T. Zack as PIAA President; Francis M. Majikes as PIAA Vice President; and James B. Manners as PIAA Treasurer for 2018-2019 and certified the results of the written balloting electing those gentlemen as officers for 2018-2019.
25. On a 3rd and final reading basis, approved the 2018-19 Operating Budget and Cash Flows Budget as amended and presented by the PIAA Treasurer and Chairman of the Budget Committee.
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 to **rescind** the termination that was previously approved (boys' and girls' swimming and diving).
- District XII -** Benjamin Franklin and Constitution High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country and football).
William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs and Constitution High School (boys' and girls' soccer).
Academy at Palumbo and Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts (football).
27. 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 II -** Susquehanna Community and Blue Ridge Middle Schools, conditioned upon PIAA District II Committee approval (boys' and girls' soccer).
MMI Preparatory Junior High School and Holy Family Academy Middle School, conditioned upon PIAA District II Committee approval (boys' and girls' basketball).
- District IV -** Our Lady of Lourdes Regional and Mount Carmel Area High Schools (boys' soccer).
Our Lady of Lourdes Regional and Mount Carmel Area Junior High Schools (boys' soccer).
Central Columbia Middle School and Millville Junior High School, conditioned upon PIAA District IV Committee approval (football).
- District V -** Meyersdale Area and Turkeyfoot Valley Area High Schools (football).
Windber Area and Conemaugh Township Area High Schools (boys' and girls' tennis).
Conemaugh Township Area and Windber Area High Schools (boys' and girls' rifle).
Chestnut Ridge High School and Foundations Christian Academy (baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, football, boys' and girls' golf, softball, girls' tennis, boys' and girls' track and field, girls' volleyball and wrestling).
Chestnut Ridge Middle School and Foundations Christian Academy Junior High School (baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, football, boys' and girls' golf, boys' soccer, softball, girls' tennis, boys' and girls' track and field, girls' volleyball and wrestling).
- District V/VI -** Chestnut Ridge High School and Foundations Christian Academy and Claysburg Kimmel High Schools (boys' soccer).
Chestnut Ridge Middle School and Claysburg Kimmel Junior High Schools (boys' soccer and boys' and girls' track and field).
- District VI -** West Shamokin and Marion Center Area High Schools (boys' golf).
Cambria Heights and Glendale High Schools (boys' and girls' track and field).
Northern Cambria and Blacklick Valley High Schools (boys' and girls' rifle).
- District VI/IX -** Punxsutawney Area and Purchase Line High Schools (boys' wrestling).
- District VII -** Connellsville Area and Geibel Catholic High Schools (girls' tennis).
Apollo Ridge and Leechburg Area High Schools (girls' soccer).
- District IX -** Otto-Eldred and Oswayo Valley High Schools (boys' and girls' golf).
28. The Board of Directors' recognized the retirement of the following Board of Directors: Dr. David A. Crumrine, District VI Chairman; Timothy J. Walter, CAA, PSADA Representative; Maureen S. Williams, Female Officials' Representative; William H. Sinning, Male Officials' Representative; Aaron J. Straub, Private Schools' Representative; Cathy S. Wreski, Female Parents' Representative; and Kevin M. Doverspike, Male Parents' Representative. The Board of Directors' also recognized the retirement of Deborah T. Alford, Executive Director's Secretary, after 42 years of service.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 2:00 - 5:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 17 AND 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018, AT THE PENN STATER, PENN STATE UNIVERSITY, STATE COLLEGE, PA.