

PIAA DISTRICT IX COMMITTEE MEETING December 18, 2024

The District IX Committee met on December 18, 2024, via Google Meet. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub at 9:05 a.m. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Peter Grecco, Misty Hartle, Roddy Hartle, Ed Baumcrazt, Dr. Josh Williams, Dr. Tom Lesniewski, Dr. Bill Jordan, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Aaron Straub, and Bonnie Wolbert. Excused from the meeting: Bill Howard.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

* The committee entered a ten (10) minute executive session. No decisions were made.

FINANCE:

Scott Daum made a motion, seconded by Misty Hartle, to approve the November 2024 treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Daum made a motion to amend the fall sport summary reports for soccer and volleyball to reflect updates since the November report. Motion was seconded by Misty Hartle. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bill Jordan is currently working on drafting a letter to the schools explaining the criteria for the Robert Tonkin Athletics for Life Scholarship. Treasurer Anita Orton is in discussion with banks regarding opening a special account for funding of said scholarship.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMITTEE ACTION:

Additional correspondence was received by the committee following the November 20th meeting on a number of items. The following issues were discussed and acted upon at the November 20th meeting. These items were reviewed again by the committee with no additional action taken.

- Incident at the Westmont Hilltop vs Clearfield Volleyball match played on October 3rd
- Start time for a Soccer match between North Clarion and Brockway on October 23rd
- Incident at the St. Marys Area vs Karns City Football game played on October 25th
- Incident at the Central Clarion vs South Park Football game played on November 29th
- Venue for future District 9 Swimming and Diving Championships

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Co-Op REQUESTS:

Misty Hartle made a motion to approve a **Jr. High Baseball** co-op be formed for the 24-25 season between Clarion-Limestone and Clarion Area with Clarion-Limestone being the host. Dr. Bill Jordan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Baumcrazt moved to approve a co-op between Coudersport and Austin Area **Junior High** in the sport of **girls' basketball**. Coudersport would be the host school. Misty Hartle seconded the motion. Motion passed 15-0-1.

Misty Hartle made a motion, seconded by John Sherry, to approve a cop-op between Northern Potter Middle and Galeton **Junior High** Schools in **Baseball**. Motion passed unanimously.

Regarding a request from Clarion-Limestone and Clarion Area High Schools to co-op in boys' and girls' track and field, John Sherry moved to invite the administration of both schools to the next meeting to discuss the issue further. Motion was seconded by Anita Orton and passed unanimously.

TRANSFER WAIVER REQUESTS: (For 2024-2025 School Year)

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
#T-19	John Harris	East Forest	P. Grecco/John Sherry	Approved – (Yes 13-0-1) Reg/Post
#T-20	Pathways Education	Cranberry	N/A	No action needed (D10 transfer matter)

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE ELIGIBILITY REQUEST:

#0-1	N/A	Elk County	P.Grecco/D.Osborne	Approved - Medical Absences (Yes 14-0)
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

Mr. Tim Barnes was awarded his 50-year officiating plaque at his Basketball Chapter meeting in Clearfield on December 15th. The plaque was presented by Bud Brennen, the D9 male officials' representative, and Dave Wright, the PIAA state basketball rules' interpreter.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

Steering committee assignments were reviewed for the upcoming Fall Work Shops being held via ZOOM on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. The schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 AM – Golf
- 11:00 AM – Soccer and Volleyball
- 1:00 PM – Cross Country
- 3:00 PM – Football and Tennis

OTHER:

A motion was made by Pete Grecco, seconded by Misty Hartle, to adjourn at 11:30 AM. Motion passed unanimously.

The next District Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM. at Fox's Restaurant in Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie S. Wolbert

Bonnie S. Wolbert, District IX Secretary