

DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 10, 2019

The District 9 Committee held the April 10, 2019 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, Melissa DeMatteis, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Bill Howard to accept the minutes for the January District 9 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by John Scott Daum to approve the January, February, March, and April treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

Financial summary for the swimming and diving, team wrestling, individual wrestling, and basketball tournaments were presented.

The method for submitting game reports to the PIAA for inter-district games played in District 9 was discussed.

The receipts and expenses from programs and merchandise sold at District 9 events were discussed. Further discussion will take place at the June meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE:

Chairman Manners updated the committee on the following items from the January Board of Directors meeting:

Amateur status and awards

Within 10 days prior to the start of each sports season, no student enrolled at a PIAA member high school may participate on a team on which all other players and at least one coach is also affiliated at that student's school.

Third reading – effective July 1, 2019 to accept the language of Article VI, Transfer, Residence, and Recruiting to address the transfer after 10th grade season.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday May 22, 2019 at the PIAA Office.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The term of the superintendents' representative on the District 9 Committee will be an agenda item at the June Meeting.

At the June meeting the committee will continue to discuss presenting awards for sub-region championship and giving awards to teams that are declared district champions without playing a contest.

TRANSFER REQUESTS: This school year there have been 41 transfer requests in District 9. All requests have been approved

A complete list of all athletic transfer requests will be emailed to all District 9 principals and athletic directors. The list will include the transferring students' names.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED: No new requests.

A complete list of all foreign exchange student requests will be emailed to all District 9 principals and athletic directors

COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Aaron Straub to approve a co-operative sports agreement between Clarion Area High School and Clarion-Limestone High School in varsity football. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Aaron Straub to approve a co-operative sports agreement between Sheffield Area High School and Abraxas High School in girls track and field. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee discussed using the co-operative sports agreement to create a "super team."

OTHER ITEMS:

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Howard to permit DuBois Area High School to join a newly formed ruffle league with schools from District 5 and 6. The motion was approved unanimously.

Melissa DeMatteis and John Stoughton are continuing to work on updating the District 9 website.

The following items were discussed:

Paying the tournament fee for schools and non-school organizations conducting tournaments.

Penalty for schools that violate the 10 day "dead period" to the start of practice.
Open gym policy

Who is responsible to make sure schools' eligibility sheets are correctly completed?
Is the fine for not submitting an eligibility sheet being enforced?

Right to Know

Boundary vs non-boundary issue

Transfers and recruiting

Regionalization for inter-district playoff structure

Method of counting student enrollment numbers

Officials' evaluations and selection of officials for playoff games and matches

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

FOOTBALL: Eight-man football was discussed at the football steering committee and discussion will continue at the district and state level. Reducing the football playoff games by one week was discussed. Securing insurance policies for concussions and football helmets.

BASKETBALL: There can be a problem locating neutral sites to hold contests. At the basketball steering committee meeting, increasing the number of contests to 23 was discussed. Also discussed was moving the first legal play date and reducing the number of scrimmages. The amount paid to evaluate basketball games was discussed.

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT: From the steering committee a motion was approved to change the classifications for competitive spirit to AA and AAA and maintain a co-ed class. Melissa Dematteis prepared an intensive amount of materials supporting a need for change.

CROSS COUNTRY: Several schools are over reporting the number of members on their cross-country teams. This creates a problem of the number of teams and runners from the twelve PIAA districts that can compete at the PIAA Championship Meet.

TRACK: DuBois Area High School and Redbank Valley High School have expressed an interest in hosting the District 9 Track and Field Championship meet.

TENNIS: There is a conflict with the dates scheduled for district championships and AP testing. Adjustments will be made.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

The next District 9 Committee meeting – June 12, 2019 at 9:00 at Aiello's Café, Ridgway.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary