

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

The District 9 Committee held a committee meeting on February 15, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Scott Daum, Shawn Deemer, 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 Bud Brennen.

**GUEST:** Mr. Rob Sintobin, Principal at Clarion-Limestone High School, and Mr. David Eggleton, Principal at Clarion-Limestone Elementary School, addressed the committee concerning the cooperative softball team (Clarion-Limestone High School and Clarion Area High School) are not permitted to participate in post season competition. The District 9 Committee does not have the authority to over a rule established in the PIAA Constitution. The schools involved can request a hearing before the PIAA Board of Directors hearing panel.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Pete Grecco to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2023 meeting.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum to accept the treasurer's reports from November 19, 2023 to February 15, 2024. The motion was carried unanimously.

Accounts payable and receivable were reviewed. A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by John Sherry to approve the reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial reports for District 9 Competitive Spirit and Team Wrestling Championships were presented. A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Terry Straub to approve the reports. The motion carried unanimously.

The use of HomeTown Ticketing was discussed. A request was made to invite a representative of HomeTown Ticketing to address the district committee at the March District 9 meeting.

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Mike Erickson to pay District 5 \$400.00 to cover the additional cost of the Districts 5, 6, and 9 Girls Wrestling Tournament. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Reitz and seconded by Josh Williams to pay game managers a maximum of \$50.00/hour for events that last all day. The events would include basketball, swimming and diving, wrestling, and the spring sports. This motion does not include "double header" events. The motion passed with two negative votes.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Terry Straub to pay committee members \$20.00/hour to work District 9 payoff events that last an entire day. The motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A motion as made by Scott Daum and seconded by Bill Jordan to permit the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference, the Northern Tier League, and the Allegheny Mountain Basketball League to host league championship contests. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was received from Mr. Steve Young, Principal at North Clarion High School, requesting the District 9 Committee consider the District 9 Swimming and Diving Championships be held at PennWest Clarion. Clearfield Area High School will host the 2023 – 2024 championship meet. The committee will consider using PennWest Clarion as a site next year.

A letter was received from Mr. Sam Bevak resigning his position as the District 9 Baseball Rules Interpreter.

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Mile Erickson to recommend the PIAA Mr. Dave Neal replace to Mr. Sam Bevak as the District 9 Baseball Rules Interpreter. The motion carried unanimously.

The District 9 Committee thanks Mr. Bevak for serving as the baseball rules interpreter for many years.

A letter was received from Mr. Bill Stephens concerning the method the PIAA uses to determine the number of runners that qualify for the PIAA championship meet from the 12 PIAA districts.

## **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES:**

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

The Annual District 9 Principal's Luncheon and Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Red Fern Inn in St. Marys. More information will be emailed to District 9 schools.

Venango Catholic School, a PIAA and District 9-member school, will be closing at the end of the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Contracts in Arbiter are treated the same as a PIAA contract.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

### **COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:**

A motion was made by Dave Osborne and seconded by Shawn Deemer to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Johnsonburg Area High School (host school) and Ridgway Area High School in junior high school softball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Scott Daum to approve a cooperative sports agreement between West Branch High School (host school) and Clearfield St. Francis High School in junior high school baseball. The motion carried unanimously.

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

<b>#</b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Motion/Second</u></b>	<b><u>Approve/Deny</u></b>
16	Venango Catholic	Cranberry	T.Straub/B.Howard	Approved
17	Venango Catholic	Cranberry	T.Straub/B.Howard	Approved
18	Warren	Ridgway	T.Straub/B.Howard	Approved
19	Summit Academy	DuBois	T.Straub/B.Howard	Approved
20	Oil City	Cranberry	S.Daum/B.Jordan	Deny (previously denied by D10)

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

**POST SEASON ELIGIBILITY REQUEST:** NONE  
# From To Motion/Second Approve/Deny

**HEARINGS:** NONE

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bill Howard to waive the attendance provision for a Kane Area High School student. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

Election Chairman Kevin Doverspike will send information concerning the 2024 – 2025 election to the District 9 schools soon. Application for membership to the committee will be accepted between March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>. Voting for positions on the committee will be from April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sports chairpersons are asked to send information to the District 9 website site as soon as the information is available.

Information concerning broadcasting and streaming District 9 playoff events should be posted on the District 9 website.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:**

In District 9 there have been 15 disqualifications this year. The district committee will remove for consideration for the District 9 Sportsmanship Award any school that has received a sportsmanship penalty at junior or senior high school level competition.

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**SWIMMING:**

District 9 Diving and Swimming Championships will be held at Clearfield Area High School. The dates will be March 1 and March 2, 2024.

**BAKETBALL:**

All District 9 playoff basketball games will have media timeouts.

**WRESTLING:**

The AA individual wrestling tournament will be held at PennWest Clarion University on February 23 and 24, 2024.

**GOLF:**

Dates for 2024 – 2025 District 9 Events:

Male – September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> at Clarion Oakes Country Club

Female – October 7<sup>th</sup> at Kane Country Club

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held concerning game and site managers positions if a team involved in the contest is from the school that person represents.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Pete Grecco to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on March 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Fox's Pizza Den in Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin  
District 9 Secretary