

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

The District 9 Committee held a virtual meeting December 9, 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.

Guest: Jason Barner, Athletic Director, Kane Area High School
Ed Bramcraz, Principal, North Clarion High School
Scott Kindel, Athletic Director, Union High School
Larry Cowburn, Athletic Director, Northern Potter High School
Bob Gearhart, Athletic Director, Clearfield Area High School

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Randy Cathcart to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum to approve the November and December 2020 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

The December accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A motion was made by Bonnie Wobert and seconded by Melissa DeMattis to grant athletic eligibility to a Moniteau High School student who relinquished his GED to obtain his high school diploma from Moniteau High School. The motion carried unanimously.

The District 9 Athletic Directors Association shared information that will be sent to District 9 schools dealing with safety measures to be followed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please continue to follow the information and guidelines from the Department of Health, Center of Disease Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Governor's Office.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Straub presented a summary of the Strategic Planning Meeting and the December 9, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

Summaries will be emailed to District 9 schools and can be found on the PIAA website.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Not Approve</u>
#17	A C Valley	Karns City	B.Howard/M. Erickson	Approved
#18	Whitesville Central	Northern Potter	T.Stroub/M.Erickson	Approved
#19	New Castle	DuBois	J.Sherry/M.Erickson	Approved
#20	DuBois C. C.	DuBois	S.Daum/M.Hartle	Approved
#21	H. C. Youth Services	Oswayo Valley	T.Straub/M.Hartle	Approved

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED: None

HEARINGS: None

A report was presented by Mike Erickson and Kevin Doverspike concerning the distribution of District 9 Championship team plaques and medals. The following is a summary of their report:

1. Award championship plaques and medals will be awarded in all sports and classifications in which the District 9 Committee anticipates hosting a championship event.
2. In sports and classifications in which there is no District 9 Team Championship event anticipated, there will be no awards presented. However, teams advancing into a subregional without having the opportunity to compete for a championship will have the ability to earn subregional championship team plaques and medals by winning the subregional tournament.
3. In the sport of Competitive Spirit, due to the nature of state qualifiers, in the event there is only one team competing in a classification, that team would need to finish in a state qualifying position to earn the District 9 Championship plaque and medals.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert for District 9 to adopt the criteria outlined in the report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert schools that do not qualify to receive awards can purchase awards that read PIAA Qualifier rather than District 9 Champion. The motion carried unanimously.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

BASKETBALL: The PIAA Championship will include only district championship teams. Information concerning the District 9 Tournament will soon be available.

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT: The 2020 - 2021 PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships will be held on April 9 and 10, 2021. Moniteau High School will be the site for the District 9 championships. The date of the event is still to be determined.

INDOOR TACK AND FIELD: Indoor track and field events may be held outdoors. Meets must follow the events schedule for indoor meets. If the meet is held outdoors as an example the 55 or 60 meter dash must be run not the 100 meter dash. Relay events have been eliminated from the NFHS order of events.

SWIMMING AND DIVING: Information concerning the District 9 Tournament will soon be available.

WRESTLING – TEAM: The PIAA Team Wrestling Tournament will be for district champions only. The District 9 team tournament will be on February 5, 2021. The PIAA Team Championship Tournament will be “AA” on Friday, February 12th and the “AAA” on Saturday, February 13th.

WRESTLING – INDIVIDUAL: The PIAA Tournament will include regional and subregional tournaments followed by the state tournament. State championship tournament will include semi-finals and finals with 8 entries in every weight class. The District 9 Individual Tournament will be on Saturday, February 20th, regional tournament on February 27th, super-regional tournament on March 6th, and the PIAA Championships on March 12th and 13th.

The committee discussed various procedures and policies implemented by District 9 schools to deal with the pandemic.

The following items will be addressed at the next District 9 Committee meeting: seeding proposals from Wee J. Fernan and Tom Elling, annual committee election procedure, the procedure to select parents’ representatives, District 9 ticket prices, and using HomeTown ticket services.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,

District 9 Secretary