

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2008**

The District 9 Committee held the October 10, 2008 meeting at Aiello's Cafe in Ridgway, PA. Chairman Jim Manners called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Ed Babcock, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Tom Wagner, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the September meeting. The motion carried.

Mr. Jonathan Maddy, Assistant Principal, Mr. Mark Whisner, Athletic Director, and Mr. Tim Curtis, Wrestling Coach, from Keystone High School were present to explain a situation that occurred during the District 9 Wrestling Tournament at Clarion University. Clarion University will be reimbursed for damages to university property by Keystone High School.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Fall entry fees were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Susan Valentine to permit the merchandise chairman to set the price of merchandise to be sold. The motion carried.

The price of student and adult tickets at sites that host more than one event will remain at \$2.00 and \$5.00.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Ed Babcock to transfer \$3,000.00 from the mutual fund account to the checking account. The motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Changes in the District 9 "Quick Facts" will be e-mailed to member schools.

A motion was made by Jerry Linsenbigler to table the appointment of the male parents' representative until the November meeting.

There have been two letters received requesting consideration for the male parents' representative position on the district committee. A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Ed Babcock to accept both individual's letters for consideration. The motion carried.

A letter was received from Mr. Roger Collins, Principal of Dubois Area High School, indicating the proper paperwork for an eighth grade student who transferred to the Dubois Area School District had not been submitted to the district committee. Dubois Area High School contacted the school in which the student participated in a soccer match and forfeited the match. A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to accept the action taken by Dubois Area High School. The motion carried with one abstention.

A letter was received from Mr. Matthew Hutcheson, Superintendent of Austin Area School District, indicating a ten-minute practice session occurred between the

Austin Junior High School volleyball team and the Austin Junior Varsity volleyball team. Austin Area High School has taken corrective action to prevent this happening again. A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Susan Valentine to accept the corrective action taken by Austin Area High School. The motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

The chairman's update has been e-mailed to member school.

District 9 schools are encouraged to promote the NFHS National School Leadership Conference on July 16 to 19, 2009. Information can be obtained on the PIAA website.

Please review the information on the PIAA website dealing with the CIPPE forms.

Please review the proposals concerning the background clearances for new and active officials.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

An updated list of approved transfers and foreign exchange students have been sent to District 9 principals.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Ed Babcock to align the District 9 appointment of parents' representatives and election of the District 9 junior/middle school representative with the PIAA calendar. The motion carried.

West Forest High School has withdrawn its junior high school membership to the PIAA.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Roger Collins requesting representatives of Abraxas High School attend the November committee meeting to explain their request to transfer from District 10 to District 9. The motion carried with one descending votes.

Dialogue with Districts 6 and 10 concerning inter-district championship events will continue.

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

Please refer to the District 9 Quick Facts and the District 9 website for information concerning the District 9 Fall Championships.

The basketball committee will meet prior to the November District 9 meeting.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway at 10:00.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,  
District 9 Secretary

