

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTMEBER 16, 2020**

The District 9 Committee held the September 16, 2020 meeting at the Bavarian Hills Country Club in St. Marys. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Bill Jordan, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Attending the meeting virtually were Melissa DeMatteis, Tom Lesniewski, and John Stoughton.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Randy Cathcart to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

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

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

The District 9 financial reserve account was reviewed.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bill Howard for the 2020 – 2021 financial year to reduce mileage compensation from round trip to one way, no committee merchandise to be purchased, to pay sports chairs, game managers, and site managers but not pay committee member workers at district events. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Howard not to publish 2020 – 2021 District 9 Fall Sports Programs. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Terry Straub to permit the pre-order sales of District 9 merchandise. There will be no merchandise sold at district events. The motion carried unanimously.

QUICK FACTS:

Hopefully the 2020 – 2021 Quick Facts will be emailed to District 9 schools and media after September 21, 2020. Please review your school's copy. If there are any corrections, please email Bob Tonkin.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following communications from the PIAA office were presented:

Covid-19 warning signs

Covid-19 athletic waiver form

Modification to sub-varsity football rules

A letter was received from the Coudersport Area School District's and the Oswayo Valley School District's Superintendents concerning student-athletes who are enrolled in an agricultural program at Coudersport Area Schools District. PIAA by-laws address the situation.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

There will be a zoom PIAA workshop meeting later today.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be on September 23, 2020.

Mr. Scott Daum has been appointed to fill the vacant School Boards Association position on the District 9 Committee.

The number of spectators permitted at District 9 sponsored events was discussed.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

A motion was made Mike Erickson and second Pete Grecco by to approve the following transfers:

Student:	From:	To:
#12	Valley Forge M. A.	Elk C. C.
#13	Otto-Eldred	St. Marys Presumptively Eligible

#14 Otto-Eldred St. Marys Presumptively Eligible
The motion carried unanimously.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED: None

HEARINGS:

An appeals hearing was held on September 8, 2020 at Brookville Area High School. Cranberry Area High School appealed a decision by District 9 concerning a student transferring from A. C. Valley High School to Cranberry Area High School. After testimony was presented by both parties, the hearing committee entered executive session. Following the executive session, the public session was reconvened. A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Randy Reitz to grant athletic eligibility to the Cranberry Area High School student for the regular season but deny eligibility for the post season. The motion carried by a 5 to 1 vote.

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Bud Brennen to approve District 9 Sports Chairs and Sports Committees. The motion carried unanimously. The list of District 9 Sports Chairpersons and Sports Committees can be found in your copy of Quick Facts.

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Bill Jordan for the Sportsmanship Committee to meet and recommend the school or schools to win the 2019 – 2020 District 9 Sportmanship Awards. The recommendation will be made at the October District 9 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to change the 50 Years Officials' Service Award to recognize an official who has officiated 50 years or longer consecutively. The motion carried unanimously.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

Fall Sports:

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert that the 2020 – 2021 District 9 fall sports championship events the higher seeded school host the event. The host school will absorb all costs except the cost of officials. If the higher seeded school cannot host the event, the event will be played at visiting school's venue. If neither school can host the event, the event will be held at a neutral site chosen by the sport chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

CROSS COUNTRY, GOLF, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, TENNIS, and VOLLEYBALL:

Sports chairs updated the committee about the District 9 Tournaments. Information will be sent by the chairs soon. Also, information can be found in the District 9 2020-2021 Quick Facts.

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to adjourn at meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 9:00, at a site to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,

District 9 Secretary