

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024**

1. Introduction of recently elected members of the 2024-2025 PIAA Board of Directors;
2. Conflict of interest statement for Board of Directors was emailed for completion and discussion of any possible circumstances;
3. Approved the appointment of the Executive, Compliance, Human Resources, Budget, Nominating, Policy Review and Strategic Planning Committees;
4. Approved the Minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors;
5. Held an executive session to discuss personnel matters and active litigation;
6. The Board denied the request from Garnet Valley High School student for a waiver of Article I, Section 3., Waiver of Maximum Age Rule and Article VIII, Period of Participation, of the PIAA Bylaws;
7. The Board voted to rescind the District VII decision, of Article VI, Section 7, Postseason Eligibility, of the PIAA Bylaws and to grant postseason eligibility to a student at Knoch High School.
8. Addressed the following recommendations, reports, and updates from the Executive Director:
 - The Board unanimously approved the unaudited financial statements for months ending April 30, 2024 and May 31, 2024;
 - The Board received a report from the 105th NFHS Summer Meeting held June 28- July 1, 2024 in Boston, MA, which included;
 - Roy Snyder swimming coach for 59 years at Wilson High School was recognized by the Board for his induction to the NFHS Hall of Fame in the Class of 2024;
 - Dr. Robert A. Lombardi is the new president of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee from its meeting of June 12, 2024, and took the following action;
 - The Board accepted the recommendation to continue overtime for regular season soccer matches;
 - The Board voted, on **a first reading basis**, to remove from the table and approve expanding girls' volleyball to six (6) classifications for the next cycle (2026);
 - The Board unanimously approved, on **a first reading basis**, to eliminate language in the Competition Formula regarding Postseason eligibility;
 - The Board unanimously approved, on **a first reading basis**, to change the number of transfers in Team sports from those that had minimally 1 to 2 and those sports that had 3 to 4 transfers for the next cycle;
 - The Board unanimously approved, on **a first reading basis**, that 1 competition point will be awarded for the round of 16 to be consistent with all bracketed Team Sports;

- The Board unanimously approved, on a **first reading basis**, that the number of competition points to stay up in a classification would be 4, 5, or 6 with utilizing 7 points to move up in class and the number of competition points awarded to possibly move down would be 1, 2, or 3, all dependent upon transfers;
- The Board unanimously voted to table and remand back to the Strategic Planning Committee for more discussion, (1) a school winning two consecutive PIAA championships in one classification cycle will automatically move up, regardless of their number of transfers or lack of transfers and (2) a school obtaining 7 points, winning a championship, and having transfers will move up a classification;
- The Board will refer back to the Strategic Planning Committee for further discussion, some items but not limited to the following; voluntary upgrades, transfers, non-varsity participation, and any research topics;
- The Board unanimously approved, on a **first reading basis**, to remove language under the appeals section of the competition formula, on limitations of an appeal;
- The Board unanimously approved to **suspend protocol and effective July 1, 2024**, to extend the PIAA Basketball Championship dates to March 27, 28 & 29, 2025.
- Reviewed Assistant Executive Director's comprehensive report of the Competition Formula results since its inception by cycle and sport.
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee from its meeting of June 19, 2024,
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the Parent Advisory Committee from its meeting of June 20, 2024, and took the following action;
 - The Board unanimously approved the alternate voting representatives to the Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 and the 2025-2026 school years for the Parent Advisory Committee, .
 - The Board recommended the following statement be read by public address announcer at member schools before each contest:

Insert school name here and PIAA promote the highest ideals of good sportsmanship. Actions or language meant to demean contestants, teams, spectators, and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let today's contest reflect mutual respect. We request your cooperation in supporting today's contestants and contest officials in a positive manner. Offensive and unsportsmanlike language or conduct will not be tolerated and may serve as grounds for removal. Please respect our student-athletes, coaches, contest officials and game administration with your cooperation to promote a safe, positive game environment. Thank you.
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Athletic Directors' Advisory Committee from its meeting of June 20, 2024.
- The Board unanimously approved, to suspend protocol, and **effective July 1, 2024**, to add language to Forfeiture of Contests, in the Rules and Regulations section of the PIAA Handbook, to clarify any Coach or Team Personnel removed, ejected or disqualified from a Contest and refuses to leave the competition area, will result in a forfeiture of the Contest.

- The Board unanimously voted on, first reading basis, to direct Executive Staff to draft amended language for clarity and have legal review regarding Article III, Section 8, NOTE of the Bylaws, to be presented at the September Board of Directors' Meeting.

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

- The Board received a review of the Boys' Team Tennis Championships held May 17 & 18, 2024, and the Boys' Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships held May 24 & 25, 2024;
- The Board received a review of the Boys' Volleyball Championships held June 15, 2024;
- The Board received information on the NFHS Student Leadership Summit to be held July 22 - 25, 2024.
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the Coaches Advisory Committee from its meeting of June 19, 2024, and took the following action;
 - The Board unanimously approved a new representative of the PA Tennis Coaches Association.
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the Private Schools Steering Committee from its meeting of June 20, 2024, and took the following action;
 - The Board unanimously approved the alternate voting representative to the Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 and the 2025-2026.

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

- The Board received a review of the Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Championships held June 15, 2024;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Steering Committee from its meeting of June 19, 2024;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Female Athletics Committee from its meeting of June 20, 2024.

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

- The Board received a review of the Softball Championships held Jun 13 & 14, 2024;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Softball Steering Committee from its meeting of June 19, 2024;
- The Board received information on email updates.

12. Accepted the following reports from staff on behalf of the Associate Executive Director:

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the Officials' Council from its meeting of June 20, 2024; and took the following action;
 - The Board unanimously approved to adopt the 2024-2025 National Federation of State High Associations (NFHS) fall sports' rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications;
 - The Board unanimously approved to adopt the 2024-2025 National Federation of State High Associations (NFHS) winter sports' rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications;

- The Board unanimously approved to adopt the 2024-2025 National Federation of State High Associations (NFHS) spring sports' rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications;
- The Board unanimously voted to table and remand back to the Officials' Council for further discussion regarding the criteria to certify attendance at officials' meetings.
- The Board received information on the number of coaches and contestants ejected from the 2023-2024 regular season and postseason contests by state high school association recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct during the sprint sport season in the sports of baseball, softball, boys' volleyball, lacrosse, and track & field;
- The Board received information on the 29th Annual Officials' Convention to be held August 2 & 3, 2024.

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

- The Board unanimously approved on a **third and final reading basis, effective July 1 , 2024**, the Cross Country modified scoring clarification of **Rule 8-2-3**, conference/league team scoring with a 3 runner minimum;
- The Board unanimously approved, on a **third and final reading basis**, to accept the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, Fall Sports Maximum Number of Qualifiers and Brackets;
- The Board unanimously approved, on a **first reading basis**, to accept the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, Winter Sports Maximum Number of Qualifiers and Brackets;
- The Board received a review of the Track & Field Championships held May 24 & 25, 2024;
- The Board received a review of the Baseball Championships held June 13 & 14, 2024;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the Track & Field Steering Committee from its meeting of June 19, 2024, and took the following action;
 - The Board unanimously approved to rescind the PIAA modification on breaking ties in the vertical jumps;
 - The Board unanimously approved to establish minimum/maximum standards, as appropriate, for athlete replacements of guaranteed entries to the Track & Field Championships;
 - The Board voted to deny an increase in the number of classes in Track & Field from two (2) to three (3) and refer to Strategic Plan Committee a review of all sport classifications process and enrollment breakdowns.
 - The Board unanimously voted to adopt the 2025 proposed qualifying standards as presented.
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the Baseball Steering Committee from its meeting of June 19, 2024, and took the following action;
 - The Board unanimously approved to require schools to modify the pitch count in MaxPreps to indicate the proper number of pitches and the required days of rest;
 - The Board unanimously approved to recommend field dimensions of a minimum of 300 feet down each foul line and 350 feet to center field, in the Tournament Directors' Handbook.

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the Junior High/Middle Schools Steering Committee from its meeting of June 20, 2024, and took the following action;
 - The Board unanimously approved to develop amendatory language for Article XVI; Section 4D, to more clearly identify mixed-gender participation at the sub-varsity level.
 - The Board unanimously voted on a **second reading basis**, to approve the Emerging Sport Program Application of girls' flag football;
14. The Board unanimously accepted the Budget Committee Report from their **third and final reading** and unanimously approved following recommendations;
- A motion to accept the 2024-2025 Operating Budget;
 - A motion to accept the 2024-2025 Cash Flows Budget.
15. The Board unanimously voted to approve the Junior High Heat Acclimatization policies and establish a minimum practice time of 90 minutes per session.
16. The Board unanimously voted to approve the elimination of the first line of Section 2, Certification of Parent/Guardian, item C. of the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form (CIPPE).
17. The Board unanimously voted to direct Executive Staff to develop language to address the attendance and listing of feeder schools for those private/parochial schools that receive 25% of their students from that school.
18. Approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2024-2025** school year:

District II – Holy Redeemer Junior High and Susquehanna Prep (baseball, boys' golf, boys' soccer, boys' and girls' track & field, field hockey, girls' basketball, girls' soccer and softball)

District III – JP McCaskey and Lancaster County Christian (only) (boys' volleyball)

District III – Exeter Twp. Junior High and Antietam Middle School (football)

District III – Warwick and Veritas Academy (girls' tennis)

District VII – Blackhawk High School and Beaver County Christian (boys' and girls' golf)

District VII – Laurel Highlands Junior High School and Mt. Moriah Christian School (softball, baseball, girls' basketball, girls' volleyball, football, boys' and girls' cross country, boys' and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' swimming & diving, boys' and girls' track & field)

District VII -Washington and Fort Cherry High Schools (boys' soccer)

District IX – Cranberry Area and Venango Catholic High Schools (girls' basketball)

District IX & X – Oil City And Venango Catholic High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country, boys' and girls' track & field, boys' and girls' swimming and diving, boys' and girls' tennis)

District XI – William Allen and Louis E. Dieruff High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country)
(over 300)

19. Approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2024-2025**, school year, (**Will** affect classification size of Team(s)):

District IX & X – Oil City and Venango Catholic High Schools (boys' and girls' soccer, football and softball), and allow Oil City to change classification in softball that was adjusted because of the cooperative sponsorship.

20. Approved the following requests for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2024-2025** school year (the change **will not** affect classification size of Team(s)):

District II – Dallas and Wyoming Seminary Prep (girls' volleyball)

District III – Halifax Area and Northern Dauphin Middle Schools (girls' volleyball)

District III – Hinkletown Mennonite to add Lancaster County Christian (boys' volleyball) (modification)

District III – Kutztown Area and Brandywine Heights High Schools (field hockey)

District III – Lancaster County Christian to add Hinkletown Mennonite (girls' soccer) (modification)

District III – Lancaster Mennonite and Pequea Valley High Schools (field hockey)

District III – Lancaster Mennonite High School & Veritas Academy (girls' soccer & boys' golf)

District III – Pequea Valley and Lancaster Mennonite High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country)

District III – Reading and Antietam High Schools (football)

District III – The Paloma School and New Covenant Christian (boys' and girls' bowling)

District III – Reading Central and Antietam Middle Schools (football)

District V – Tussey Mountain and Forbes Road Junior High Schools (football)

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District V & VI – Greater Johnstown and Ferndale High Schools (Competitive Spirit)

District VI & VII – Armstrong Senior and West Shamokin High Schools (girls' lacrosse)

District VII – Armstrong Senior High School to add Grace Christian (boys' and girls' swimming and diving) (modification)

District VII – Carlynton and Bishop Canevin High Schools (girls' cross country)

District VII – Baldwin High School to add Brentwood High School (girls' soccer) (modification)

District VII – Jeannette Senior High School and Heritage Baptist Academy (boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' bowling, boys' and girls' golf, boys' and girls' soccer, softball and girls' tennis)

District VII – Moon Area and Cornell High Schools (boys' and girls' track & field)

District VII – Moon Area High School and Sewickley Academy (football)

District VII – Waynesburg Central and Mapletown Junior High Schools (boys' soccer)

District IX – Clarion Limestone and Clarion Area Junior High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country, boys' and girls' soccer, and softball)

District IX – Saint Marys Area and Elk County Catholic High Schools to cooperatively sponsor football

District X – General McLane and Cambridge Springs High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming and diving)

District X – McDowell and Fairview High Schools (girls' water polo)

District X – McDowell High School to add Girard High School (wrestling) (modification)

District X – McDowell and Harbor Creek High Schools (boys' lacrosse)

District XI – Mahanoy Area Senior, Marian Catholic and Shenandoah High Schools (boys' Wrestling)

District XI – D H H Lengel and Saint Clair Junior High Schools (girls' volleyball)

21. Approved the following requests for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2024-2025** school year (the change **will** affect classification size of Team(s):

District VII – Washington, Burgettstown and Ft. Cherry High Schools (girls' soccer)

22. Approved the following Withdrawal of Membership(s), effective beginning of **2024-2025** school year:

District II – Susquehanna Prep Middle School

District IX – Venango Catholic High School

District XII – The Mathematics, Civics & Sciences Charter School of Philadelphia

23. Approved the following Member School Application(s), effective beginning of **2024-2025** school year:

District VI – Seeds of Faith Christian Academy High School and Middle School

District XII – Philadelphia Classical High School, (pending

24. The Board unanimously approved Alliance Christian High School to transfer from District III to District I, contingent upon approval of the District I & III Committees, effective beginning of **2024-2025** school year:

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 - 2:00 P.M.
IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE PIAA OFFICE**