

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019**

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1. Approved the Minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Approved the request of a PIAA member school for cooperative sponsorship of a sport with a non-contiguous school.
3. Unanimously denied request for relief by a coach of a member school from the application of the mandatory suspension provision of Article VI, Section 9D, of the PIAA By-Laws, Recruiting.
4. Approved the request of a PIAA member school to grant an eighth grade student permission to participate in an out of season non-contact football event after the originally planned event was rescheduled due to weather issues.
5. Authorized the PIAA Executive Director to conduct an inquiry into information received from schools regarding a member school's alleged recruiting and related issues.
6. Approved proportional distribution of funding from each PIAA District to assist with the high cost of legal fees.
7. Accepted the resignation of Michael A. Gavlik as PIAA Treasurer. The Board of Directors congratulated Mr. Gavlik on his 15 years of service on the Board and wished him the best in his new position.
8. Approved, on a **first reading basis**, a motion to amend the PIAA Constitution, Article IX, District Committees, Section 1, to add a removal provision that is analogous to a provision for Board of Directors.
9. Suspended protocol to approve amendment of ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, Section 2.C of the PIAA By-Laws to make clear that the waiver provision of Section A. 2 and 3 and/or B-District Committee may grant eligibility only if certain situations are met and that the 21 day rule is not subject to a waiver.
10. Approved the following proposed By-Law Amendments, all on a **first reading basis**:
  - ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 2. Rules and Regulations A. Out-of-Season Activities 1. PIAA member schools may not sponsor Teams in that sport: NOTE: Schools participating in sanctioned NCAA/NFHS scheduled events may sponsor a team, and 4. The school's interscholastic athletic uniform may not be used by community organizations, groups, or students;
  - ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 4, Mixed Gender Participation, Subsection D3 to include tennis;
  - ARTICLE XIX, JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS, (Junior High/Middle School 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Competition) Section 3, Period of Participation B. No junior high/middle school student may participate in any sport for more than three seasons in grades seven through nine, inclusive. C. A student may practice for and participate in only one season in each sport during each school year.
11. Suspended protocol to approve clarification of the POLICY REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS in the PIAA Policies and Procedures to make clear that PIAA will consider requests for records under the Right To Know Law only if submitted on the Office of Open Records-approved form.
12. Accepted a report and update from the Executive Director on the:
  - Compliance of schools that were contacted regarding not providing proper information for 2017 eligibility lists;
  - Draft of audited PIAA Headquarters financial statements for the year June 30, 2019 as prepared by Boyer & Ritter;
  - PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ended June 30, and July 31 and August 31, 2019; and
  - Friday night football concerns.
13. Accepted the Assistant Executive Director's report on the:
  - Coaches Education Update;
  - September newsletter-emailed and posted to PIAA website;
  - 2018-19 Coaches of the Year; and
  - Secondary School Start Times Advisory Committee.
14. Accepted the Assistant Executive Director's report on:
  - Review of the 2019 25<sup>th</sup> Annual PIAA Officials' Convention and 30 year of recognition banquet;
  - A Citation issued by the PA House of Representatives recognizing the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PIAA Officials' Convention;
  - The deadline for receipt of recommendations to officiate 2019 PIAA Fall Championships in sports of cross country, girls' volleyball, field hockey, soccer and football;

- The online mandatory rules meetings, which are now posted to the PIAA website and will be available until November for all sport coaches;
  - The start of the 2019-2020 PIAA Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings; and
  - Accepting nominations forms or notices for Officials' Representatives to enter on ballots, with the deadline for submission being Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
15. Accepted the Associate Executive Director's report on the:
- Eligibility lists submission;
  - Number of schools regarded to be delinquent as a result of dues not being paid on or before September 30, 2019; and
  - Reclassification process- started October 1<sup>st</sup> until October 15<sup>th</sup> submission of enrollment numbers and timeline.
16. Accepted the Chief Operating Officer's report on the:
- 2019 PIAA 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Country Foundation Race; and
  - Development of a post season eligibility form that may be used by District Committees to consider requests for waivers of post season ineligibility.
17. Approved the recommendations of the Competition Committee;
- On a **third and final reading basis**, to adjust the competition formula to reduce the number of transfers required to trigger an increase in classification from 5 in football and 2 in basketball, to 3 in football and 1 in basketball for the two-year cycle of the competition formula; and to
  - To suspend protocol and accept the clarification language of ARTICLE II. AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 3, Permissible Awards, to permit students to receive reasonable and necessary expenses for transportation, lodging, and/or meals incurred by the student and/or the student's parents
  - Approved an Interpretation of ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, Section 2, In-Season Transfers, A2 of the By-Laws to make clear that the 50% number is based upon the number of Contests on a Team's schedule while the student was part of the Team, regardless of his/her individual eligibility status during that period.
18. Approved a policy to adjust the start date for winter sports, which will be moved to Monday of the previous week, from Friday, whenever Thanksgiving is late in the calendar.
19. Denied a motion made by PSADA to approve the diagonal system of control as method of officiating boys' and girls' soccer, starting in fall of 2020 at the varsity level, when using three officials.
20. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2019-2020** school year (will not affect classification size of teams):
- District III** – Penn Manor Junior High School & The Stone Independent Middle School(boys' and girls' soccer)
- District III- Change**- Exeter Township and Antietam High Schools to add Wyomissing High School (boys' and girls' swimming and diving)
- District VI** - Williamsburg and Juniata Valley Junior High Schools (football)
- District VI** – Glendale and Harmony Area Junior High Schools (girls' volleyball)
- District IX - Host Correction**- Oswayo Valley and Otto Eldred High Schools( boys'& girls' golf)
- District XII** - Science Leadership Academy and Benjamin Franklin High School (girls' lacrosse)
21. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2020-2021** school year (will not affect classification size of teams):
- District III** – Millersburg Area and Upper Dauphin Area High Schools (boys' and girls' soccer)
- District III** – Upper Dauphin Area and Millersburg Area High Schools (junior high football and wrestling)
- District V** – Conemaugh Township and Johnstown Christian High Schools (football)
22. Approved the following request(s) for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2020-2021** school year (will affect classification size of team(s)):
- District XII** – West Philadelphia and William L. Sayre High Schools (boys' soccer)
23. Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2019-2020** school year:
- District III** - Kutztown Area and Brandywine Heights High Schools (boys' and girls' track and field)

**District III** - Mount Calvary Christian and Lancaster Mennonite (boys' and girls' golf)

**District III** - Southwestern and Delone Catholic High Schools (girls' lacrosse)

**District III** - Daniel Boone and Berks Catholic High Schools (girls' golf)

**District VII** - Western Beaver High School and Lincoln Park Performing Arts (baseball)

**District VII** - Cornell and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country and boys' and girls' soccer)

**District VII** - South Side Junior High and Burgettstown Area Middle School (boys' soccer)

**District X** - Franklin and St. Patrick Junior High Schools (boys' cross country, football, boys' golf, boys' and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' track and field and wrestling)

**District XII** - Murrell Dobbins High School and Eastern Academy Charter School (competitive spirit, boys' volleyball, boys' and girls' track and field, softball, girls' soccer, boys' and girls' indoor track and field, boys' and girls' cross country, boys' and girls' bowling, girls' basketball and baseball)

**District XII** - Shoemaker and Hardy Williams Mastery Charter Schools (boys' and girls' cross country, boys' and girls' track and field)

**District XII** - Benjamin Franklin High School and Philadelphia Military Academy (girls' volleyball and baseball)

**District XII** - Pickett Mastery and Shoemaker Mastery Charter (Competitive Spirit)

24. Approved the following requests for termination of cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of 2020-2021 school year:

**District VI** - Juniata and East Juniata High Schools to terminate girls' volleyball

25. Approve the following member school applications, effective July 1, 2019:

**District I** - The Glen Mills School

**District II** - Wilkes Barre Area Junior High School

26. Approved the following withdrawal of membership(s), effective July 1, 2019:

**District I** - Scott Middle School  
South Brandywine Middle School

**District II** - Elmer L. Meyers Junior High School  
GAR Memorial Junior High School  
Solomon/Plains Junior High School

**District III**- Lancaster Mennonite School  
Rowland Intermediate

**District IX** - St. Bernard Middle School

**District X** - Calvary Baptist Christian Academy  
St. Patrick Junior High School  
St. Michael School

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019, AT  
4:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.**