

# PIAA DISTRICT IX COMMITTEE MEETING

**March 11, 2026**

The District IX Committee met on March 11, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub at 10:05 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, Ed Baumcraz, Roger Walter, Kevin Doverspike, Aaron Straub, and Bonnie Wolbert.

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

Guest: Dan Boyer, newly elected Male Officials' Representative effective July 1, 2026.

A HomeTown Ticketing (HTT) presentation was presented by Mr. Blake Lantz via GOOGLE Meet. Major item covered was the "Cash Law". Tickets for events may be purchased ONLINE or at the door. If not purchased ONLINE, the use of **cash or credit card** may be used for admittance fees. Same day ticket sales must be the same price regardless if tickets are purchased on-line or in cash at the door. A discounted ticket may be sold on-line prior to the event.

## **MINUTES:**

Mike Erickson made a motion, seconded by Misty Hartle, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **FINANCE:**

Bill Howard made a motion, seconded by John Sherry, to approve the Treasurer's Report & Balance Sheet & Outstanding checks – February 12, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Roger Walter made a motion, seconded by Phil Esposito, to release the RFP form to provide merchandise for District IX Events. The form will be released on the D9 Website on April 1, 2026. Completed RFP's must be received by Bonnie S. Wolbert at 1110 Lake Lucy Road, Lot-T, Tionesta, PA 16353, by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Howard made a motion, seconded by Bill Jordan, to release the RFP form to provide awards for District IX events. The form will be released on the D9 Website on April 1, 2026. Completed RFP's must be received by Bonnie S. Wolbert at 1110 Lake Lucy Road, Lot-T, Tionesta, PA 16353, by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Baumcraz made a motion, seconded by Misty Hartle, to release the RFP form to maintain and administer the District 9 Website. The form will be released on the D9 Website on April 1, 2026. Completed RFP's must be received by Bonnie S. Wolbert at 1110 Lake Lucy Road, Lot-T, Tionesta, PA 16353, by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNICATION & COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS:**

Letters of Interest for the positions of Male and Female Parents Representative were reviewed. One letter was received for the Female parents Representative – Anita Orton. Four letters were received for the Male Parents Representative – Rusty Akers, Josh Burrs, Kevin Doverspike, and Michael Schnelle.

A motion was made by Misty Hartle and seconded by Bill Jordan to appoint Anita Orton as the Female Parents' Representative for a two-year term (2026-2027/2027-2028). Motion passed unanimously.

Misty Hartle made a motion, seconded by Bill Jordan, to appoint Kevin Doverspike as the Male Parents' Representative for a two-year term (2026-2027/2027-2028). Motion passed unanimously.

A committee will study the need for bylaws specific to the District IX committee.

Plans are progressing for the Annual Principals' Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the Red Fern Banquet Facility in Kersey, PA. Time schedule includes:

A.D. Meeting – 8:30 a.m.

Principals' Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Reorganizational Meeting – 11:30 a.m.

D9 Presentations/Recognitions and Meal – 12:00 p.m.

D9 Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

A ballot containing the names of those individuals who are running for the 2026-2027 District IX committee will be released to the schools at 8:00 AM on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Voting will continue until Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. The election committee of Kevin Doverspike and Anita Orton will conduct the election process.

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

### **Co-op Request**

Pete Grecco made a motion, seconded by Dave Osborne, to approve a co-op between Otto-Eldred (Host) and Oswayo Valley in softball, effective immediately. This will be a three (3) year co-op which will include the 2026 season and the next PIAA cycle (2026-2027/2027-2028). Motion passed 14-0-1.

**CHAIRMAN UPDATE:**

Next PIAA State Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

**Eligibility**

**Attendance Waiver (Article III)** Kane student (M.G.) E.Baumcratz/B.Howard Approved 15-0

**Post season Waiver** DuBois Central (R.P.) D.Osborne/R.Hartle Approved 14-0-1

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kevin Doverspike made a motion to purchase six (6) televisions as “student give-aways” at the Super Saturday 2027 District IX Basketball Championships. Roddy Hartle seconded the motion. The cost of each television is not to exceed \$100.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER:**

A motion for adjournment was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Pete Grecco. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026**  
**Location – Red Fern Banquet Facility, Kersey, PA**  
**Time – 1:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie S. Wolbert*

*District IX Secretary*  
*Female Officials’ Representative*