

**DISTRICT 9**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

The District 9 Committee held the September 26, 2018 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, Melissa DeMatteis, Kevin Doverspike, Scott Daum, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, John Stoughton, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tim Walter, and Bonnie Wolbert. (absent Randy Cathcart)

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Tim Walter to approve the minutes of the August 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Pete Grecco to approve the August and September treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

The district committee will collect donations for District 9 championship programs rather than charge a set price.

The annual District 9 audit was reviewed by Boyer and Ritter, CPA.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Tim Walter to pay certified athletic trainers \$80.00 per athletic contest and \$25.00 per hour for tournaments. The motion carried by a twelve to four vote. Voting against the motion were Dave Osborne, John Stoughton, Melissa DeMatteis, and Terry Straub.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Letters were received from Keystone High School and Clearfield Area High School acknowledging District 9 Sportsmanship Awards.

A letter was received from Mr. Todd Stanko, Principal at Kane Area Middle School, notifying the committee Kane Area Middle School forfeited two middle school football games because of the lack of proper paperwork for a member of the football team. Kane Area Middle School has evaluated the procedure to insure the situation does not occur in the future. A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to accept the letter presented by the Kane Area Middle School. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from Cranberry High School informing the committee Cranberry High School forfeited two Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference golf matches because an ineligible student participated in the contests. A request for additional information from Cranberry High School and a clarification of the interpretation of a section of the PIAA eligibility policy from the PIAA is requested.

**TRANSFER REQUESTS:**

**A complete list of all athletic transfer requests will be emailed to all District 9 principals and athletic directors. The list will include the transferring students' names.**

<b>NAME #</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>REG SEASON</b>	<b>POST SEASON</b>
11.	Ruther-Spindale (SC)	Brockway	12	YES	YES
Motion by B. Wolbert second by Scott Daum – vote unanimous					
17.	Elk Co. Cath.	Ridgway	11	YES	YES
Motion by D. Osborne second by Kevin Doverspike – passed (voting no J. Stoughton, M. DeMatteis, S. Daum, Bonnie Wolbert) abstention – A. Straub					
18.	Scio (NY)	Northern Potter	12	YES	YES
Motion by B. Howard second by John Stoughton – vote unanimous					
21.	Church Hills (MI)	Moniteau	11	YES	YES
Motion by B. Howard second by T. Walter – passed (abstentions – M. DeMatteis, J. Stoughton)					
20.	Eunice (NY)	Clearfield	11	YES	YES
Motion by P. Grecco second by Scott Daum – vote unanimous					

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED:**

A total of seven foreign exchange requests have been received and approved.

**HEARINGS:** None

**COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:**

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by John Stoughton to approve dissolving the cooperative agreement between Keystone High School and A C Valley High School in wrestling. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by John Stoughton to approve the cooperative agreement between Keystone High School and Clarion Area High School in varsity and junior high school wrestling. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the cooperative agreement between Clarion-Limestone High School and Clarion Area High School in junior high school football. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by John Stoughton to approve the cooperative agreement between Smethport Area High School and Port Allegany High School in varsity and junior high school wrestling. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the cooperative agreement between DuBois Area School and DuBois Catholic High School in gymnastics. The motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be on October 3, 2108 at the PIAA office.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Changes in the District 9 Policy Manual will be emailed to committee members prior to the November committee meeting.

The committee discussed various methods to make better use of the District 9 website. The website will be updated soon. Tom Elling, webmaster, will be contacted to discuss various ways the committee can better utilize the website. All photos that appear on the website must be approved by the various District 9 sports chairpersons.

A summary of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee hearing with the PIAA Equity Steering Committee was presented.

The method to count home school, cyber school, charter school, vocation school, cooperative sports, etc. for enrollment numbers was discussed.

The number of classes in various sports was discussed.

### **SPORTS COMMITTEES:**

**BASEBALL:** Discussion was held concerning a method to determine the fourth seeded team in the sub-regional baseball tournament between Districts 4, 6, and 9.

**FOOTBALL:** Power rankings for the District 9 Football Playoff will be available every Monday.

**CROSS COUNTRY, TENNIS, SOCCER, AND VOLLEYBALL:** Soon tournament information will be emailed to schools. Please check your Quick Facts for dates and locations.

**GOLF:** Discussion was held concerning increasing the qualifying scores and to implement a "stroke rule."

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on November 13, 2019 at Aiello's Café, Ridgway at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary