

## 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, December 6, 2023**

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| I.   | Call to Order  | Mr. Majikes   |
| II.  | Introduction of Visitor(s) and Opportunity for Visitor(s) to Comment   | Mrs. Mertz<br>Mr. Majikes<br><a href="#">(Att. 1. pg. 1)</a>                              |
| III. | Secretary's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 11, 2023</li></ul>   | Dr. Lombardi  |
| IV.  | Executive Session<br><br>Update on PIAA Litigation   | Mr. Majikes<br><br>Atty. Solomon<br>Atty. Chilson<br><a href="#">(Att.1. pgs., 20-22)</a> |
| V.   | Executive Director Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of unaudited financial statements for months ending June 30, 2023, July 31, 2023 and August 31, 2023;</li><li>2. Minutes and recommendations from the Human Resources Committee meeting of November 15, 2023; <a href="#">(Att. 1. pg. 2&amp;3)</a></li><li>3. Technology discussion;</li><li>4. Schools requesting re-consideration on enrollment numbers submitted; <span>(Handout)</span></li><li>5. Schools requesting upgrade in classification by sport and gender;</li><li>6. 2024-2025 &amp; 2025-2026 PIAA Classification Parameters; <a href="#">(Att. 1. Pgs.4&amp;5)</a></li><li>7. International Students and Foreign Exchange Students are considered transfer students for the purposes of the Competition Formula;</li><li>8. Interview process for Officials' Department and the Assistant Executive Director position;</li><li>9. Transfer Waiver Request Form Additions - In season Transfer and Expulsion Provisions. <a href="#">(Att. 1. Pgs.6-10)</a></li></ul> | Dr. Lombardi  |

VI. Proposed Bylaws Amendment(s)

Dr. Lombardi

1. On a **third and final reading basis**, to consider the following changes to **Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting**, Section 11.B.#11; of the Bylaws to read as follows:

Athletic Personnel of a member senior high school attending a lower-level ~~school~~ Contest (i.e. School, AAU, American Legion, Club settings, etc.) and, immediately before, during, or after the Contest, speaking ~~to or~~ with the players, or their parents/guardians, of non-Feeder Schools, for recruiting purposes. from one or both Teams. The Athletic Personnel are, however, permitted to speak ~~to or~~ with players from a Feeder School of the Athletic Personnel's school. **NOTE:** This restriction does not prohibit Athletic Personnel from simply attending and observing and/or coaching any Contest nor does it prohibit Athletic Personnel from having contact with students on a Team if the Athletic Personnel's son(s) and/or daughter(s) is (are) on that Team.

2. On a **second reading basis**, to consider the following changes to **Article VIII, Period of Participation, Section 2.**, of the Bylaws, to read as follows:

**Section 2. When a Student Participates in a Season.**

A student is considered as representing the student's school during a particular Season in a sport only if the student has participated in a Practice, Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage or a Contest in that sport.

3. On a **second reading basis**, to add a new definition to the **Glossary**, in the Bylaws:

**Season** – The period of time beginning with the first Practice day and ending with the final, Regular Season Contest or Postseason Contest, in that sport. A Season includes the Preseason, Regular Season and Postseason as defined within a sport.

4. On a **first reading basis**, to consider the following changes to **Article VI, Transfer, Residence and Recruiting, Preamble, Restrictions on Postseason Eligibility**, of the Bylaws, to read as follows:

**Restrictions on Postseason Eligibility:**

For that reason, the Board of Directors has determined that, with few exceptions, any students who Transfer after ~~playing~~ participating in a sport in their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year shall not be eligible to participate in the ensuing PIAA tournament in that sport. The student, if otherwise eligible, may participate in that sport only during the Regular Season.

5. On a **first reading basis**, to consider the following changes to **Article VI, Transfer, Residence and Recruiting, Preamble**, Section I. H., Transfer from Court Assigned School, of the Bylaws, to read as follows:

**Section 1., H. Transfer from Court Assigned School.**

If the student Transfers to any other school, the student is presumptively ineligible in all sports ~~played~~ participated in within one year prior to transfer.

VII. Administrative Staff Reports:

A. Assistant Executive Director

Mrs. Grassel

1. Coach of the Year information;
2. Inter-District online passes;
3. Review of the Girls' Tennis Championships held October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> for Teams and November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> for Singles & Doubles, at the Hershey Racquet Club;
4. Review of the Volleyball Championships held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Cumberland Valley High School.

B. Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Gebhart

1. Officials' Appreciation Week held October 1-7, the next one for Winter Sports will be held, January 7-13, 2024;
2. Odd numbered Districts Officials Representatives Elections;
3. Review of the upcoming Football Championships to be held December 7, 8, & 9 at Cumberland Valley High School;
4. Number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2023 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 [\(Att.1., pgs. 11-14\)](#)

C. Associate Executive Director

Mrs. Mertz

1. Review of the Field Hockey Championships held November 18<sup>th</sup> at Cumberland Valley High School;
2. Co-op Sponsorship of a Sport – updates.

D. Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Byers

1. Minutes and recommendations from the Wrestling Steering Committee meeting of November 14, 2023; [\(Att.1. pgs., 15-19\)](#)
2. Review of the Golf Championships held October 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at Penn State University;
3. Review of the Cross Country Championships held November 4<sup>th</sup>, in Hershey, at the Parkview Cross Country Course;
4. Review of the Soccer Championships held November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at Cumberland Valley High School;
5. Update on Presentation of Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> , with Team Advance on NIL.

VIII. Membership:

- A. Approval of Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2023-2024** school year

<b>District I</b> – Devon Prep and Delaware County Christian High Schools to terminate boys' lacrosse	Dr. Barber
<b>District III &amp; V</b> – James Buchanan and Fannett Metal High Schools to terminate boys' and girls' swimming and diving ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Craig Mr. Leonard
<b>District III &amp; V</b> – James Buchanan and McConnellsburg High Schools to terminate football	Mr. Craig Mr. Leonard
<b>District III</b> – Lancaster Catholic and Janus High Schools to terminate baseball and softball	Mr. Craig
<b>District III</b> – Warwick, Linden Hall, Lititz Charter and Veritas Academy to terminate girls' soccer, field hockey and softball	Mr. Craig
<b>District III</b> – Warwick, Lititz Christian and Veritas Academy to terminate football	Mr. Craig
<b>District III</b> – Warwick High and Veritas Academy to terminate Baseball	Mr. Craig
<b>District III</b> – Linville Hill Christian and Pequea Valley High School to terminate girls' volleyball	Mr. Craig
<b>District III</b> – Annville Cleona and New Covenant Christian to terminate baseball	Mr. Craig
<b>District III</b> – Twin Valley and Conestoga Christian to boys' wrestling	Mr. Craig
<b>District V</b> – Rockwood Area Junior High and Turkeyfoot Valley Middle to terminate boys' and girls' track and field And girls' volleyball	Mr. Leonard
<b>District VII</b> – Armstrong Senior and West Shamokin High Schools to terminate boys wrestling ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. McBain
<b>District VII</b> – Albert Gallatin and West Greene High Schools to terminate boys' soccer	Mr. McBain
<b>District VII</b> -Beaver Area and Western Beaver High Schools to terminate boys wrestling	Mr. McBain

	<b>District VII</b> – Ellwood City Lincoln and Riverside High Schools to terminate boys’ wrestling	Mr. McBain
	<b>District VII</b> – North Catholic and Eden Christian Academy to terminate football	Mr. McBain
	<b>District VII</b> – Oakland Catholic and Winchester Thurston High Schools to terminate softball	Mr. McBain
	<b>District VII</b> – South Allegheny and Serra Catholic High to terminate boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving	Mr. McBain
	<b>District XI</b> – Nativity BVM and Minersville High Schools to terminate boys’ and girls’ golf	Mr. Hartman
	<b>District XII</b> – Jules E. Mastbaum and Liguori Academy to terminate baseball	Mr. Hawkins
	<b>District XII</b> – Murrell Dobbins CTE H and A. Philip Randolph Career to terminate boys’ and girls’ golf	Mr. Hawkins
	<b>District XII</b> – Parkway West and West Philadelphia High Schools to terminate boys’ volleyball	Mr. Hawkins
	<b>District XII</b> – West Philadelphia and William L. Sayre High Schools to terminate girls’ tennis and boys’ soccer	Mr. Hawkins
	<b>District XII</b> – Academy at Palumbo and Science Leadership Academy to terminate wrestling	Mr. Hawkins
B.	Approval of Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of <b><u>2024-2025</u></b> school year	
	<b>District II</b> – Montrose and Mountain View High Schools to terminate football ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Majikes
	<b>District III</b> – Exeter Township and Antietam High Schools to terminate football	Mr. Craig
	<b>District III</b> – Greenwood and Halifax Area High Schools to terminate boys’ and girls’ track and field ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Craig
	<b>District III</b> - Susquenita and Newport High Schools to terminate girls; soccer	Mr. Craig
	<b>District IV &amp; IX</b> – Cowanesque Valley, Galetton and Northern Potter to terminate football ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Venna Mr. Straub

	<b>District V</b> – Conemaugh Twp. and Johnstown Christian High Schools to terminate football ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Leonard
	<b>District V</b> – Chestnut Ridge HS and Foundations Christian Academy to terminate baseball	Mr. Leonard
	<b>District VII</b> – Hopewell and Aliquippa High Schools to terminate baseball	Mr. McBain
	<b>District VII</b> – Our Lady of the Sacred and Avonworth High to terminate boys' volleyball	Mr. McBain
	<b>District VII</b> – Avonworth and Northgate High Schools to Terminate boys' soccer	Mr. McBain
	<b>District VII</b> – South Fayette and Fort Cherry High Schools to terminate boys' and girls' swimming and diving	Mr. McBain
	<b>District X</b> – The Learning Center and Meadville Area Middle to terminate girls' volleyball	Dr. Iacino
	<b>District X</b> – Lakeview and Commodore Perry High Schools to terminate football	Dr. Iacino
	<b>District XI</b> – Panther Valley and Marian Catholic High Schools to terminate girls wrestling	Mr. Hartman
	<b>District XI</b> – Salisbury and Allentown Central Catholic High Schools to terminate boys wrestling	Mr. Hartman
	<b>District XI</b> – Salisbury HS and Lehigh Christian Academy to terminate baseball	Mr. Hartman
C.	Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of <b><u>2023-2024</u></b> school year ( <b>Will</b> affect classification size of Team[s]):	
	<b>District I</b> – Central Bucks West and Central Bucks East to cooperatively sponsor girls wrestling	Dr. Barber
	<b>District III</b> – Red Land and Cedar Cliff High Schools to Cooperatively sponsor girls' wrestling	Mr. Craig
D.	Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of <b><u>2023-2024</u></b> school year ( <b>Will</b> not affect classification size of Team[s]):	
	<b>District III</b> – Allen and New Cumberland Middle Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls wrestling	Mr. Craig

<b>District III</b> – Upper Dauphin Area and Millersburg Area High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls’ wrestling	Mr. Craig
<b>District IV</b> – Athens Area, Towanda Area and Troy High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls’ wrestling	Mr. Venna
<b>District IV</b> – Williamsport Area and South Williamsport High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls wrestling	Mr. Venna
<b>District V</b> – Meyersdale Area HS to add Rockwood Area HS to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ track and field ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Leonard
<b>District V</b> – Meyersdale Area MS to add Rockwood Area MS to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ track and field ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Leonard
<b>District VI</b> - Central Cambria and Conemaugh Valley High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ wrestling	Mr. Marshall
<b>District VI &amp; IV</b> – Central Mountain and Bucktail High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls’ wrestling ( <b>ratification</b> )	Mr. Marshall Mr. Venna
<b>District VI</b> – Philipsburg Osceola, Glendale and Huntingdon High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls wrestling	Mr. Marshall
<b>District VII</b> – Derry Area HS and Jeannette Jr./Sr. High to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving ( <b>ratification</b> )	Mr. McBain
<b>District VII</b> – Elwood City Lincoln and Beaver Falls High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls wrestling	Mr. McBain
<b>District VII</b> – Fort Cherry and Avella Area High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls wrestling	Mr. McBain
<b>District VII</b> – Highlands and Saint Joseph High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving ( <b>ratification</b> )	Mr. McBain
<b>District VII</b> – Lincoln Park Performing and Western Beaver High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys wrestling ( <b>ratification</b> )	Mr. McBain
<b>District VIII</b> – Brashear and Perry High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ wrestling	Ms. Arnold
<b>District VIII</b> – Obama, Sci-Tech and UPrep High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls’ wrestling	Ms. Arnold

<b>District X</b> – Hickory and Mercer Area High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls wrestling	Dr. Iacino
<b>District XI</b> – Notre Dame Green and Moravian Academy to cooperatively sponsor boys' volleyball	Mr. Hartman
<b>District XII</b> – Central High School and Science Leadership Academy to cooperatively sponsor boys wrestling ( <b>ratification</b> )	Mr. Hawkins
<b>District XII</b> – GW Carver and William W. Bodine High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' bowling	Mr. Hawkins
<b>District XII</b> - Overbrook and John Bartram to cooperatively Sponsor boys' wrestling ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Hawkins
<b>District XII</b> – West Philadelphia, Parkway West, Paul Robeson, William Sayre to cooperatively sponsor girls' tennis	Mr. Hawkins
<b>District XII</b> – West Philadelphia and Parkway West High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' soccer ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Hawkins
<b>District XII</b> – Julia R. Masterman High Schools and Science Leadership Academy to cooperatively sponsor girls' tennis and softball ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Hawkins
<b>District XII</b> – John Bartram and Motivation High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' cross country and boys' and girls' track and field	Mr. Hawkins
<b>District XII</b> – Science Leadership Beeber and Paul Robeson to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' swimming and diving ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Hawkins
<b>District XII</b> – Tech Freire Charter and Freire High School to cooperatively sponsor boys' basketball	Mr. Hawkins

E. Approval of Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2024-2025** school year (**WILL NOT** affect classification size of Team[s]):

<b>District III</b> – Greenwood, Halifax and Newport Middle Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' track and field ( <b>modification</b> )	Mr. Craig
<b>District VII</b> – Mars Area and North Catholic High Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' swimming and diving	Mr. McBain
<b>District VII</b> – Our Lady of The Sacred Heart, Eden Christian and Propel Montour High Schools to cooperatively sponsor football	Mr. McBain



	<b>District VII &amp; X</b> – Wilmington Area and Neshannock High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls' soccer	Mr. McBain Dr. Iacino
	<b>District X</b> – North East and Saint Gregory Middle Schools to cooperatively sponsor boys' and girls' basketball, soccer, track and field, girls' volleyball and boys' wrestling	Dr. Iacino
	<b>District XI</b> – Shenandoah Valley and Mahanoy Area High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls' soccer	Mr. Hartman
	<b>District XII</b> – Martin Luther King HS, Hill Freedman, Lankenau and Parkway NW to cooperatively sponsor field hockey	Mr. Hawkins
	<b>District XII</b> – Martin Luterh King HS, Lankenau and Parkway NW to cooperatively sponsor softball	Mr. Hawkins
	<b>District XII</b> – Vaux Big Picture and Strawberry Mansion High Schools to cooperatively sponsor baseball	Mr. Hawkins
	<b>District XII</b> – West Philadelphia HS, Parkway West, Paul Robeson and William Sayre to cooperatively sponsor field hockey	Mr. Hawkins
F.	Approval of Withdrawal of Membership(s), effective <b>July 1, 2023</b>	
	<b>District X</b> – George Junior Republic High School	Dr. Iacino
	<b>District X</b> – Creative Learning Christian High School	Dr. Iacino
	<b>District X-</b> Creative Learning Christian Middle School	Dr. Iacino
G.	Approval of Withdrawal of Membership(s), effective <b>July 1, 2024</b>	
	<b>District X-</b> Conneaut Lake Middle School	Dr. Iacino
	<b>District X</b> – Conneaut Valley Middle School	Dr. Iacino
H.	Approval of Member School Application(s), effective <b>July 1, 2023</b> :	
	<b>District VII</b> – Summit Academy Middle School	Mr. McBain
	<b>District VII</b> – LIFE Male Steam Academy Middle	Mr. McBain
I.	Approval of Member School Application(s), effective <b>July 1, 2024</b> :	
	<b>District X</b> - Conneaut Area Middle School	Dr. Iacino
	<b>District XI</b> – Notre Dame Middle School	Mr. Hartman

**Discussion Items:**

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| 1. Discussion on the state of Athletic Training services in the state.   | Mr. McBain |
| 2. Discuss the winter season calendar for the 2024-25 season as it runs over the Thanksgiving Holiday for first games. | Mr. McBain |
| 3. Discuss the possibility of PDE using member schools PIMS Information for classification numbers.                    | Mr. McBain |

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24, 2024  
AT 2:00 PM, IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE PIAA OFFICE**