

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 22, 2010**

The District 9 Committee held the September 22, 2010 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Ed Babcock, Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Kevin Doverspike, Jim Manners, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tom Wagner, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2010 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL:**

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the August and September treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable were reviewed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The district committee would agree to support, on a first reading basis, the Board of Directors to investigate a "true" East vs. West split for PIAA Championships. Any suggestions on the method of classifications and the number of classifications per sport should be sent to Jim Manners.

A letter of resignation from the District 9 Committee was received from Jeff Kepler. A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Ed Babcock to accept Mr. Kepler's resignation with regrets. The motion carried unanimously.

A request was made by Punxsutawney Area High School to permit an exception to the uniform rule for a girls' basketball player for religious reasons. Punxsutawney Area High School followed the proper procedure for the PIAA to grant the exception. Prior to the start of games, a school representative will present a letter granting the exception to the uniform rule to the officials.

A letter was received from Mr. James Kaschalk voicing disapproval concerning the plan that PIAA may require officials attend the PIAA Officials' Convention in order to officiate district and inter-district contests.

A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Ed Babcock for the District 9 committee to continue to use the present policy to assign officials for District 9 Championships. The motion carried unanimously.

A number of schools questioned a change in the uniform rules especially for football and soccer. The state association gives schools a number of years to order uniforms that are in compliance with National Federation rules. Please check the football rules book page 18 and the soccer rules book page 22 for the new uniform rules.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Since the last District 9 meeting, the PIAA Board of Directors has not met. The next state board meeting will be October 7 and 8, 2010.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

The date for the Annual Principals' Meeting and Banquet will be announced at the October district meeting.

**The district committee will accept letters of inquiry for the vacant position on the district committee until October 13, 2010. At the October meeting, a person will be appointed to fill the vacant position. Letters should be sent to Chairman, Jim Manners, or Secretary, Bob Tonkin.**

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Roger Collins to grant athletic eligibility to Curtis Holt, an emancipated student from Kane Area High School. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

The budget committee will meet prior to the October meeting.

The 2009 – 2010 District 9 Sportsmanship Award will be determined at the October meeting.

A request will be made for a representative of North West Saving to attend the October meeting to present materials concerning corporate sponsorship.

### **SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

#### **CROSS COUNTRY:**

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Ed Babcock for Bob Wicker to serve as the 2010 – 2011 cross country chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Roger Collins to eliminate the “extras” race at the district cross country meet. The motion passed with a negative vote cast by Aaron Straub.

#### **SOCCER:**

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Randy Cathcart for all semi-final and final soccer matches to be played at “non-home” sites with consideration given to the size of the field and if the facility has lights. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **TENNIS:**

There is no facility in District 9 that meets the PIAA requirement to host inter-district tennis competition.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Ed Babcock to move matches that would be hosted in District 9 to District 7. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **BASKETBALL:**

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Roger Collins to table moving quarter-final basketball games to neutral sites. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **FOOTBALL:**

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins that if possible to pair the #7 and #8 seeds against opponents from the opposite leagues. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Randy Cathcart to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously

.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,  
District 9 Secretary

## **DISTRICT 9 HEARINGS:**

On September 9, 2010 a hearing was held at Brookville Area High School to determine the athletic eligibility of a Redbank Valley High School student.

Representing Redbank Valley High School were:

Jason Huffman – Principal

Tom Logan – Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

Parent of Student

Redbank Valley High School Student

The following District 9 Committee members made-up the hearing panel:

Bud Brennen

Jim Manners

Tom Wagner

Jerry Linsenbigler

Aaron Straub

Randy Cathcart

Roger Collins

Bob Tonkin

After testimony and deliberation, a motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to grant athletic eligibility to Ben Carrillo.

The motion passed unanimously.

On September 22, 2010 a hearing was held at Aiello's Cafe to determine the athletic eligibility a student who transferred from Clarion-Limestone High School to Clarion Area High School.

Representing Clarion Area High School were:

Randy Cathcart – Principal

Parent of Student

Clarion-Limestone High School Student

Representing Clarion-Limestone High School were:

Wendy Young – Principal

Doug Rodgers – Assistant Principal and Athletic Director

Frank Wolbert – Softball Coach

Dave Snowberger – Athletic Trainer

The following District 9 Committee members made-up the hearing panel:

Bud Brennen

Jim Manners

Tom Wagner

Bob Wicker

Aaron Straub

Ed Babcock

Roger Collins

Bob Tonkin

Kevin Doverspike

Tim Walter

After testimony and deliberation, a motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Ed Babcock to grant athletic eligibility to Krysta Fuller.

The motion passed by a five to four vote.

Voting favor were Bob Wicker, Roger Collins, Bob Tonkin, Ed Babcock, and Aaron Straub.

Voting against were Kevin Doverspike, Tom Wagner, Tim Walter, and Bud Brennen.

