

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026**

1. The Board held an executive session to discuss personnel matters and active litigation.
2. The Board tabled its decision regarding an official's appeal of the Executive Director's rejection of his application, to permit legal to conduct research and report back to the Board of Directors at their December, 2026 meeting.
3. The Board sustained the decision of the Executive Director regarding the suspension of a PIAA official.
4. The Board approved the minutes of the July 15, 2026, meeting of the Board of Directors.
5. The Board addressed the following recommendations, reports, and updates from the Executive Director:
 - The Board accepted the Request for Proposals for host sites for the 2027 through 2030 Girls' Flag Football Championships. The Board approved the recommendation of the Executive Director to award Penn State-Harrisburg as the site for the Girls' Flag Football Championships for the 2026-27 through 2029-30 school years.
 - The Board approved, on **suspended protocol, effective immediately**, amendments to the Indoor and Outdoor Spectator Decorum.
 - The Board denied the request of a member school to upgrade in classification for girls' softball.
6. The Board took the following action on the proposed Constitutional Amendment:
 - The Board approved, on **suspended protocol, effective immediately**, to amend Article VII, Section 2D, Interpretation, to clarify the responsibilities of the Executive Director in communicating actions of the Board of Directors.
7. The Board of Directors took the following actions on the proposed Bylaw Amendments:
 - The Board approved, on a **first reading basis**, to amend Article VI, Section 2D, to eliminate the need for District Committee review of a presumptive eligibility provision.
 - The Board approved, on a **first reading basis**, to amend Article XIII, Section 3C, to provide discretion to the District Committee, Regional Panel, and Board of Directors when reviewing forfeitures following a District or Inter-District Championship (Final).
 - The Board approved, on a **first reading basis**, to amend Article XVI, Section 2A, to provide clarification on the eligibility of students participating in NCAA/NFHS sanctioned summer events.
 - The Board approved, on a **first reading basis**, to amend Article XVI, Tables of Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports, to confine junior high/middle school football programs to the defined Fall Season, and to limit approval of a Team's participation in League or Conference events to no more than one, per sport.

- The Board approved, on a **first reading basis**, to amend Article XVI, Table of Spring Sports, to increase the number of Contests in the sports of baseball and softball, from 20 to 22.

8. The Board accepted the following reports from the Senior Director of School Services and Sport:

- The Board received an update on the Girls' Team Tennis championships to be held on October 30 & 31, 2026, and the Girls' Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships to be held on November 6 & 7, 2026, at the Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey.
- The Board received an update on the Girls' Volleyball Championships to be held on November 20 & 21, 2026, at St. Francis University, Loretto.
- The Board tabled an amendment to the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook to clarify out-of-season in the sport of Competitive Cheer, and remand it back to the Competitive Cheer Steering Committee for discussion.
- The Board approved a change to the 2027-2028, 3A Girls' Volleyball Bracket.
- The Board approved the Coach of the Year nominations for the 2025-2026 school year.
- The Board received information on Inter-District Passes.
- The Board received an update to the Feeder Schools lists, noting the District Committee must approve any instance where a Feeder School is listed for more than one senior high school.

9. The Board accepted the following reports from the Director of Communications and Sport:

- The Board received a review of the PIAA Cross Country Foundation Race held on September 26, 2026, at Big Spring School District, Newville.
- The Board received an update on the Cross Country Championships to be held on November 7, 2026, at Big Spring School District, Newville.
- The Board received an update on the Field Hockey Championships to be held on November 21, 2026, at Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg.
- The Board received information on the Special Olympics National Banner Recognition of PIAA schools.

10. The Board accepted the following reports from the Director of Operations and Sport:

- The Board received an update on the Golf Championships to be held on October 19-21, 2026, at the Blue and White Golf Courses, Penn State University.
- The Board received an update on the Soccer Championships to be held on November 20-21, 2026, at F. N. B. Stadium, Pittsburgh.
- The Board received information about the PHEAA/PIAA Scholarship and the partnership with PHEAA to provide a financial literacy night for students and their parents.
- The Board approved, on a **second reading basis**, the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Winter Sports Maximum Number of Qualifiers and Brackets, excluding wrestling.

- The Board approved, on a **second reading basis**, the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Wrestling Maximum Number of Qualifiers and Brackets.
- The Board approved, on a **first reading basis**, the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Spring Sports Maximum Number of Qualifiers and Brackets.
- The Board received information on the 2027 PHEAA/PIAA Foundation Scholarship program and the GrowPA Scholarship initiative, as well as PHEAA's willingness to offer informational webinars on post-secondary school financial literacy.

11. The Board accepted the following reports on behalf of the Director of Officiating and Sport:

- The Board received a review of the 31st Annual Officials' Convention held on August 7 & 8, 2026 at the Harrisburg Hilton.
- The Board received information regarding the new employee in the Official's Department.
- The Board received information on the Fall Sport Officials' Appreciation Week, October 4-10, 2026.
- The Board received the fall sport recommended officials' lists submission dates.
- The Board received information on Senator Martin's Resolution recognizing the 2026-2027 PIAA Official's Appreciation Weeks. The Board thanked Senator Martin for his recognition of PIAA Sports Officials.
- The Board received information on House Bill 102, sponsored by Representative Kulik. The Board thanked Representative Kulik for her support of sports officials.

12. The Board accepted the following reports on behalf of the Chief Operating Officer:

- The Board accepted the Request for Proposals for the official ball of the Girls' Flag Football Championships. The Board approved the recommendation of the Executive Staff of the selected ball, Baden Perfection F7L-NFHS APEX Leather, for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 school years.
- The Board received information about football crews recognized by the Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers for the month of September. Additional crews will also be recognized in the months of October and November.
- The Board received information on the Official's Representative position nominations for even numbered districts.

13. The Board approved the following requests for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2026-2027** school year (**Will not** affect classification size of Team(s)):

District II - Hazleton Area and Weatherly Area High Schools (football).

District II – Dallas and Lake Lehman High Schools (boys' volleyball).

District III – Chambersburg Area High School and Shalom Christian Academy High School (boys' and girls' swimming and diving).

District IV – Muncy and Montgomery Junior High Schools (field hockey).

District IV – Montgomery Area and Muncy High Schools (girls' cross country).

District IV – North Penn-Mansfield and North Penn-Liberty High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming and diving).

District IV – Southern Columbia Area and Bloomsburg High Schools (girls' competitive Spirit).

District V – McConnellsburg and Forbes Road High Schools (girls' soccer).

District VI & V- Southern Huntingdon County, Forbes Road, and Mount Union Area High Schools (girls' wrestling).

District V – Windber Area and Conemaugh Twp. Area (girls' tennis).

District VI – Central Cambria High School, Bishop Carroll Catholic, and Conemaugh Valley High Schools (girls' wrestling).

District VII – South Park, Baldwin and Brentwood High Schools (girls' wrestling).

District VII – Baldwin and South Park High Schools (girls' lacrosse).

District VII – Rochester Area and New Brighton Area Middle Schools (girls' basketball).

District VII – New Brighton Area and Rochester Area Middle Schools (football).

District VII – Freedom Middle and South Side Junior High School (boys' soccer).

District VII - Propel Braddock Hills and Propel Andrew Street High Schools (girls' flag football).

District VII - Freedom and New Brighton Area Middle Schools (girls' soccer).

District VII – Freedom and Rochester Area Middle Schools (boys' soccer).

District VII – Albert Gallatin Area and Mapletown High Schools (boys' soccer).

District VII – McGuffrey and Avella Area High Schools (girls' soccer).

District VII – Woodland Hills High School and Life Male STREAM Academy (football, boys' golf, boys' soccer, boys' tennis, boys' track and field, and boys' wrestling).

District VII – Woodland Hills High School and Trinity Christian School (baseball, girls' soccer, boys' and girls' tennis).

District VIII – Obama Academy, Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy, and University Prep Margaret Milliones (flag football).

District X – Girard and Northwestern High Schools (boys' soccer).

14. The Board approved the following requests for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of the **2026-2027** school year (**Will** affect classification size of Team):

District IV – Montgomery Area and Muncy High Schools (boys' cross country).

District XI –Salisbury and Allentown Central Catholic High Schools (boys' wrestling)

15. The Board approved the following requests for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of the **2027-2028** school year (**Will** affect classification size of Team):

District I – Lower Merion and Harriton High School (football).

16. The Board approved the following requests for Termination of Sponsorship of a Sport effective beginning of the **2026-2027** school year (**Will not** affect classification size of Team):

District III – JP McCaskey and Lancaster County Christian High Schools (football, boys' wrestling and field hockey).

District III –Spring Grove and York Suburban High Schools (boys' and girls' bowling).

District III – Warwick High School and Anchor Christian Academy (boys' and girls' swimming and diving).

District III – Columbia High School and Dayspring Christian Academy (softball and baseball).

District III – Lancaster County Christian and Anchor Christian Academy (girls' basketball).

District III – Red Land High School and West Shore Christian Academy (football and wrestling).

District III – Lancaster Country Day Middle School and Lancaster Catholic Junior High School (girls' Soccer).

District IV & VI – East Juniata and Juniata High School (field hockey).

District VI – Glendale and Harmony Area Junior High Schools (softball).

District VI & IX – West Branch Junior High School and Saint Francis School (baseball).

District VIII – Brashear High School and Perry Traditional Academy (boys' wrestling).

District X – Rocky Grove Senior High School and Franklin Area High School (boys' tennis).

17. The Board approved the following requests for Termination of Sponsorship of a Sport effective the **2026-2027** school year (**Will** affect classification of size of Team):

District II- Dallas High School and Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory (girls' volleyball).

18. The Board approved the withdrawal of the following member schools, effective beginning July 1, 2026:

District VII – Grace Christian School

District VII – Heritage Baptist Academy

19. The Board approved the following New Member School Applications, effective the **2026-2027** school year:

District VII- Valley School of Ligonier Middle School

District VII – Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship Middle School

District X- Robert Benjamin Wiley Community Charter Middle School

20. The Board approved to allow a member school to remain in the classification of boys' wrestling upon the termination of a cooperative sponsorship with another school.

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2026
IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE PIAA OFFICE**