

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

The District 9 Committee met on November 10, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, 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. Not attending the meeting was Shawn Deemer.

MINUTES:

A motion was made Bill Howard and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Doug Levesque and Mr. Pat Euart presented materials dealing with the NFHS Network relationship with schools, fans, District 9, and the PIAA. The cost of NFHS Network programs for schools and fans were presented.

FINANCE:

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

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

The sale of District 9 Championship Programs was discussed and will be an agenda item for the January District 9 meeting.

HomeTown Ticketing chairperson, Dr. Bill Jordan, discussed the use of HomeTown Ticketing with the committee. The advantages and problems experienced at fall events were discussed. Further discussion will be held at the January meeting.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from parents of an athlete concerning the handling of a situation between an opponent's coach and an athlete.

A letter was received from a high school principal concerning the use of cannons, fireworks, noise makers at outdoor venues and meeting with school administrators prior to the start of District 9 and PIAA events. Clarification will be sought from the PIAA Office.

A letter was received from a superintendent concerning the increase in District 9 ticket prices and the policy dealing with wearing masks has not been consistent in schools throughout the state.

COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the termination of the cooperative sport agreement between Sheffield Area High School and Lighthouse High School in girls' soccer basketball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bud Brennen to approve the cooperative sport agreement between Warren Area High School (host school) and Sheffield Area School in girls' basketball. The motion carried unanimously.

Information was provided concerning a cooperative sports agreement between Kane Area High school and East Forest High School in football. There was no action taken.

CHAIRMAN’S UPDATES:

The summary of the October 12, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors was presented by Chairperson Straub.

The new classification parameters are now available.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be December 9, 2021 at the PIAA Office.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR) NONE
Student # From To Motion/Second Approve/Deny

POST SEASON REQUEST: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR) NONE
Student # From To Motion/Second Approve/Deny

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

HEARINGS: NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

SPORTSMANSHIP:

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

The committee discussed three incidents that occurred at District 9 regular season events between fans and officials. Two incidents involved conflicts between fans and officials. The third involved officials ending a match early because of fans conduct.

A letter will be sent to District 9 schools reminding school administrators of their obligation to ensure the safety of officials during and after events.

Administrators are reminded that individuals who receive a supplemental disqualification are required to complete the NFHS Sportsmanship Course.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

FOOTBALL: Update for District 9 playoffs was presented. Once the District 9 Football League establishes the 2022 – 2024 football league schedule, the football committee will look at diverse ways to seed future playoffs.

GOLF: There is the possibility for starting golf season earlier and the state championships to be held Columbus Day. The PIAA Board of Directors must approve the changes.

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT: District 9 Competitive Spirit competition will be on January 8, 2022 and the PIAA championships will be on January 28 and 29, 2022.

BASKETBALL: Soon there will be a zoom meeting of the basketball committee.

WRESTLING: Both the “AA” and “AAA” individual tournaments will be a one-day event.

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

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be held at Fox’s Pizza Den in Ridgway, PA at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin
District 9 Secretary

