

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

The District 9 Committee held a virtual meeting on September 19, 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 were Shawn Deemer and Kevin Doverspike.

GUESTS:

Mr. Rob Sintobin, Principal at Clarion-Limestone High School, and Mr. Brad Frazier, Athletic Director at Clarion-Limestone High School, attended the meeting and addressed the committee about a cooperative sports agreement between Clarion-Limestone High School and Clarion Area High School in softball.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Jordan and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Terry Straub to accept the treasurer's reports for July, August, September 1-19, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable and receivable were reviewed.

The new checking account with Saving and Trust Bank and the savings account with Edward Jones Investing were reviewed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from DuBois Central Catholic High School's Administration concerning violations of the PIAA Constitution. A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Mike Erickson to accept the administration's plan of action and provide the District 9 committee with the minutes and attendees at a meeting with the DuBois Central Catholic athletic coaches to prevent similar violations from occurring in the future. The motion was carried with two negative votes.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES:

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be on October 11, 2023.

A summary of the September 13, 2023 PIAA Board meeting can be found on the PIAA website.

The Chairman's report is attached.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:

A motion was made by Josh William and seconded by Bill Jordan to approve the cooperative sports agreement between Clarion-Limestone High School and Clarion Area High School in softball. The motion was carried with two negative votes.

TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR) **NONE**
STUDENT #
From **To** **Motion/Second** **Approve/Deny**

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

POST SEASON ELIGIBILITY REQUEST:
Student # **From** **To** **Motion/Second** **Approve/Deny**
#1 DuBois C.C. DuBois Area S.Daum/M.Hartle Deny
(one abstention)

HEARINGS: **NONE**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

SPORTSMANSHIP:

In District 9 there have been five disqualifications this year.
The new District 9 Website is now running.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

FOOTBALL:

Weekly updates with power points are sent to all Head Football Coaches and District 9 Athletic Directors.

GOLF, CROSS COUNTRY, TENNIS, SOCCER, and VOLLEYBALL

Sports chairperson will send Information to schools this week.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by John Sherry to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin
District 9 Secretary

Att. #6

Report – September 19, 2023

Chairman's Report

- PIAA Enrollment submission – Year for submitting numbers and 2nd year of our current cycle – Enrollment portal opens October 1st and closes 16th; First week of November classification parameters released; December 1st deadline for voluntary upgrades, cooperative terminations and cooperative additions. This allows schools to make an informed decision as numbers, schools, classifications will all be released prior to December 1st.
- Count ALL students enrolled in grades 9-11 this includes home schooled students; all students attending alternative schools, magnet schools, technology schools who are eligible at your high school. Also, all charter school and cyber-charter school students who are eligible at your senior high. Terming this 1 to 1. Students that are eligible for sports in your school must be counted.
- Officials' appreciation week for the Fall is October 1st through 7th
- Questions on coaches and who needs PIAA course – Paid and volunteers.
- All coaches need to be listed on your schools PIAA portal and head coaches designated. Not sure if all of our member schools are following this. Head coaches must be designated.
- Section VI – Transfers, residence and recruiting section of the bylaws was redone and reorganized. Still can be tough to interpret
- Competition formula now includes – Tennis (1); Wrestling (2); Baseball and Softball (2); Soccer (2); Field Hockey and Lacrosse (2); and Volleyball (2); Basketball remains (1) and Football (3) + 1 point for 1st round; 2 pts.; 3 pts; and 4 for state final. 6 points over the 2-year cycle you move up a class. If you are up and you get 3 or more success points in the previous cycle you stay up – regardless if you have transfers or not.
- Swimming and diving – back to an 11-dive format for competition
- Odd District officials representative election this year – Thanks to Bud and Bonnie for running for another 2-year term.
- NFHS Cardio Course is now approved.
- State board – Approved to dissolve Cow Valley and Northern Potter in Softball.

- State board – Approved Clarion and Clarion Limestone pending D-9 Approval.
- 21 Day sit out for In season Transfer applies to Junior High and Senior High
- 50% participation rule for In season transfers applies only to 10,11,12 grade.
- Feeder school discussion – especially a problem area in the East. Coaches talking and recruiting younger students who are NOT in their feeder program – public or private.
- Varsity girls teams can practice with Varsity boys teams from the same school in team sports including wrestling.
- JH teams MAY NOT practice with Varsity teams in the same school.
- 4 years of eligibility is now triggered upon completion of the grade requirements of 8th grade NOT upon entering 9th grade.
- Heat Acclimatization – can include weight training
- JH football can scrimmage after 5 days of practice even through the first 3 days are non-pads
- For DQ's at the end of the year. You must sit out where the athlete is primarily playing. Schools make this decision.
- National Anthem singers needed for State events.