

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA

PIAA Board Room  
550 Gettysburg Road, P.O. Box 2008  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-0708

**2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

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| I.    | Call to Order   | Mr. Majikes  |
| II.   | Introduction of Alternate Voting Representative(s) to the Board of Directors  | Mrs. Mertz<br>Mr. Majikes<br>( <a href="#">Att.1., pg. 1</a> )   |
| III.  | Introduction of Visitor(s) and Opportunity for Visitor(s) to Comment  | Mrs. Mertz<br>Mr. Majikes  |
| IV.   | Secretary's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, December 7, 2022</li></ul>  | Dr. Lombardi   |
| V.    | Executive Session<br><br>Update on PIAA Litigation  | Mr. Majikes<br><br>Atty. Solomon<br>Atty. Boynton<br>Atty. Chilson<br>( <a href="#">Att.1., pgs. 36-39</a> ) |
| VI.   | Update on PIAA Legislative Matters  | Mr. Goodman<br>Ms. Conner  |
| VII.  | Proposal for wheelchair and parambulatory track and field participants.   | Atty. Tucker   |
| VIII. | Executive Director Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Update on Team Advance as Educational Provider for NIL</li><li>2. Approval of PIAA unaudited financial statements for months ending August 31, and September 30, 2022 and audit for FYE 2022.</li><li>3. Minutes and recommendations from the meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting of January 23, 2023.</li><li>4. District Annual Meeting Schedule - (will receive an email)</li></ul> | Dr. Lombardi<br><br><br><br>(screen share)   |

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

Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **second reading basis**, from the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee, 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 or, if they have transferred Districts under Section 2 of this ARTICLE, in the PIAA District to which they have transferred.

2. On a **third and final reading basis**, from the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee, 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 of their District Committee, to serve for one year except the junior high/middle schools' representative and elected male and female officials' representatives, who shall serve for a period of two years, starting the following July 1.

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

Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **second reading basis**, from the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee, to amend ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 1, Period of Participation and INTERPRETATION of the PIAA Bylaws to read as follows;

**ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION,**  
**Section 1, Period of Participation and INTERPRETATION**

A student may not represent the student's school in interscholastic athletics if the student has:

- A. Reached the end of the student's fourth consecutive year (8th consecutive semester or the equivalent) beyond the 8th grade year, without regard to the student's period of attendance;
- B. Participated in six seasons beyond the sixth grade or four seasons beyond the eighth grade in any sport; or
- C. Completed the ~~work~~ credit requirements for completion of grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve, inclusive.

**INTERPRETATION**

**Section 1. October 5, 2016.**

The number of semesters to be counted under Section 1A is not triggered until the student has completed the credit requirements for completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has been identified by their school for promotion enrolls in and attends 9<sup>th</sup> grade. A repeat of 8th grade after successful completion of the credits requirements or meeting the school's

promotional requirements, will trigger the start of the student's eight consecutive semesters of eligibility. The number of seasons to be counted under Section 1B is triggered at the beginning of the student's 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. In calculating semesters, as well as seasons played, under this Section, enrollment and participation at any school, not just a PIAA member school, are included in making such determinations.

2. On a **second reading basis**, an amendment to ARTICLE XIX, JUNIOR HIGH/ MIDDLE SCHOOLS, Section 6. Contest Rules Standards for Junior High/Middle Schools Interscholastic Athletic Competition of the PIAA Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIX, JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS, Section 6, (screen share)  
Contest Rules Standards for Junior High/Middle Schools  
Interscholastic Competition;

3. On a **second reading basis**, an amendment to Article XIII, Section 8, A, & B, of the PIAA Bylaws, to replace existing language with the following:

**ARTICLE XIII, Section 8, A. & B.**

**A. Mandatory Disqualification. One Game Suspension.**

Any Coach, team personnel and/or contestant who, is ejected from a scrimmage, interschool practice, or a contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct is disqualified from Coaching and/or participating for the remainder of the day and in all Contests on the next Contest day of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the Coach and/or contestant was previously disqualified. For a Coach, participation in the next Contest includes any contact by the Coach with members of the Team, including other Coaches, between the time that the Team arrives at the Contest site and the conclusion of the last Contest of the day. The Principal must direct the Coach not to attend all of the Contest(s).

**B. Supplemental Disqualification. Two Game Suspension.** Any Coach, team personnel and/or contestant who, is ejected from a scrimmage, interschool practice, or a contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official and a component of the ejection is any of the following actions: confronting an official, coach, or contestant; physically contacting an official, coach, or contestant; directing foul or vulgar language/gestures toward an official, coach, contestant or spectator(s); using ethnic or racially insensitive comments: will be disqualified from coaching and/or participating for the remainder of the day and for the next two (2) Contests including all Contests on the next two (2) Contest days of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the Coach, team personnel and/or contestant was previously disqualified. For the purposes of this provision, the jurisdiction of the official(s) to apply and enforce this rule begins upon the official's arrival at the Contest site and ends when the official (or the last of the team of officials) leaves the Contest site. The Contest site is defined as premises on which the competition surface is located and includes the entirety of the premises and parking areas.

4. On a **second reading basis**, to add language to ARTICLE XIII, Section 9., Violations, by Individuals, of the PIAA Bylaws to read as follows;

### **ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 9, Violations by Individuals**

The development of a procedure for District Committees to request, in writing, an investigation by the school principal and a written report to be submitted to the District Committee for the District Committee's review regarding egregious supplemental disqualifications of players, coaches, team personnel.

#### **XI. Proposed PIAA Policies & Procedures Amendment(s)**

Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **second 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.  
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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.~~

## XII. Administrative Staff Reports:

- A. Assistant Executive Director Mrs. Grassel
1. Coach of the Year;
  2. Minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Coaches' Advisory Committee meeting of January 11, 2023; ([Att.1., pgs. 2-4](#))
  3. Minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee meeting of January 11, 2023; ([Att.1., pgs. 5-8](#))
  4. Minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee meeting of January 11, 2023. ([Att.1., pgs. 9-11](#))
- B. Assistant Executive Director Mr. Gebhart
1. Officials' Appreciation Week: held - January 8-14, 2023;
  2. Results of even numbered Districts Officials' Representatives Elections; ([Att.1., pgs. 12-25](#))
  3. Winter Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings;
  4. Junior Officials' Program;
  5. Review of the PIAA Football Championships held at Cumberland Valley High School, December 8, 9, 10, 2022;
  6. Minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Football Steering Committee meeting of January 12, 2023; ([Att.1., pgs. 26-28](#))
  7. Notice of submission of Districts' recommendations for Winter Sports' Championships;
  8. Chapter Interpreters' Annual Mandatory online meetings for Spring Sports.
- C. Associate Executive Director Mrs. Mertz
1. Minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee meeting of January 12, 2023; ([Att.1., pgs. 29-30](#))
  2. Update on PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships, to be held at the GIANT Center in Hershey on January 27, 28, 2023;
  3. NFHS Student Leadership Summit dates.
- D. Chief Operating Officer Mr. Byers
1. Minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee meeting of January 11, 2023; ([Att.1., pgs. 31-32](#))
  2. Minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee meeting of January 12, 2023; ([Att.1., pgs. 33-35](#))

3. Update on PIAA Team Wrestling Championships to be held at the GIANT Center in Hershey on February 9, 10, 11, 2023.

XIII. Membership:

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

**District III** - Elizabethtown Area and Mount Calvary Christian High Schools to terminate boys' and girls' swimming and diving Mr. Craig

**District III** - Lancaster Mennonite and Pequea Valley High Schools to terminate boys' and girls' bowling Mr. Craig

**District III** - Millersburg Area and Upper Dauphin Area High Schools to terminate boys' and girls' swimming. and diving Mr. Craig

**District III** – Warwick and Lititz Christian High Schools to terminate baseball Mr. Craig

**District V & VI** - Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon County Junior High Schools to terminate baseball Mr. Leonard  
Mr. Marshall

- 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** – Lancaster County Christian, Anchor Christian, Academy and Stone Independent to add Lititz Christian High School to cooperatively sponsor baseball (Modification) Mr. Craig

**District V** - Meyersdale Area and Salisbury Elk Lick High Schools to cooperatively sponsor baseball Mr. Leonard

- C. Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2023-2024** school year (**Will NOT** affect classification size of Team[s]):

**District V & VI** – Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon County Junior High Schools to cooperatively sponsor field hockey Mr. Leonard  
Mr. Marshall

- D. Approval of Member School Application(s), effective **July 1, 2023**:

**District X** – Montessori Regional Charter Middle School Dr. Iacino

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:  
SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023,  
AT 2:00 PM, VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**