

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2021**

The District 9 Committee met on October 13, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, Shawn Deemer, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Dr. Tom Lesniewski, Dave Osborne, Anita Orton, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Aaron Straub, Terry Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made Bill Howard and seconded by Anita Orton to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made Mike Erickson and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 and September 22, 2021 hearings. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the September and October 2021 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to accept the District 9 accounts receivable and payable reports. The motion carried unanimously.

District 9 Championship Program advertising was reviewed.

HomeTown Ticketing chairperson, Dr. Bill Jordan, met with John Stoughton and discussed the process of using HomeTown Ticketing for District 9 championship events.

Concerning the District 9 Cross Country Championship event the use of HomeTown Ticketing, sale of tickets at the event, and the cost of tickets was discussed. A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Mike Erickson not to use HomeTown Ticketing, only sell tickets at the event, and charge \$4.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults at the District 9 Cross Country Championships. The motion carried with two negative votes. (Bill Jordan and Pete Grecco)

Discussion was held concerning the cost of tickets purchased at District 9 football and soccer events.

A motion was made by Dr. Bill Jordan and seconded by Bob Gearhart to set the "walk-up" ticket price at \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for students for all District IX events where Hometown Ticketing is available but not used by the patrons. The motion carried unanimously.

The price when purchasing tickets on-line through Hometown Tickets is \$8.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for students plus applicable fees.

When Hometown Ticketing is not used for an event due to the lack of internet connectivity or other circumstances, all "walk-up" ticket prices will be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students.

**Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The district committee entered executive committee to discuss a situation that occurred at a District 9 football game. The committee returned to regular session.

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Scott Daum that the Keystone High School administration is instructed to manage the situation internally. Additionally, the Keystone High School football coach who participated in creating an unsportsmanlike situation must complete the National High School Federation Sportsmanship course for coaches before he is permitted to coach another football game. The motion carried unanimously.

## **COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:**

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Scott Daum to approve the termination of the cooperative sport agreement between A C Valley High School and Karns City High School boys soccer, girls soccer, and junior high school soccer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Misty Hartle to approve the addition of Clarion Area High School in the cooperative sport agreement between North Clarion High School and Brookville Area School (host school) in boys and girls swimming. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Dr. Bill Jordan to approve the cooperative sport agreement between St. Francis School and Clearfield Area School (host school) in nine sports. The motion carried unanimously.

Misinformation concerning a cooperative sports agreement in girls soccer between Clarion-Limestone High School and Clarion Area High School has been corrected.

## **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES:**

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be a zoom meeting at 2:00 today.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

### **TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR)**

<b><u>Student #</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Motion/Second</u></b>	<b><u>Approve/Deny</u></b>
#17	Bradford	Kane	B.Howard/T. Straub	Approved
#18	DuBois	Kane	B.Howard/T.Straub	Approved
#19	Lighthouse	Cranberry	B.Howard/T.Straub	Approved
#20	IGM Academy	Brockway	B.Howard/T.Straub	Approved

### **POST SEASON REQUEST: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR)**

<b><u>Student #</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Motion/Second</u></b>	<b><u>Approve/Deny</u></b>
#4	Pathways	Karns City	B.Jordan/S.Daum	Approved
#5	C - I	Brookville	P.Grecco/B.Gearhart	Approved
#6	IGM Academy	Brockway	B.Wolbert/M.Hartle	Approved

### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR) NONE**

## **HEARINGS:**

<b><u>Student #</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>(date and location)</u></b>
#16	C – L	Brookville	Sept. 20, 2021 – Brockway Area H. S.

An appeal hearing was held on September 20, 2021, at Brockway Area High School. Brookville Area High School appealed a decision by the District 9 Committee concerning a student being denied athletic eligibility. After testimony was presented by Brookville Area High School and Clarion-Limestone High School, the hearing committee entered executive session. Following the executive session, the public session was reconvened. A motion was made by Dr. Thomas Lesniewski and seconded by Bill Howard to grant regular season eligibility to the student-athlete based on Article 6 Section 3C (change of residency of parent). The motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

<b><u>Student #</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>(date and location)</u></b>
#1	Portville, NY	Oswayo Valley	Sept. 22, 2021 – Elk C. C. H. S.

An appeal hearing was held on September 22, 2021, at Elk County Catholic High School. Oswayo Valley High School appealed a decision by the District 9 Committee concerning a student being denied post season eligibility. After testimony was presented by Oswayo Valley

High School, the hearing committee entered executive session. Following the executive session, the public session was reconvened. A motion was made by Dr. Bill Jordan and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to grant post season eligibility to the student-athlete based on Article 6 Section 2C. The motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>(date and location)</u>
#20	IGM Acad.	Brockway	Oct. 13, 2021 – D9 Meeting

An appeal hearing was held on Oct. 13, 2021, at District 9 Committee meeting. Brockway Area High School appealed a decision by the District 9 concerning a student being denied post season eligibility. After testimony was presented by Brockway Area High School, the hearing committee entered executive session. Following the executive session, the public session was reconvened. A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Misty Hartle. to grant post season eligibility to the student-athlete based on Article 6 Section 2C. The motion carried by a 16 to 0 vote.

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>(date and location)</u>
#16	Clarion-Limestone	Brookville	Oct. 13, 2021 – D9 Meeting

An appeal hearing was held on Oct. 13, 2021, at District 9 Committee meeting. Brookville Area High School appealed a decision by the District 9 Committee concerning a student being denied post season eligibility. After testimony was presented by Brookville Area High School, the hearing committee entered executive session. Following the executive session, the public session was reconvened. A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Bob Gearhart to grant post season eligibility to the student-athlete based on Article 6 Section 2C. The motion carried by twelve votes to 2 votes (Scott Daum and Anita Orton) with one abstention (Bonnie Wolbert).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

#### **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

The committee was updated on the number of unsportsmanlike penalties have been assessed thus far this year.

#### **SPORTS COMMITTEES:**

##### **FOOTBALL:**

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Dave Osborne for seeding purposes for District 9 football championships that if games are cancelled due to Covid-19 shall be considered “no play games” regardless of the eligibility status of the teams. The motion carried with one negative vote. (Bob Gearhart)

Discussion was held concerning a letter that was written to the Central Clarion Area High Schools concerning not having emergency/ambulance coverage at football games. The committee agreed that a school hosting a football game should have emergency personnel available. Concerns were presented regarding the struggle of ambulance companies having the personnel to staff games especially if the ambulance on site is called to incident.

Dave Osborne discussed the issue from the Curwensville vs. Bellwood-Antis football game recorded as a “no play” and the effect on District 9 seeding.

##### **SOCCER:**

Soccer championships will begin the week of October 25, 2021. Higher seeded team’s home fields will be used up to and including semi-final contests.

##### **VOLLEYBALL:**

Discussion was held regarding “taping” jewelry on athletes. Athletes and coaches are to be aware this practice is not permitted, and all jewelry must be removed prior to competition.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Anita Orton to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. .

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on November 10, 2021, at 9:00 AM, and at Fox’s Pizza Den in Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin  
District 9 Secretary