

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA

VIA ZOOM MEETING

12:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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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, December 8, 2021 | Dr. Lombardi |
| V. | Executive Session

Update on PIAA Litigation | Mr. Majikes

Atty. Solomon
Atty. Boynton
(Att.1, pgs. 8-11) |
| VI. | Update on PIAA Legislative Matters | Mr. Goodman
Ms. Conner |
| VII. | Requests for reconsideration

A. Requests for change in Co-Op that
would effect classification

1. Avonworth High School
2. Southern Huntingdon High School
3. Kane Area High School
4. Hickory High School

B. Requests for change in classification

1. Upper Moreland High School
2. Boiling Springs High School
3. Abington Heights High School
4. River Valley High School
5. Homer Center High School
6. Northeastern High School
7. Elk Lake High School
8. Wilmington Area High School | Mrs. Mertz
Dr. Lombardi |

VIII. Hearings on Competition Formula Classifications Dr. Lombardi

1. Aliquippa Senior High School
2. Cathedral Preparatory School
3. Wyomissing Area High School

IX. Executive Director Reports: Dr. Lombardi

1. District Annual Meetings – (will receive an email)
2. Minutes and recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 19, 2022 [\(Att.1, pgs.2-5\)](#)
3. Make up of District Committees
4. Approval of site selection for PIAA Golf Championships for 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025

X. Proposed By-Law Amendment(s) Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **second reading basis**, to modify language to ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, C, 3.,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~~ fifteen (15) days prior to the tournament may be considered if a hearing can be timely arranged.

XI. Proposed PIAA Policy and Procedures Amendments(s) Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **third and final 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 **second 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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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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XII. Proposed PIAA Constitution Amendments(s) - Interpretation

Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **second 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.

XIII. Administrative Staff Reports:

A. Assistant Executive Director

Mrs. Grassel

1. NFHS Coach of the Year – press release
2. Title IX - 50th Year Anniversary
3. Minutes and recommendations from the Coaches' Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2022 [\(Att. 2, pgs.1-2\)](#)
4. Minutes and recommendations from the Volleyball Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2022 and accept the recommendation to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2022, 2023, 2024 and/or 2025 PIAA Volleyball Championships [\(Att. 2, pgs.3-14\)](#)
5. Minutes and recommendations from the Tennis Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and accept the recommendation to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2022, 2023, 2024 and/or 2025 PIAA Girls' Singles and Doubles and Team Tennis Championships [\(Att. 2, pgs.15-35\)](#)

- B. Assistant Executive Director Mr. Gebhart
1. Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings
 2. Officials' Virtual Convention for Spring Sports will be held in February
 3. Officials' Appreciation Weeks;
 - Winter Sports – January 9-15, 2022, just completed
 - Spring Sports – April 3-9, 2022
 4. Results from the odd numbered Districts Officials' Representatives Elections [\(Att. 3, pgs.1-11\)](#)
 5. Minutes and recommendations from the Football Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and accept the recommendation to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2022, 2023, 2024 and/or 2025 PIAA Football Championships [\(Att. 3, pgs.12-23\)](#)
 6. Notice of submission of District's recommendations for the Winter Sports Championships
 7. Chapter Interpreters' Annual Mandatory Online Meetings for Spring Sports
- C. Associate Executive Director Mrs. Mertz
1. Update on PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships
 2. Minutes and recommendations from the Field Hockey Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and accept the recommendation to Approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2022, 2023, 2024 and/or 2025 PIAA Field Hockey Championships [\(Att. 4, pgs.1-12\)](#)
 3. NFHS Student Leadership Summit dates
 4. Update on PIAA 2021-2022 Swimming and Diving Championships
 5. 2021 Voluntary Upgrades [\(Att. 4, pgs. 13-15\)](#)
- D. Chief Operating Officer Mr. Byers
1. Minutes and recommendations from the Cross Country Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2022, and accept the recommendation to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2022, 2023, 2024 and/or 2025 PIAA Cross Country Championships [\(Att. 5, pgs.1-11\)](#)

2. Minutes and recommendations from the Soccer Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2022 and accept the recommendation to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2022, 2023, 2024 and/or 2025 PIAA Soccer Championships [\(Att. 5, pgs.12-25\)](#)
3. On a **second reading basis**, to approve the Emerging Sport Program Application (girls' wrestling) [\(Att. 5, pgs.26-66\)](#)
4. Request to suspend application of Article XVI, Table II-Schedule of Winter Sports
 - o Wyalusing Valley High School [\(Att.1, pgs.6-7\)](#)

XIV. Membership:

- A. 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 – Wyoming Area and MMI Prep High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' lacrosse

Mr. Majikes

District III – Bishop McDevitt add Middletown, Steelton and Covenant Christian to cooperatively sponsor boys' lacrosse (**modification**)

Mr. Bohannon

District III – Modification/Ratification -Spring Grove Area to add York Suburban to boys' bowling cooperative sponsorship

Mr. Bohannon

District IV – Shamokin Area & Line Mountain Senior & Junior High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls' track & field

Mr. Venna

District IV – East Juniata High School and Juniata Christian to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' track and field

Mr. Venna

District V – Conemaugh Township Area, Johnstown Christian and North Star High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' track and field (**upon District V approval**)

Mr. Leonard

District VII – Propel Braddock Hills and Propel Andrew Street High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' track and field

Mr. Seltzer

- B. Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2022-2023** school year
(**Will NOT** affect classification size of Team[s]):

District III – Annville Cleona and New Covenant Christian High Schools to cooperatively sponsor football, baseball, and boys' and girls' track & field Mr. Bohannon

District III – New Covenant Christian and Annville Cleona High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' volleyball Mr. Bohannon

District VI – Penn Cambria and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' cross country Mr. Marshall

District VII – New Castle Area and Union Area High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling Mr. Seltzer

District VII – Neighborhood Academy and Shady Side Academy to cooperatively sponsor girls' volleyball Mr. Seltzer

- C. Approval of Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year

District V – (**modification**) Shade and Shanksville Stonycreek to terminate Johnstown Christian boys' and girls' track and field Mr. Leonard

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

District III – Lancaster Catholic and Janus School to terminate football and girls' soccer Mr. Bohannon

District VII – Northgate and Avonworth High School to terminate boys' golf Mr. Seltzer

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

District VII – Environmental Charter Senior and Junior High Schools Mr. Seltzer

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022
AT 2:00 P.M., VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**