

DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

The District 9 Committee held the September 20, 2017 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Peter Grecco, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, John Sherry, Matt Spain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting were Randy Cathcart, Bud Brennen, John Stoughton, Terry Straub, and Tim Walter.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to approve the minutes of the August meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Matt Splain to approve the August and September treasurer's reports.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Sandi Hanes, Female Parents Representative, resigning her position on the District 9 Committee. A motion was made by Peter Grecco and seconded by Mike Erickson to accept the resignation with regrets. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Splain and seconded by Bill Howard to accept requests from individuals who would like to fill the position of Female Parents Representative until November 1, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Anyone who would like to be considered for this position should submit a letter of application (with their athletic qualifications to serve in this position) to either Jim Manners or Bob Tonkin. A sub-committee to evaluate the applicants was established. Serving on the committee are Mike Erickson, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Matt Spain, Aaron Straub, and Bonnie Wolbert.

A letter was received from Mr. Marc Budd, Principal at Port Allegany High School, concerning a soccer official having physical contact with the Port Allegany High School's head soccer coach. The incident occurred during a varsity soccer match. The incident was reported to the PIAA. The PIAA is continuing to investigate the complaint.

A letter was received from Dr. Luke Lansberry, Superintendent at DuBois Area School District, requesting the District Committee reverse a decision that denied eligibility to a student transferring from DuBois Area High School to DuBois Catholic High School. The 30 day request period for an appeal has passed therefore consideration was not granted.

A letter was received from Mr. Mark Dippold, Principal at Brockway Area High School, concerning the possibility of Brockway Area High School playing an ineligible player in a varsity football game. A motion was made Aaron Straub and seconded by Bill Howard stating Brockway Area High School Administration did everything possible to correct the situation and no action

needed to be taken by the District 9 Committee. The motion carried with one abstention. (Peter Grecco)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

School dues are to be paid to the PIAA by September 29, 2017.

The next Board of Directors meeting is October 4, 2017.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

A list of approved transfers has been sent to principals by Chairman Manners.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUESTS:

A list of approved foreign exchange students has been sent to principals by Chairman Manners.

HEARINGS:

None

LEGAL MATTERS:

There is no updated information concerning an EEOC complaint by a District 9 official.

COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:

The following information was provided concerning cooperative sports agreements:

Port Allegany High School and Smethport Area High School - boys and girls cross country, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls golf.

Clearfield Area High School and St. Francis School – review of the sports in the cooperative agreement.

Northern Potter High School and Coudersport Area High School – golf

Cranberry High School and Oil City Area High School – wrestling.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to approve the cooperative sports agreements pending the proper paperwork. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICY MANUAL:

An updated copy of the District 9 Policy Manual will be provided to committee members at the November 20th committee meeting.

The committee discussed adding a vice-chairman's position for District 9 Sports Championship sponsored events.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Thus far there past been only one unsportsmanlike disqualification in District 9.

TRAINERS:

The following people will serve on a committee to meet with various certified athletic trainers to discuss concerns of the trainers. Serving on the committee are Mike Erickson, Matt Splain, Bill Howard, Peter Grecco, Terry Straub, and Bob Tonkin.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

CROSS COUNTRY:

Letters have been sent to schools that sponsor cross country to determine the number of teams and individuals who will enter the district cross country championships.

GOLF:

Golf Chairman, Kevin Doverspike, provided the committee with information concerning the 2017 – 2018 District 9 Golf Tournament.

A letter was received from Mr. Benjamin Porkolab, golf coach at Cameron County High School, requesting the minimum participation rule be waived for a Cameron County golfer. The golfer had surgery and missed a number of matches. A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Peter Grecco to give the golf chairman discretion to waiver the minimum contest rule. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from the golf coach at Clarion Area High School inquiring if members of a junior high school “club” golf team could participate with schools that sponsor junior high school coach programs. Club programs are not recognized by the PIAA and students could not participate in a PIAA sponsored contest. To establish a junior high school golf team is an internal issue of the school district.

TENNIS and SOCCER :

Check the information provided in Quick Facts.

VOLLEYBALL:

A request was made to consider extending the date for counting volleyball matches for seeding purposes. A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Dave Osborne not to extend the deadline for counting matches. The motion carried unanimously.

FOOTBALL:

Discussion to form a new District 9 Football League between the KSAC and the AML is still taking place.

There is a concern that some schools may not have enough eligible players to complete their football season. Please refer to the PIAA Handbook, Article 12 Section 5

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on November 20, 2017 at 9:00 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway. Note the date has been changed from the dated listed in Quick Facts.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Dave Osborne to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary