

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

The District 9 Committee held the February 12, 2020 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present Bud Brennen, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Bill Howard, Bill Jordan, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting were Randy Cathcart, Tom Lesniewski, Kristie Bennardi, Melissa Dematteis, and John Stoughton.

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the minutes of the January 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Terry Straub to approve the January 2020 and February 2020 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

Accounts receivable and payable reports were reviewed.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Joh Sherry to accept the financial report from the District 9 Team Wrestling Championship Tournament. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Johnsonburg Area High School informing the committee that the Johnsonburg Area High School varsity wrestling team superseded the maximum number of points. Johnsonburg Area High School forfeited two matches and have implemented an action plan to prevent the situation from occurring in the future.

The committee discussed the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program and how the program affects athletic eligibility of transferring students. The PIAA transfer rules apply to transferring students under the program.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Terry Straub to accept the termination of the co-operative sports program between Redbank Valley High School and Union High School in wrestling. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Straub presented a review of the January 2020 Board of Directors meeting. A summary of the January Board of Directors meeting can be located on the PIAA website.

The PIAA Board of Directors will meet on March 18, 2020.

The committee reviewed the championship brackets for the next two years cycle that were passed on a first reading basis by the Board of Directors. The method to determined brackets was questioned.

Informational item – If a coach or athlete is disqualified from a contest, he or she must sit out the remainder of the contest, the remainder of events that day and the next days' contests.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Terry Straub to approve the co-operative sports agreement between Austin Area High School and Coudersport Area High School in softball. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Bill Howard updated the committee on identifying officials who have 50 years of officiating service. Officials with 50 years of service will be recognized at the 2020 – 2021 championship contests.

The Annual Athletic Directors Conference will be March 24 through 27 at the Hershey Motor Lodge.

The District 9 Website and the District 9 Handbook are being updated.

The committee reviewed the monthly transfer report from DuBois Catholic High School. A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bill Jordan to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Howard to recommend DuBois Catholic High School evaluate the procedure of getting officials from the basketball court to the officials' locker room to avoid a conflict with game officials. Also recommend a basketball coach that was disqualified from a contest take the on-line sportsmanship programs. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration will be given by the Board of Directors to change the disqualification policy. Any coach or player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after a contest will sit out two games and must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship Module. The school principal will report to the district sport chairman the corrective action if any further incident occurs. This will be a discussion item at the Annual Principals' Luncheon.

The terms for female and male parents' representatives on the District 9 Committee will expire on June 30, 2020. Any person interested in being considered for one of the positions may submit a letter of interest to Aaron Straub or Bob Tonkin by August 1, 2020. Representatives who presently serve in this position are welcome to re-apply.

The Annual District 9 Committee Election will be held on April 2, 2020. Anyone interested in running for a position on the district committee should submit the proper paperwork by March 15, 2020. The form that is to be completed is attached with the minutes.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

Student #	From:	To:	Motion/Second:	Vote:
#49	Elk C. C.	Johnsonburg	D. Osborne/B. Jordan	Approved

REQUEST FOR POST SEASON PARTICIPATION:

None

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED:

Student #	From:	To:	Motion/Second:	Vote:
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HEARINGS:

None

Thus far this year in District 9 there have been 19 disqualifications for lack of proper sportsmanship.

After the Board of Directors approve the brackets, the seeding committee will meet to evaluate the various methods of seeding teams for District 9 championship competition.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

Basketball - Clarion University will be used for District 9 playoff games this year. Quarter-final, semi-final and final games will be played at neutral sites.

Football - If the date, site or time of a contest is questioned, the issue should be resolved at the league or conference level. Not by the district committee.

Swimming and Diving – Swimming and diving championships will be held at St. Marys Area High School on February 28 and 29, 2020.

Track and Field – A question was raised concerning the legality of the girls’ high jump mats at Brookville Area High School. Brookville Area High School has purchased new high jump mats.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

The next District 9 Annual Principals Meeting and Luncheon will be at Aiello’s Café on Thursday, April 2, 2020.

The following is a time schedule for the Annual Meeting:

8:30 – District 9 Athletic Directors meeting

9:30 – District 9 Election and question and answer session

10:30 – Dr. Robert Lombardi, update on PIAA issues, questions and answers period

11:30 - District 9 re-organization meeting

11:45 – Annual Luncheon

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary

