

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 12, 2012**

The District 9 Committee held the April 12, 2012 meeting at Aiello's Café, Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Sandi Hanes, Dan Kysor, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Carla Smith, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Carla Smith to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to accept the March and April treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously. Accounts payable were reviewed.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Dr. Robert Lomabardi was selected to replace Brad Cashman as the PIAA Executive Director.

Changes in the format for PIAA Girls' Volleyball Championship will be discussed by the volleyball steering committee.

The terms "bounded and non-bounded" schools have been removed from discussion by the Board of Directors.

The process of establishing championship brackets and classifications has been complicated by the closing and re-opening high schools.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Dan Kysor to use the Department of Education deadline to accept requests for schools to upgrade their classification. The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Carla Smith to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Clarion Area High School and North Clarion High School in football. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dan Kysor and seconded by Sandi Hanes to approve a cooperative sports agreement between North Clarion High School and Brookville Area High School in swimming and diving pending the proper paperwork. The motion passed unanimously.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

FOOTBALL:

An agreement has been reached between the three District 9 "AAA" schools and Northern Bedford High School to play a varsity football game on the 10th week of the 2012 and 2013 seasons. This will allow a District 9 "AAA" Championship Football game to be played.

CHEERLEADING:

A motion was made by Sandi Hanes and seconded by Bud Brennen to sponsor a District 9 Competitive Cheerleading Championship. The motion carried by a 16 to 1 vote. Randy Cathcart casted the negative vote.

More information will be provided at the June district committee meeting.

BASKETBALL:

Two items were brought to the basketball committee concerning the 2011 – 2012 District 9 Basketball Tournament: use the power rating system to establish seeding for the basketball championships and the participation by charter school.

VOLLEYBALL – BOYS:

District 9 will host a regional tournament between District 6, 8, 9 and 10. The contest will most likely be held at Dubois Area High School.

WRESTLING:

There is the possibility to establish a “AAA” qualifying tournament which would include the District 4 “AAA” schools and the five District 9 teams. More information will be provided through emails with the District 9 “AAA” school and the district committee. There will be more discussion at the June meeting.

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Bill Vassallo to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING:

At the District 9 re-organization meeting the following were elected as officers for the 2012 -2013 school year:

Chairman - Jim Manners
Vice-chairman - Aaron Straub
Secretary/treasurer - Bob Tonkin

ANNUAL PRINCIPALS’ MEETING:

The following were the topics discussed at the principals’ meeting by members of the district committee. Mr. Bradley Cashman updated the administrators in attendance on current PIAA matters.

Competitive cheerleading as a PIAA sponsored sport.
Consolidation of the twelve PIAA districts into eight districts.
Classification of private and public schools. (Charter schools)
Sportsmanship award.
Audit committee.
Transfers and forms to be completed and when schools do not need to submit transfer forms.
Make-up of the PIAA Board of Directors.
Reasons to change the annual banquet to a luncheon meeting.
Championship brackets for the 2012 – 2014 years.
Various recommendations of the Sports Medicine Committee including 5 days “no pad” period in football prior to the first day of practice.

Defined the terms boundary school, charter school, cyber charter school, non-boundary school, private school, public school, and public school district.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on June 13, 2012 at 9:00 at Aiello's Café, Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary