

**PIAA DISTRICT IX
COMMITTEE MEETING
October 17, 2024**

The District IX Committee met on October 17, 2024, in Ridgway. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub at 9:05 a.m. The following members were present: Ed Baumcraz, Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Peter Grecco, Misty Hartle, Roddy Hartle, Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Aaron Straub, and Bonnie Wolbert. Absent from the meeting were Dr. Tom Lesniewski and Dr. Josh Williams.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Peter Grecco and seconded by Misty Hartle to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

* The committee entered a thirty (30) minute executive session. No decisions were made.

FINANCE:

Bill Howard made a motion, seconded by Pete Grecco, to approve the September 2024 treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Daum made a motion, seconded by Misty Hartle, to re-invest the November 8th CD by exploring the rates. Anita Orton, the treasurer, is to report back to the committee at the November meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A QR Code must be created for the online programs for the D9 championships. Ben Fiscus will be the contact person for sending photos and rosters.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMITTEE ACTION:

Dave Osborne moved to grant the Northern Tier League's request to host an end of the season boys' and girls' basketball league tournament championship. This league tournament would be held the week of February 10th culminating with championship games played at Bradford High School on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Motion was seconded by Ed Baumcraz and passed unanimously.

A self-report letter was delivered from the North Clarion principal. Kevin Doverspike made a motion to accept the letter with no additional action needed. John Sherry seconded the motion. Motion passed with two members abstaining.

A press release was distributed by Chairman Straub stating the "PIAA officially sanctions high school girls' flag football in the Commonwealth with help from the Eagles and Steelers." The decision now recognizes high school girls' flag football as a state sanctioned sport.

Plans are being completed for the establishment of the Robert Tonkin Athletics for Life Scholarship. A complete description of the scholarship including eligibility criteria, selection criteria, award amount, application process, and deadline for applying is available upon request. Bill Jordan made a motion, seconded by Bud Brennen, to establish a segregated fund separate from the D9 account. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Scott Daum and second by Bud Brennen, Chairman Straub was directed to write a letter to Clearfield Area High on a Volleyball incident that occurred October 3rd acknowledging the school's response to the issue and outlining the committee's response to the matter. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES:

Sponsored by Senator Cris Dush, legislation to require schools to accept cash as payment to all school-sponsored activities, including sporting events sanctioned by the PIAA,

was approved by the Pennsylvania Senate. Senate Bill 1176 now advances to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for consideration.

House Resolution 318 – Discussion – A resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study, issue a report and make recommendations on the current status, management, structure, policies and finances of the PIAA.

Support for six (6) classes of volleyball has passed on the 2nd reading.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

TRANSFER REQUESTS: (For 2024-2025 School Year)

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
#FE-6	Mexico	A-C Valley	P.Grecco/M.Erickson	Approved – Reg + Post
#T-13	Union	Redbank	S.Daum/B.Howard	Approved – Reg + Post Season NA – 10 th
#T-14	West Forest	Keystone	J.Sherry/M.Erickson	Approved – Reg + Post Season NA – 8 th
#T-15	Pickering	Brookville	B.Howard/M.Hartle	Approved – Regular Season
#T-16	Kane	Elk Catholic	P.Grecco/M.Hartle	Approved – Reg + Post Season NA – 8 th
#PS-1	Mariner	St. Marys	B.Jordan/B.Brennen	Approved – Post Season
#PS-2	Bishop McCort	Punxsutawney	B.Howard/B.Brennen	Approved (1 Abstain) – Post Season

On a motion by Pete Grecco and second by Bill Howard the 2025 D-9 Swimming and Diving District Championships will be held at St. Marys Area High School on February 28th and March 1st. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

A motion was made by Bill Howard, seconded by Bill Jordan, to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next District Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Fox's Restaurant in Ridgway at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie S. Wolbert

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