

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022**

1. Introduction of recently elected members of the 2022-2023 PIAA Board of Directors;
2. Accepted Conflict of Interest Statements and Policy Forms from all members of the Board of Directors;.
3. Approved the Minutes of the May 18, 2022, meeting of the Board of Directors;
4. Held an executive session to discuss active litigation;
5. Received an update on PIAA legislative matters;
6. Unanimously approved, on a **suspended protocol basis**, the 2022-2023 Operating Budget and Cash Flows Budget;
7. Approved the appointment of the Executive, Compliance, Human Resources, Budget, Nominating, Policy Review and Strategic Planning Committees.
8. Conducted a hearing and approved a request by a member high school to suspend the application of Article VI, Section 6, of the PIAA By-Laws.
9. Addressed the following recommendations, reports, and updates from the Executive Director:
  - The Executive Director reported on the 103<sup>rd</sup> NFHS Summer Meeting, which was held June 27 thru July 1, 2022, in San Antonio, Texas;
  - The Board unanimously approved the PIAA unaudited financial statements for the month ending April 20, 2022;
  - The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 20, 2022 meeting of the PIAA Strategic Planning Steering Committee, and acted on the following recommendations of the Committee:
    - The Board unanimously voted, **on a first reading basis**, to recommend that the membership approve an amendment to the PIAA Constitution to modify the language in Article IV, Annual Dues and Enrollment;
    - The Board unanimously voted, **on a first reading basis**, to approve an amendment to Article VIII, Period of Participation, Section 6, B2, of the PIAA By-Laws to modernize the language;
    - The Board unanimously voted, **on a third reading basis**, to amend Article XIII, Penalties, Section 3A, of the PIAA By-Laws to add language confirming that (1) forfeitures cannot be rescinded, and (2) mandatory forfeitures are not subject to appeal, **effective immediately**;
    - The Board unanimously voted, **on a first reading basis**, to amend Article XVI, Season and Out of Season Rules and Regulations, Section 2, A3, of the PIAA By-Laws to address teams that are sponsored by, rather than affiliated with, a school;
    - The Board unanimously voted, **on a suspended protocol basis**, to amend the language of Article XIII, Penalties, Section 8D, Disqualification from the Last Contest of the Season, of the PIAA By-Laws, to add the two-game sit-out for a supplemental disqualification to this section, **effective immediately**.
10. The Board addressed the following items, which were discussion items at the Professional Development seminar:
  - The Board voted, **on a first reading basis**, to recommend that the membership amend language in Article IX, District Committees, Section 1. B., Method of Selection, of the PIAA Constitution;
  - The Board unanimously voted, **on a first reading basis**, to amend the "All-Star rule," as set forth in Article IX, Representation, Section 2, of the PIAA By-Laws to modernize the language;

- The Board voted, **on a first reading basis**, to amend the Competition Formula to (1) drop the inclusion of transfer students as a factor; and (2) include all Team sports within the scope of the policy;
  - The Board voted, **on a first reading basis**, to adopt a policy to address Name, Image and Likeness, (NIL) for student-athletes;
  - The Board voted, **on a first reading basis**, to amend the Designation of Enrollment Classifications Policy to eliminate the additional enrollment count of 10% of the students who are not regularly enrolled and in full-time attendance;
  - The Board unanimously voted, **on a first reading basis**, to amend language of Article III, Attendance, Section 8A, Multi-School Academic Arrangements, of the PIAA By-Laws, to indicate if a conflict exists between the schools involved, the school of residence takes preference;
  - The Board unanimously voted, **on a first reading basis**, to amend Article III, Attendance, Section 8B, Students placed by Court Order or as a Result of Disability, of the PIAA By-Laws to make clear at what school the student is eligible;
11. Unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 23, 2022, meeting of the PIAA Parents' Advisory Steering Committee;
  12. Unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 23, 2022, meeting of the PIAA Athletic Directors' Steering Committee;
  13. Approved the PIAA Spring Championship site selections as recommended by the Executive Staff for 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026, as follows;
    - Boys' Team and Singles & Doubles Tennis – Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey, PA
    - Track & Field – Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University
    - Boys' Volleyball – Recreation Hall, Penn State University
    - Lacrosse – Panzer Stadium, Penn State University
    - Softball – Beard Field, Nittany Lion Softball Park, Penn State University
    - Baseball – Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, Penn State University
  14. Approved a change to the Spring sports season in the sports of boys' volleyball, and girls' and boys' lacrosse to extend the district deadline by one week;
  15. Approved the selection for Cablecast/Telecast and Video Streaming Services of the PIAA Championships (Finals) for a four (4) year period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2026, as follows:
    - Team and Individual Wrestling – Flo Sports
    - Cross Country, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Football, Competitive Spirit, Swimming & Diving, Golf, Basketball, Track & Field, Lacrosse, Softball and Baseball – Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN)
  16. Discussed and voted unanimously to continue with the long established open meetings policy;
  17. Discussed the NFHS Foundation and its provision of 375 Wet Bulb Globe Thermometers for use by PIAA member schools and the manner which these items may be distributed to the requesting member schools;
  18. The Board unanimously approved the initial legislative Interpretation of ACT 66;
  19. Unanimously approved, on a **suspended protocol basis and effective immediately**, an amendment to Article XV. Officials, Section 8. Suspension. A., of the By-Laws, to authorize suspension of registered sports officials who violate, cancel or alter proposed contracts with PIAA member schools without the consent of the other contracting party;
  20. Unanimously approved, on a **suspended protocol basis and effective immediately**, an amendment to Article XIII, Penalties, Section 8, Disqualification from Next Contest(s), B. Supplemental Disqualification, Two Game Suspension, of the By-Laws to clarify actions that implicate a supplemental disqualification;

21. Unanimously approved, on a **suspended protocol basis and effective immediately**, an amendment to the Officials' Manual, Responsibilities and Duties of the District Officials' Representatives, Section 1; that District Officials' Representatives are not authorized or empowered to participate in any proceedings or negotiations with any league or member school;
22. Unanimously approved on a **first reading basis**, an amendment to the PIAA Policies & Procedures, Evaluation of Officials: Evaluation of PIAA District Championships Contest Officials, to indicate that District Chairs, or their delegates, are the individuals with the authority to assign evaluators for District Tournament Contests;
23. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:
- The Board received an update regarding PIAA's initiative of Title IX's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;
  - The Board received a review of the PIAA Boys' Team & Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships;
  - The Board received a review of the PIAA Boys' Volleyball Championships;
  - The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 22, 2022, meeting of the PIAA Coaches' Advisory Steering Committee;
  - The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 23, 2022, meeting of the PIAA Private Schools' Steering Committee.
24. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:
- The Board received an update on the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Officials' Convention to be held in person, August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at the Harrisburg Hilton;
  - The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 23, 2022, meeting of the PIAA Officials' Council, which included:
    - The Board approved the proposal to adopt the 2022-2023 NFHS fall, winter, and spring sports' rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications,
    - The Board approved the proposal to permit soccer and girls' lacrosse officials to wear a neon yellow jersey, as an option,
    - The Board approved the proposal to permit field hockey officials to wear a black jacket during inclement weather, as an option, and;
    - The Board approved the proposal to amend the minimum passing score on NFHS sports' examinations to 70% (rather than 75%), due to the change from 100 questions to 50 questions.
  - The Board received an update on the 2022 Fall Sports' Rules Interpretation Meetings;
  - The Board received a report on coaches and contestants ejected from the 2022 Regular Season and Postseason Contests in spring sports.
25. Accepted the following reports from the Associate Executive Director:
- The Board received an update on the NFHS Student Leadership information, to be held July 18-20, 2022;
  - The Board received a review of the Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Championships;
  - The Board received a review of the Softball Championships;
  - The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 22, 2022, meeting of the PIAA Lacrosse steering Committee, which included:
    - Approval of a proposal to modify the game ending procedures, for games interrupted because of events beyond control of responsible authorities.
  - The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 22, 2022, meeting of the PIAA Softball Steering Committee;

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 23, 2022, meeting of the PIAA Girls Athletics Steering Committee.

**26.** Accepted the following reports from the Chief Operating Officer:

- The Board received a review of the Track & Field Championships;
- The Board received a review of the Baseball Championships;
- The Board approved, on a **first reading basis**, the Proposed Number of Entries (Qualifiers) and Brackets (Pairings) by District or by Region, for the 2022-23 & 2023-24 PIAA Championships for Basketball;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 22, 2022 meeting of the PIAA Track & Field Steering Committee, which included;
  - Approval of the 2023 proposed qualifying standards as presented;
  - The Board referred to the Strategic Planning Committee a recommendation to increase the number of classifications in the sport of track and field from two to three;
  - Approval of a proposal to amend the administrative scratch policy for the Track and Field Championships;
  - The Board denied a recommendation that a second registered official be hired for senior high and junior high/middle school track and field competitions.
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the June 22, 2022 meeting of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee, which included;
  - Approval of the recommendation that, for first round through finals post-season competition, a PIAA-registered umpire be used as a pitch counter.

**27.** Additional Items:

The Board approved, on a **first reading basis**, a motion that Executive Staff develop language modifying Article XIX, to adopt the maximum competition standards for each grade level at the junior high middle school level.

**28.** The Board approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2022-2023** school year:

**District IX** – Northern Potter and Galeton High Schools (baseball)

**District IX** - Clarion Area and Union High Schools (wrestling)

**District IX** – Forest Area and North Clarion High Schools (boys' golf)

**District XII** – George Washington and Swenson Arts & Technology High Schools (football)

**District XII** – William W. Bodine and Constitution High Schools (boys' and girls' tennis)

**29.** 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 III** - Conestoga Christian and Hinkletown Mennonite High Schools (boys' and girls' basketball, cross country, golf, and track & field and girls' lacrosse and volleyball and boys' soccer)

**District III** - Hinkletown Mennonite and Conestoga Christian High Schools (boys' volleyball)

**District III** - Muhlenberg Junior High School and Fleetwood Area Middle School (wrestling)

**District III** - Northern Dauphin Christian and Halifax Area High Schools (sponsor girls' volleyball)

**District III** - Warwick, Lititz Christian, Veritas Academy High Schools, (wrestling to add Linden Hall High School – Modification)

**District III** - Conrad Weiser and Tulpehocken High Schools (football)

**District III** – Schuylkill Valley and The King's Academy High Schools (boys' and Girls' cross country and girls' tennis)

**District III & V**- James Buchanan and McConnellsburg High Schools (football and wrestling)

**District V** - Berlin Brothers Valley and Shanksville Stonycreek High Schools (girls' soccer to add Meyersdale High School – Modification)

**District V** - Shade and Shanksville Stonycreek High Schools (girls' volleyball and basketball)

**District V** - Rockwood Area and Turkeyfoot Valley Area High Schools (boys' and girls' soccer to add Salisbury Elk Lick HS – Modification)

**District V** - Rockwood Area Junior High and Turkeyfoot Valley Middle Schools (boys' and girls' soccer to add Salisbury Elk Lick JH- Modification)

**District V** - Rockwood Area and Turkeyfoot Valley Area High Schools (boys' and girls' golf to add Salisbury Elk Lick HS – Modification)

**District V** – Conemaugh Township Area and Johnstown Christian High Schools (girls' volleyball)

**District V** – Conemaugh Township Area Middle School and Johnstown Christian Middle School (girls' volleyball)

**District V** – Conemaugh Township Area Middle, Johnstown Christian Middle and North Star Middle Schools (boys' and girls' track & field)

**District VI** - Bishop McCort Catholic and Bishop Carroll Catholic High Schools (competitive spirit)

**District VII** - Moon Area and Cornell High Schools (girls' lacrosse and boys' volleyball)

**District IX** – Brookville Area and North Clarion High Schools (girls' swimming and diving to add Clarion-Limestone – Modification)

**District IX** – Redbank Valley and Union High Schools (boys' and girls' soccer and wrestling)

**District IX** – Redbank Valley and Union Junior High Schools (boys' soccer)

**District X** - McDowell and Fairview High Schools (boys' water polo to add General McLane High School – Modification)

**District X** - Warren Area and Eisenhower High Schools (girls' tennis)

**District X** – Modification- Mercyhurst Prep and Erie First Christian Academy (boys' volleyball)

**District XI** - William Allen, Louis E. Dieruff and Building 21 High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country)

**30.** Approved the following requests for Withdrawal of Membership(s), effective **July 1, 2022**:

**District X** – Villa Maria Academy High School

**District X** – Lighthouse Academy High School

**31.** Approved the following Member School Application(s), effective **July 1, 2022**:

**District III** – Linville Hill Christian Junior High School

**District VI** – Tyrone Christian Academy Middle School and High School

**District XII** – Modification - Olney High School is now a Public High School

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - 2:00 PM - VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE**