

**DISTRICT 9**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

The District 9 Committee held the February 9, 2016 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Brock Benson, Bud Brennen, Roger Collins, Randy Cathcart, Kevin Doverspike, Sandi Hanes, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, and Bonnie Wolbert.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

Attending the November meeting were Jay Israel and Chris Niklaus.

Mr. Niklaus addressed the committee about District 9 spirit competition. He thanked the committee for the changes made in the running the District 9 Competitive Spirit Competition. A number of items were presented for consideration: not holding the district event in the middle of the season, PIAA venue, deduction sheets, PIAA certified officials, and a different method to classify teams. The committee thanked Mr. Niklaus for his input.

Mr. Jay Israel, Assistant Principal of Kane Area High School, addressed the committee to review Kane Area High School's responsibility concerning an incident that occurred last girls' basketball season. All restrictions and conditions were met. A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tim Walter to remove all restrictions on the Kane Area High School's girls' basketball coach and program. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to approve the minutes of November 18, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to approve the December, January, and February treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

Financial reports for the following fall sports were presented: Competitive Spirt and Team Wrestling.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was received from the Ridgway Area High School,s administration outlining the action the school district took concerning an incident that occurred with the head boys' basketball coach. A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bill Howard supporting the action taken by the Ridgway Area School District's administration. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from the Armstrong County School informing the committee that Kittanning and Ford City High Schools have merged. Armstrong County Schools are willing to host district and inter-district events. Armstrong County Schools are members of District 7.

Letters were received from the AML and KSAC leagues requesting permission to conduct leagues championship basketball games. A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Bill Howard to grant the request. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

There is no update on the EEOC complaint filed by a District 9 official.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Tim Walter to approve a cooperative sports agreement between A C Valley High School and Union High School in varsity football, varsity and junior high boys and girls cross country, varsity and junior high boys and girls golf. The motion carried unanimously.

The PIAA brackets for all sports were passed on a first reading basis.

Volleyball – District 9 will have three championships

Tennis – there will be no changes in brackets

Cross Country – Dubois will qualify in a sub-region event

Basketball – District 9 will have 4 boys and 4 girls championships

Football – A, AA, AAA, AAAA brackets were presented to the committee

Bonnie Wolbert and Bud Brennen were re-elected to serve as the District 9 Officials' Representatives.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REVIEW:**

A summary of the January Board of Directors meeting has been sent to District 9 Schools. Important Items:

1. Adoption of an anti-bullying policy
2. PIAA baseball and softball finals have been moved from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> to provide a rain date.
3. CIPPE Forms should be kept for 10 years. Contests and officials contracts should be kept for 4 years.
4. Written contracts for contests and officials are required. Contracts should be written for one year.
5. The PIAA will review the policy for officials' assignors.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

**ELECTION COMMITTEE :** ANY PERSON INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE POSITION MUST HAVE THE **NOMINATION PETITION FOR PIAA DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE FORM** COMPLETED BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**Two forms are attached:** Nomination Petition and Annual Election Summary

**Please sent the nomination form to:** Roger Collins, Jim Manners, or Bob Tonkin

**THE ANNUAL PRINCIPALS' MEETING, ELECTION, AND LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 27, 2016 AT AIELLO'S CAFÉ.**

#### **Time schedule:**

8:30 to 9:30	District 9 Athletic Directors' Meeting
9:30 to 10:30	Principals meeting with District 9 Committee and District 9 Election
10:30 to 11:45	Dr. Robert Lombardi and PIAA Staff meeting
11:45 to 12:00	District 9 re-organization meeting
12:00 to 1:00	Annual Luncheon
1:00	District 9 Meeting

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**BASKETBALL:** District 9 will host AAA boys' game with District 8, AAAA boys' game with District 10, and a AAAA girls' game with District 8.

**COMPETITIVE SPIRIT:** Awards will not be presented to teams that do not compete for a championship position. A request will be made to the PIAA staff to add a steering committee for Competitive Spirit. The question of "additional qualifiers" will be requested to be placed on the PIAA Board of Directors agenda.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING:** The District 9 Swimming and Diving Meets will be held at St. Marys Area High School on March 4 and March 5, 2016. The time schedule will be sent to District 9 Schools.

**FOOTBALL:** The A, AA, AAA, and AAAA brackets were discussed. The district committee recommends District 9 not conduct football championship games in AAA and AAAA football.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

The next scheduled District 9 Committee meeting will be on April 27, 2016 at Aiello's Café at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary