

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2020**

The District 9 Committee held a virtual meeting on August 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Melissa DeMatteis, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Bill Jordan, Tom Lesniewski, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert.

The following attended the virtual meeting: Gary Buchsen, Brock Benson, Scott DiTullo, Scott Kindel, Angelo Salvo, Katy Pude, Matt Splain, Sam Johnson, Allen Leigey, Kris Glosser, Ed Baumcratz, Stacy Wiles, and Chuck Ferra.

The committee welcomed Misty Hartle as a new member of the committee.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Jordan to approve the July and August 2020 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

The report of the Annual Internal District 9 Audit was presented by Chairman Mike Erickson. All District 9 financial accounts were all in order. No recommendations for changing the accounting procedures from the present systems need to be made. A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by John Sherry to accept the audit report. The motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the audit report is attached

The financial implications on the committee's financial position if there are no gate receipts at district playoff events was briefly discussed.

QUICK FACTS AND DISTRICT 9 PASSES:

The 2020 – 2021 Quick Facts will be emailed to District 9 schools after August 26th.

The 2020 – 2021 District 9 Passes have been mailed to District 9 superintendents, principals, athletic directors, and media.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Pat Gebhart, PIAA Assistant Executive Director, requested that his response to a letter concerning a District 9 official's conflict of interest be read at the District 9 meeting. Mr. Gebhart's letter was read to the committee. After reviewing the concerns and the PIAA policy, Mr. Gebhart PIAA did not find a conflict with the official having membership in an athletic booster club and officiating contest in a league that the high school competes. **A copy of the PIAA Conflict of Interest Policy for All Sports is attached.**

An anonymous letter was received concerning illegal offseason violations by a District 9 school. The school accused of the violations will be notified about the anonymous letter. **The PIAA policy concerning anonymous letters is attached.**

Communication was received from Mrs. Kristie Bennardi notifying the committee she is no longer a member of the Ridgway Area School District's School Board. The district committee thanked Mrs. Bennardi for her service on the district committee. **The procedure to fill the school board position on the committee is attached.**

A letter was received from Mrs. Heather McMahon-Vargas, Superintendent of Ridgway Area School District, explaining the school district's policy for fall sports participation. The committee thanked the

Ridgway Area School District for the detailed document. No district committee action can be taken on the proposal.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

A motion was made John Stoughton and second by Mike Erickson to approve the following transfers:

Student:	From:	To:
#1	St. Marys	Cameron Co.
#2	DuBois	DuBois C. C.
#3	Bainbridge	Clarion
#4	Purchase Line	Karns City
#5	Elk C. C.	Cameron Co.
#6	Horsehead, NY	DuBois
#7	Clarion	DuBois
#8	DuBois C. C.	DuBois
#9	Kane	Elk C. C.

The motion carried unanimously.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED: None

HEARINGS: None

CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE:

Chairman Straub updated the committee on the July 2020 Board of Director’s meetings. Summary of the meeting can be found on the PIAA website.

The next PIAA Board meeting will be August 21, 2020.

Please review information concerning fall sports on the PIAA website.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The committee was updated on the format to recognize officials who officiated 50 years or more. More information will be presented at the September committee meeting.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Misty Hartle to approve PIAA Junior High School membership for Venango Catholic School. The motion carried unanimously.

Bonnie Wolbert, Sportsmanship Chairperson, presented a list of schools eligible for the 2019 – 2020 District 9 Sportsmanship Awards. The winning schools will be selected at the September committee meeting.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

Football: District 9 football information will be emailed to schools and media prior to the first regular season games.

Competitive Spirit: District 9 date – January 16, 2021
PIAA Championship dates – January 29 and 30, 2021

Wrestling: Updates on the changes in the PIAA weight classes, hair length and facial hair rules, and the possible rental of Tippin Gym at Clarion University for the AA District 9 wrestling tournament.

Fall Sports: The committee discussed the impact of the PIAA decision on playing or not playing fall sports. The August 25th meeting will deal with the PIAA decision in detail.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Randy Cathcart to adjourn at meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, August 25, 2021 at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,

District 9 Secretary