

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021**

1. Approved the Minutes of the October 13, 2021, meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Held an executive session to discuss active litigation.
3. Addressed the following recommendations, reports, and updates from the Executive Director:
  - **On a first reading basis**, it was unanimously voted to modify Article VI, Transfers Residence, and Recruiting, Subsection C,3., addressing possible revision to the timing to receive requests for post season ineligibility waivers. The proposal was referred to the Strategic Planning Committee for further discussion;
  - On a **second reading basis**, it was unanimously voted to modify Sections VIII and IX of the Procedural Standards for Appeal Hearings, to clarify the process for deliberations and decisions following an appeal hearing;
  - On a **first reading basis**, it was unanimously voted to modify Sections VII and VIII of the Procedural Standards for Regional Panels and District Committees, to clarify the process for deliberations and decisions following an appeal hearing;
  - On a **first reading basis**, it was unanimously voted to recommend an amendment to Article VII, Powers and Duties of Board of Directors, Section 1., H , to clarify that routine and administrative District Committee decisions are not subject to review by the Board of Directors.;
  - Approved, on a **third and final reading basis and effective July 1, 2022**, a motion to accept proposed "District Committee" policies;
  - Approved the PIAA unaudited financial statements for the months ending September 30, 2021, and October 31, 2021;
  - Approved the minutes and recommendations from the November 15, 2021, PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee meeting;
  - Approved the minutes and recommendations from the December 1, 2021, PIAA Strategic Planning Committee meeting;
  - Discussed a possible amendment of Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting, Section 2. A., of the PIAA By-Laws. The Board requested the Executive Staff, with legal review, to develop amendatory language to address a possible conflict in the language;
  - Approved, on a suspended protocol basis, a request from the PA Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association (PIBCA) to adjust the pre-season starting date and length of the regular season for the upcoming two-year cycle (2022-2024);
  - Approved, the purchase of a replacement for outdated technology equipment.
4. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:
  - Discussed and requested items and ideas for inclusion in the PIAA Newsletter;
  - Made requests for submission of potential candidates of Coach of the Year Award from NFHS;
  - Provided information regarding PIAA's initiative of Title IX's 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, including a potential logo and the identification of individuals and items to promote this year-long celebration beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>;
  - Discussed individuals submitted for NFHS social media campaign for Title IX at 50;

- Received a report on the Girls' Tennis Championships held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for Teams and November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> for Singles and Doubles;
- Received a report on the Girls' Volleyball Championships held November 20<sup>th</sup>.

5. Accepted the following report from the Assistant Executive Director:

- Received a report on the 2021 Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings;
- Received an update on the Officials' Virtual Convention for Winter Sports, held in November;
- Discussed the PIAA Sports' Officials' Appreciation Weeks, including the following:
  - Winter Sports – January 9-15, 2022;
  - Spring Sports' April 3- 9, 2022;
- Discussed making the Officials' Appreciation Weeks an annual activity to highlight the membership's appreciation and support of sports' officials.
- Received information regarding the odd numbered PIAA Districts and their respective upcoming Officials' Representative elections;
- Discussed assignor education materials which are posted to the PIAA website with compliance information;
- Discussed the number of coaches and contestants ejected from the 2021 fall sports regular season and postseason contests by state high school association recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct;
- Received an update on the upcoming 2021 Football Championships.

6. Accepted the following reports from the Associate Executive Director:

- Discussed Classification and Enrollment letters which were distributed to member schools;
- Discussed inconsistencies made by member schools in the submission of Vocational Technical School student counts for enrollment purposes;
- Voted to open the enrollment portal for schools' re-submission of vocational-technical student counts on the following timeline.

December 9 – portal open for school submission of corrected vocational-technical student counts

December 15 – portal closes – 5 PM

December 20 – new classification parameters released by PIAA

December 21 – classification letters distributed to schools

January 5 – deadline for school's request to voluntary upgrades

January 7 – final reports of schools by sport classification to Board of Directors for their approval

- Received a report on the Field Hockey Championships held on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

7. Accepted the following reports from the Chief Operating Officer:

- Received a report on the Golf Championships that were held October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> for Individuals and October 25<sup>th</sup> for Team;
- Received a report on the Cross Country Championships held November 6<sup>th</sup>;
- Received a report on the Soccer Championships held on November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>;
- Approved the minutes and recommendations from the Golf Steering Committee meeting of November 29, 2021, and approved the recommendation to accept the Request for Proposal to host the 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 PIAA Golf Championships;

- On a suspended protocol basis, unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Golf Steering Committee to start the Golf season at the same date of heat acclimatization for football to be consistent with other sports in providing for one extra week of play for the regular season.
- On a first reading basis, unanimously approved the Emerging Sport Program Application for the sport of Girls' wrestling from the Pennsylvania Girls Wrestling Task Force.

8. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year (**will** affect classification size of Teams; therefore no participation in post-season competition):

**District X** - Lakeview and Commodore Perry High Schools (softball)

9. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year (**will not** affect classification size of Teams):

**District II & IV** – Berwick Area High School and Columbia Montour Area Vo-Tech (boys' rifle, and girls' swimming and diving)

**District III** – West Perry Middle and Heritage Christian Middle School of West Perry (boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, girls' volleyball, field hockey and wrestling)

**District IV** – Athens Area and Sayre Area High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming and diving)

**District IV** – Shamokin Area & Line Mountain Senior & Junior High Schools (boys' track & field)

**District VI** – Bishop McCort Catholic and Bishop Carroll Catholic High Schools (wrestling)

**District VI** – United Junior and Blacklick Valley Junior High Schools (wrestling)

**District VII** – Baldwin and Brentwood High Schools (wrestling)

**District VII** – Harrison and Brentwood Middle Schools (wrestling)

**District VII** – Mount Pleasant Area and Greensburg Central Catholic High Schools (boys' swimming and diving)

**District VII** – Propel Andrew Street and Propel Braddock Hills High Schools (boys' volleyball)

**District IX & X** – Warren Area and Sheffield Area High Schools (girls' basketball)

**District IX- Correction from 10/13 meeting**

Clearfield Area Junior and Saint Francis Middle Schools to cooperatively sponsor (girls' track and field) (was listed as indoor track and field in error)

**District IX** – United Junior and Allegheny Clarion Valley Junior and Senior High Schools (boys' and girls' track & field)

**District X** – Lakeview and Commodore Perry High Schools (competitive spirit)

10. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2022-2023** school year (**will not** affect classification size of Teams):

**District IV** – Cowanesque Valley and Williamson High Schools (boys' and girls' golf)

**District VI** - United and Blacklick Valley High Schools (football)

**District VI** - United and Blacklick Valley Junior High Schools (football)

**District XII** - Science Leadership Academy at Beeber and Overbrook High School (girls' soccer and boys swimming and diving)

11. Approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year:
- District V & VI** – Westmont Hilltop and Conemaugh Township Area High Schools (boys' tennis)
  - District VI** – Bellwood Antis and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High Schools (boys' & girls' cross country)
  - District VII** – Freeport Area Senior and Leechburg Area High Schools (boys' lacrosse)
  - District VII** – Freedom Area and New Brighton Area High Schools (boys' soccer)
  - District VII** – Moon Area and Cornell High School (boys' and girls' lacrosse, and boys' volleyball)
  - District IX & X** – Sheffield Area and Lighthouse Academy High Schools (girls' basketball)
12. Approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2022-2023** school year:
- District VII** – Moon Area and Cornell High Schools (girls' soccer)
  - District VII** – Cornell and Nazareth Prep High Schools (boys' and girls' track & field)
  - District IX** – Kane Area and East Forest High Schools (football)
13. Approved the following member school withdrawal(s), effective **July 1, 2021**
- District III** – Linglestown High School
14. Approved the following member school application(s), effective **July 1, 2021**
- District VII** – Duquesne City Middle School (upon District VII approval)
15. Approved a request from PIAA District XII regarding the Philadelphia public school district's mandatory vaccination policy to allow winter sport teams some flexibility in the development of teams with Executive Staff approval and to forego post-season participation.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021,  
2:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**