

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2020**

The District 9 Committee held a virtual meeting November 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Dr. Randy Cathcart, Scott Daum, Melissa DeMatteis, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Bill Jordan, Dr. Tom Lesniewski, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, John Stoughton, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert.

The following were guests: Dr. Eric Ritzert, Dr. Josh Williams, Ms. Kaci Daniels, and Ms. Karrie Miller.

Dr. Eric Ritzert addressed the committee concerning streaming of District 9 athletic events. When there is a limited number of spectators permitted at an event, streaming permits the schools fans to the view contest. There should be a consistent policy and fee structure for streaming. The committee appreciated Dr. Ritzer's input concerning the topic.

The committee will consider Dr. Ritzer's comments.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Randy Cathcart to approve the October and November 2020 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

The November accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

A report of the sale of fall sports merchandise was presented.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the financial reports for the following fall sports: Cross Country, Golf, Football, Soccer, Tennis, and Volleyball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to pay committee members round trip mileage for traveling to District 9 functions beginning November 18, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

The district fees for streaming and media were discussed. A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bill Jordan to ratify the email vote that was taken on October 28th to charge \$250.00 for outdoor events, \$125.00 for indoor events, and \$75.00 for radio fees. The motion carried with two no votes. (Terry Straub and Bill Howard)

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Jay Seigel concerning the increase in purchasing District 9 championship medals. A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Dave Osborne to pay Siegel Engraving Company \$6.50 for District 9 award medals. The motion carried unanimously.

A student who received a GED and returns to school is eligible to participate in athletics if the student relinquishes his or her GED.

A special "thanks" to all the schools and venues that hosted District 9 playoff competitions.

Please check the PIAA return to play for the winter sports season. The criteria can be found on the PIAA website.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Straub presented a summary of the October 28, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be on November 18, 2020. A summary of the meeting will be emailed to District 9 schools.

Please review the Chairman Straub's summary of the November 18th Board of Directors meeting especially masking orders, virtual practices, and virtual competition.

Virtual practices are not considered legal practices by the PIAA.

The deadline for coaches and officials to view the winter sport rules meetings is November 28, 2020.

The use of HomeTown tickets for PIAA inter-district events was well received. The district committee will consider the use of HomeTown tickets for future District 9 events.

The committee will continue to review higher seeded teams hosting playoff events and the district pricing of tickets for district events.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by John Sherry to approve the cooperative sports agreement between Clearfield Area Middle School and Clearfield St. Francis Junior High School in basketball for one year. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Terry Straub to ratify the following co-operative sports agreements:

Brockway – DuBois Catholic:	girls' golf
Brockway – DuBois Catholic:	girls' soccer
Port Allegany – Smethport:	junior high soccer
Oil City Middle – Venango Catholic Junior High:	cross country
Warren – Sheffield:	football (one year)
Oil City – Cranberry:	competitive spirit
Sheffield – Abraxas:	football (2021)
Sheffield – Abraxas and Lighthouse Academy:	wrestling
Clarion – C-L, Keystone, N. Clarion, and Union:	wrestling (adding of Union to the existing co-op)

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bill Jordan to approve the cooperative sports agreement between Sheffield Area High School and Lighthouse Academy in wrestling, softball, and girls' basketball. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Erickson and Kevin Doverspike will write a policy proposal concerning championship awards. The proposal will be emailed to the committee.

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Melissa DeMatteis to table discussions concerning the annual committee election procedures and the appointment of parents' representatives. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

None

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED:

None

HEARINGS:

None

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

Cross Country: Chairman John Sherry will be sending a survey concerning cross country to District 9 member schools.

Golf: If a school has a golf course in their school district that is interested in hosting a District 9 championship tournament please send a letter of interest to Chairman Kevin Doverspike. Future sites will be approved at the next committee meeting.

Competitive Spirit: District 9 is looking for a site to host competitive spirit. Any school interested in hosting the event contact Chairperson Bonnie Wolbert.

Soccer: A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Pete Grecco that the higher seeded team host all matches other than the district finals. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee would like to thank Steve Rutledge for assigning officials to officiate the district tournament.

A motion was made John Sherry and seconded by Terry Straub to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,

District 9 Secretary