

DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 14, 2023

The District 9 Committee held the June 14, 2023 meeting at Fox's Pizza Den in Ridgway, 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. Thomas Lesniewski, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, Aaron Straub, Terry Straub, Bob Tonkin, Dr. Josh Willaims, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting were Dr. Bill Jordan and John Sherry.

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

After the August District 9 Committee meeting, the 2023 – 2024 District 9 Quick Facts will be available.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Scott Daum to appoint Dr. Thomas Lesniewski, Superintendent at Punxsutawney Area School District, to the District 9 Superintendents Representatives position for a two-year period. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCES:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the April, May, and June 2023 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to accept the accounts receivable and payable reports. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

After the Internal Audit Committee meeting the Independent Finance Committee will meet.

Reports for the Annual District 9 Luncheon, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, and Track and Field Championships were presented. A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Terry Straub to accept the reports. The motion carried unanimously.

A review of District 9 ending financial balances in the District 9 checking account over the past 12 years was presented.

The treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Scott Daum has been appointed to serve as the District 9 School Boards Representative for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

Letters were received from Brookville Area High School and North Clarion High School concerning violations of the pitching count rule. Both schools forfeited the games where the rule was violated.

A letter was received from Mr. Scott Close, Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference Executive Director, requesting an exemption for the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference to hold championship events. A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Shawn Deemer to grant the request. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheffield Area High School athletic teams will continue to participate in District 9 Championships.

CHAIRMAN UDATE:

A summary of the May 17, 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 July 11 and 12, 2023 in State College, PA.

The spring sports workshops will be held on June 21 and 22, 2023.

Information on NIL can be found on the PIAA Website.
(<http://www.piaa.org/news/details.aspx?ID=4102>)

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Shawn Deemer to approve a co-operative agreement between DuBois Catholic Junior High School (the host school) and Curwensville Area Junior High School (the sending school) in junior high school boys soccer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Terry Straub to approve a co-operative agreement between Union High School (the host school) and A C Valley High School (the sending school) in girls basketball. Union High School will not be permitted to enter playoffs in girls basketball for the 2023 – 2024 season due to the co-op changing Union’s classification. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2022 – 2023 SCHOOL YEAR)

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
#30	Brookville	DuBois C. C.	J.Williams/T.Straub	Denied (2 abstentions)

POST SEASON REQUEST: (FOR 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR) NONE

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

HEARINGS:

An appeals hearing was requested by Otto-Eldred High School requesting post season participation for an Otto-Eldred student-athlete. The hearing was held May 10, 2023. By a 7-1 vote the decision of the District 9 Committee from the April 19, 2023 meeting was sustained by the hearing panel.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

In District 9 during the 2022 – 2023 athletic year there were 25 sportsmanship disqualifications.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

Discussion was held concerning various methods to seed teams entering District 9 Championship competition. A motion was made by Josh Williams and seconded by Randy Reitz to seed District 9 championship team events by committees. The motion carried unanimously.

Selling tickets at the gates vs. using HomeTown Ticketing was discussed. At District 9 championship events, the gate sale of tickets will continue for one more year.

District 9 will follow the PIAA regulations dealing with “pep bands” at indoor championship events.

WRESTLING:

PIAA will conduct championship competition in girls wrestling.

SWIMMING and DIVING:

In the 2023 – 2024 season there will be 11 dives.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Mike Erickson to award the contract for the District 9 Website to Yourdailylocal, LLC for a period of one year. The motion was carried by an 11 to 4 vote.

Athletic trainer’s fees were discussed. The District 9 Committee will use the current pay schedule to compensate athletic trainers at District 9 Championship events.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, August 16, 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 Scott Daum and seconded by Terry Straub to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin

District 9 Secretary