

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District 6 – April 15, 2009**

Call to Order of the April 15, 2009, Meeting

Chairman Wotkowski called the meeting of the District 6 Committee to order at 4:00 PM at the Blair County Convention Center. Present were: Raymond Wotkowski, Kenneth Bussard, Ralph Cecere Jr., Kim Hubler, Thomas Kakabar, Kathy Getz, Dean Rossi, David Crumrine, Charles Glasser, Donald Hosterman, Michael Hudak, Vince Nedimyer, James Price, Curtis Whitesel and Alberta Ake. Greg Biller, Mark Beyers, Dennis Drake and Beverly Bender were guests.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Ralph Cecere, the minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Dean Rossi and Kim Hubler, the Committee unanimously approved the March 2009 Financial Report.

On a motion by Kim Hubler and Curtis Whitesel, the Committee approved to reimburse District 6 schools, from the basketball revenue, for the presale of tickets that were sold for the basketball championships games.

A motion was made by James Price and Alberta Ake to approve the basketball financial report presented by Thomas Kakabar.

Vince Nedimyer and Donald Hosterman made a motion to approve participation in a prepaid Web hosting program. District 6 will benefit by saving a one month fee.

Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is something that is taught, modeled and reinforced.

Laurel Highlands Sportsmanship Workshop: The member schools in the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference will conduct the First Annual Sportsmanship Workshop at the Johnstown Senior High School auditorium on Monday, May 11, 2009 from 8:30 until 1:30. Breakout discussion sessions will include Internet Harassment, Relationship with Officials, Cheering and Cheer Groups, and Athletic Code of Conduct. Four students from each school will participate in this workshop and will be asked to formulate an action plan to share the findings with their schools. The goal is to establish a respectful and positive inter-scholastic relationship.

“One man practicing good sportsmanship is far better than 50 others preaching it.”

-Knut Rockne

District Six Sportsmanship Recognition: Each member school has been asked to submit the names of one male and one female, senior athlete that exemplifies good sportsmanship. Eight athletes will be chosen to receive a monetary scholarship from the

District 6 Committee. Please send the names of the athletes to Michael Hudak at PO Box 973, Johnstown, PA 15907 or submit by email at Michael.p.Hudak@usps.gov.

Michael Hudak and Kathy Getz reviewed the below-listed disqualification forms.

V Baseball strikes	Central	Coach	Questioning balls and
V Baseball	Central	Player	Flagrant contact (runner)
V Baseball	Central Cambria	Player	Flagrant contact (runner)

Eligibility Hearings

On a motion by Michael Hudak and Charles Glasser, Ashley Cole, transferring from East Stroudsburg to Central Cambria, was granted eligibility to participate in softball at Central Cambria, with a vote of 15-0.

Foreign Exchange Eligibility Hearings

The following foreign exchange student, having the proper documents was approved to participate in sports.

On a motion by Dean Rossi and David Crumrine, Alisa Laebang, from Thailand, is eligible to participate in sports at Williamsburg.

Communications

A motion was made by Michael Hudak and Vince Nedimyer to award eight (4 male/4 female) sportsmanship scholarships.

Chairman Wotkowski received a letter from Pat Pino, requesting approval for the Inter County Conference to play a Conference Championship game between the two sections of the conference in the sports of baseball and softball. On a motion by Donald Hosterman and Kathy Getz, the request was approved, with a vote of 15-0.

Chairman Wotkowski received a letter from Todd Niebauer, requesting approval for the Inter-County Wrestling Conference to hold an end of the season open tournament. On a motion by Kim Hubler and Michael Hudak, the request was denied as proposed, with a vote of 15-0.

Chairman Wotkowski received a letter from Charles Gojmerac, requesting approval for the Mountain League to host an open tournament to crown a league champion. On a motion by Kathy Getz and James Price, the request was denied as proposed, with a vote of 15-0.

Note: End of year championship exemptions are intended to determine a champion from the top two teams.

Information

Baseball Play-off note: The “AAAA” and “AAA” baseball games are tentatively scheduled one week earlier this year due to the “AAAA” play-in game for the state play-offs and the availability of the Blair County Ballpark. Weather and other factors may necessitate flexibility in this schedule. Please direct questions to Dr. David Crumrine, Baseball Tournament Director.

Dates

Thursday, May 14 th	First Round
Monday, May 18 th	Second round and “AAAA” and “AAA”
Semi-final	
Thursday, May 21 st	“A” and “AA” Semi-finals
	“AAAA” and “AAA” Finals
Thursday, May 28 th	“A” and “AA” Finals

Softball Championship site: A motion was made by Curtis Whitesel and Vince Nedimyer to host the “A” and “AA” Softball finals at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg.

Annual Banquet

The Annual Membership Banquet was held at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA. Chairman Wotkowski welcomed guest and introduced the District 6 Committee Members. Father Conrad gave the invocation. Greg Biller and Mark Beyer reviewed the proposed amendments to the PIAA Constitution. Beverly Bender, of the Tobacco Free Cambria County Coalition, provided information regarding \$100.00 full-page advertisements with a “Tobacco Free Message” for football programs next season. This money is available for all District Six senior high schools. More information is forthcoming for this PIAA endorsed offer.

Saltsburg High School and Blairsville High School failed to attend and will be fined \$100.00 as per notice. The District 6 Committee appreciates the continued cooperation of all the member schools. The information that was shared both formal and informal is critical to understanding and properly following the athletic guidelines, rules and regulations.

A special thanks goes out to Somerset, United and Homer Center, for counting the election ballots.

Senior High Representatives serving for a one-year term beginning 2009/2010

David Crumrine – Central	Thomas J. Kakabar – Penns Manor
Kenneth Bussard – Central Cambria	Ralph Cecere Jr. – Portage Area
Curtis Whitesel – Mount Union	William Marshall – Penn Cambria

Athletic Director’s Representative serving for a two-year term beginning 2009/2010

Donald Hosterman – Penns Valley

Girl's Athletic Representative serving for a two-year term beginning 2009-2011
Kim Hubler – West Branch High School

The Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PIAA District 6 Committee will be held on
Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the Altoona Area Board Room at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Montgomery
Secretary/Treasurer