

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

The District 9 Committee met on August 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, 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 were Dr. Tom Lesniewski, Misty Hartle, and Shawn Deemer.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by John Sherry to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Terry Straub to approve the July and August 2023 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

The District 9 accounts receivable and payable reports were reviewed.

The District 9 Annual Internal Audit was held on July 10, 2023 at the Showers Field Complex in DuBois. Audit Chairperson Mike Erickson reported there were no discrepancies found in the audit and no recommendations for change. A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Bill Howard to accept the 2022 – 2023 District 9 Audit Report. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee was provided with information concerning the reason for establishing a new checking account with S & T Bank. The District 9 checking account was the victim of a fraudulent check written against the "old" District 9 account.

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to accept the financial report of the Independent Financial Committee's report. The motion carried unanimously. Members of the committee were Bob Gearhart, Phil Esposito, and Matt Erickson.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Terry Straub to pay a commission rate of 40% for new advertisements and 30% for renewed advertisements to individuals who secure advertisements for the championship programs. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Jordan and seconded by Mike Erickson to transfer \$80,000.00 from the District 9 checking account (with S & T Bank) to the District 9 saving account (with Edward Jones). The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to pay committee members \$40.00 for attending additional committee events beyond regularly scheduled meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Josh Williams and seconded by Terry Straub to approve the contract for Yourdailylocal, llc for the 2023 – 2024 District 9 calendar year. Yourdailylocal will build a new District 9 Website and maintain the website throughout the year. The motion passed with one descending vote.

The treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

GUEST:

Mr. Chris Rossetti, representing Yourdailylocal, llc, informed the committee about the format for the new District 9 website. The terms of the contract between the District 9 Committee and Yourdailylocal, llc were discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A request was made by HomeTown Ticketing for the District 9 Committee to reconsider using HomeTown Ticketing.

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Bill Howard to grant permission for a District 9 school or schools to participate in ICC Championship events in PIAA District 5. The motion carried unanimously.

Information was presented to the committee concerning the action other PIAA districts are taking to recruit new officials. Bud Brennen, Bonnie Wolbert, Kevin Doverspike, Bill Howard, John Sherry, and Bob Tonkin will be members of a committee to investigate how programs could be established in District 9 to recruit new officials. The committee should report at the September meeting.

COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Terry Straub to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Warren Area High School (host school) and Sheffield Area High School in boys and girls cross country. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN’S UPDATES:

Chairman Straub presented summaries of the Board of Directors meetings held on July 11 and 12, 2023. A summary of the meetings can be found on the PIAA website.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be September 13, 2023, at 2:00 PM and will be a Zoom meeting.

A copy of the PIAA State Board Meeting Schedule for 2023 – 2024 was presented.

The lists of the District 9 cooperative sports agreements were reviewed. There are 185 cooperative sports agreements in District 9.

A list of the District 9 officers and sports chairpersons will be included in the District 9 Quick Facts.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Josh Williams and seconded by Bill Howard for DuBois Central Catholic High School to respond to the corrective action taken by the administration concerning a June 22, 2023 post on a social media site concerning recruiting athletes to enroll in DuBois Central Catholic High School. The response is to be received prior to the September meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR)

STUDENT #

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
#1	Elk C.C.	St. Marys	B.Howard/B.Jordan	Approved (1 abstentions)
#2	Punxsutawney	DuBois C. C.	J.Sherry/J.Williams	Approved
#3	Warren	Smethport	J.Williams/B.Howard	Approved
#4	Warren	Smethport	J.Williams/B.Howard	Approved
#5	Moniteau	Clarion-Limestone		No action needed.
#6	Community Christian committee	Brookville	T.Straub/S.Daum	To exec.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED: NONE

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>

ELIGIBILITY REQUEST: NONE

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>

HEARINGS:

A hearing was held on July 19, 2023 at the request of DuBois Central Catholic High School to appeal a transfer from Brookville Area High School to DuBois Central Catholic High School. Testimony was presented by both parties. A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Randy Reitz to deny the appeal. The motion was passed by a 7 to 1 vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

Bonnie Wolbert provided the committee with a list of the eligible schools for the 2022 – 2023 District 9 Sportsmanship Award. The winning school or schools will be announced at the September committee meeting.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Jordan to hold the District 9 basketball and individual wrestling tournament championship events at PennWest Clarion University. The motion was carried with one descending vote.

The committee was updated on the recent changes in the athletic administration at PennWest Clarion University.

A concern was mentioned about the starting date for winter sports contests for the 2024 – 2025 seasons.

FOOTBALL

Any District 9 schools that have an open date/s can contract schools in District 5.

A potential violation of the off-season practice rules by St. Marys Area High School football programs was reported. A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Bill Howard for Chairman Straub to ask St. Marys Area High School Administration to respond to the possible out of season rules violation. The motion carried unanimously.

In Pennsylvania female flag football is an emerging sport.

GOLF:

District 9 golf tournament information will be sent to schools on August 21, 2024.

CROSS COUNTRY:

District 9 Cross Country will be held at Ridgway Area High School on October 28, 2023. The AAA sub-regional meet will be held in Titusville.

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT:

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Bill Jordan to hold the District 9 Competitive Spirit Competition at Keystone High School on January 13, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bill Howard to conduct the coaches meeting at 12:00 and the competition will begin at 1:00. The motion carried unanimously.

WRESTLING:

Female wrestling is now recognized as a PIAA sports. The District 9 female tournament will be run in conjunction with the male tournament at PennWest Clarion University. If a school sponsors a single team comprised of male and female wrestlers and female wrestlers enter a tournament, the scheduling points accrued in that tournament count toward the maximum number of competitions for the boys team.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Jordan to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on September 6, 2023, at 9:00 AM at Fox's Pizza Den in Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin

District 9 Secretary