

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director  
Regular Meeting of PIAA District 6 – March 5, 2008**

**Call to Order of the March 5, 2008, Meeting**

Chairman Wotkowski called the meeting of the District 6 Committee to order at 3:30 PM at the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School. Present were: Raymond Wotkowski, Alberta Ake, David Crumrine, Kathy Getz, Ralph Cecere, Donald Hosterman, Vince Nedimyer, Thomas Kakabar, Kenneth Bussard, Michael Hudak, Kim Hubler, James Price, Dean Rossi and Charles Glasser.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Kenneth Bussard and Vince Nedimyer, the minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting were approved.

**Financial Reports**

On a motion by James Price and Alberta Ake, the Committee unanimously approved the February 2008 Financial Report.

**2008-2009 PIAA DUES** Ralph Cecere and Don Hosterman made a motion for District 6 to pay the annual PIAA 2008-09 membership dues for District 6 member schools.

Donald Hosterman presented the wrestling financial report; the Committee accepted the report on a motion by James Price and Dean Rossi.

Charles Glasser motioned and Dean Rossi second, to reimburse Altoona and State College for AAAA district 3-6 football play-offs.

**Sportsmanship**

Good sportsmanship is something that is taught, modeled and reinforced. Michael Hudak and Kathy Getz reviewed the below-listed disqualification forms.

W	Somerset	player	biting unsporting
BB	Cambria Heights	player	2 <sup>nd</sup> unsporting technicals

**Eligibility Hearings**

On a motion by Donald Hosterman and David Crumrine, an eligibility hearing was held for Margaret Covell, a 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Huntingdon. Margaret is eligible to participate in softball based on Article III, Section 3, Attendance. The vote was 13-0.

### **Information**

**Annual Meeting for Principals and Athletic Directors:** Please mark your calendars for the District Six annual dinner meeting held on **April 30, 2008**, at the Blair County Convention Center. On a motion by David Crumrine and Albert D'Ambrosia (February 2007 Minutes) the Committee approved a motion to mandate attendance at the annual dinner, the Principal, or an administrative representative, and Athletic Director are required to be attendance. Any school not in attendance will be assessed a \$100.00 fine. The

### **Official Contract Disputes**

Athletic Directors are asked to please contact Michael Hudak or Kathy Getz if they are experiencing problems with officials not honoring their contract with their school. The first course of action would be to contact the official personally and if no resolution is reached then the above referral is warranted, as per the PIAA By-Law.

**Transfer Rule Status:** The Ad Hoc Committee reconvened on Friday, March 7, 2008, and voted to forward the modified District Seven transfer rule proposal to the March 15, 2008 State Board of Director meeting, for discussion and a final vote in May. The JV portion of the original proposal was replaced by sitting out for half of the maximum number of regular season contests. This proposed transfer rule will reduce the reasons for immediate eligibility, allow students to be eligible when they first enroll in ninth grade, require significant supportive proof and will provide opportunities for every student to play at all levels. If passed, the projected date of implementation is July 1, 2008.

**Westmont Hilltop Wrestling Hearing:** After hearing testimony from representatives of Westmont Hilltop, and discussing the facts of finding, the District Six Committee ruled to accept the actions of the Westmont Hilltop Administration. In addition, further sanctions were imposed on the Head Wrestling Coach and Athletic Director, along with placing the Westmont Hilltop High School wrestling program on probation for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 wrestling seasons. The District 6 Committee members would like to thank the Westmont Hilltop administration for their cooperation.

**Wrestling Sites:** On a motion by Donald Hosterman and Dean Rossi the AA and AAA wrestling tournaments will remain at Altoona Area High School next February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for AA and February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> for AAA.

**Basketball Information:** Discussion was held regarding the site selection for basketball and the higher seeded team hosting first round games. "District 6 is a very large geographical area which at times, makes the site selection process very difficult." The process begins with the solicitation of schools interested in hosting games. Schools are asked to submit a form that includes the seating capacity and the cost associated with using the gym. This year, 15 schools submitted proposals. In addition to the member schools, the Cambria County War Memorial and IUP were also available on a limited basis, St. Francis was not.

Once the brackets are determined, site selection begins by looking at the various matchups. The following factors are considered when determining sites:

- Location of site to schools playing
- Schools with girls and boys teams entered
- Capacity of site
- Availability and quality of site (parking, accessibility, lighting, floor size, etc.)
- Seeding in not a determining factor.

In an effort to allow students, parents and other fans from the community to purchase one ticket to see two teams play, schools with both a girls and boys team are given preference when possible. We try to accommodate these communities and schools as much as possible; however, this is not always feasible. Sometimes we must play on different nights as the PIAA does throughout the inter-district tournament.

We then try to make the least amount of teams travel long distances; one hour maximum is our goal. If we have three teams in a general area, then the fourth team may travel somewhat further. We try to use central locations as much as possible. We do not use home gyms for any schools; therefore, we may be forced to use a site that is not a perfect fit. However, this does not happen on a regular basis.

**Candidates for Representatives:** Nominations are now being accepted for the positions of senior high, junior high or middle school and athletic director for the District 6 Committee. If you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot please contact either Sherry Montgomery or Ray Wotkowski for instructions on the process.

#### **Foreign Exchange Eligibility Hearings**

On a motion by Kathy Getz and Charles Glasser, the following students have a J1 VISA and are approved to participate in sports:

Maximilian Neginer	Germany	United	Track
Axel Hernborg	Germany	Altoona	Boys Tennis

#### **The Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PIAA District 6 Committee will be held on

**Wednesday, April 30, 2008 4:00 at the Blair County Convention Center located in Altoona, followed by the 6:00 annual District Six Spring meeting and 7:00 dinner.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Sherry Montgomery*  
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Secretary/Treasurer