

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

PIAA Board Room
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PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 8, 2021

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| I. | Call to Order | Mr. Majikes |
| II. | Introduction of Alternate Voting Representative(s) to the Board of Directors | Mrs. Mertz
Mr. Majikes
(Att.1, pg.1) |
| III. | Introduction of Visitor(s) and Opportunity for Visitor(s) to Comment | Mrs. Mertz
Mr. Majikes |
| IV. | Secretary's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Directors' Minutes of Wednesday, October 13, 2021 | Dr. Lombardi |
| V. | Executive Session
Update on PIAA Litigation | Mr. Majikes

Atty. Solomon
Atty. Boynton
(Att.1, pgs. 68-70) |
| VI. | Update on PIAA Legislative Matters | Mr. Goodman
Ms. Conner |
| VII. | Proposed By-Law Amendment(s) | Dr. Lombardi |

1. On a **first reading basis**, to modify language to ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, C, 3., and INTREPRETATION Section 1. October 5, 2016, as follows;

**ARTICLE VI TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING,
C. Post Season Ineligibility Waiver Provision Eligibility can be
achieved for the Post-Season if certain requirements are met.**

3. All requests for waivers to be considered must be submitted no later than fifteen (15) ~~thirty (30)~~ days prior to the beginning of a PIAA District's postseason tournament for the sport in question, no exceptions. PIAA Districts may expand this time requirement to an earlier time. Requests for waivers for students transferring within thirty days prior to the tournament may be considered if a hearing can be timely arranged.

1. On a **second reading basis**, a proposal to modify Section VIII and IX of the PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR APPEAL HEARINGS as follows;

PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR APPEAL HEARINGS

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VIII. Deliberations and Decisions Following a Hearing.

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F. Including but not limited to, on quasi-judicial matters (athletic eligibility decisions and sanctions), the body hearing the appeal, through the Executive Director, shall issue a "Decision Letter" setting forth the decision and rationale for the decision. Prior to issuance of the Decision Letter, the Executive Director may, if authorized by the body hearing the appeal, orally notify the parties of the ultimate outcome. On all other matters, the vote on the decision shall be taken in public session, with a Decision Letter to follow.

~~IX. Notification of Decision.~~

AG. The Decision Letter shall be sent to the Principal of the school(s) involved, shall be notified of the decision by letter (the "Decision Letter"). Where a student's eligibility is at issue and/or where another adult has an interest addressed by the decision, the school's Principal shall forward the Decision Letter to said persons, including any counsel representing them and (if a student) the student's parents.

BH. The Decision Letter shall identify the date of the hearing or other consideration, the rule(s) under which the decision was made, and shall give a brief description of the reason(s) for the decision.

2. On a **first reading basis**, a proposal to modify Section VII and VIII of the PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR REGIONAL PANELS AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES as follows;

PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR REGIONAL PANELS AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES

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VII. Deliberations and Decisions Following a Hearing.

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F. Including but not limited to, on quasi-judicial matters (athletic eligibility decisions and sanctions), the body hearing the appeal, through the District/Regional Panel Chairman or their designee, shall issue a "Decision Letter" setting forth the decision and rationale for the decision. Prior to issuance of the Decision Letter, the District/Regional Panel Chairman, or their designee may, if authorized by the body hearing the appeal, orally notify the parties of the ultimate outcome. On all other matters, the vote on the decision shall be taken in public session, with a Decision Letter to follow.

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IX. Proposed PIAA Constitution Amendments(s) - Interpretation Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **first reading basis**, a proposal to amend ARTICLE VII, POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 1., H., as follows;

ARTICLE VII POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. Powers and Duties of Board of Directors

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H. To investigate, request, receive and/or otherwise obtain information (written and/or oral), hear and decide appeals from decisions of Regional Panels or District Committees. In assuming this responsibility, the Board of Directors shall not be required to assume the position of investigator. The Board of Directors will not consider appeals submitted more than thirty days after the decision of a Regional Panel or District Committee.

INTERPRETATION: This provision is limited to appeals of decisions relating to athletic eligibility, sanctions imposed on individuals and schools, and violations of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations. Appeals of routine District administrative decisions, such as Contest scheduling and site selections, are not subject to review by the Board of Directors.

X. Executive Director Reports: Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **third and final reading basis**, proposed changes to the Policies & Procedures of District Committees [\(Att.1, pgs. 2-6\)](#)
2. Approval of PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ending September 30, and October 31, 2021
3. Minutes and recommendations from the November 15, 2021 Sports Medicine Advisory Committee meeting [\(Att.1, pgs. 7-9\)](#)
4. Report of Strategic Planning Committee meeting of December 1, 2021
5. Discussion of ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, SECTION 2. A., of the PIAA By-Laws

XI. Administrative Staff Reports:

A. Assistant Executive Director

Mrs. Grassel

1. PIAA Newsletter
2. Coach of the Year
3. Title IX - 50th Year Anniversary
4. Update on the Girls' Tennis Championships held on October 29th & 30th for Teams and November 5th & 6th for Singles and Doubles
5. Update on the Volleyball Championships held on November 20th

B. Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Gebhart

1. 2021 PIAA Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings
2. Officials' Virtual Convention for Winter Sports was held in November
3. Officials' Appreciation Weeks;
 - Winter Sports – January 9-15, 2022
 - Spring Sports – April 3-9, 2022
4. Odd numbered Districts Officials' Representative Elections
5. Assignor education materials (posted to website with compliance information)
6. Number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2021 Regular Season and Postseason Contests by state high school association recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of cross country, field hockey, football, soccer, and girls' volleyball ([Att.1, pgs. 10-15](#))
7. Review and update on the 2021 Football Championships

C. Associate Executive Director

Mrs. Mertz

1. Classification and enrollment letters distributed to member schools on September 20, 2021, via first class mail
2. Vocational-Technical Schools- student counts for enrollment purposes
3. Review of the Field Hockey Championships held on November 20th

D. Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Byers

1. Review of the Golf Championships held October 18th & 19th for Individuals and October 25th for Teams
2. Review of the Cross Country Championships held on November 6th.
3. Review of the Soccer Championships held on November 19th & 20th.
4. Minutes and recommendations and from the Golf Steering Committee meeting of Monday, November 29, 2021, and accept the recommendation to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2022, 2023, 2024 and/or 2025 PIAA Golf Championships [\(Att.1, pgs.16-18\)](#)
[\(Att.1, pgs.19-26\)](#)
5. Emerging Sport Program Application (girls' wrestling) [\(Att.1, pgs.27-67\)](#)

XII. Membership:

- A. Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year (**Will** affect classification size of Team[s]):

District X – Lakeview and Commodore Perry High Schools to cooperatively sponsor softball

Dr. Iacino

- B. Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year (**Will NOT** affect classification size of Team[s]):

District II & IV – Berwick Area High School and Columbia Montour Area Vo-Tech to cooperatively sponsor boys' rifle, and girls' swimming and diving

Mr. Majikes
Mr. Venna

District III – West Perry Middle and Heritage Christian Middle School of West Perry to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, girls' volleyball, field hockey and wrestling

Mr. Bohannon

District IV – Athens Area and Sayre Area High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' swimming and diving

Mr. Venna

District IV – Shamokin Area and Line Mountain Senior High School to cooperatively sponsor boys' track & field

Mr. Venna

District VI – Bishop McCort Catholic and Bishop Carroll Catholic High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling	Mr. Marshall
District VI – United Junior and Blacklick Valley Junior High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling	Mr. Marshall
District VII – Baldwin and Brentwood High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling	Mr. Seltzer
District VII – Harrison and Brentwood Middle Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling	Mr. Seltzer
District VII – Mount Pleasant Area and Greensburg Central Catholic High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' swimming and diving	Mr. Seltzer
District VII – Propel Andrew Street and Propel Braddock Hills High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' volleyball	Mr. Seltzer
District IX & X – Warren Area and Sheffield Area High schools to cooperatively sponsor girls' basketball	Mr. Straub Dr. Iacino
<u>District IX- Correction from 10/13 meeting</u> Clearfield Area Junior and Saint Francis Middle Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls' track and field (was listed as indoor track and field in error)	Mr. Straub
District X – Lakeview and Commodore Perry High Schools to cooperatively sponsor competitive spirit	Dr. Iacino
C. Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of <u>2022-2023</u> school year (<u>Will NOT</u> affect classification size of Team[s]):	
District IV – Cowanesque Valley and Williamson High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and golf	Mr. Venna
District VI - United and Blacklick Valley High Schools to cooperatively sponsor football	Mr. Marshall
District VI - United and Blacklick Valley Junior High Schools to cooperatively sponsor football	Mr. Marshall
District IX – United Junior and Allegheny Clarion Valley Junior High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' track & field	Mr. Straub
District XII - Science Leadership Academy at Beeber and Overbrook High School to cooperatively sponsor girls' soccer and boys swimming and diving	Mr. Hawkins

- D. Approval of 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 to terminate boys' tennis Mr. Leonard
Mr. Marshall

District VI – Bellwood Antis and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High Schools to terminate boys' and girls' cross country Mr. Marshall

District VII – Freeport Area Senior and Leechburg Area High Schools to terminate boys' lacrosse Mr. Seltzer

District VII – Freedom Area and New Brighton Area High Schools to terminate boys' soccer Mr. Seltzer

District VII – Moon Area and Cornell High School to terminate boys' and girls' lacrosse, and boys' volleyball Mr. Seltzer

District IX & X – Sheffield Area and Lighthouse Academy High Schools to terminate girls' basketball Mr. Straub
Dr. Iacino

- E. Approval of Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2022-2023** school year

District VII – Moon Area and Cornell High Schools to terminate girls' soccer Mr. Seltzer

District VII – Cornell and Nazareth Prep High Schools to terminate boys' and girls' track & field Mr. Seltzer

District IX – Kane Area and East Forest High Schools to terminate football Mr. Straub

- F. Withdrawal of Membership(s), effective **July 1, 2021**

District III - Linglestown Middle School Mr. Bohannon

- G. Approval of Member School Application(s), effective **July 1, 2022**:

District VII – Duquesne City Middle School & High School Mr. Seltzer

- H. Approval of Member School Application(s), effective **July 1, 2022**:

District VII – Duquesne City Middle School (upon District VII approval) Mr. Seltzer

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022
AT 2:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**