

## DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 19, 2023

The District 9 Committee held the April 19, 2023 meeting at the Red Fern Inn in St. Marys, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, Shawn Deemer, Mike Erickson, Kevin Doverspike, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Dr. Thomas Lesniewski, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Dr. Josh Willaims, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting were Pete Grecco and Terry Straub.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Shawn Deemer to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### **FINANCES:**

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by John Sherry to approve the March 2023 and April 19, 2023 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable reports were presented.

The annual audit meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 9:00 at Showers Field Complex in DuBois. Anyone who is interested in helping with the audit please contact Mike Erickson or Bob Tonkin.

**The treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Letters were received from Mr. Gary Buchsen, Superintendent at Port Allegany School District, Dr. Joseph Carrico, Superintendent at Clarion Area School District, and Dr. Thomas Lesniewski, Superintendent at Punxsutawney Area School District, expressing an interest to serve as the superintendents' representative on the District 9 Committee.

A letter was received from a District IX member school responding to incidents that occurred at a District IX and PIAA championship event.

### **CHAIRMAN UPDATE:**

A summary of the March 22, 2023 Board of Directors meeting has been emailed to District 9 schools. A summary of the meeting can be found on the PIAA website.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be held on May 17, 2023.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

#### **TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2022 – 2023 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>
#29	Port Allegany	Otto-Eldred	S.Daum/B.Howard	Approved

#### **POST SEASON REQUEST: (FOR 2022 – 2023 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	Port Allegany	Otto-Eldred	S.Daum/B.Howard	Denied

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: (FOR 2022 – 2023 SCHOOL YEAR) NONE**

**HEARINGS:** NONE

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

Kevin Doverspike, election chairperson, reported the results of the annual District 9 committee election. Elected to serve the District 9 Committee for the 2023 – 2024 year were Shawn Deemer, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, Aaron Straub, Terry Straub, and Dr. Josh Williams.

In response to an incident that occurred during a District IX championship, a motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Dr. Bill Jordan for the term of one PIAA Competitive Spirit season beginning with the first practice date (August 14, 2023) and ending on the final day of the Competitive Spirit season (March 23, 2024) two coaches are suspended from attending all Competitive Spirit Competitions that are sponsored by and held at PIAA District IX member schools. This includes the 2024 District IX Competitive Spirit Championships. Additionally, the school's Competitive Spirit Program is placed on probation for one year during which time actions of said program will be monitored. The motion was carried by an 8 to 4 vote.

Additionally, a motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Bill Howard that a member of the administration of the above-mentioned school, will attend and monitor any Competitive Spirit Competitions which the school elects to participate in that are sponsored by and held at District IX member schools. A member of the administrative team must submit a written/typed report within 72 hours following any Competitive Spirit Competition in which the school participates that is sponsored by and held at any District IX member school. Each report detailing any issues and/or concerns that may have occurred at the competition will be sent to the District IX Competitive Spirit Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

## **SPORTS COMMITTEES:**

### **BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, TENNIS, and TRACK:**

Soon, all spring sports District 9 championship information will be emailed to District 9 schools.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Dave Osborne to approve the RFP for the District 9 website. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the RFP is attached. Once the RFPs are received, the copies will be reviewed by Anita Orton, Shawn Deemer, Misty Hartle, Dr. Bill Jordan, and Dr. Josh Williams.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at Fox's Pizza Den in Ridgway, PA. The District 9 Committee meeting will begin at 9:00 AM.

The 2022 - 2023 District 9 Audit Meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Showers Field Complex in Dubois.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bud Brennen to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

## **ANNUAL PRINCIPALS MEETING:**

The following items were discussed by various members of the District 9 Committee:

1. District 9 financial summary and audit report
2. Sportsmanship Award
3. The process to run for a position on the district committee.
4. The following people were elected to serve on the district committee for the 2023 – 2024 school year: Shawn Deemer, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, Aaron Straub, Terry Straub, and Dr. Josh Williams.
5. Athletic Director of the Year Award – Dave Osborne

6. 50 Year Officials Awards – Chuck Amendola, Bud Brennen, Tony Flint, Lee Krull, and Ron Walter
7. 2021 – 2022 Sportsmanship Winners – Clearfield Area High School, Cranberry High School, and Smethport Area High School

Mr. Mark Byers, Chief Operating Officer of the PIAA, presented numerous PIAA issues to administrators and athletic directors. A copy of the PIAA update and items for discussion are attached.

**DISTRICT 9 RESULTS OF VOTING ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:**

1. #1 To amend ARTICLE IV, ANNUAL DUES AND ENROLLMENT REPORT, Section 1., of the PIAA Constitution, effective July 1, 2023 - 44 FOR and 2 Against.

#2 To amend ARTICLE V, Section 1. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Districts, of the PIAA Constitution, effective July 1, 2023 - 42 FOR and 4 Against.

#3 To amend ARTICLE IX, DISTRICT COMMITTEES, A. Composition and Selection, of the PIAA Constitution, effective July 1, 2023 - 46 FOR and 0 against.

#4 To amend ARTICLE IX DISTRICT COMMITTEES, Section 2. Officers., of the PIAA Constitution. effective July 1, 2026 - 46 FOR and 0 against.

**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING:**

The following were elected as officers for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

Chairman – Aaron Straub

Vice-Chairman – Kevin Doverspike

Secretary-Treasurer – Bob Tonkin

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,

District 9 Secretary

