

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA

PA School Board Association
400 Bent Creek Blvd., Suite 150
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7, 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 Tuesday, October 11, 2022 | Dr. Lombardi |
| V. | Executive Session | Mr. Majikes |
| | Update on PIAA Litigation | Atty. Solomon
Atty. Boynton
Atty. Chilson
(Att.1., pgs. 18-21) |
| VI. | Update on PIAA Legislative Matters | Mr. Goodman
Ms. Conner |
| VII. | Executive Director Reports: | Dr. Lombardi |
| | 1. Update on Team Advance as Educational Provider for NIL | |
| | 2. Approval of PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ending June 30, and July 31, 2022 | |
| | 3. Minutes and recommendations from the meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee of November 29, 2022 | (Att.1., pgs. 2-8) |

VIII. **Proposed Constitution Amendment(s)**

Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **third and final reading basis**, to modify language to the PIAA Constitution, ARTICLE IV, DUES AND ENROLLMENT REPORT, Section I. Annual Dues and Enrollment Report, to read as follows;

**ARTICLE IV, DUES AND ENROLLMENT REPORT,
Section I, Annual Dues and Enrollment Report**

~~Member senior high schools shall be divided each even-numbered year into four classes based on enrollment, each containing as nearly as possible an equal number of schools.~~

Member schools shall be divided each even-numbered years into classes based upon criteria established by the Board of Directors.

2. On a **third and final reading basis**, to modify language to the PIAA Constitution, ARTICLE IX, DISTRICT COMMITTEES, Section 1. B., Method of Selection, to read as follows;

**ARTICLE IX, DISTRICT COMMITTEES,
Section 1. B., Method of Selection**

The PIAA member schools of a District shall elect each year from their own District, at their annual meeting, members, ~~at their discretion~~, to serve for one year except the junior high/middle schools' representative and elected officials' representatives, who shall serve for a period of two years, starting the following July 1st. ~~all of whom must be employed as a Principal, Athletic Director, and/or faculty member of a PIAA member school or as a school administrator of a public school district which has at least one member in PIAA.~~

3. On a **first reading basis**, to add language to the PIAA Constitution, ARTICLE V, ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY, Section 1. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Districts, to read as follows;

**ARTICLE V
Section 1. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
Association, Inc. (PIAA) Districts**

Teams from member schools are eligible to participate in PIAA District Championship tournaments and Contests only in the PIAA District in which they are located under this Section. Teams from District 8 may participate in the District Championship Tournaments of District 7 if agreed to by those two Districts.

IX. **Proposed Bylaw Amendment(s)**

Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **third and final reading basis**, to modify language to the PIAA Bylaws, ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 8., Multi-Public School District Academic Arrangements, A., to read as follows;

**ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE,
Section 8. Multi-Public School District Academic Arrangements, A.**

A. Where students are enrolled in a public school in the public school district of their residence but, pursuant to an agreement between public school districts, attend some or all classes at a public school in another public school district, the student may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student's home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student ~~desires to~~ will participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that the student has not transferred for an athletically motivated purpose or has been recruited.

NOTE: It is recommended that schools involved in multi-public school district academic arrangements adopt mutual policies to provide for the location of a student's athletic eligibility. If there is a conflict between the decision of the schools regarding where the student will participate, the student's school of their residence will prevail as the school where the student's eligibility will be granted.

2. On a **third and final reading basis**, to modify language to the PIAA Bylaws, ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 8., B., Students Placed by Court Order or as a Result of Disability, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 8., B.,
Students Placed by Court Order or as a Result of Disability**

B. Students Placed by Court Order or as a Result of Disability.

A student who has been placed in a school either by court order or because the student is a Student With A Disability whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) has concluded that the student's educational needs could not be accommodated in the public school that the student would otherwise have attended, may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at ~~either:~~ (1) the school the student is attending; ~~(1) (2)~~ a public school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located; ~~or (3) at a the public school the student would otherwise have attended~~ in the student's home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student ~~desires to~~ will participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that the student has not transferred for an athletically motivated purpose or has been recruited.

Appointment of a legal guardian for the student, or court approval of an agreement between separating or divorcing parents, does not by itself constitute placement in a school by court order.

When the District Committee has declared a student eligible at a school, the District Committee may not declare that student eligible at any other school at which the student could have been declared eligible unless, in addition to the other requirements of this provision, it receives a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student has been declared eligible that said school will no longer permit that student to participate or compete for a position on any of its interscholastic athletic Teams

3. On a **third and final reading basis**, an amendment to the language of the PIAA Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 6, B, #2 as follows;

ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 6, B, #2

2. A repeat of a school year or semester to remedy a student's academic ~~credit~~ deficiencies and/or failures is not, by itself, considered grounds for a waiver under this provision. However, severe and unusual debilitating external circumstances beyond the student's control which can be demonstrated to have caused the student's academic ~~credit~~ deficiencies and/or failures may be considered if the student demonstrates that the student, and the student's family, exercised objectively reasonable efforts during the school year or semester, which was subsequently repeated, to address the student's academic ~~credit~~ deficiencies and/or failures.

4. On a **third and final reading basis**, to amend the language of the PIAA Bylaws, ARTICLE IX, REPRESENTATION, Section 2. All-Star Contests., to read as follows;

ARTICLE IX, REPRESENTATION, Section 2. All-Star Contests.

Section 2. All-Star Contests.

All-star Contests are those Contests in which students participate as individuals and not as members of their school Teams, and (1) the Contests are advertised or promoted as all-star Contests, and/or (2) the students selected to participate are chosen based upon reputation of the athletes or recommendation and/or referral by other persons. Such all-star Contests are not viewed with favor by PIAA as they promote certain participants to the detriment of others and they tend to arbitrarily and subjectively reward students for performance, both of which are contrary to the objectives of cultivating good sportsmanship and preventing unfair competitive advantages to participants. Therefore, students participating in Contests which are advertised or promoted as all-star Contests and/or in which students are selected based upon reputation of the athletes and/or recommendation or referral by other persons are ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics in the involved sport(s) for a period of up to one year from the date of such participation. This penalty may be modified by the District Committee upon proof by the student of lack of culpability by the student, that the participation was encouraged, arranged, and/or facilitated by a Coach of the student and that student's school has taken appropriate disciplinary action acceptable to the District Committee against those adults responsible for the participation.

Contests are not considered to be all-star Contests, and participation will not result in a loss of eligibility, if (1) the Contest is not advertised or promoted as an all-star Contest; (2) the Contest is open to all students or to all students in the same grade level or students are selected to participate based upon try-outs or a uniform standard of qualification (such as certified minimum times for a swimming or track event); and (3) students participating in such Contests do not represent their school in the Contests and do not wear any school-affiliated uniform and/or apparel in the Contests.

Proposal to replace all of the above with the following language:

Section 2. All-Star Contests.

All-Star events contests are defined as those events where high school or middle school participants are chosen by invitation or selected outright by some predetermined process for a single event. PIAA does not sponsor, sanction or approve All-Star

Contests. will not be sanctioned or approved by PIAA, nor may, Individual PIAA-member schools may not sponsor an All-Star Contest.

Students: Seniors who have exhausted their eligibility and completed their final season of a PIAA sport, may participate in All-Star Contests in that sport on an unlimited basis. Students in grades 7-11 and students in grade 12 who ~~that~~ have not exhausted their eligibility in a sport, may participate in All-Star Contests in that sport subject to the following:

- a. Participation by students is as a private citizen and not as a representative of their school;
- b. The school's interscholastic athletic uniform may not be used by students;
- c. Participation is must be consistent with the requirements of Article XVI: Season and Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations, Sections 2, A, B and C. All-Star Contests in the sport of football are prohibited for students in grades 7-11 and students in grade 12 ~~that~~ who have not exhausted their eligibility subject to Section 2, C. Football of Article XVI.

5. On a **third and final reading basis**, to amend the language of the PIAA Bylaws, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 2., A., Out of Season Activities, Subsection 3, to read as follows;

**ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS,
Section 2., A. Out of Season Activities., Subsection 3.**

3. Coaches and/or students acting as private citizens, and on a voluntary basis, may participate on teams and other activities that are not ~~affiliated with~~ sponsored by PIAA member schools.

6. On a **third and final reading basis**, adopt a policy in the PIAA Bylaws to address Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) for student athletes, ARTICLE II AMATEUR STATUS AWARDS. as follows;

**ARTICLE II
AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS**

Section 1. Amateur Status Required.

To be eligible to participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, and/or Contest, a student must be an amateur in the sport involved. An amateur student is one who engages in athletic competition for the educational, physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived thereof and does not receive monetary or similar or equivalent compensation or remuneration for such participation beyond what is s. Where the official rules for a sport provided for under ARTICLE XVIII of these By-Laws establish requirements for amateur status, such requirements shall govern to the extent inconsistent with this ARTICLE II.

Section 2. Loss of Amateur Status.

A student loses amateur status in an interscholastic sport whenever:

A. The student or the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s), receives or agrees to receive, Consideration or any other item or award not permitted under Section 3 hereof, for or related to the student's athletic ability, participation, performance, services, or training in a sport;

B. The student receives Consideration for becoming or being a member of an athletic organization or school;

C. The student plays on, or enters into a contract to play on, a professional team or as an individual professional athlete in that sport; and/or

D. The student signs a contract, or orally agrees, to compete in any athletic competition for Consideration. It is not a violation for a high school student to attend, and participate in a professional try-out camp, provided that (1) no Consideration is paid to the student; ~~(2) the try-out lasts no longer than forty-eight hours;~~ and (2) if in the sport of baseball, the student's participation is otherwise in conformity with the National Federation Major-Minor League Agreement.

Section 3. Permissible Awards/Activities

A. Member Schools: A student may accept, from the student's school, or a school-affiliated booster club, food (as part of an interscholastic function or trip), items of apparel, blankets, watches, rings, scrolls, carry-on or warm-up bags, photographs, medals, plaques, or similar awards, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification, upon completion of a season of participation on a Team and/or for earning the official school letter or award. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed \$1,000 for any sport.

B. Sponsors of Athletic Events: A student may accept, from the sponsor or sponsors of an athletic event or group of athletic events, items of apparel, blankets, watches, rings, scrolls, carry-on or warm-up bags, photographs, medals, plaques, or similar awards, with appropriate institutional insignias and/or comparable identification, if the student participated in the athletic event and/or earned an award for an athletic event or events. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed \$1,000. Such sponsor or sponsors may also pay the expenses for a student to participate in educational programs, tours, and field trips provided by the sponsor or sponsors in connection with the athletic event or events.

Sponsors of youth athletic camps and/or amateur athletic contests may also compensate students at fair market value/local prevailing rate for their assistance in serving as a counselor, instructor, coach, referee or similar position for the event(s). Compensation received for instructing, supervising, or officiating in any organized youth sports program, recreation, playground, camp activities or individualized instruction will not jeopardize amateur standing.

C. Media and Other Public Recognition: A student may accept, from a non-profit service organization approved by the Principal of the student's school, or the news media, items of apparel, blankets, watches, rings, scrolls, carry-on or warm-up bags, photographs, medals, plaques, or similar awards, with appropriate institutional insignias and/or comparable identification in recognition of the student's athletic ability or performance, and present the same at a time appropriate to such recognition. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed \$1,000.

D. Banquets: Students may also attend, without charge of admission, athletic breakfasts, lunches and dinners sponsored by the institutions listed above in this Section 3.

E. Participation expenses: A student may accept, from a school, and/or the sponsor of an athletic event or group of athletic events, the reasonable and necessary expenses for transportation, lodging, and/or meals incurred by the student and/or the student's Team for participation in an athletic event or events. A school-affiliated booster club may pay the reasonable and necessary expenses for their school's students to attend a camp and/or clinic.

F. Participation Fees: Schools charging fees for students to participate in interscholastic athletics may reduce or waive such fees under the following circumstances: (1) the Principal may approve a reduction or waiver of the fee for an individual student who demonstrates financial need; (2) the Principal may accept a donation of all or part of the fee from a school-affiliated booster club for an individual student who demonstrates financial need; and/or (3) the Principal may accept donations from any party which are to be applied pro rata to all students participating in interscholastic athletics or to all students on a particular Team. Under no circumstance can any reduction or waiver be tied to the athletic ability of such students.

G. Donations to Schools: Nothing in this Section should be deemed to prohibit a person or entity from providing to a school any Consideration, provided that such Consideration is not made with the assurance or understanding that all or some or all of such Consideration is to be then conveyed by the school to any individual student-athletes.

H. College Recruiting: A student may accept from an institution of higher education which the student visits in connection with the student's prospective or possible attendance there as a college student, reasonable expenses necessitated by such visit, and free admission to home athletic events of such institution which occur during such visit.

I. Operation Gold and National Governing Body (NGB) Participation: A student may accept monies under this program, which provides monetary rewards to athletes who place in the Olympic Games and/or World Championships in designated sports. Additionally, a student and/or the student's parents may accept the reasonable and necessary expenses for transportation, lodging, and/or meals incurred by the student and/or the student's parents for participation on National teams or at tryouts sponsored by the NGB and/or NCAA Youth Development Camps.

J. Name, Image and Likeness. Students may receive Consideration for the use of their own name, image and likeness (NIL). Such permissible activities include commercial endorsements, promotional activities, social media presence, product or service advertisements, and unique digital items/assets. NIL contracts/agreements need to come from analysis of the value an athlete brings for providing a specific service/activity, not as an incentive for enrollment decisions or membership on a team. No school or anyone employed by or affiliated with a member school, including booster clubs, coaches, collectives, administrators and alumni, may solicit, arrange, negotiate or pay for a student's, other than their own child, use of their NIL and/or the provision of Consideration to a student for the use of their NIL.

In engaging in NIL activities, students may not make any reference to PIAA or a PIAA member school (including the school and/or team name, nicknames, terms by which a school or team is commonly referred or identified, logo) and may not wear school uniforms or school-identifying apparel or items). Students may not endorse or promote any third-party entities, goods or services during team/school activities. Students may not wear the apparel or display the logo, insignia, or identifying mark of an NIL partner during any team/school athletic activities unless it is part of the standard school uniform

for that sport. Students may not engage in any NIL activities involving, displaying or endorsing the following categories of products and services:

- (1) Adult entertainment products and services;
- (2) Alcohol products;
- (3) Casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, on-line games and mobile devices;
- (4) Tobacco and electronic smoking products and devices;
- (5) Opioids and prescription pharmaceuticals;
- (6) Controlled dangerous substances;
- (7) Weapons, firearms and ammunition.

Students must notify Principal/Athletic Director if entering into any type of NIL contracts/agreements within 72 hours after entering into the agreement.

Section 4. How Amateur Status Can Be Regained.

A student who has lost amateur status may be reinstated by the suspending body after a period of one year from the date of suspension, providing that the student refrains from all activity prohibited by under any Section of this Article during that year.

A student who has lost amateur status pursuant to Section 2 hereof and/or receives permissible awards/activities in excess of the monetary caps on such permissible awards/activities. may be reinstated by the suspending body effective upon the student's return to the provider of the Consideration the item or items which caused such loss of amateur status.

INTERPRETATIONS

May 22, 1953, as amended July 28, 2005 & July 13, 2022

A student-manager of an amateur athletic/sports team, and who receives Consideration for doing so, is not considered a player unless the student actually participates in a game played by that amateur team.

May 12, 2001.

The loss of eligibility in a sport under ARTICLE II does not affect those students who have previously exhausted their eligibility in that sport at the time the loss of eligibility provided in ARTICLE II would otherwise occur. This relates almost exclusively to seniors.

ADDITIONAL CHANGE:

GLOSSARY

CONSIDERATION: Consideration consists of cash, items which are the equivalent of cash, items which are a representation of value, and items which have intrinsic value other than those permitted under Section 3 of Article II. (original language)

COLLECTIVE: Prominent alumni and/OR influential individuals and/or companies cooperatively associate together to form an company or entity whose goal is to provide NIL opportunities to student-athletes of a one or more specific schools.

UNDUE INFLUENCE: A relationship existing between parties are such that one of the parties is in a position to dominate or influence the actions of the other and uses that position to obtain an unfair advantage.

X. **Proposed PIAA Policies & Procedures Amendment(s)**

Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **third and final reading basis**, to amend language to the PIAA Policies & Procedures, Evaluation of Officials: Evaluation of PIAA District Championship Contest Officials, to read as follows;

EVALUATION OF PIAA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST OFFICIALS

District Chairmen, or their delegees, may assign evaluators to District Championship Tournament Contests. A list of Chapter or District Rules Interpreters is available from the PIAA Office to assist in identifying trained observers to evaluate District Championship Contest-assigned officials.

2. On a **third and final reading basis**, amend the PIAA Policies & Procedures, DESIGNATION OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS policy to read as follows;

DESIGNATION OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS

For competition purposes, PIAA classifies schools by (1) gender, ~~and/or~~ (2) size of enrollment at schools, and/or (3) success. These classifications are created to promote equal opportunities for both boys and girls to participate in interscholastic athletics and to reduce the competitive imbalance created through competition between schools that vary significantly in enrollment and/or have had persistent success at a particular level of competition.

Except as otherwise provided in the Competition Formula for Enrollment Classifications, ~~e~~Each school shall be placed in a class for each sport in which there is more than one class, based upon its enrollment as reported pursuant to ARTICLE IV, DUES AND ENROLLMENT REPORT, Section 1, Annual Dues and Enrollment Report, of the PIAA Constitution, for each odd-numbered year. Multi-class boys' sports shall be classified according to total male enrollment in grades 9, 10, and 11 and multi-class girls' sports shall be classified according to total female enrollment in grades 9, 10, and 11. Enrollment figures shall include all Cyber Charter School and Home-Schooled Students; all students attending an Alternative School, a Magnet School, or a Vocational-Technical school; and all students attending a Charter School who are eligible at a school in the school district of their residences. ~~10% of the total number of these students will be added to those students who are regularly enrolled and in attendance to complete each schools classification numbers.~~

The classification shall go into effect for the next school year and shall remain in effect for two school years, except as hereinafter provided.

When a school is merged into, or consolidated with, another school, the classification of the surviving or new school shall be based upon its enrollment as affected by the merger or consolidation, measured as of the date of merger or consolidation, and effective beginning with the first sports season which starts thereafter. When a school closes, and its students Transfer to one or more other schools, the classification of each school receiving students from the closed school shall be based upon its enrollment as affected by the closing, measured as of the date of enrollment of the students from the closed school, and effective beginning with the first sports season which starts thereafter.

3. On a **third and final reading basis**, amend language to the PIAA Policies & Procedures, COMPETITION FORMULA FOR ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL, to read as follows;

COMPETITION FORMULA FOR ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL FOR ALL TEAM SPORTS

Classification of Team - Preamble

The purpose of placing teams in classifications is to permit them to compete within certain parameters against similarly sized and/or quality teams. Traditionally, this classification process was limited to enrollment numbers alone. However, the Board of Directors has determined that enrollment numbers may not, by themselves, clearly indicate equal competition factors in all team sports ~~the sports of football and basketball~~, especially where certain teams enjoy sustained success over a period of time.

The Board of Directors believes that such teams should be matched, at least for championship purposes, against comparable quality competition. That is presumed to be the higher classification, and the team should remain at the higher classification at least until it is demonstrated that such team is not able to have success in the higher classification. This increasing of classifications for persistently successful teams is believed by the Board of Directors to be necessary and appropriate to promote competitive balance and fairer competition. For that reason, the Board of Directors has determined that, consistent with this policy, sustained success in a two-year cycle shall be considered and addressed in determining competition classifications.

COMPETITION CLASSIFICATION FORMULA: A team's competition classification will be determined by sport and gender using the following formula. Except as discussed herein, both enrollment numbers and success will be utilized to determine the competition classification. In short: **Team's Most Recent Classification + Success Points = Competition Classification.**

#1 – Team's Most Recent Classification

Teams will be classified by enrollment of grades 9-10-11 in the odd numbered calendar years by sport and by gender or by the competition classification formula, including voluntary upgrades.

#2 – Success Points

All teams will be assigned success points in the PIAA Inter-District Championship tournaments during the most recent two-year cycle as follows:

One (1) point will be awarded to a team if it qualifies to participate in an entry level inter-district championship Contest.

A total of two (2) points will be awarded to a team if it qualifies to participate in a quarter-final inter-district Contest.

A total of three (3) points will be awarded to a team if it qualifies to participate in a semi-final inter-district Contest.

A total of four (4) points will be awarded to the team if it qualifies to participate in a final inter-district Contest.

Application of Success Points:

- A. If a team is awarded 6 or more Success Points for the most recent two-year cycle, the team will automatically move up 1 classification for the next classification cycle regardless of that school's enrollment numbers.
- B. If a team that, for the most recent two-year cycle, participated under this policy in a higher classification than its enrollment would otherwise have justified, obtains 3, 4 or 5 cumulative Success Points in that most recent two-year cycle, the team will remain in that higher competition classification for the next two-year cycle, regardless of its enrollment (unless it voluntarily opts to move up a classification or its enrollment numbers alone mandate moving up a classification).
- C. If a team that, for the most recent two-year cycle, participated under this policy in a higher classification than its enrollment would otherwise have justified, and obtains 2 or fewer cumulative Success Points in that most recent two-year cycle, the team's competition classification will be 1 classification lower than the team's most recent two-year cycle.

Appeals

A school may appeal its classification assignment to the PIAA Executive Director. Appeals will only be considered as to asserted errors in the assignment of Success Points. The following standards shall apply in considering appeals:

- ~~1. Whether the Team will not be competitive in a higher classification shall not be considered. The obtaining of 6 or more Success Points shall constitute an irrebuttable presumption that the team will be competitive at the next classification level for at least the next two-year cycle.~~
- ~~2. Where a Team achieves 6 or more Success Points in a two-year cycle, it is, from PIAA's perspective, dominating its classification and would not be cause for a health and safety concern and will not be considered.~~

The school's rationale for its appeal must be included in the appeal documents. The appeal will be considered on the paperwork of all school submitted documents and records known to the Executive Director. If the Executive Staff rejects the appeal, the decision may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

- 4. On a **first reading basis**, amend language to the PIAA Emerging Sports Process Guide in the PIAA Policies & Procedures, to read as follows;

PIAA Emerging Sports Process Guide Application Process:

Application Process:

An applicant must submit an application and supporting supplemental materials to PIAA.

The PIAA Executive Staff will conduct an initial review of the application and will arrange for the application to be presented presents information to the PIAA Board of Directors at a their next regularly scheduled meeting. unless the meeting is scheduled within 30 days of receipt of the application. The applicant will be given the opportunity to make the request to the Board of Directors.

~~Board completes review of application.~~

~~The application will be approved if the Board of Directors, at three separate meetings, votes to approve it. The final vote requires a favorable vote of 2/3 of those Board members in attendance and voting. If the application is rejected in any of these votes, it may not be presented for approval again for a period of one year from the date of rejection. Executive Staff sends a summary of preliminary findings to the applicant. The summary of findings may include an invitation for the applicant to attend the Board of Directors' next meeting.~~

~~Board makes final decision during the third meeting that the application is being considered by the Board of Directors. If invited, the applicant may attend the meeting to discuss in detail the application and the applicant sport's viability as an emerging sport.~~

~~Following action by the Board of Directors, applicant receives final decision, including whether the Board will recommend the applicant sport by added as an emerging sport for the following school year.~~

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~~Application Reconsideration:~~

~~Applicants may request reconsideration of a Board of Directors' decision only if new information is presented that was not reasonably available at the time of the original decision. Reconsideration may be requested by emailing or mailing a letter to the Board of Directors via PIAA staff within 30 calendar days from the time a written decision is sent to applicants. An explanation must be submitted to clarify the reasons the new information was not originally available. Any additional or repetitive information that was originally available to the Board may not be submitted for reconsideration.~~

XI. Administrative Staff Reports:

A. Assistant Executive Director

Mrs. Grassel

1. Inter-District online passes;
2. Coach of the Year;
3. Update from the Girls' Tennis Championships held at the Hershey Racquet Club, on October 28th & 29th for Teams and November 4th & 5th for Singles and Doubles;
4. Update from the Volleyball Championships held at Cumberland Valley High School on November 19th.

B. Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Gebhart

1. Officials' Appreciation Week: held - October 2-8, 2022.
The next one will be held January 8-14, 2023;
2. Even numbered Districts Officials' Representatives Elections;
3. Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings;
4. Junior Officials' Program;

5. Number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2022 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 [\(Att.1., pgs. 9-13\)](#)

6. Review of the upcoming Football Championships to be held at Cumberland Valley High School on December 8, 9 & 10, 2022.

C. Associate Executive Director

Mrs. Mertz

1. Update from the Field Hockey Championships held at Cumberland Valley High School on November 19th;
2. Minutes and recommendations from the Swimming and Diving Steering Committee meeting of October 26, 2022, including diving format. [\(Att. 1., pgs. 14-17\)](#)

D. Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Byers

1. Update from the Golf Championships held at Penn State University, Blue and White Golf Courses, on October 17th, 18th, for Individuals and on October 19th, for Teams;
2. Update from the Cross Country Championships held in Hershey, at Parkview Cross Country Course on November 5th;
3. Update from the Soccer Championships held at Cumberland Valley High School, November 18th and 19th.

XII. Discussion Items:

1. **On a third and final reading basis**, to develop language to amend ARTICLE XIX, of the PIAA Bylaws, to adopt the maximum competition standards for each grade level at the junior high middle school level. and for the Executive Staff to develop more specific language applicable to this amendment.

2. Approval for Nazareth Academy High School to transfer from District I to District XII at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

XIII. Membership:

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

District IV & IX – Cowanesque Valley Junior High School
And Northern Potter Middle School to terminate softball

Mr. Venna
Mr. Straub

	District VI – Central and Williamsburg High Schools to terminate wrestling	Mr. Marshall
	District IX – St. Marys Area and Johnsonburg Area High Schools to terminate boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving	Mr. Straub
	District XII – Constitution and Science Leadership Academy High Schools to terminate girls’ golf	Mr. Hawkins
	District XII – Jules E. Mastbaum Area and William W. Bodine High School to terminate football	Mr. Hawkins
B.	Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of <u>2022-2023</u> school year (Will NOT affect classification size of Team[s]):	
	District II – Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving	Mr. Majikes
	District II – North Pocono Middle and Dunmore Junior High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling	Mr. Majikes
	District II - Wyoming Valley West and Holy Redeemer Middle Schools and High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling	Mr. Majikes
	District III – Columbia High School and Dayspring Christian Academy to cooperatively sponsor baseball, softball and girls’ tennis	Mr. Craig
	District III – Exeter Township and Antietam High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ swimming & diving	Mr. Craig
	District III – Halifax Area and Millersburg Area High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ swimming & diving	Mr. Craig
	District V – Shade and Shanksville Stonycreek High Schools to cooperatively sponsor softball	Mr. Leonard
	District V – Shanksville Stonycreek and Shade High Schools to cooperatively sponsor baseball	Mr. Leonard
	District VI – Huntingdon Area and Williamsburg Senior High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling	Mr. Marshall
	District VI – Mifflin County and Belleville Mennonite High Schools to cooperatively sponsor football, field hockey, baseball and softball	Mr. Marshall

District VII – Armstrong Junior High and Freeport Area Middle School to cooperatively sponsor wrestling (Modification)	Mr. McBain
District XII – Constitution and Academy at Palumbo High Schools to cooperatively sponsor baseball (opting out of play offs)	Mr. Hawkins
District XII – Julia R. Masterman and G. W. Carver High of E & S to cooperatively sponsor boys' lacrosse	Mr. Hawkins
District XII – Swenson Arts & Tech and Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush to cooperatively sponsor baseball	Mr. Hawkins
District XII – W. B. Saul and Martin Luther King High Schools to cooperatively sponsor wrestling	Mr. Hawkins

C. Withdrawal of Membership(s),
effective **July 1, 2022**

District III - York Academy Reg. Charter Junior High School	Mr. Craig
District III – York Academy Reg. Charter High School	Mr. Craig
District IV – Grace Christian Academy High School and Middle School	Mr. Venna
District VII – Saint Monica Catholic Academy Middle School	Mr. McBain

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:
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AT 2:00 PM, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE PIAA OFFICE**