

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

The District 9 Committee met on February 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Shawn Deemer, Scott Daum, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Dr. Josh Williams, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting was Dr. Tom Lesniewski.

GUEST:

Mr. Chris Rossetti gave a presentation on ideas how to improve the District Committee's website and how his company could update and make the website more valuable for schools in District 9.

The District Committee is currently accepting letters of interest from companies or individuals interested in redesigning and administrating the District 9 website(www.piaad9.org). Any interested companies or individuals should contact Bill Jordan, Scott Deemer, or Bob Tonkin. Interested parties should make contact by March 8, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The committee entered executive session from 9:10 to 9:30 and from 10:30 to 11:20. No decisions were made in executive session.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by John Sherry to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to approve the January 2023 treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to approve the February 1, 2023 through February 16, 2023 treasurer's report. The motion carried unanimously.

The District 9 accounts receivable and payable reports were reviewed.

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Mike Erickson to accept the financial report for Competitive Spirit. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Mike Erickson to accept the financial report for Team Wrestling. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Sheffield Area High School (self-reporting) an ineligible wrestler participation in a match with Kane Area High School. A motion was made by Dr. Bill Jordan and seconded by Terry Straub accepting Sheffield Area High School's reporting the incident and the corrective measures taken by the administration at Sheffield. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from Mr. Gary Buchsen, Superintendent of Port Allegany School District, expressing interest in serving as the superintendent's position on the District 9 Committee.

Any Superintendent who may be interested in serving on the District 9 Committee as the appointed Superintendents Representative should submit a letter of interest to Bob Tonkin by April 19, 2023.

A letter was received from Mr. Ed Baumcratz, Principal of North Clarion High School, concerning the conduct of a fan at North Clarion vs Keystone basketball game. The committee appreciated Mr. Baumcratz's letter informing the committee of the incident and the action taken.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Please read the summary of the PIAA Board of Directors meeting, which was scheduled on Wednesday, February 1st (the meeting was originally scheduled for January 25, 2023 but was cancelled due to inclement weather). The summary can be found on the PIAA Website.

The next PIAA Board meeting will be February 22, 2023. This will be a zoom meeting.

The Annual District 9 Principals Meeting and Luncheon will be held at the Red Fern Inn in St. Marys on April 19, 2023.

Time Schedule:

- 9:00 – Athletic Directors meeting
- 10:00 – Principals meeting with representatives from the PIAA
- 11:30 – District 9 re-organization meeting
- 12:00 – Annual Luncheon
- 1:15 - District 9 Committee meeting

District 9 winter sports chairpersons should be aware of the upcoming winter sports steering committee workshops.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Dr. Bill Jordan directing Chairman Straub to send a letter to Moniteau High School's Administration. The letter will request that the administration present an action plan and an explanation concerning incidents that occurred at the District 9 and PIAA Competitive Spirit Competition. A written response is due by March 1, 2023 and a member of the Moniteau School District Administration attend the March 8, 2023 committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS: None

TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2022 – 2023 SCHOOL YEAR)

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
# 22	Cranberry	Venango C.	T.Straub/B.Howard	Approved
#23	Cranberry	Venango C.	T.Straub/B.Howard	Approved
#24	Ridgway	DuBois	T.Straub/B.Howard	Approved
#25	Penn Foster	Brockway	J.Sherry/B.Wolbert	Approved

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED: None
Student # From To Motion/Second Approve/Deny

POST SEASON ELIGIBILITY REQUEST: None
Student # From To Motion/Second Approve/Deny

OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUESTS:
Student School Reason Motion/Second Approve/Deny

HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

Information concerning the 2023 – 2024 District 9 elections will be sent to member schools by Election Chairman, Kevin Doverspike. The following position will be elected: committee members, junior/middle school representative, and superintendents representative.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

BASKETBALL: The basketball seeding committee will meet after the District 9 committee meeting ends.

SWIMMING AND DIVING: District 9 Championship Swimming and Diving Meet will be held at St. Marys Area High School on March 3 and 4, 2023.

WRESTLING: The committee was informed about an incident that occurred following the district team championship matches. No action by the committee was taken.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Kevin Dovernpike to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:10.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on March 8, 2023 at Foxs Pizza Den in Ridgway, PA at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin
District 9 Secretary