

PIAA DISTRICT IX COMMITTEE MEETING

February 13, 2025

The District IX Committee met on February 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub at 10:05 a.m. The following members were present: Ed Baumcratz, Bud Brennen, Dr. Tom Lesniewski, Scott Daum, Mike Erickson, Peter Grecco, Misty Hartle, Roddy Hartle, Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, and Aaron Straub. Absent from the meeting were Bonnie Wolbert, Kevin Doverspike and Dr. Josh Williams.

MINUTES:

John Sherry made a motion, seconded by Bill Howard, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

FINANCE:

Scott Daum made a motion, seconded by Dave Osborne, to approve the January 2025 treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

The account for the Robert Tonkin Athletics for Life Scholarship is open and a deposit was made with all contributions received to date.

An update was given by Anita Orton regarding the fall soccer report.

Hometown Ticketing card readers have been received.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMITTEE ACTION:

John Sherry made a motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Tom Lesniewski with regret and gratitude. Ed Baumcratz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Erickson made a motion to accept a superintendent representative from one of 2 IU regions which will alternate every two years. The first term will be represented by the IU Director or a superintendent selected by the IU 5 and 9. The second term will be selected and represented by IU4, 6 and 10. The terms will continue to alternate every 2 years. Bill Howard seconded and the motion carried 9-5.

Pete Grecco made a motion to hold the annual district meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at the Red Fern. John Sherry seconded and the motion passed 13-1.

CHAIRMAN’S UPDATES:

PIAA official ball adoptions have been released. The new adoptions will go into effect on July 1, 2025 and will continue through June 30, 2029. The following is a list of sports and the manufacturer for the adoptions: Baseball (Spalding); Basketball, Football, and Soccer (Wilson); Softball (Dudley); and Volleyball (Baden).

The PIAA is currently accepting RFP’s for the sport of Tennis.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Bill Howard made a motion to approve a co-op in junior high golf between North Clarion and Forest Area (host). Mike Erikson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bill Jordan made a motion to approve a co-op in varsity baseball between North Clarion (host) and Forest Area. Bill Howard second and the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

50 Year Officials Awards Committee - Colin Gaiser will receive a well deserved 50 year officiating plaque at the KSAC championships. 50 year committee chairman Bill Howard will present this award to Colin.

Bob Tonkin for Life Scholarship - Applications are being accepted up to March 15, 2025.

Programs and Advertising - Dave Osborne will follow up with D9 webmaster on the number of views the “On-line championship programs” will receive this winter.

TRANSFER REQUESTS: (For 2024-2025 School Year)

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
T-22	Oil City	Moniteau	J.Sherry/B.Jordan	Approved – Reg / (Post)

OLD BUSINESS:

John Sherry reported that he was able to order a pop up tent that will arrive before the district track meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

The state board meeting has been moved from zoom to an in person meeting on February 19 in Mechanicsburg.

President Trump signed an executive order prohibiting transgender women and girls from competing in female sports. This is an order, not a law. PIAA is handling this on a case by case basis.

OTHER:

Please remind coaches to attend a rules interpretation meeting for spring sports.

Media timeouts will be used at all district IX basketball games.

A motion was made by Bill Howard, seconded by Bill Jordan, to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next District Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at Fox's Restaurant in Ridgway at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Misty Hartle

Misty Hartle, District IX Committee