

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

The District 9 Committee held a virtual meeting on September 6, 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, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Dr. Tom Lesniewski, 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 Shawn Deemer.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

The treasurer's reports will be presented at the September 19, 2023 meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Dave Osborne to grant permission for Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference to conduct a cross country championship meet. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from the St. Marys High School Administration regarding the allegations of a violation of the off-season summer workout sessions in football. A motion was made by Josh Williams and seconded by Bill Jordan to recognize the communication from the St. Marys High School Administration. The motion was carried with two abstentions.

A letter was received from the DuBois Central Catholic High School Administration concerning using Facebook and a billboard advertisement to recruit student/athletes to attend DuBois Central Catholic High School. The committee discussed the response from the DuBois Central Catholic High School response. A motion was made by Terry Straub to invite the administration to the next District 9 Committee meeting and suspend all athletic programs. The motion died for lack a second.

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Scott Daum to send a letter of reprimand to DuBois Central Catholic High School explaining the nature of the violation, a course of action to remediate future violations, and the consequences of any additional future violations of PIAA policy. This letter will also invite DuBois Central Catholic High School Administrative team to the next District 9 Committee meeting and request a meeting to be held by DCC administration and their coaching staff outlining the guidelines for recruitment. The motion carried with three negative votes.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES:**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS**

There was a request to terminate a cooperative sports agreement between Cowanesque Valley High School and Northern Potter High School in softball. A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by John Sherry and was approved by the District 9 Committee. District 4 and the PIAA Board of Directors must approve.

**TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR)**

**STUDENT #**

<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Motion/Second</u></b>	<b><u>Approve/Deny</u></b>
#7 West Forest abstentions)	North Clarion	J.Sherry/J. Williams	Approved (2

#8	Stroudsburg	DuBois	B.Howard/M.Erickson	Approved
#9	Redbank Valley	Cranberry	S.Daum/M.Erickson	Approved

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED:**

<b>Student #</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Motion/Second</b>	<b>Approve/Deny</b>
#1	France	Otto-Eldred	P.Grecco/M.Erickson	Approved
#2	Spain	Otto-Eldred	P.Grecco/M.Erickson	Approved
#3	Spain	N. Potter	P.Grecco/M.Erickson	Approved

**ELIGIBILITY REQUEST:**                      **NONE**

<b>Student #</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Motion/Second</b>	<b>Approve/Deny</b>
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**HEARINGS:**                      **NONE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS**

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Dave Osborne to award the 2022 – 2023 District Sportsmanship Awards to Clarion Area High School and Otto-Eldred High School. The motion carried with one negative vote.

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**      To be updated at the September committee meeting.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on September 19, 2023, at 9:00 AM at Fox's Pizza Den in Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin  
District 9 Secretary