

**District IX
Committee**

PIAA DISTRICT IX
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MEETING AGENDA

Aaron Straub
Chairman
Athletic Director
Elk. Co. Catholic H.S.

Kevin Doverspike
Assistant Chairman
Male Parents Rep.

Bob Tonkin
Secretary / Treasurer

Scott Daum
School Board Rep.

Bud Brennen
Male Officials Rep..

Shawn Deemer
Cranberry H. S.

Mike Erickson
Athletic Director
Bradford Area H.S.

Robert Gearhart
Athletic Director
Clearfield Area H.S.

Pete Grecco
Athletic Director
Brockway H. S.

Misty Hartle
Athletic Director
West Forest H.S.

Bill Howard
Athletic Director
Oswayo Valley H. S.

Bill Jordan
Principal
AC Valley

Dr. Tom Lesniewski
Superintendent's Rep.

Anita Orton
Female Parent Rep.

Dave Osborne
Athletic Director
Brookville, H. S.

Randy Reitz
Athletic Director
Punxsutawney H. S.

John Sherry
Athletic Director
Coudersport H. S.

Terry Straub
Athletic Director
St. Marys H. S.

Bonnie Wolbert
Female Officials Rep.

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 2022
PLACE: Fox's Pizza – Ridgway PA
TIME: 10:00 AM – note the change in time to 10:00 AM

A. (Opening Agenda Items)

- A1 Opening Reflection
- A2 Roll Call (**Att #1**)
- A3 Introduction of visitors & guests
- A4 Opportunity for visitors to speak
- A5 Approval of Minutes D9 Meeting – February 17, 2022– (**Att. #2**)
- A6 Executive Session

B. (Finance)

- B1 Treasurer's Reports – February and March - (**Bob Tonkin will bring & share**)
- B2 Accounts Receivable/ Payable (**Bob Tonkin will bring & share**)
- B3 Committee Expense Sheet –February 17th through March 9th (**Please submit**)
- B4 Review finances from Wrestling (individual tournament, Swimming, Basketball)
- B5 Update on improvement of Winter sports Game Managers reporting streaming & radio

C. (Communication)

- C1 Inter-District PIAA Championship Pass Distribution

D. (Chairman update)

- D1 Board Meeting Summary- February 23, 2022 (**Att. #3**)
- D2 30 day deadline for Post season hearings
- D3 Principals Meeting – Agenda, meal planning, format, and questions for PIAA reps

E. (Administrative)

- E1 Eligibility Update – Transfers, Post Season, Foreign Exchange, Eligibility
 - Eligibility - #22 – Franklin to Cranberry (Grade 11)**
 - Eligibility - #23 – DCC to DuBois Area (Grade 8)**
 - Post Season - none**
 - Foreign Exchange - #8 – Vietnam to DuBois Catholic**
 - Foreign Exchange - #9 – Spain to DuBois Central**
 - Other Eligibility – none**
- E2 Cooperative Requests– None
- E3 Administrative Issues

F. (Administrative Committees)

- F1 50 Year Officiating committee report – Bill Howard
- F2 Sportsmanship – Bonnie (Disqualifications – Bonnie & Bud)
- F3 Awards – Aaron
- F4 Website – Bill Jordan
- F5 Hometown ticketing update – Bill Jordan
- F6 Election – Kevin

G. (Sports Specific Committees) –

- G1 Basketball – Randy
- G2 Wrestling – Pete
- G3 Swimming & Diving - Terry
- G5 Other

H. Old Business

- H1 Review of Hometown Ticketing and Ticket prices at District level
- H2 Review of Hometown Ticketing and Ticket prices at State level
- H3 Review of neighboring Districts Ticket prices (**Att. 4**)
- H3 Review of Clarion University – facilities, jumbotron, ticketing/concession

I. New Business

- I 1 Update on State Championship venues
- I 2 Discussion on Football seeding with new schedule

J. Good of the order

Next Meeting – Date – Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Time -
Location – Red Fern in St. Marys, PA
**** Annual Principals Meeting**

**District IX Committee
2021-2022**

Att. #1

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DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING February 17, 2022

The District 9 Committee met on February 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, Shawn Deemer, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Aaron Straub, Terry Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. The following members joined the meeting remotely Dr. Bill Jordan and Dr. Thomas Lesniewski

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the January and February 2022 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to accept the District 9 accounts receivable and payable reports. The motion carried unanimously.

HomeTown Ticketing chairperson, Dr. Bill Jordan, reviewed the use of HomeTown Ticketing with the committee.

Summaries of the Competitive Spirit and Team Wrestling Championships receipts, expenses, profits, and cost to the district committee were presented. A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded and seconded by John Sherry to accept the reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Mike Erickson to permit the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference and the Allegany Mountain League to hold championship contests. The motion carried unanimously.

The chairperson of each fall sports reviewed their sports' steering committee meeting. At many steering committee meetings increasing the penalty for disqualification of players and/or coaches was discussed.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

A summary of the January 26, 2022 and February 2, 2022 Board of Directors meetings were reviewed. Summaries have been emailed to District 9 schools and can be found on the PIAA website.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meetings will be on February 23, 2022 and March 23, 2022.

Chairman Straub updated the committee on the hearings that dealt with classification upgrades for football. The competition formula will be discussed at future committee meetings.

COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Oil City Area High School, host school, and Venango Catholic High School, sending school, in junior high school softball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Misty Hartle to approve a cooperative sports agreement between A C Valley High School, host school, and Union High School, sending school, in senior high school baseball. The motion carried unanimously.

Misty Hartle informed the committee about the potential cooperative sports agreement request between Forest Area Schools and North Clarion High School in baseball. The committee will review the request at the March 9, 2022 committee meeting.

A request to the Board of Directors by Kane Area High School to terminate the cooperative sports agreement with East Forest High School in varsity football after the October 1st deadline was denied.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR)

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
#21	Bradford	Otto-Eldred	D.Osborne/S.Deemer M.Erickson- abstention	Approve

POST SEASON REQUEST: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR) NONE

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR) NONE

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HEARINGS: NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

North Clarion High School presented a plan addressing an unsportsmanlike incident that occurred between a basketball coach and an official. A motion was by Bill Howard and seconded by Bud Brennen to accept the plan presented by North Clarion High School. The motion carried with two abstentions, Bonnie Wolbert and Scott Daum.

Brookville Area High School received a letter from Mr. Patrick Gebhart, Assistant Executive Director, concerning an unsportsmanlike comment in a newspaper article criticizing an official’s call in a basketball game. A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Mike Erickson to accept the action taken by the Brookville Area High School administration concerning the issue. The motion carried unanimously.

Bradford Area High School asked the committee to grant weight assessment relief for a wrestler who was given incorrect information dealing with the weight descent program by a former Bradford Area High School wrestling coach. A motion was made

by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Howard to grant the request. The motion carried with two abstentions. (Mike Erickson and Pete Grecco)

Clarion Area High School informed the committee that two wrestlers received forfeits when they had not been medically cleared to wrestle. Clarion Area High School forfeited the bouts and have taken appropriate steps to make sure the incident does not occur again.

The number of disqualifications for unsportsmanlike conduct was updated.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

GOLF: PIAA championship golf finals will be held at Penn State for the next four years.

VOLLEYBALL: The team bench rule will be the same as the past season.

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT: Congratulation to Elk Country Catholic for their second-place finish and Moniteau High School for their third-place finish at the PIAA State Competitive Spirit finals.

NEW BUSINESS:

The tentative date for the Annual District 9 Principals' Meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the Red Fern Inn in St. Marys. When the date is finalized, more information will be emailed to District 9 principals and athletic directors.

Information for the eleven elected positions on the District 9 Committee will be sent to member schools soon.

The competition formula will be reviewed by the PIAA Staff and Board of Directors.

The contract with Clarion University for use of the university's facilities has been reviewed and approved by the PIAA legal team and Clarion University.

Any questions dealing with the procedure for forfeits can be found in the PIAA Handbook under Rules and Regulations.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Dave Osborne to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be held at Fox's Pizza Den in Ridgway on March 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin
District 9 Secretary

SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

1. Approved the Minutes of the January 26, 2022, meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Held an executive session to discuss active litigation.
3. Conducted two Appeal hearings;
 - Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board voted to sustain the District VII decision regarding Butler High School and its participation through PIAA District X in regular and post-season football playoffs.
 - Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board voted to deny the request from Souderton High School to suspend the application of the PIAA By-Law setting a time limit on submission of post-season waiver requests.
4. Addressed the following recommendations, reports, and updates from the Executive Director:
 - The District Annual Meeting schedule is currently being prepared;
 - Unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the February 21, 2022 PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee meeting, which included:
 - Adding into Section 1 of the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Examination form (CIPPE) a space for an email address, effective immediately.
 - Unanimously approved the site selection of the PIAA Fall Championships for 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025, as follows:
 - Cross Country:** Parkview CC Course, Hershey PA
 - Field Hockey:** Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA
 - Football:** Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA
 - Soccer:** Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA
 - Individual & Team Tennis:** Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey, PA
 - Volleyball:** Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA
 - Unanimously approved upholding the Board decision regarding the classification of Wilmington High School's football team rejected the school's request to change its enrollment classification;
 - Discussed whether there is a need to develop a position statement on "Service Dogs." The Board will revisit this topic at the March meeting;
 - Unanimously approved the PIAA unaudited financial statements for the months ending November 30, and December 31, 2021;
 - **On a third and final reading basis**, unanimously voted to modify Article VI, Transfers Residence, and Recruiting, Subsection C.3., of the Bylaws to address revision to the timing of submissions of requests for post season ineligibility waivers;
 - **On a first reading basis**, unanimously voted to modify Article III, Attendance, Section 10., Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport B.3 Modification of Termination of Agreements, Interpretation, of the By-Laws to add the word "modify";
 - Approved a motion to **suspend protocol** and to modify Article XVI, Season and Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations of the By-Laws, to extend the Regular Season deadline in winter sports to March 5, 2022, with no team permitted to exceed the maximum number of Regular Season Contests;
 - **On a third and final reading basis, effective immediately**, unanimously voted to modify Sections VII and VIII of the Procedural Standards for Regional Panels and District Committees to clarify the process for deliberations and decisions following an eligibility hearing;

- On a **third and final reading basis, effective immediately**, unanimously voted to adopt an interpretation of Article VII, Powers and Duties of Board of Directors, Section 1., H , of the Constitution to make clear that routine and administrative District Committee decisions are not subject to appeal to, and review by, the Board of Directors;
 - Approved a motion to **suspend protocol, and effective immediately**, unanimously voted to modify an existing interpretation of Article VII, of the Constitution to add Regional Panels to the language;
 - On a **first reading basis**, unanimously voted to remove an outdated Interpretation of Article VII and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution;
5. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:
- Provided information regarding PIAA's initiative of Title IX's 50th Year Anniversary;
 - Approved the minutes and recommendations from the January 31, 2022 PIAA Basketball Steering Committee meeting;
 - Received an update on the PIAA Basketball Championships scheduled for March 24, 25 and 26, 2022, at the GIANT Center in Hershey, PA.
6. Accepted the following report from the Assistant Executive Director:
- Received a report on the Spring Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings;
 - Received an update on the Officials' Virtual Convention for Spring Sports, which is currently being held;
 - Discussed the final PIAA Sports' Officials' Appreciation Week:
 - Spring Sports' April 3- 9, 2022.
7. Accepted the following reports from the Associate Executive Director:
- Received a review of the PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships;
 - Received an update on the NFHS Student Leadership information, to be held July 18-20, 2022. The application is posted to the PIAA website;
 - Reviewed an update on the upcoming PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships to be held March 16-19, 2022, at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA;
 - Unanimously approved the request for Coventry Christian School to transfer from PIAA District I to District III, per agreement by both Districts.
8. Accepted the following reports from the Chief Operating Officer:
- On a **third and final reading basis**, unanimously approved the Emerging Sport Program Application for the sport of Girls' wrestling from the Pennsylvania Girls Wrestling Task Force;
 - Received a review of the PIAA Team Wrestling Championships;
 - Received an update on the PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships to be held, March 10, 11 and 12, 2022 at the GIANT Center, in Hershey, PA;
 - Unanimously voted to approve, on a **first reading basis**, the Proposed Number of Entries (Qualifiers) and Brackets (Pairings) by District or by Region for the 2022-23 & 2023-24 PIAA Championships;
 - Discussion was held regarding whether to limit the number of qualifiers per district to no more than 20% of the total teams in the bracket. No action was taken, but discussion regarding the number of qualifiers will be re-visited at the March Board of Directors' Meeting.
9. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year (**will not** affect classification size of Teams):

District III – Camp Hill High School and Harrisburg Academy (softball and boys' and girls' track and field);

District V – Berlin Brothers Valley Middle and Shanksville Stonycreek (boys' and girls' track and field);

District V – Shanksville Stonycreek and Shade Junior (baseball and softball);

District VII – Beaver and Midland Middle Schools (baseball and softball);

District IX – Allegheny Clarion and Union High Schools (baseball);

District IX & X – Sheffield and Warren Area (softball);

District X – Franklin Area and Rocky Grove Junior High (softball);

District X – Oil City Middle and Venango Catholic (softball).

10. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2022-2023** school year (**will not** affect classification size of Teams):

District II – Berwick Area and Millville High Schools (girls' volleyball).

11. Approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year:

District IX – Sheffield and Abraxas Arlene Lissner (softball);

District XII – Philadelphia Academy Charter and George (boys' and girls' bowling).

12. Approved the following member school application(s), effective **July 1, 2022**:

District III – Hinkletown Mennonite High School (upon District III approval);

District VI – Arrows Christian Academy Middle School;

District XII – Philadelphia Electrical & Technology Charter High School.

13. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022**
(For previous co-ops as presented, co-ops are in effect but needed formal action of the Board of Directors to confirm these:

(2018-2019)

District III - Oley Valley and Brandywine Heights and Kutztown Area High Schools (boys' and girls' bowling);

District III & V– James Buchanan, McConnellsburg and Fannett Metal High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming and diving);

District XII – Academy at Palumbo, Creative and Performing and Constitution High Schools (boys' track and field);

District XII – Benjamin Franklin High School, Philadelphia Mr. Hawkins Military and Science Lead Academies (boys' track and field);

District XII – Constitution High, Academy at Palumbo, Parkway Center City Middle, Creative Performing, Science Leadership and GAMP High Schools (boys' golf);

District XII – George Washington and Benjamin Rush Art Academy, Philadelphia Academy Charter, Swenson Arts & Tech and MaST Charter High Schools (boys' lacrosse, football, and wrestling);

District XII – GAMP, South Philadelphia, and Furness (boys' tennis);

(2019-2020)

District XII – Constitution, Academy at Palumbo, and Parkway CC High Schools (girls' soccer);

(2020-2021)

District XII – Academy at Palumbo, Creative and Performing, GW Carver and Constitution High Schools (football);

District XII – Academy at Palumbo, Parkway CC Middle, Creative and Performing, Science Leadership Academy Bodine HS International, and Constitution High Schools (wrestling).

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022,
2:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE PIAA OFFICE**

Att. #4

District 4 - All tickets \$6.00 - \$7.52 with fees. No student tickets available

District 5 - All tickets \$6.00 - \$6.49 with fees. (not Hometown)

District 6 - All tickets \$8.00 - \$9.58 with fees. No student ticket available

District 7 - Adult Ticket \$7.00 \$8.35 with fees

Student Ticket \$5.00 \$6.25 with fees (GoFan)

Swimming Finals are \$10.00 \$11.50 with fees.

All Championships \$10.00??

District 9 – HomeTown Ticketing - Adults \$8.00 - \$9.58 with fees. Students about \$5.29

Walk-up Price - Adults \$10.00 and Students \$5.00

District 10 - All tickets \$8.00 - \$9.58 with fees. No student ticket available