

PIAA DISTRICT IX COMMITTEE MEETING

August 13, 2025

The District IX Committee met on August 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub at 9:05 a.m. at Fox's Restaurant in Ridgway, PA. The following members were present: Ed Baumcraz, Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Bud Brennen, Mike Erickson, Misty Hartle, Roddy Hartle, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, John Sherry, Roger Walter, Phil Esposito, Kevin Doverspike, Aaron Straub, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Excused from the meeting were Dr. Josh Williams, Peter Grecco, and Nate Jones.

MINUTES:

Bill Howard made a motion, seconded by Mike Erickson, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made by Misty Hartle and seconded by John Sherry to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

* Chairman Straub called for an Executive Session of the District IX Committee at 9:17 a.m. After ending the Executive Session, Chairman Straub returned the meeting to Regular Session at 9:59 a.m.

FINANCE:

Mike Erickson made a motion, seconded by John Sherry, to approve the updated treasurer's report and balance sheet from March 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Misty Hartle moved to approve the treasurer's report and balance sheet from June 2025. Kevin Doverspike seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Misty Hartle to approve the treasurer's report for July 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Baumcraz made a motion, seconded by John Sherry, to accept the updated softball financial report presented by Anita Orton. Motion passed unanimously.

A report was given by Mike Erickson, the D9 Audit Chairman, regarding the annual audit conducted on July 10, 2025. A special thank you was given to Boyer & Ritter Finance Co. for overseeing the process and making recommendations for future audits. Misty Hartle made a motion, seconded by Phil Esposito, to approve the audit report and recommended committee fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bill Jordan gave an update on the Robert Tonkin Athletics for Life Scholarship. Dr. Jordan, Anita Orton, and Mr. Tonkin's son, are working together on a project to assist the student-athletes. More information will be provided at a later date.

Treasurer Anita Orton presented a report from a meeting held with Matt Reitz, a representative from Edward Jones. The finance subcommittee, consisting of Anita Orton, Aaron Straub, and Bill Howard, is pleased with Mr. Reitz's recommendations.

Mrs. Orton revised the mileage/expense forms. All forms will now require two signatures on all financial forms submitted for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Misty Hartle and seconded by Anita Orton to compensate the D9 webmaster \$6500.00 as terms regarding a 2025-2026 contract. There is no automatic renewal at the end of the contract which expires at the end of June 2026. Motion passed 13 to 1.

The Committee will be accepting RFP's for future services such as purchasing merchandise and awards and updating the D9 webpage. Misty Hartle moved to request bids beginning April 1, 2025, with final requests due by April 30th. Dave Osborne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMITTEE ACTION:

The PSBA is yet to choose a representative for a position on the D9 Committee.

Mike Erickson moved to approve the meeting schedule for 2025-2026. Bill Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A request from ICC for Championship Events for the 2025-2026 season was presented. Mike Erickson moved to approve the request, seconded by Phil Esposito. Motion passed unanimously.

KSAC submitted a request for Championship Events for the 2025-2026 season. Bill Howard moved to approve the request. Dr. Jordan seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

D9 Central League requested Championship Events be held for their league for the 2025-2026 season. Misty Hartle made a motion to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Ed Baumcratz. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending a formal request in letter form from the Northern Tier, tentative approval was given to the Northern Tier League to hold their championship events for the 2025-2026 season. Motion was made by Ed Baumcratz, seconded by Misty Hartle. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Erickson was appointed as the Flag Football Steering Committee Representative.

Chairman Straub gave an update from Mark Byers, the PIAA Chief Operating Officer, addressing the definition of a “Mixed Gender Team.” More information may be found on the PIAA website.

CHAIRMAN’S UPDATES:

*Chairman Straub distributed the July minutes from the State Board Meeting.

*Also discussed were the Enrollment numbers and Classifications and the Pairings and Brackets for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Cycle.

*A review was given for dates for Summer Workshops and the Officials’ Convention along with Rules Interpretation Meetings.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Eligibility & Co-op Requests

TRANSFER REQUESTS: (For 2025-2026 School Year)

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
T-1	C-L	Keystone	B.Howard/M.Erickson	Approved - Reg
T-2	NC	West Forest	B.Howard/M.Erickson	Approved - Reg
T-3	St. Marys	NC	B.Howard/M.Erickson	Approved - Reg
T-4	DuBois Area	DCC	B.Howard/M.Erickson	Approved - Reg
T-5	NC	West Forest	B.Howard/M.Erickson	Approved - Reg
EC-1	Forest Area	NC	J.Sherry/B.Howard	Approved - Reg

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES

*FOOTBALL – Seeding will take place at the District 9 Cross Country Championships in Ridgway in October. With the closing of Sheffield Jr./Sr. High School, Abraxas will now be co-oping with Brookville. Brookville (hosting) will be moving to “AAA” since the move is occurring mid-cycle.

*DISTRICT 9 COMPETITIVE SPIRIT CHAMPIONSHIPS – Saturday, December 20, 2025, at DuBois Area High School. PIAA Competitive Spirit State Championships – January 9 and January 10 in Johnstown.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Everyone is encouraged to check the **new** “Sportsmanship Message” on the PIAA website. This message should be read at the beginning of each athletic event.

OTHER:

A motion was made by Bill Howard, seconded by Dr. Bill Jordan, to adjourn at 12:38 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – September 17, 2025

Location – Fox’s Restaurant, Ridgway, PA

Time – 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie S. Wolbert

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District IX Secretary
Female Officials’ Representative
Sportsmanship Chairman