

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 1, 2020**

The District 9 Committee held the April 1, 2020 meeting by teleconference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Bill Howard, Tom Lesniewski, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, John Stoughton, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. Missing the meeting were Kristie Bennardi, Melissa Dematteis, and Bill Jordan.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the minutes of the February 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the February 2020 treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to approve the March 2020 treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

Accounts receivable and payable reports were reviewed.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the 2020 District 9 Swimming and Diving Championship financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by John Sherry to approve the 2020 District 9 Team Wrestling Championship financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by John Sherry to approve the 2020 District 9 Individual Wrestling Championship financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to approve the 2020 District 9 Basketball Championship financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to pay the District 9 legal obligation of \$7200.00 to the PIAA. The fee will be paid from the District 9 checking account. 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from Johnsonburg Area High School informing the committee that the Johnsonburg Area High School varsity wrestling team superseded the maximum number of points.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. A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Terry Straub for a letter of reprimand be written to Johnsonburg Area High School. The motion carried unanimously.

Randy Cathcart, District 9 Wrestling Chairman, will attend the wrestling rules meeting and an athletic directors meeting to explain the method to count competition points to avoid schools making similar mistakes as Johnsonburg Area High School.

A letter was received from Shawn Hofman, Athletic Director at Ridway Area High School, concerning a school Ridway Area High School played in an inter-district basketball

game. Their opponent did not list all players (who participated in the game) on the school's eligibility list. The PIAA administration will be contacted concerning the situation.

A letter was received from James Fryzlewicz, Principal at Kane Area High School, concerning an incident that occurred during a District 9 basketball game by a player from an opposing school. The administration and basketball coach from the opposing school have taken appropriate corrective action.

A letter was received concerning ticket prices for District events.

A letter was received inquiring why there were no District 9 wrestling officials represented at the PIAA state championship matches. The District 9 officials who were asked to officiate at the state tournament had previous commitments and were unable to work the state tournament.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Straub presented a review of the March 30, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

A summary of the March Board of Directors meeting can be located on the PIAA website.

The PIAA Board of Directors will meet on May 20, 2020 at PIAA Board Room.

The championship brackets proposed for the next two years cycle was not discussed by the Board of Directors.

Consideration is being re-viewed by the Board of Directors to change the disqualification policy for coaches and players.

The PIAA allows medical and court ordered devices to be worn by athletes. Schools must submit a written request to the PIAA for permission for an athletic to wear the device.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The tentative date for the District 9 annual audit has been changed to July 13th at 9:00 at the Showers Athletic Complex in DuBois. If you are interest in participating in the audit, contact Mike Erickson or Bob Tonkin.

The District 9 Website and the District 9 Handbook will be discussed at the June meeting.

The committee reviewed the monthly transfer report for February and March from DuBois Catholic High School. A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to accept the report. The motion carried unanimously.

The terms for female and male parents' representatives on the District 9 Committee will expire on June 30, 2020. A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to set the deadline to receive letters of consideration for the female and male parents' representative position be April 30th. The motion carried unanimously.

A committee was established to review and recommend a female and male parents' representative to the district committee at the June meeting. Serving on the committee are Bill Howard, John Stoughton, Dave Osborne, John Sherry, and Terry Straub. Chairman Staub will be a non-voting member of the committee.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Terry Straub to conduct the Annual District 9 Committee Election electronically. Ballots will be emailed to principals on April 13th and must be returned by April 17th Kevin Doverspike, Election Chairman, will tally the ballots. The motion carried unanimously.

Voting on the PIAA Constitutional Amendment will be conducted electronically. Ballots will be emailed to principals on April 6th and will be due back on April 8th.

Recommendations for the 2019 – 2020 District 9 Sportsmanship Awards will be made at August meeting.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

Student #	From:	To:	Motion/Second:	Vote:
#50	Franklin	Cranberry	B. Howard/B. Wolbert	Approved

REQUEST FOR POST SEASON PARTICIPATION:

None

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED:

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

None

The seeding committee will meet by teleconference to evaluate the various methods of seeding teams for District 9 championship competition.

There is no deadline for schools to send officials' contracts to officials.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

Swimming and Diving - The district will continue a rotation between St. Marys Area High School and Clearfield Area High School for the next two years cycle.

Wrestling - A discussion was held concerning the site for the AA Individual wrestling tournament. Randy Cathcart and Bob Tonkin will meet with representatives of Clarion University to discuss the cost of rental and other considerations for hosting the tournament at Clarion University.

A motion was made by John Stoughton and seconded by Randy Cathcart to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:35.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary

