

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

PIAA Board Room  
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PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA

**4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, 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<br>Mr. Zack<br>( <a href="#">Att.1, pg.1</a> )   |
| III.  | Introduction of Visitor(s) and Opportunity for Visitor(s) to Comment   | Mrs. Mertz<br>Mr. Zack  |
| IV.   | Secretary's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board of Directors' Minutes of Wednesday, March 20, 2019</li></ul> | Dr. Lombardi  |
| V.    | Executive Session<br><br>Update on PIAA Litigation   | Mr. Zack<br><br>Atty. Solomon<br>Atty. Boynton<br>Atty. Levy<br>( <a href="#">Att.1, pgs. 30-32</a> ) |
| VI.   | Return to Regular Session  | Mr. Zack  |
| VII.  | Update on PIAA Legislative Matters   | Mr. Goodman   |
| VIII. | Proposed By-Law Amendments   | Dr. Lombardi  |

**On a first reading basis**, to change the language to **Article VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING**.

**ARTICLE VI  
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING**

**B. Waiver of Ineligibility.**

A student who is not otherwise presumptively eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE may, through the Principal of the school at which the student seeks eligibility, request that the ~~Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions,~~ waive the period of ineligibility in some or all sports. Said waiver shall not be granted unless the student demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence if the Regional Panel or District Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to the sports for which eligibility is sought all sports and that granting eligibility of if such determination would not otherwise circumvent the purpose of this ARTICLE of deterring transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. If granted, eligibility shall be effective as of the date of transfer.

**On a second reading basis, to modify language to Article XVI, SEASON AND OUT- OF - SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

**ARTICLE XVI**

**SEASON AND OUT- OF - SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Section 2. Rules and Regulations, Subsection E. Open Gyms.**, to provide that such provision applies only to team competitions and those where at least one coach is involved, to read as follows: Within 10 days prior to the start of each sports season, no student enrolled at a PIAA member high school may participate in any team competition on a team on which all other players and at least one coach are also affiliated at that student's school.

**On a third and final 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.

**On a second reading basis to change language to ARTICLE XV OFFICIALS.**

**ARTICLE XV**

**OFFICIALS**

**Section 1. Sports Officials Must Be Registered With PIAA.**

All sports officials, in all Contests participated in by a member school of PIAA, shall be persons who are (1) registered, (2) on active status and (3) in good standing, with PIAA.

NOTE: Section 1 does not apply to Contests played outside of Pennsylvania. Additionally, registration with PIAA does not in any way limit or restrict the ability of officials to officiate sports at any level or for any entity including but not limited to intercollegiate, professional, recreational, AAU and other sports organizations.

### **Section 3. Background Certifications.**

#### **d. Rejection Of Applicants Based Upon Information Disclosed In Certifications.**

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Pursuant to state law, PIAA shall reject the application of a person who has been identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, and any other felony, unless a period of at least ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

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Pursuant to state law, PIAA shall reject the application of any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

Pursuant to state law, PIAA shall reject the application of any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one misdemeanor offense relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.

### **Section 7. Removal of Registered Sports Officials.**

#### **A. Mandatory Removal.**

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**(2) Felony violations.** Pursuant to state law, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, or any other felony, unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

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**(4) First degree misdemeanor violations.** Pursuant to state law, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other

misdemeanor of the first degree under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

**(5) DUI and Controlled Substance offenses:** Pursuant to state law, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person identified on one or more of the background certifications set forth in Section 3a of this Article as having been convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one misdemeanor offense relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of at least three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.

IX. Executive Director Reports:

Dr. Lombardi

1. Results of balloting for one proposed amendment to PIAA Constitution, which passed and becomes effective, Monday, July 1, 2019. [\(Att. 1, pg. 2\)](#)
2. 100<sup>th</sup> NFHS Annual Summer Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 28-July 2, 2019
3. 2019 PIAA District Annual Meetings
4. NFHS Summit and Legal meeting date
  - NFHS Summit and Legal meeting dates for 2020 are April 15-17, please consider NOT scheduling district meetings during this time period
5. 2019-2020 Board of Directors' meeting schedule [\(Att. 1, pg. 3\)](#)
6. Previously emailed: PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ended March 31 and April 30, 2019
7. Unaudited financial statements for 2018-2019 PIAA Winter Sports Championships
8. Approval of adjustment in NFHS Network Agreement
9. Review of the Sports' Medicine Advisory Committee Meeting recommendations from meeting of March 31, 2019 [\(Att. 1, pgs. 4-6\)](#)

X. Administrative Staff Reports:

A. Assistant Executive Director

Mrs. Grassel

1. Coaches Education Update
2. 2019 PIAA Boys' Team Tennis Championships

3. 2019 PIAA Boys' Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships

4. 2019 PIAA Boys' Volleyball Championships

B. Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Gebhart

1. PIAA Officials' Council recommendation(s) from meeting of Saturday, March 23, 2019

[\(Att. 1, pgs. 7-8\)](#)

2. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual PIAA Officials' Convention, Friday, August 9, and Saturday, August 10, 2019

- 100 plus sessions
- 30 Years of Service Banquet

C. Associate Executive Director

Mrs. Mertz

1. 2019 NFHS Student Leadership Summit to be held, July 22 thru July 24, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN.

2. PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, April, 3, 2019

[\(Att. 1, pgs. 9-11\)](#)

3. PIAA Competitive Spirit Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019

[\(Att. 1, pgs. 12-13\)](#)

4. 2019 Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Championships

5. 2019 Softball Championships

D. Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Byers

1. PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019

[\(Att. 1, pgs. 14-23\)](#)

2. PIAA Basketball Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019

[\(Att. 1, pgs. 24-26\)](#)

3. PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2019

[\(Att. 1, pgs. 27-29\)](#)

4. 2019 Track and Field Championships

5. 2019 Baseball Championships

XI. Report of the Competition Committee Meeting of May 22, 2019

Mr. Zack

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

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| 1. | Nominating Committee Report   | Mr. Bauer   |
| 2. | Budget Committee Report   |             |
|    | <b>3rd and Final Reading</b> of Budget Committee recommendations;         | Mr. Manners |
|    | A. 2019-20 PIAA Operating Activities Budget for year ending June 30, 2020 |             |
|    | B. 2019-20 PIAA Cash Flows Budget for year ending June 30, 2020           |             |

XIII. Membership:

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| A. | Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of <b>2018-2019</b> school year ( <b>Will NOT</b> affect classification size of Team[s]): |             |
|    | <b>District IV</b> – Central Columbia and Benton Area Middle Schools to cooperatively sponsor football  | Mr. Zack    |
|    | <b>District V</b> - North Star and Somerset Christian High Schools to cooperatively sponsor baseball  | Mr. Leonard |
| B. | Approval of Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of <b>2018-2019</b> school year   |             |
|    | <b>District III</b> - Reading and Berks Catholic High Schools to terminate wrestling  | Dr. Kennedy |
|    | <b>District V</b> - Shade and Johnstown Christian High Schools to terminate boys' basketball  | Mr. Leonard |
| C. | Approval of Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of <b>2019-2020</b> school year   |             |
|    | <b>District III</b> - Halifax Area and Millersburg High Schools to terminate wrestling, boys' golf, and boys' and girls' track and field  | Dr. Kennedy |
|    | <b>District III</b> - Reading and Berks Catholic High Schools to terminate wrestling  | Dr. Kennedy |
|    | <b>District IV</b> - Benton Area and Northwest Area High Schools to terminate boys' and girls' soccer   | Mr. Zack    |
|    | <b>District V</b> - Shade and Johnstown Christian High Schools to terminate boys' basketball  | Mr. Leonard |

**District VII** – Penn Hills and Trinity Christian High Schools to terminate football Mr. Seltzer

**District X** - Rocky Grove and Venango Catholic High to terminate girls' basketball Mr. Scurpa

**District XII** - Simon Gratz Mastery Charter and Pickett Mastery Charter Schools to terminate boys' and girls' track and field Mr. Hawkins

D. Approval of Member School Application(s), effective **July 1, 2019**:

**District III** – Anchor Christian Academy Dr. Kennedy

XIV. Discussion Items:

Request to explore going to diagonal system for PIAA soccer officiating with a center official and two sideline officials as opposed to double dual system. Mr. Craig

Request PIAA to explore online officiating meetings or webinars as alternatives to face to face meetings. Mr. Craig

Request PIAA to send surveys to both Principals and Athletic Directors. Mr. Craig

XV. Adjournment by no later than 6:30 p.m. Mr. Zack

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019 AT 2:00 P.M. AND WEDNESDAY JULY 17, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M., AT THE PENN STATER IN STATE COLLEGE.**