

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

PIAA Board Room
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PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2020

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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. | Requests for change in classification | Mrs. Mertz
(Att.1, pgs. 2-6) |
| | 1. Leechburg Area School District | |
| | 2. North Star School District | |
| | 3. Saint Marys Area High School | |
| | 4. Fort Cherry High School | |
| | 5. Apollo-Ridge High School | |
| V. | School Appeals of Competition Formula Classification | Mr. Zack |
| VI. | Secretary's Report: | Dr. Lombardi |
| | • Board of Directors' Minutes of Wednesday, December 4, 2019 | |
| VII. | Executive Session | Mr. Zack |
| | Update on PIAA Litigation | Atty. Solomon
Atty. Boynton
(Att.1, pgs. 38-40) |
| VIII. | Return to Regular Session | Mr. Zack |
| IX. | Update on PIAA Legislative Matters | Mr. Goodman |
| X. | Proposed Constitution Amendment | Dr. Lombardi |
| 1. | On a third and final reading basis to add language to ARTICLE IX, DISTRICT COMMITTEES, Section 1. G. as follows: | |

**ARTICLE IX
DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

Any district committee member may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the committee at any meeting of the district committee

whenever, in the judgement of the committee the best interest of the district or, PIAA would be served thereby.

XI. Proposed By-Law Amendments

Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **third and final reading basis** to amend language of Article XVI, SEASON AND OUT- OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, as follows:

**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.

4. The school's ~~name, nickname, and~~ interscholastic athletic uniform may not be used by community organizations, groups, or students; ...

Section 4. Mixed Gender Participation.

D. Rules applicable to Mixed Gender Teams: Because PIAA does not have a Mixed Gender classification, the following provisions govern participation by Mixed Gender Teams:

1. For Postseason purposes, Mixed Gender Teams (other than in the sport of Spirit) shall compete only in the sport classifications designated for boys.
2. For enrollment classification purposes, a Mixed Gender Team shall be classified by using the school's enrollment number for whichever gender constitutes a majority of the Team members.
3. In the sports of tennis and volleyball, a Mixed Gender Team shall play during the boys' Regular Season and Postseason.

2. On a **third and final reading basis** to amend language of Article XIX, JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS, (Junior High/Middle School 7th, 8th and 9th Grade Competition), as follows:

**ARTICLE XIX
(Junior High/Middle School
7th, 8th, and 9th Grade Competition)**

Section 3. Period of Participation.

A. No student is eligible for Practice for or participation in interscholastic athletics prior to entry into seventh grade.

B. No junior high/middle school student may ~~Practice for or~~ participate in any sport for more seasons than there are grades included in the school, nor may a student Practice for or participate in any sport for more than three seasons in grades seven through nine, inclusive.

INTERPRETATION

Section 3B. February 4, 1984.

"Grades included in the school" does not include any grades below the seventh grade.

C. A student may Practice for and participate in only one season in each sport during ~~the time the student is enrolled in the ninth grade of a junior high/middle school~~ each school year.

3. On a **second reading basis** to amend language of Article VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 2., C, as follows:

ARTICLE VI TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING Section 2. C.

C. Waiver provision of A and/or B - District Committee may grant eligibility if certain situations are met:

NOTE: 21 day rule is not subject to a waiver.

A District Committee may waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student's family. For purposes of this provision, the following reasons WILL be deemed sufficient to meet this standard:

- A change of residence necessitated by a change in employment;
- A school-initiated administrative transfer within a school district;
- A transfer following an order of court in a delinquency or dependency proceeding;
- A change of schools caused by a military reassignment of a parent;
- A change of schools caused by release from a juvenile facility; and
- An involuntary substantial change in financial condition and resources that compel withdrawal from a school.

For purposes of this provision, the following reasons will NOT be deemed to meet this standard:

- A transfer for academic, developmental, spiritual and/or social reasons; and
- A change of residence resulting from a family separation, unless following court approval.

All other tendered reasons will be considered by the District Committee on a case-by-case basis.

4. On a **second reading basis** to amend language to Article I, Age, Section I. Maximum Age Rule, as follows:

ARTICLE I AGE

Section 1. Maximum Age Rule.

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition upon attaining the age of nineteen years, with the following exception:

If the age of 19 is attained on or after July 1, the student shall be eligible, age-wise, to compete through that school year.

A student who is ineligible under this provision shall not participate in any Practice for all sports. (This change will add ARTICLE I to the July 22, 1982, as amended July 24, 2009, INTERPRETATION, page 11 of PIAA By-Laws)

1. On a **first reading basis** to amend language to the Corrections to School's Enrollment Report and Correction Of Enrollment Report Errors to read as follows:

CORRECTIONS TO SCHOOL'S ENROLLMENT REPORT

The Annual Dues and Enrollment Report shall be filed with the PIAA Office not later than the date the Public School Enrollment Report is due to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Member schools are expected to closely review the Enrollment Report for possible errors. To address possible mistakes or oversights, PIAA will provide an electronic copy of the submitted report numbers to each member school for their review. PIAA member school may submit a written request to revise their Enrollment Report on or before November 15th of every odd numbered year. Oral requests for revisions to enrollment numbers and requests for revisions submitted after the November 15th deadline will not be considered by PIAA.

PIAA will formally announce the classification assignments for the next two year period within 30 days of the November 15th deadline or as soon thereafter as possible.

Any member school which, through excusable error, submits an erroneous Enrollment Report may request that a corrected Enrollment Report be accepted. Such request may be granted by the Board of Directors if the following criteria are met:

1. The member school submitted a written request to revise their Enrollment Report on or before November 15th.
2. The Board of Directors is persuaded that the error was inadvertent and unintentional;
3. The error was caught within 30 days from its release and will not affect the enrollment classifications or number of entries (qualifiers) for any PIAA District;
4. There is no history of such errors being committed by the member school; and
5. The District Committee having jurisdiction over the member school supports the correction of the error.

~~CORRECTION OF ENROLLMENT REPORT ERRORS~~

~~PIAA relies upon the accuracy of Enrollment Reports submitted by member schools pursuant to ARTICLE IV, DUES AND ENROLLMENT, Section 1, Annual Dues and Enrollment Report, of the PIAA Constitution, to establish enrollment classifications and entries (qualifiers) for each District in each sport in which the PIAA Board of Directors has established Inter District Championships. It is, therefore, important that member schools take great care in submitting accurate Enrollment Reports. PIAA also recognizes, however, that inadvertent errors can occur and the organization does not seek to punish member schools where errors can be corrected within 30 days from its release and have minimal impact on the administration of sports. Any member school which, through excusable error, submits an erroneous Enrollment Report may request that a corrected Enrollment Report be accepted. Such request may be granted by the Board of Directors if the following criteria are met:~~

- ~~1. The Board of Directors is persuaded that the error was inadvertent and unintentional;~~
- ~~2. The error was caught within 30 days from its release and will not affect the enrollment classifications or number of entries (qualifiers) for any PIAA District;~~
- ~~3. There is no history of such errors being committed by the member school; and~~
- ~~4. The District Committee having jurisdiction over the member school supports the correction of the error~~

XIII. Executive Director Reports:

Dr. Lombardi

1. Previously e-mailed: PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ended November 30 and December 31, 2019
2. Summary of Fall Championships Financials (Handout)
3. PIAA Football Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 ([Att.1, pgs. 7-9](#))
4. 100th Year of Basketball
5. Basketball and Wrestling Championships

XIV. Administrative Staff Reports:

A. Assistant Executive Director

Mrs. Grassel

1. PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 ([Att.1, pgs. 10-12](#))
2. PIAA Coaches Advisory Committee & Pennsylvania Coaches' Association recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 ([Att.1, pgs. 13-15](#))

B. Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Gebhart

1. Results of odd-numbered District Officials' Representative elections ([Att.1, pgs.16-24](#))
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 29, 2020
6. Fall and Winter Make-up Mandatory Rules' Interpretation Online Meetings
7. Chapter Interpreters' Annual Mandatory Online Meetings
8. PIAA Golf Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 ([Att.1, pgs. 25-28](#))

C. Associate Executive Director

Mrs. Mertz

1. Update on PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships
2. PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 ([Att.1, pgs. 29-31](#))
3. NFHS Student Leadership Summit- July 20-22, 2020

4. Schools over Co-Op limit of 300
 - Baseball- South Philadelphia HS (300)
Academy at Palumbo HS (378)
 - Field Hockey- George Washington HS (499)
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush (397)
 - Lacrosse-Girls- George Washington HS (499)
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush (397)
 - Swimming & Diving-Boys- Muhlenberg HS (548)
Fleetwood Area HS (325)
 - Swimming & Diving-Girls- Muhlenberg HS (491)
Fleetwood Area HS (350)
 - Swimming & Diving-Girls- Reading HS (2206)
Berks Catholic School (302)
 - Track & Field-Girls- George Washington HS (499)
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush (397)
 - Water Polo-Girls- Muhlenberg HS (491)
Fleetwood Area HS (350)
 - Water Polo-Girls- Reading HS (2206)
Berks Catholic School (302)

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| D. | Chief Operating Officer | Mr. Byers |
| 1. | PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 | <u>(Att.1, pgs. 32-34)</u> |
| 2. | PIAA Soccer Steering Committee recommendation(s) from meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2020 | <u>(Att.1, pgs. 35-37)</u> |
| 3. | Proposed Number of Entries (Qualifiers) and Brackets (Pairings), by District or by Region for the 2020-21 & 2021-22 PIAA Championships | (Handout) |

XV. PIAA Board of Director's Committee Report(s):

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| 1. | Report of the Competition Committee meeting from Wednesday, January 22, 2020 | Dr. Lombardi |
| 2. | Report of the Budget Committee meeting from Wednesday, January 8, 2020 | Mr. Leonard
(Handout) |
| 3. | District Annual Meeting dates form | (Handout) |

XVI. Membership:

- A. 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 II – Berwick Area High School and Columbia Montour Area Vo-Tech to cooperatively sponsor girls' swimming and diving Mr. Majikes

District III – Correction from 10/2/19 meeting: Remove Penn Manor Junior High and The Stone Independent School cooperative sponsorship of boys' and girls' soccer Mr. Bohannon

District III –Greenwood and Halifax Area and Newport High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls' track and field Mr. Bohannon

District III – Muhlenberg and Fleetwood High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' bowling Mr. Bohannon

District IV- Bloomsburg and Millville High Schools girls' spirit and swimming and diving Mr. Zack

District IV & VI- East Juniata and Juniata High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' rifle Mr. Zack
Mr. Marshall

District V – Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon County High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' soccer Mr. Leonard

District XI – Nativity BVM and Shenandoah Valley High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls' soccer Mr. Hartman

District XII – Benjamin Franklin High School, Science Leadership Academy and Parkway City Middle College to cooperatively sponsor boys' indoor track and field Mr. Hawkins

District XII – Science Leadership Academy, Benjamin Franklin and Academy at Palumbo High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls' lacrosse Mr. Hawkins

District XII – Science Leadership Academy and Academy at Palumbo High School to cooperatively sponsor girls' swimming and diving Mr. Hawkins

- B. Approval of Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2019-2020** school year

District II – Lake Lehman and Northwest Area High Schools to terminate boys' volleyball Mr. Majikes

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| | District XII – Philadelphia HS Creative & Performing and Academy at Palumbo to terminate boys' basketball | Mr. Hawkins |
| C. | Approval of Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of <u>2020-2021</u> school year | |
| | District IV- Shikellamy and Northumberland Christian High Schools to terminate softball | Mr. Zack |
| | District XII – KIPP Dubois Charter and Belmont Charter High Schools to terminate football | Mr. Hawkins |
| | District XII – Academy at Palumbo, Constitution, William Bodine and GW Carve High Schools to terminate wrestling | Mr. Hawkins |
| D. | Approval of Member School Application(s), effective July 1, 2019 : | |
| | District I - Renaissance Academy High School | Mr. Barber |
| | District III- La Academia Partnership Charter School | Mr. Bohannon |
| | District VII- Environmental Charter Middle School
Hillcrest Christian Academy High School | Mr. Seltzer |
| XVII. Discussion Items: | | |
| | 1. Consolidated review of Disqualification Policy from Steering Committees | Dr. Lombardi |
| | 2. Discussion of policy for election and replacement of officers-clarification | Dr. Lombardi
(Handout) |
| XVIII. Adjournment by no later than 7:00 p.m. | | Mr. Zack |

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.