

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2021**

The District 9 Committee held a virtual meeting January 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, Melissa DeMatteis, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Bill Jordan, Dr. Tom Lesniewski, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting was Dr. Randy Cathcart.

Guest: Dr. Scott DiTullio, Athletic Director, A.C. Valley High School
Marc Budd, Principal, Port Allegany High School
Ray Kelly, Principal, Johnsonburg Area High School
David Marterella, Student, Slippery Rock University

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Jordan and seconded by Scott Daum to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by John Sherry to approve the December 2020 treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

District 9 accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS: NO REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Straub presented a summary of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 22, 2020. A summary of the meeting can be found on the PIAA website.

The tentatively scheduled, January 6th, Board of Directors Meeting was cancelled due to no agenda items. The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors Meeting is Wednesday, January 27th.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Mike Erickson to take off the table the procedures to elect committee members and parent representatives. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Stoughton and seconded by Terry Straub to adopt an intent to run form to be completed by any present committee member who wants to be on the ballot for the annual District 9 Committee election. The motion passed with one negative vote. (Bonnie Wolbert)

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Jordan to adopt the procedure to elect the parents' representatives. The motion carried unanimously. The procedure is outlined below:

1. Letters of interest will be received until March 15, 2021.
2. Since the chairman will appoint the elected District 9 parents' representative to the PIAA Parents Advisory Committee, and the criteria to be appointed to the state board is that the said individual must be involved with a student activity organization at a PIAA-member school under the jurisdiction of that District Committee, any individual that does not meet the criteria will not be considered for the position as the PIAA District 9 parents' representative. It is hoped the student activity would be athletically related, the wording does not state that it must be an athletic organization.
3. Letters of interest will be reviewed by the members of the District 9 Committee from March 15th to the date of the Annual Meeting in April or May.
4. At the first regular committee meeting following the District 9 Annual Principals' Meeting the district committee will vote in open session to elect the male and female parents' representative. Each current voting member will cast one vote each for the male and female parents' representative. In the event of a tie, the district chairman will cast the deciding vote.

5. The parents' representatives will initially serve a three-year term. After the initial three-year term, the position will align with the PIAA terms of two years.
6. The current parents' representative will serve on the committee until June 30, 2021. The newly elected parents' representatives will serve from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2024.
7. All interested individuals who seek the parent's representative position must include the following in their letter of interest:
 - A cover letter and resume
 - The PIAA District 9 member school he or she has affiliation.
 - The school organization he or she has affiliation.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Not</u>
Approve #23	Redbank Valley	Brookville	J. Sherry/M.Erickson	Approved

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED: None

HEARINGS: None

Mike Erickson addressed the committee concerning the District 9 Athletic Directors Association presenting an annual award to the District 9 Athletic Director of the Year. This award will be presented by the athletic directors' association and not the district committee.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by John Stoughton to permit the District 9 Athletic Association to present the Athletic Director of the Year Award at the Annual District 9 Luncheon. The motion carried unanimously.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

BASKETBALL: The following report was given by Randy Reitz, basketball chairman.

The DIX basketball playoff games will be held at the gym of the higher seed through the finals. In the event that the COVID situation drastically improves, the DIX committee reserves the right to pursue neutral sites for the championship contest only. Likewise, if the higher seeded team declines to host, the option will go to the lower seeded team. If both teams decline, the DIX committee reserves the right to pursue an alternative site.

Schools that accept to host playoff games understand that they will be responsible for all financial costs with the exception of officials' fees, game manager fees, and athletic trainer fees. In the event both teams provide trainers, the individual schools will pick up this expense. Should neutral sites be used for the finals, the District will pick up all of the expenses for the game. If the occupancy levels change, the DIX committee will re-evaluate and may pay additional expenses incurred by the host school. At this time, all ticket sales will go to the DIX committee.

In the event that spectators are permitted to attend, each team will be given the same allotment of tickets.

The 2021 DIX basketball tournament will be seeded by committee at the conclusion of the regular season (games through March 2nd will count).

The tournament will be an open tournament and all teams must submit their information to Randy Reitz by March 3rd @ 9:00am.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Terry Straub to accept the report from the basketball chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Wee J Fernan addressed the basketball committee concerning a seeding program he developed. No action was taken by the district committee.

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT: District 9 tournament will be held February 27, 2021 at Moniteau High School. Coaches meeting at 1:00 and competition begins at 2:00. As of now there will be no spectators permitted at the event. Discussion was held concerning live streaming the event.

A motion was made by John Stoughton and seconded by Melissa DeMattis to hire Sports Scope to live stream the event. The cost to view the event would be \$20.00 per device. The motion carried by a 10 to 5 vote. Voting against the motion were Bill Howard, Pete Grecco, Dave Osborne, Terry Straub, and Mike Erickson.

SWIMMING AND DIVING: District 9 tournament dates: March 5 and 6, 2021 at Clearfield Area High School. PIAA tournament dates: March 11 to 13, 2021 at a site to be determined.

WRESTLING – INDIVIDUAL: Information will be sent to District 9 schools.

WRESTLING – TEAM: District 9 and PIAA tournament dates are still to be determined.

GOLF: Chairman Kevin Doverpike provided the following information concerning future site and dates site:

2021 Boys – Penn Hills Golf Course	September 27 and October 2
2021 Girls – Clarion Oaks Golf Course	October 4
2022 Boys – Kane Country Club	September 26 and October 1
2022 Girls – Coudersport Golf Course	October 3
2023 Boys – Pinecrest Country Club	September 25 and September 30
2023 Girls – Bavarian Hills Golf Course	October 2
2024 Boys – Clarion Oaks Golf Course	TBA
2024 Girls – Kane Country Club	TBA
2025 Boys – Punxsutawney Country Club	TBA
2025 Girls – Pinecrest Country Club	TBA
2026 Boys – Bavarian Hills Golf Course	TBA
2026 Girls – Punxsutawney Country Club	TBA

The following items will be addressed at the next District 9 Committee meeting: seeding proposals from Tom Elling and the sale of gate tickets at District 9 playoff events,

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary

