

# PIAA DISTRICT IX COMMITTEE MEETING

**September 17, 2025**

The District IX Committee met on September 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub at 9:08 a.m. at Fox's Restaurant in Ridgway, PA. The following members were present: Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Misty Hartle, Roddy Hartle, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Roger Walter, Phil Esposito, Kevin Doverspike, Aaron Straub, Nate Jones, Peter Grecco, Ed Baumcrazt and Bud Brennen.

Excused from the meeting were Dr. Josh Williams, Mike Erickson, John Sherry, Scott Daum and Bonnie Wolbert.

## **MINUTES:**

Bill Howard made a motion, seconded by Pete Grecco, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

\* Chairman Straub called for an Executive Session of the District IX Committee at 9:22 a.m. After ending the Executive Session, Chairman Straub returned the meeting to Regular Session at 9:46 a.m. No decisions were made.

## **FINANCE:**

Roger Walter made a motion, seconded by Phil Esposito, to approve the updated treasurer's report and balance sheet from August 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Jordan made a motion, seconded by Bill Howard, to accept spectator and media fees as presented. The motion passed 11-1.

Bill Jordan made a motion, seconded by Bill Howard, for approval of the transfer of funds in our CD renewal through Edward Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave Osborne made a motion, seconded by Roger Walter, to accept the team and individual tournament fees as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Doverspike made a motion, seconded by Bill Jordan, to increase payment to Siegel Engraving by twenty-five cents per piece for medal prices. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATION AND COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The PSBA chose Scott Daum as representative for a position on the D9 Committee.

Chairman Straub gave an update from Mark Byers, the PIAA Chief Operating Officer, addressing the following issues

- During playoffs, schools cannot have indoor pep bands but can play outdoors as long as they are using good sportsmanship.
- Post season eligibility can be handled on a sport by sport (season by season) basis.
- Dual enrollment courses can be counted as part/all of the 4 credits toward eligibility.
- Schools can prohibit visiting schools from livestreaming.
- “But for” test for athletic eligibility decisions. Article VI,, Section 5D of the bylaws state the following: **Athletically Motivated Transfers:** Transfers which are motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose are those Transfers which would not have occurred but for a desire of the student or the student’s family (1) to gain additional playing time; (2) to play for a particular school, Coach, or Team; (3) to avoid either playing for, or athletic sanctions imposed by, a particular school, Coach, or Team; and/or (4) to gain increased media or college exposure.

Pete Grecco made a motion, seconded by Phil Esposito, for approval of the updated District IX officers and committees. The motion passed unanimously.

Bud Brennen and Bonnie Wolbert are running for district officials’ representatives. Their names have been submitted to the PIAA to be placed on the upcoming election.

PIAA passed, for this Fall only, that students attending a faith based private school can play at the public school in their home school district without a co-op in place. A decision will be made by the PIAA board of directors for the Winter and Spring sports season at the next State Board meeting.

## **CHAIRMAN’SUPDATES:**

Enrollment reporting must be submitted by PIAA member schools by October 15.  
Classifications will be reported to schools by November 7.

The deadline to form or terminate a co-op is October 1.

Multi public school arrangements may state that pupils are eligible at either their home school district of residence or the district they attend for IU, Vo-Ag, or other specialized curriculum classrooms. If there is no agreement in place, they are only eligible in the school district they reside.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE: Eligibility & Co-op Requests**

Bill Howard made a motion, seconded by Dave Osborne, to approve a cooperative agreement in the sport of competitive spirit between Clarion Limestone (host), Clarion Area and North Clarion. The motion passed unanimously with Ed Baumcratz and Roger Walter abstaining.

## **TRANSFER REQUESTS: (For 2025-2026 School Year - Regular Season)**

| <b><u>Student #</u></b> | <b><u>From</u></b> | <b><u>To</u></b> | <b><u>Motion/Second</u></b> | <b><u>Approve/Deny</u></b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| T-6                     | Clearfield         | Curwensville     | Jordan/Walter               | Approve                    |
| T-7                     | Otto-Eldred        | Smethport        | Jordan/Walter               | Approve                    |
| T-8                     | DuBois Area        | DuBois Christian | Jordan/Walter               | Approve                    |
| T-9                     | St. Marys          | Ridgway          | Jordan/Walter               | Approve                    |
| FE 1                    | Italy              | Northern Potter  | Howard/Grecco               | Approve                    |

### **Post Season Eligibility:**

|        |            |              |                 |                                |
|--------|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| PS - 1 | Clearfield | Curwensville | Osborne/Howard  | Approve Golf and Deny Softball |
| PS - 2 | Smethport  | Otto Eldred  | R.Hartle/Jordan | Deny Golf and Basketball       |

\*All votes were 12-0.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

The NFHS sportsmanship course is to be completed if a supplemental disqualification is awarded. The certificate should be sent to the sports chairman.

Dr. Jordan will set up events for hometown ticketing when they are sent to him.

## **SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES**

\*GOLF - District championships will take place at Punxsutawney Country Club (boys) and Pinecrest Country Club (girls).

\*TENNIS and VOLLEYBALL information will be sent out this week.

\*CROSS COUNTRY - runners must be put on mile split for the district meet. The district meet will take place at Ridgway Elementary on October 25. The coaches meeting will be at 10:30 and the first race is at 11:15.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ed Baumcrazt made a motion, seconded by Pete Grecco, for approval for the Northern Tier to hold a basketball championship. The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard, seconded by Nate Jones, to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting – October 16, 2025**

**Location – Fox's Restaurant, Ridgway, PA**

**Time – 9:00 a.m. seeding meeting/9:30 committee meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

***Misty Hartle***

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