

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

PIAA Board Room
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PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2019

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| I. | Call to Order | Mr. Zack |
| II. | Introduction of Alternate Voting Representative(s) to the Board of Directors | Mrs. Mertz
Mr. Zack
(Att. 1 pg. 1) |
| III. | Introduction of Visitor(s) and Opportunity for Visitor(s) to Comment | Mrs. Mertz
Mr. Zack |
| IV. | Secretary's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Directors' Minutes of Wednesday, December 5, 2018 | Dr. Lombardi |
| V. | Executive Session | Mr. Zack |
| | Update on PIAA Litigation | Atty. Solomon
Atty. Boynton
(Att. 1 pgs. 25-28) |
| VI. | Return to Regular Session | Mr. Zack |
| VII. | Update on PIAA Legislative Matters | Mr. Goodman |
| VIII. | Proposed By-Law Amendments | Dr. Lombardi |

1. **On a third and final reading basis**, to approve adoption of additional language to **ARTICLE VI TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE & RECRUITING, Section 3B** and further to refer this amendment to the Competition Committee for further discussion:

B. Administrative Transfer.

For administrative, non-disciplinary purposes, the student has been transferred by executive action initiated by school administrative personnel to a PIAA member school within the same public school district or, if previously enrolled at a Catholic school, within the same Archdiocese or Diocese, or if enrolled in a private school within the same corporate organization. An expulsion does not constitute an administrative Transfer under this subsection.

2. **On a third and final reading basis**, to approve adoption of additional language to ARTICLE III, Section 8., Subsections A & B, to clarify the intent of rule that the student's transfer is not athletically motivated nor a result of being recruited.

Section 8. Multi-Public School District Academic Arrangements.

A. Where students are enrolled in a public school in the public school district of their residence but, pursuant to an agreement between public school districts, attend some or all classes at a public school in another public school district, the student may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student's home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student desires to participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that the student has not transferred for an athletically motivated purpose or has been recruited.

B. Students Placed by Court Order or as a Result of Disability.

A student who has been placed in a school either by court order or because the student is a Student With A Disability whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) has concluded that the student's educational needs could not be accommodated in the public school that the student would otherwise have attended, may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student's home public school district.

The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student desires to participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that the student has not transferred for an athletically motivated purpose or has been recruited.

3. On a first reading basis, to approve adoption of additional language to Article II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS.

ARTICLE II

AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS

Section 3. Permissible Awards.

B. Sponsors of Athletic Events: A student may accept, from the sponsor or sponsors of an athletic event or group of athletic events, items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification, if the student participated in the athletic event and/or earned an award for an athletic event or events. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed \$750 ~~\$500~~. Such sponsor or sponsors may also pay the expenses for a student to participate in educational programs, tours, and field trips provided by the sponsor or sponsors in connection with the athletic event or events.

C. Media and Other Public Recognition: A student may accept, from a non-profit service organization approved by the Principal of the student's school, or the news media, items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification in recognition of the student's athletic ability or performance, and present the same at a time appropriate to such recognition. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed \$750 ~~\$500~~.

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I. Operation Gold and National Governing Body (NGB) Participation: Consistent with NFHS policy, a student may accept monies under this program, which provides monetary rewards to athletes who place in the Olympic Games and/or World Championships in designated sports. Additionally, a student and/or the student's parents may accept monies for participation on National Teams or tryouts sponsored by the NGB and NCAA Youth Development Camps.

IX. PIAA COMPETITION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Approve on a third and final reading basis**, the following recommendation from the Competition Committee regarding a proposed change in Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting, Section 2 A., Preamble and General Rule of the PIAA By-Laws as follows:

PREAMBLE: *Beginning at the District level, PIAA sponsors championship tournaments for its member schools in a number of sports. PIAA has a significant interest in promoting fair and equitable competition for these championship tournaments and has determined that transfers can, and often do, dramatically shift the competitive balance. Such transfers, particularly when those occur prior to the junior or senior years, have substantially undermined the confidence of the membership and public generally in the integrity and fairness of the entire post-season system.*

For that reason, the Board of Directors has determined that, with few exceptions, any students who transfer after ~~playing~~ participating in a sport in their 10th grade year shall not be eligible to participate in the ensuing PIAA post-season tournament in that sport. The student, if otherwise eligible, may participate in that sport only during the regular season.

A. General Rule: *Irrespective of any other provision of this ARTICLE, a student who participated in a sport in 10th grade, or thereafter, and ~~following completion of such season~~, transfers to another school is ineligible for participation in the postseason in the District championship tournament and the PIAA inter-district championships ~~thereafter~~ in that same sport for that season or the subsequent school year.*

2. **Approve on a third reading basis**, to use the following language to define the term "date of transfer" to mean the earliest of (1) the first day the Student practices with a Team at a new school; (2) the student attends a class at a new school; (3) the student, through the student's school, has requested a determination of eligibility at a new school and (4) enrolls at a new school. Date of enrollment is the date the student registers at a new school.

3. **Approve on a third reading basis**, to re-visit the possibility of hosting a “Superclass” in the sports of basketball and football if the data collected merits such a classification change for schools and to have Administrative Staff perform a survey of the membership to inquire if there is interest from schools to be part of a “Superclass”.

X. Executive Director Reports: Dr. Lombardi

1. Previously e-mailed: PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ended November 30 and December 31, 2018
2. Summary of Fall Championships Financials (Handout)
3. PIAA Football Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 ([Att.1 pgs. 2-4](#))

XI. Administrative Staff Reports:

A. Assistant Executive Director Mrs. Grassel

1. PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 ([Att.1 pgs. 5-7](#))
2. PIAA Tennis Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 ([Att.1 pgs. 8-11](#))

B. Assistant Executive Director Mr. Gebhart

1. Results of Even Numbered District Officials’ Representatives Elections (Handout)
2. Notice of submission of District’s recommendations for the Winter Sports Championships
3. PIAA Registered Sports’ Officials’ Registration Fees face value period January 15 until February 28, 2019
4. Fall and Winter Make-up Mandatory Rules’ Interpretation Online Meetings
5. Chapter Interpreters’ Annual Mandatory Online Meetings

C. Associate Executive Director Mrs. Mertz

1. Update on Competitive Spirit Championships
2. PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 ([Att.1 pgs. 12-14](#))
3. NFHS Student Leadership Summit - July 22-24, 2019

D. Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Byers

1. PIAA Golf Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 ([Att.1 pgs. 15-18](#))
2. PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 ([Att.1 pgs. 19-21](#))
3. PIAA Soccer Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 ([Att. pgs. 22-24](#))
4. Request to Modify Wrestling Rule 11-1-4 Note:
All wrestlers must weigh-in each day (the wrestler intends to participate) of the multiple day event and may weigh in at any weight class their Minimum Wrestling Weight (MWW) determined by the Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) makes them eligible. This includes weighing in at either a lower or higher weight class than presented on a previous day of the event.

XII. PIAA Board of Directors' Committee Report(s):

1. Report of the Competition Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 23, 2019 Mr. Zack
2. Report of the Human Resources Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 23, 2019 Mr. Majikes
3. Report of the Budget Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 Mr. Manners (Handout)

XIII. Membership:

A. Withdrawal of Membership(s), effective **July 1, 2018**:

District IV – Columbia County Christian School

Mr. Zack

B. Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2018-2019** school year (**Will NOT** affect classification size of Team[s]):

District III – Christian School of York and Logos Academy to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' basketball and boys' and girls' soccer

Mr. Kennedy

District III – Harrisburg Academy and West Shore Christian Academy to cooperatively sponsor baseball

Mr. Kennedy

Districts VI – Cambria Heights and Northern Cambria High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling Mr. Marshall

District VII – Carlynton and Bishop Canevin High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' track & field Mr. Seltzer

District IX – Galetton and Northern Potter High Schools to cooperatively sponsor baseball Mr. Manners

District XII – Academy at Palumbo and Constitution High Schools to cooperatively sponsor softball and boys' and girls' track & field Mr. Hawkins

District XII – West Philadelphia and Boys Latin High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling Mr. Hawkins

- C. Approval of Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2018-2019** school year

District III – Trinity HS, Harrisburg Academy and West Shore Christian Academy to terminate baseball Mr. Kennedy

District VI - Central and Northern Bedford High Schools to terminate boys' and girls' swimming and diving Mr. Marshall

- D. Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2019-2020** school year (**Will NOT** affect classification size of Team[s]):

District V – Shanksville Stoneycreek and Shade-Central City High Schools to add Berlin Brothers Valley HS Mr. Leonard

XIV. Discussion Items

XV. Adjournment by no later than 7:00 p.m. Mr. Zack

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019 IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.