

DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 12, 2019

The District 9 Committee held the June 12, 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, Randy Cathcart, Melissa DeMatteis, Mike Erickson, Bob Gearhart, Peter Grecco, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, John Stoughton, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. Absent from the meeting were Kevin Doverspike, Scott Daum, Tom Lesnieski.

The committee went into executive session.

Gretchen Caruso, Headmaster at DuBois Catholic High School, Karrie Miller, Principal at DuBois Catholic High School, and Phil Esposito, Athletic Director at DuBois Catholic High School, attended the meeting to answer questions concerning several transfer violations. The committee thanked the DuBois Catholic High School administration for providing information to the committee.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to require DuBois Catholic High School to remain on probation through July 1, 2020 during which time the school must adhere to the following requirements.

1. A representative of the DuBois Catholic High School administration (Headmaster or Principal) must attend all DuBois Catholic High School 2020 softball contests both home and away.
2. All eligibility lists to the PIAA website must be hand entered for more complete information.
3. DuBois Catholic High School's Athletic Director or his/her designee must attend all District IX athletic director meetings.
4. DuBois Catholic High School's Athletic Director must attend athletic education classes available through PSADA. The available courses offered and required should be discussed with the District IX Chairman.
5. Eligibility lists for each sport, hand signed by the Headmaster, Principal, and Athletic Director, must be submitted to the District IX Chairman three days prior to the first play date of that sport. Along with the eligibility list, page #1 Section 1 & 2 of the Transfer Waiver Request Form must be filled out for each student listed on each eligibility list. This includes sections A-D of Section 1 and A-H on Section 2. Section 3 does not need to be completed.
6. Starting August 1, 2019, a monthly update must be provided to the District IX Chairman. This update must contain the following:
 - a. Name the administrator at each DuBois Catholic High School softball games. This includes home games, away games and all post season games.
 - b. Update school specific list of DuBois Central Catholic transfers in/out of your high school and junior high school (Grades 7-12)
 - c. Educational classes. (When, who, where and source)
 - d. Any violations or ejections by any athletes.
 - e. Guarantee that ALL paperwork dealing with athletics has been completed. (Eligibility sheets, game contracts, official contracts, transfer paperwork, decisions on eligibility, ejection paperwork, etc.)
7. Any future violation, by sport, involving participation by an ineligible transfer student will result in forfeiture of post season eligibility in that sport.

8. All other violations committed by DuBois Central Catholic will be brought before the District IX Committee for their examination and appropriate discipline, if necessary, will be determined.

The motion carried by nine to three votes with one abstention. Voting against the motion were Terry Straub, Melissa DeMatteis, and John Stoughton. Abstaining was Mike Erickson.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by John Stoughton to amend the previously passed motion to suspend DuBois Catholic High School in all sports from post season participation for the 2019 – 2020 school year. The motion failed by a five to eight vote with one abstention. Voting against the motion were Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Bob Gearhart, Peter Grecco, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, Aaron Straub, and Bonnie Wolbert. Abstaining was Mike Erickson.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the minutes of the April 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Joh Stoughton to approve the April, May, and June treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

Financial reports for the District 9 Baseball, Softball, Tennis, and Track and Field were reviewed. The financial report for the Annual Principals Meeting and Luncheon was presented. The format for future Annual Principals Meeting and Luncheon will be discussed at the August meeting.

The annual District 9 Audit Meeting will be on Monday July 8, 2019 at 9:00 at the Showers Field Complex in Dubois. Any person interested helping at the audit meeting please contact Mike Erickson or Bob Tonkin.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

A review of the May PIAA Board of Directors meeting was sent to all District 9 schools.

The next Board of Directors meetings are scheduled for July 17 and 18, 2019 at The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center in State College.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

TRANSFERS: none

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT REQUESTS: none

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Bill Howard for the District 9 superintendents to elect a representative to the district committee every two years. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Randy Cathcart to approve dissolving the co-operative sports agreement between Venango Catholic High School and Rocky Grove High School in girls basketball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by John Stoughton to approve a co-operative sports agreement between North Clarion High School and Keystone High School in girls golf. The motion carried unanimously pending the proper paperwork.

A motion was made by Bob Gearhart and seconded by John Stoughton to elect Kevin Doverspike to the position of assistant District 9 chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

No Reports

Items for the August meeting will include:

Appointing assistant chairperson for various sports

Updating the District 9 website

Using Royal Publishing to print a few the District 9 Championship programs

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on August 14, 2019 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The starting time will be 9:00 AM.

The 2017 – 2018 District 9 Audit Meeting will be held on Monday July 8th at 9:00 AM at the Showers Field Complex in Dubois.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary