

PIAA DISTRICT IX COMMITTEE MEETING

April 15, 2025

The District IX Committee met on April 15, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub at 1:48 p.m. at the Red Fern Banquet Facility in Kersey, PA. The following members were present: Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Mike Erickson, Peter Grecco, Misty Hartle, Roddy Hartle, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Scott Daum, John Sherry, Kevin Doverspike, Ed Baumcraz, Aaron Straub, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Excused from the meeting were Dr. Tom Lesniewski, Bud Brennen, Randy Reitz, and Dr. Josh Williams.

The meeting began with a guest speaker, Mr. Chris Rossetti, the District IX Committee Webmaster, addressing concerns focused on the upcoming renewal of his contract regarding his renewal of the current webmaster contract up for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Rossetti was thanked for bringing his concerns to the Committee.

MINUTES:

Dr. Bill Jordan made a motion, seconded by Misty Hartle, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee then entered into Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. At 4:20 p.m. the Executive Session ended, with Chairman Straub returning the meeting to Regular Session.

FINANCE:

Mike Erickson made a motion, seconded by John Serry, to approve the March 5, 2025, treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Pete Grecco to accept an update to the financial reports given at last month's committee meeting regarding outstanding checks, an adjusted 2024 Football Report, the Individual Wrestling Report, the Team Wrestling Report, the Swim/Dive Championship Report, the On-line Tournament Program Report. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMITTEE ACTION:

At the Annual District IX Principals' Meeting/Luncheon, the recipients of the 2025 Robert Tonkin Athletics for Life Scholarship were each presented with a check for \$1000.00. Winners were Kelsey Hanna, a student from Cranberry Area, and Brennan Harmon, from Karns City High School.

Pete Grecco made a motion for the approval of Nate Jones, the Superintendent from Northern Potter, as the 2025 – 2026 Superintendents' Representative from IU9/IU5/IU10. John Sherry

seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. The Superintendents' Representative is appointed by the Superintendents' Association.

Scott Daum moved to table the vote on C3, the Webmaster's contract for 2025-2026, to include all committee members. Ed Baumcratz seconded the motion. Motion passed to table the vote. 12-Yes 2-NO.

Dr. Bill Jordan made a motion to deny Johnsonburg's request for the denial of media credentials to YDL. Bill Howard seconded the motion for denial. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt Darr, the Athletic director of Redbank Valley High School, self-reported a Jr. High wrestler was allowed to practice directly against a Varsity wrestler. The school took responsibility for the error. Ed Baumcratz made a motion to accept Redbank's disciplinary action. Scott Daum seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE: - Cooperative Sponsored Sports Request

The following five (5) co-op's were approved for termination with a motion made by Bill Howard and seconded by Mike Erickson. Motion passed unanimously.

DuBois Central Catholic High School – Boys Soccer
Sheffield Area High School - Football
Cowanesque Valley High School – Football
DuBois Central Middle School – Football
Sheffield Area High School – Boys Basketball

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve a co-op in football between Kane High School and East Forest High School with Kane being the host school. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

OTHER:

A motion was made by Bill Howard, seconded by Scott Daum, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – May 15, 2025

Location – Fox's Restaurant – Ridgway, PA

Time – 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie S. Wolbert

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