

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – April 20, 2022

Call to Order of the April 20, 2022 meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. at Blair County Convention Center.

Present - Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Tina Greene, Dane Harrold, Michael Hudak, Susan Kovensky, Stacy Kuster, William Marshall, Jacquelyn Mento, Jeffrey Miller, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Richard Schreier, Steve Shutters, and Curt Whitesel.

Absent - Deanna Jubeck, Rudy McCarthy, and Eric Thomas.

Others present - Mark Byers, Pat Gebhart, and Chuck Gojmerac.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Dane Harrold, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Monthly Financial Report.

Old Business

The Committee discussed committee assignments for the 2022-2023 school year, spring sport championships preparation, and recommendations for financials should be available in June.

William Marshall shared talking points for the 2022 annual banquet such as; policy reminders, transfers, post season ineligibility, co-ops, webpage updates and revisions, basketball tournament review, Hometown Tickets, consideration of changing ticket prices, higher seed game management, guidelines for student sections that will be provided to member schools, coach ejections, and the disbursement of checks that included \$20,000 to Dean Rossi Scholarship recipients, \$39,000 to member schools that participated in the 2022 basketball tournament, and payment of membership dues for all member schools, for the 2021-2022 school year, that totaled \$38,525.

Pat Gebhart, PIAA Assistant Executive Director, informed the Committee of the items that he will be presenting to the members schools at the banquet. These items included: mandatory practice changes; home team uniforms and competition formula for football; Fall championship sites; Fall Sports festival held at Cumberland Valley High School; shot clock; Title XI's 50th and basketball's 100th year celebration; girls wrestling emerging; and the upcoming discussion of Name, Image & Likeness for student athletes. Mr. Gebhart recognized and commended Phil Riccio for his outstanding professionalism during site bids.

Mark Byers, PIAA Chief Operating Officer, shared his banquet talking points on topics such as transfers for students that participated in 75% of regular season contests, updated glossary definitions, electronic ticketing, recognition of officials, contests for sub-varsity baseball and softball utilized as scrimmages when no umpires, two-day track and field championships, and the upcoming Student Leadership Summit.

New Business

Review of Disqualifications – Michael Hudak provided a handout on disqualifications and informed the Committee of two new coach disqualifications and the amended disqualification from regular to supplemental, after review. The Committee then discussed actions taken towards supplemental verses regular disqualifications. and the requirements.

Eligibility Transfers

Eligibility was granted to the following students, with principal signoffs avowing that no athletic intent existed by both sending and receiving schools:

Name	Gr.	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion by
Gabriel Nelson	9	Northern Cambria to Marion Center	Basketball	Schreier, Miller
Gabriel Pavelko	9	Northern Cambria to Marion Center	Basketball	Schreier, Miller
Rowan DiSabato	9	Altoona to Bishop Guilfoyle	Volleyball	Schreier, Miller
Wesley Frank	7	Forest Hills to Richland	No Sports	Schreier, Miller
Ema Sheesley	10	Blacklick Valley to Bishop Carroll	No Sports	Schreier, Miller
Bradey Michaels	10	Altoona to Hollidaysburg	Baseball	Schreier, Miller
Alexis Gervesoni	11	Altoona to Central HS	No Sports	Schreier, Miller
Arison McCulty	8	Ligonier Valley to Richland	Football, Basketball	Schreier, Miller
Kaidyn Curtis	11	Milford HS to Mifflin County	No Sports	Schreier, Miller
Maya Elliott	10	Florida to Greater Johnstown	Basketball	Schreier, Miller
Anthony Schmidt	7	Forest Hills to Richland	Football	Schreier, Miller

Ineligible for Post Season

Nicholas Pavelko	11	Northern Cambria to Marion Center	Basketball	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Timothy Collins	10	Shade to Richland	Football, Basketball	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Sam Krasowitz	10	State College to St. Joes	Golf	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Blaine Farabaugh	12	Cambria Heights to Bishop Carroll	Track	Cacciotti, Kovensky

Post Season Eligibility

On a motion by Jeffrey Miller and Stacy Kuster, the Committee unanimously granted the post season eligibility waiver for a Bishop Carroll student athlete.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved the appointment of William Marshall as the Superintendents representative for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

The Committee discussed the election of 2022-2023 officers at the May District VI meeting and confirmed the change of the meeting's date to May 11th.

On a motion by Phil Riccio and Tina Greene, the Committee approved the request from the Athletic Director's Association AA Team Wrestling True 2nd. The vote was 15-1.

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Jody Rainey, the Committee unanimously approved the track equipment and service request presented by Phil Riccio.

The Committee decided on a ballot committee to tally the election results.

The Committee conversed on the June meeting that will be held at 9:30am at the Ebensburg County Club, tentatively scheduled for June 14th.

Michael Hudak informed the Committee on the shot clock survey results that was sent to District VI schools. Out of the forty-seven responses, there were twenty-two yes and twenty-five no. Stating that most of the comments, for those who voted no, were cost related.

The Committee discussed website updates and ticket prices for Spring and the 2022-2023 school year.

**The Committee entered into executive session to discuss personnel, coaches, officials, and game managers.*

Sportsmanship

Chuck Gojmerac updated the Committee on the distribution of Dean Rossi Scholarship checks and medals at the banquet.

Individual Sports Reports

On a motion by Molly Pomeroy-Hoover and Tina Greene, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for Swimming and Diving as presented by Curt Whitesel.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Timothy Regan, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for Girls Tennis as presented by Phil Riccio.

On a motion by Richard Schreier and Timothy Regan, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for Wrestling as presented by Phil Riccio.

The Committee commended Mr. Riccio for a job well done.

Communication

William Marshall informed the Committee that Ken Saleme, former District VI committee member and former principal at Bishop McCort, has been appointed as transitional coordinator and liaison between District VI and Bishop McCort.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 3:30 pm in the Penn Cambria High School Library.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Ralph Cecere moved, and Sue Kovensky seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m.