

PIAA DISTRICT IX COMMITTEE MEETING

April 15, 2026

The District IX Committee met on April 15, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub at 1: 30 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, Nathan Jones, Phil Esposito, Roger Walter, Aaron Straub, and Bonnie Wolbert.

Excused from the meeting were Bud Brennen, Ed Baumcratz, and Dr. Josh Williams.

Guests in attendance included Jason Barner, Dan Boyer, Doug Dickerson, and Matt Darr.

GUESTS' AND VISITORS' COMMENTS

Matt Darr, Director of Athletics from Redbank Valley, requested a review of the policy for selecting home playoff venues in the event that a school that has earned the privilege to host a playoff game has a venue that either does not meet District standards, is not playable, or is not available for a scheduled playoff game. The District Committee will develop a policy that will be adopted at the May meeting to address this concern.

MINUTES

Bill Howard made a motion, seconded by Roger Walter, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

Misty Hartle made a motion, seconded by Phil Esposito, to approve the March 2026, treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Misty Hartle, to accept an update to the financial reports given at last month's committee meeting regarding outstanding checks and an adjusted 2026 Basketball Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Misty Hartle made a motion to accept the financial Team Wrestling Report. Motion was seconded by Scott Daum. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Osborne moved to accept the Individual Wrestling Financial Report. Bill Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Misty Harle and seconded by Pete Grecco to accept the Swimming and Diving Financial Report. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMITTEE ACTION

John Sherry, the Athletic Director for Coudersport High School, self-reported an incident regarding an ineligible student who was permitted to practice with the Varsity Baseball team at Coudersport. Pete Grecco made a motion to accept Coudersport's disciplinary action and action plan to ensure this does not happen again. Kevin Doverspike seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Misty Hartle reported progress is being made with her committee on updating the District IX By-Laws.

The Committee reviewed the "talking points" for PIAA at the Annual Principals' Meeting held earlier in the day. Alex Mykut, the PIAA Director of Officiating Services & Sport, conducted the question-and-answer period during the principals' meeting. Items discussed included:

- 1.) Eligibility Updates
- 2.) Sport Specific Updates

RFPs are now being collected for Merchandising, Awards, and Website Administrator(s). Deadline to submit proposals is Thursday, April 30, 2026. Applications are on the D9 Website.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Eligibility & Co-op Requests

Eligibility Decisions:

<u>Student</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>
G.M.	Kane	P.Grecco/D.Osborne	Approved (Waive 23.5 medical excused absences)
Y. C.	ECC	M.Erickson/M.Hartle	Approved (Foreign Student - 1 year eligibility)
L.G.	Bradford	B.Jordan/P.Esposito	Approved (In-season Transfer after 21-day sit out)

Co-op Requests:

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

NONE

SPORT SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

Baseball Seeding – May 14, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Softball Seeding – May 14, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Track & Field Championships – Brookville High School – May 15, 2026

OLD BUSINESS:

At the Annual District IX Principals' Meeting/Luncheon, the recipients of the 2026 Robert Tonkin Athletics for Life Scholarship were each presented with a check for \$1000.00. Winners were Jady Shumaker, a senior student-athlete from Cranberry Area, and Colbin Elliott, a senior student-athlete from A-C Valley High School.

NEW BUSINESS:

Results of the 2026-27 Reorganizational Meeting

- Chairman – Aaron Straub
- Vice Chairman – Kevin Doverspike
- Secretary – Bonnie Wolbert
- Treasurer – Anita Orton

Committee Members who will begin their terms of service on July 1, 2026

- Male Officials' Representative – Dan Boyer
- New Committee Member – Jason Barner (Kane A.D)
- New Committee Member - Doug Dickerson (Smethport High School Principal)

OTHER:

A motion was made by Dr. Bill Jordan, seconded by Mike Erickson, to adjourn at 3:14 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting – May 14, 2026

Location – Fox's Restaurant in Ridgway

Time – 9:00 a.m. Baseball/Softball Seedings followed by D9 Committee @ 10:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie S. Wolbert

Bonnie S. Wolbert, District IX Secretary