

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE  
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020**

1. Approved the Minutes of the videoconference meeting of June 15, 2020 of the Board of Directors.
2. Held an executive session to discuss active litigation.
3. Received a legislative report from legislative counsel.
4. Denied an appeal from Apollo Ridge High School to move its girls' soccer classification of 2A back to 1A.
5. Approved a request for a field hockey player from Benjamin Rush High School to complete their participation in a Co-Operative Sponsorship of a Sport agreement with George Washington High School following termination of the agreement.
6. Accepted a report, recommendations and update from the Executive Director on the following:
  - Upon recommendation of the Football Steering Committee, the Board approved a proposal, on a **third and final reading basis**, and as a one year pilot program, to permit football Teams, upon mutual agreement between them, and for sub-varsity Contests only, to allow for modification of timing and playing rules with specific language as to the extent of permitted modifications to be further considered;
  - Awarded the PIAA Winter Championships for 2020-21 thru 2023-24 to the following sites:  
Competitive Spirit – The GIANT Center, Hershey, PA  
Team Wrestling – The GIANT Center, Hershey, PA  
Individual Wrestling – The GIANT Center, Hershey, PA  
Basketball – The GIANT Center, Hershey, PA  
Swimming and Diving – Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
  - Awarded the PIAA Printed Materials Contract for 2020-21 thru 2023-24 to the following company: Mercersburg Printing;
  - Awarded the PIAA Ticket Printing Contract for 2020-21 thru 2023-24 to the following company: National Ticket Company;
  - On a **third and final reading basis**, approved the recommendation to modify NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-4-1 and reduce wrestling weight classes from 14 to 13;
  - Discussed a request from Boyer & Ritter, P.C. for PIAA District Committees to provide audit and tax documentation for year ended June 30, 2020;
  - Received the recently prepared and mailed invoices for PIAA member schools dues;
  - Received the previously emailed; PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ended May 31, 2020;
  - Accepted the minutes of the PIAA Parents' Advisory Steering Committee Minutes of Thursday, June 18, 2020;
  - Discussed the NFHS Network Offers Schools two free Production Units to Stream Events through "High School Support Program";
  - Upon the Executive Director's recommendation, the Board of Directors' approved the establishment of a Student Advisory Committee with the Executive Staff directed to return to the Board with a plan as to how these students are to be selected; and
  - Accepted the PIAA Sports Medicine Committee Minutes, and approved the development of an addendum to the CIPPE form to add a section regarding Peyton's Law for the 2020-2021 school year, with the addition section to be permanently added for future years.
7. Accepted the Assistant Executive Director's report on the:
  - PIAA Coaches' Advisory Steering Committee Meeting and approved the minutes from the meeting of June 17, 2020; and
  - PIAA Private Schools Steering Committee Meeting and approved the minutes from the meeting of June 18, 2020.

8. Accepted the Assistant Executive Director's report on the:

- PIAA Officials' Council Steering Committee recommendations to adopt the NFHS 2020 fall, 2020-2021 winter and 2020 spring sports' rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications, and approved the minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2020;
- Approved a recommendation from the Officials' Council to establish for the sport of field hockey, sub-varsity competition to establish four (4) twelve (12) minute quarters for play this season and ;
- 2020 PIAA Fall Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings, which will be held online for officials and coaches.

9. Accepted the Associate Executive Director's report on the:

- PIAA Softball Steering Committee Meeting and approved the minutes from the meeting of June 17, 2020;
- PIAA Girls' Athletics Steering Committee Meeting and approved the minutes from the meeting of June 18, 2020; and
- On a **first reading basis** approved the recommendation of Executive Staff to amend Article III, Section B.,1 A, of the PIAA By-Laws to permit approval of cooperative sport agreements in cases of multiple schools being over the 300 limit within specific parameters.

10. Accepted the Chief Operating Officer's report, and took action, on the following:

- On a **suspended protocol basis** accepted the Maximum Number of Entries and Brackets for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 classification cycle for basketball.
- Unanimously approved the recommendation of the PIAA Track & Field Steering Committee to accept the 2021 proposed qualifying standards (which are the same as the 2020 standards).
- Unanimously accepted the recommendation from the PIAA Track & Field Steering Committee to modify NFHS Track & Field Rule 6-2-6 to allow for competitors to run backward or in the opposite direction to measure their steps in performing the horizontal, pole vault or javelin runways.
- Approved the minutes of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee meeting of June 17, 2020.
- Approved the minutes of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee meeting of June 17, 2020.
- Unanimously approved a recommendation of the Baseball Steering Committee to extend the SEI/NOCSAE marks for the 2021 baseball season for schools to be able to use their inventory of baseballs.
- Approved the minutes of the PIAA Jr. High/Middle School Steering Committee of June 18, 2020;
- Approved the minutes of the PIAA Sportsmanship Steering Committee meeting of June 18, 2020; and
- Approved the recommendations and minutes of the PIAA Athletic Directors' Steering Committee meeting of June 18, 2020.

11. PIAA Board of Directors' Workshop Report(s):

- Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport – Discussion was held regarding the 300 student limit for one of the schools to be entered into a Cooperative Sports Agreement. Discussion was held regarding Article III, Section 10, B.1.a, and to allow a District Committee to approve a change in that section for schools of 300 or more based overall circumstances, including the school's agreement to forego post-season competition; demonstrated lack of success; lack of participation numbers; and the schools having exhausted all possibilities of agreements with smaller sized schools.

- Emerging Sports – Discussion was held on the development of a policy to address requests from the membership to consider adding PIAA's jurisdiction of sports that are starting to develop in their communities. The committee's intention is to develop guidelines for these types of sports to be considered for future consideration for growing sports.
  - Strategic Plan – It was the consensus of the Strategic Planning Committee to attempt to hold as many sports as possible and playing as many games as possible this fall as supported by the schools. There are other positions and opinions of this position so noted by the other Committees who submitted their discussion points. The Strategic Plan Committee recommended the Guidelines for Return to Competitions be shared with all fall sport steering committees; coaches and officials committees as well as Sports Medicine to have their review and input.
  - Budget – The Treasurer made a presentation and the Board of Directors passed on a second reading basis the proposed 2020-21 budget and the impact of losing the spring sports season.
12. 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** – Exeter Township, Antietam and Wyomissing Area High Schools (boys' water polo and girls' swimming and diving)
- District V & VI** – Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon Area Junior High (boys' soccer)
- District VI & VII** – Indiana Area Senior High School and Seeds of Faith Christian Academy (boys' and girls' cross country)
- District VII** - South Moreland and Geibel Catholic High Schools (football and girls' soccer)
- District IX** – Port Allegany and Smethport Area Junior High Schools (boys' soccer)
- District IX** – Brockway Area and Dubois Catholic High Schools (girls' golf)
- District XI** – Nativity BVM and Marian Catholic Junior High Schools (football and girls' basketball)
- District XII** – Academy at Palumbo and Constitution, Parkway Center, Science Leadership and William W. Bodine High Schools (wrestling)
13. Approved Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2020-2021** school year:
- District III** – Daniel Boone and Berks Christian High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming and diving, baseball, football, boys' golf and field hockey)
- District III** – Kutztown Area and Brandywine Heights High Schools (boys' and girls' track and field)
14. Approved the following Member School Applications(s), effective July1, 2020:
- District VII** – St. Sebastian Regional Catholic Middle School
- District X** – The Learning Center Middle School
15. Approved the following withdrawal of membership(s), effective July1, 2020:
- District III** - Lebanon Catholic Middle School
16. Received a recommendation for future discussion on school safety and security at sporting events.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 VIA  
ZOOM AT 3:00 PM.