

PIAA DISTRICT IX COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 2026

The District IX Committee met on February 12, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub at 10:02 a.m. at Fox's Restaurant in Ridgway, PA. The following members were present: Bill Howard, Dr. Bill Jordan, Bud Brennen, Mike Erickson, Misty Hartle, Anita Orton, Roddy Hartle, Dave Osborne John Sherry, Phil Esposito, Nate Jones, Peter Grecco, Kevin Doverspike, Aaron Straub, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Excused from the meeting were Ed Baumcratz, Scott Daum, Roger Walter, and Dr. Josh Williams (a non-voting member).

MINUTES:

Bill Howard made a motion, seconded by Misty Hartle, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE:

Misty Hartle made a motion, seconded by Phil Esposito, to approve amending the minutes from the Wrestling Ticket Price Meeting held on February 6, 2026. The admission fee for the District IX Individual Wrestling Championships scheduled for February 20 and 21, 2026, will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students, Pricing applies to purchases made "online" using HomeTown Ticketing and purchases made with cash at the door. All "on-line" fees and charges will be covered by District IX. There will not be any discounted series tickets available for the wrestling tournament. Motion passed by a vote of 14-1.

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Dave Osborne to approve the Treasurer's Report, the Balance Sheet, and the Outstanding Checks list for January 2026. Motion passed 15-0.

Work is continuing regarding the preparation of RFP's (Request For Proposals) for District IX Merchandise, Awards, and for the DIX Webmaster position. John Sherry made a motion, seconded by Misty Hartle, to include the RFPs for a two-year period starting on July 1, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMITTEE ACTION:

A State Appeal Hearing is scheduled for February 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., regarding a postseason eligibility decision made by the DIX Committee on February 2, 2026.

New ticket prices for all Winter and Spring Sports have been established for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year. These prices reflect staying within the newly adopted and modified School Code Guidelines which state that tickets purchased "on-line" must be the same price as

those purchased in cash the day of the event. Dr. William Jordan made the motion to have HomeTown tickets and cash purchases be the same amount, with ticket prices set at \$10.00 per adult ticket and \$5.00 per student ticket. Motion passed 15-0.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES:

Chairman Straub shared information from Keenan Huss that students who attend PDE approved Cyber, Cyber Charter, or Charter schools can participate in the athletic programs at the public school district in which their reside provided that the school they attend is a PDE approved school and does not sponsor the sport they desire to participate in at their public school of residence.

The Annual Principals' Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the Red Fern in Kersey, PA. More information is forthcoming.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Eligibility & Co-op Requests - NONE

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES

Individual Wrestling Championships are scheduled for Friday, February 20, and Saturday, February 21, 2026, at PennWest-Clarion University, Clarion, PA.

District basketball playoffs begin the week of February 17, 2026. Super Saturday is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, at PennWest-Clarion University.

Swimming and Diving Championships are scheduled for Friday, February 27, and Saturday, February 28, at Clearfield High School.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

The male and female parent representatives' positions are up for appointment at the end of 2025-2026. A motion was made by John Sherry, seconded by Misty Hartle, to begin accepting Letters of Interest for these positions. Interested candidates for the position of male parent representative or female parent representative should forward the following information to Mr. Aaron Straub, DIX Chairman:

- Letter of Interest
- A resume
- Three (3) Letters of Endorsement
 - *At least one (1) letter must be from an administrator
 - *The other two (2) letters may be from faculty members, athletic directors, or school administrators.

The **deadline** to have all information sent to Mr. Aaron Straub, the D9 Chairman, is **March 4, 2026**. You may email your information to strauba@eccss.org or send material to:

Mr. Aaron Straub, D9 Chairman
Elk County Catholic High School
600 Maurus Street
St. Marys, PA 15857

OTHER:

A motion for adjournment was made by Bill Howard, seconded by Bill Jordan. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – March 11, 2026

Location – Fox's Restaurant in Ridgway, PA

Time – 10:00 a.m.

***** Format may change to remote depending on business items.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie S. Wolbert

*District IX Secretary
Female Officials' Representative*