

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023**

1. Approved the Minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors;
2. Held an executive session to discuss personnel matters and active litigation;
3. Addressed the following recommendations, reports, and updates from the Executive Director:
  - The Board unanimously approved the unaudited financial statements for the months ending February 28, 2023 and March 31, 2023;
  - The Board received an update on the District Annual Meetings and approved the tally of the votes on (4) proposed amendments to the PIAA Constitution, all of which passed by overwhelming support:
    1. Amendment to ARTICLE IV, ANNUAL DUES AND ENROLLMENT REPORT, Section 1., of the PIAA Constitution, to make clear that the Board of Directors has discretion to establish criteria for sport classifications, **effective July 1, 2023;**
    2. Amendment to ARTICLE V, Section 1. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Districts, of the PIAA Constitution, to make clear that Teams are eligible to participate in the postseason competition only in the PIAA District in which they are a member, **effective July 1, 2023;**
    3. Amendment to ARTICLE IX, DISTRICT COMMITTEES, A. Composition and Selection, of the PIAA Constitution, to clarify provisions relating to persons serving on District Committees, **effective July 1, 2023;**
    4. Amendment to ARTICLE IX, DISTRICT COMMITTEES, Section 2. Officers., of the PIAA Constitution, to require that District officers be employed by a PIAA District, **effective July 1, 2026;**
  - The Board unanimously approved, on a **third and final reading basis, and effective July 1, 2023,** a motion to accept PIAA sponsorship and jurisdiction of girls' wrestling as a sport;
  - The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee from its meeting of May 2, 2023, and took the following actions relating to:
    - The Board approved, on a **first reading basis,** a motion to modify the Competition Formula to include all team sports and to further explore issues relating to adding sports which have individual components;
    - The Board approved, on a **second reading basis,** a motion to clarify the Competition Formula to confirm that when a Team that moves up in classification pursuant to the Competition Formula, that sport classification becomes the baseline classification for that Team in that sport in the next cycle.
  - Information was presented on the upcoming 104<sup>th</sup> NFHS Summer Meeting, to be held June 28 - July 1, 2023 in Seattle, Washington;
  - The Board received information on the NFHS Summer and Legal meetings;
  - The Board received and reviewed the 2023-2024 Board of Directors' meeting schedule;
  - The Board unanimously voted to approve, on a **first reading basis,** a restructuring and reorganization of ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA Bylaws;

- The Board unanimously approved, **on a first reading basis**, an amendment to ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 3., J., Violation of NIL, of the PIAA Bylaws to add enforcement criteria for Name, Image and Likeness limitations;
- The Board unanimously approved, **on a first reading basis**, a motion to add language to SPORTSMANSHIP AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, Section 1, Schools and Their Athletic Personnel, of the PIAA Bylaws, to address certain inappropriate conduct;
- The Board unanimously approved a motion to have the Executive Staff draft language to add to ARTICLE XII, Section 5 A., to address the impact of a Contest cancelled by threats and/or intimidation of a Team;
- The Board unanimously approved, **on a first reading basis**, a motion to add language to ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 2, Suspension, of the PIAA Bylaws to include provisions certain unacceptable conduct.

4. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:

- The Board received a review of the PIAA Basketball Championships held March 23, 24 and 25, 2023 at the GIANT Center;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Basketball Steering Committee from its meeting of March 29, 2023, and took the following action:
  - The Board voted to table and refer to District Committees a proposed change in policy regarding the use of pep bands at indoor Contests.
- The Board received an update on the Boys' Team Tennis Championships to be held May 19 & 20, 2023 and the Boys' Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships to be held May 26 & 27, 2023, in Hershey;
- The Board received an update on the Boys' Volleyball Championships to be held June 17, 2023 at Penn State University.

5. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:

- The Board discussed the number of coaches and contestants ejected during 2022-2023 regular season and postseason Contests for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct during the winter sport season;
- The Board received an update on the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Officials' Convention.

6. Accepted the following reports from the Associate Executive Director:

- The Board received information on the NFHS Student Leadership Summit to be hosted in Indianapolis, IN, July 29-31, 2023;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Competitive Cheer Steering Committee from its meeting of March 29, 2023,

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Swimming & Diving Steering Committee from its meeting of March 29, 2023, and took the following actions;
  - The Board unanimously approved a recommendation from the Swimming and Diving Steering Committee to return to the 11 dive format for the PIAA District Diving Championships and PIAA Diving Championships.
- An update was given on the Softball Championships to be held June 15 & 16, 2023, at Penn State University;
- An update was given on the Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Championships to be held June 17, 2023, at Penn State University;
- Information was given on those schools participating in cooperative sponsorship agreements where enrollment is now over 300 without the 10% factor previously utilized.

7. Accepted the following reports from the Chief Operating Officer:

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee from its meetings of March 29, and April 26, 2023, and took the following actions:
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion to permit opponents of wrestlers that do not wrestle their final bout in postseason qualifying tournaments, to pick the bracket location they will wrestle in qualifying the subsequent week (tournament);
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion to amend the date schedules are required in the Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) to the Monday preceding the first competition date, from the Friday preceding the first assessment date;
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion to modify NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-5 Weighing in, to provide that an athlete must be eligible in all respects in order to participate in weigh-ins;
  - The Board unanimously approved, on a one year trial basis, a motion to permit Conferences and/or Leagues to modify the length of sub-varsity periods in the sport of wrestling;
  - On a **first reading basis**, the Board approved a motion to incorporate girls' wrestling qualifiers into the 2024 PIAA Wrestling Championships at the GIANT Center, scheduled for March 7-9, 2024, and possibly utilizing up to a 16- wrestler bracket.
- An update was given on the Track & Field Championships to be held May 26 & 27, 2023, at Shippensburg University;
- An update was given on the Baseball Championships to be held June 15 & 16, 2023, at Penn State University.

8. The Board unanimously accepted the Nomination Committee Report as follows: Mr. Bauer reported the results of the election of the PIAA Board of Directors' officers for the 2023- 2024 year, and the Board unanimously approved the results of the election as follows:

President – Francis M. Majikes  
 Vice President – Robert F. Hartman Jr.  
 Treasurer – Paul Leonard

9. The Board unanimously accepted the Budget Committee Report and unanimously approved the minutes and following recommendations from the Budget Committee Meeting:
- On a **first reading basis**, a motion to accept the draft 2023-2024 Operating Budget;
  - On a **first reading basis**, a motion to accept the draft 2023-2024 Cash Flow Budget.
10. Approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2022-2023** school year:
- District III** – Dayspring Christian Academy and Columbia High School (girls' lacrosse)
- District III** – Veritas Academy and Lititz Christian High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country)
- District V & VI** – Fannett Metal and Southern Huntingdon County High Schools (girls' soccer)
- District V** – Windber Area Middle and Shade Junior High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country)
- District V & VI** – Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon County Junior High Schools (boys' soccer)
- District XII** – Freire Charter and TECH Freire Charter High Schools (boys' basketball)
- District XII** – Roxborough and W. B. Saul High Schools (boys' and girls' track & field)
11. Approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2023-2024** school year:
- District V** – Everett Area and Southern Fulton Junior High & High Schools (football)
- District V & VI** – Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon County High Schools (boys' soccer)
- District VI & V** – Southern Huntingdon County and Forbes Road High Schools and Junior High Schools (football)
12. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2022-2023** school year (the change **will not** affect classification size of Teams):
- District XII** – Jules E. Mastbaum and Liguori Academy High Schools (boys' and girls' track and field, boys' volleyball, baseball and softball)
13. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2023-2024** school year (the change **will not** affect classification size of Teams):
- District II** – Holy Redeemer and Wilkes-Barre Academy Middle Schools (baseball, girls' basketball, field hockey, boys' golf, boys' and girls' soccer, softball and boys' and girls' track & field (Modification))
- District II** – Holy Redeemer and Wilkes-Barre Academy Middle Schools (boys' and girls' cross country, football and girls' golf)
- District III** – Lititz Christian and Lititz Area Mennonite High Schools (boys' and girls' basketball, boys' soccer and girls' volleyball)
- District IV** – Milton Area and Meadowbrook Charter High Schools (wrestling)

**District V** – Shade Junior High School and Shanksville Middle School (boys' and girls' cross country)

**District V** – Shade and Shanksville Stoneycreek High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country)

**District V** – Shanksville Stoneycreek and Shade Junior High Schools (boys' basketball)

**District VI** – Bishop McCort and Bishop Carroll Catholic Junior High Schools (football)

**District VI** – Central Cambria and United High Schools (girls' soccer)

**District VII** – Bethlehem Center and Jefferson Morgan High Schools (girls' soccer)

**District VII** – Cornell and Nazareth Prep High Schools (boys' and girls' track & field)

**District VII** – Cornell High School and Eden Christian Academy (boys' and girls' swimming and diving (Modification))

**District VII** - Moon Area and Cornell High Schools (girls' basketball)

**District VII** – Waynesburg Central and Jefferson Morgan High Schools (boys' soccer)

**District VII** – North Catholic High School and Eden Christian Academy (football)

14. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2023-2024** school year (the change **will** affect classification size of Teams):

**District IX** – Union (Rimbersburg) and Allegheny Clarion Valley High Schools (girls' basketball -no playoffs)

**District XI** – Mahanoy Area and Shenandoah Valley High Schools (boys' soccer - no playoffs)

15. Approved the following member school applications, effective beginning of **2023-2024** school year:

**District I** - Martin Luther High School & Middle School

**District III** - Ephrata Mennonite High School

**District III** - Our Lady of the Cross Middle School and High School

**District X** – Bethel Christian High School

16. Approved the following Withdrawal of Membership, effective **July 1, 2023**:

**District VI** -Seeds of Faith Christian Academy High School and Middle School

17. The Board referred to the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee a request from PSADA to consider changing the annual first date of sports physicals on the CIPPE form to May 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> from June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 AT 11:00 A.M. – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
WEDNESDAY JULY 12, 2023 8:30 A.M. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONT'D  
10:00 A.M. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
AT THE PENN STATER HOTEL AND  
CONVENTION CENTER, STATE COLLEGE, PA**