

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – September 8, 2021

Call to Order of the September 8, 2021 Meeting, Vice Chairman Cecere called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:38 pm at Penn Cambria High School Library.

Present were Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Tina Greene, Dane Harrold, Michael Hudak, Deanna Jubeck, Susan Kovensky, Jacquelyn Mento (Recording Secretary), Jeff Miller, Sherry Montgomery, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Richard Schreier, Eric Thomas, and Curt Whitesel.

Absent were Joe Gironda, Stacey Kuster, William Marshall, Rudy McCarthy, and Steve Shutters.

Others present were a Richland High School parent and student athlete, Bonnie Kidd, Matt Volland, Gary Vitko, Ralph Demarco, Steve Slatcoff, and Chuck Gojmerac.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Announcement

Ralph Cecere recognized Sherry Montgomery for her years of service and dedication to the PIAA District 6 Committee. Mrs. Montgomery has been a long-standing critical member of the District VI committee and her outstanding service is greatly appreciated. Members of the committee wish her well.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Susan Kovensky and Curt Whitesel, the minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Richard Schreier and Chuck Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Monthly Financial Report.

Old Business

Ralph Cecere reminded the Committee that 2021-2022 handbook pages need to be completed.

New Business

Review of Disqualifications – Mike Hudak notified the Committee of the two football and two soccer disqualifications that took place over the past month.

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
Mia Scaletta		to United		Cacciotti, Regan
Grace Morcheid	12	Derry Area to River Valley	Golf	Cacciotti, Regan
Nathan Morcheid	10	Kiski to River Valley	Football, Wrestling	Cacciotti, Regan
Gracie Strapple	10	Windber to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Grant Casses	10	Penns Manor to Bishop Carroll	Basketball, Baseball	Cacciotti, Regan
Stacey Pavlick	8	Windber to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Isic Sleigh	10	Indiana HS to West Shamokin	Football, Wrestling	Cacciotti, Regan
Jason Lee McClelland	10	West Shamokin to Marion Center	Football	Cacciotti, Regan
Jadyn Jackson	11	Bellwood to Richland	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Cody Schneider	12	Glendale to Tyrone	Wrestling	Cacciotti, Regan
Mason Nicole Conklin	12	Curwensville to Bishop McCort	Volleyball	Cacciotti, Regan
Ty Conklin	8	Curwensville to Bishop McCort	Football, Wrestling	Cacciotti, Regan
Isabella Harriton	11	Portage to Bishop Carroll	Rifle	Cacciotti, Regan
Catherine Laughard	11	Johnstown HS to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Autums Rickettes	11	Phillipsburg to Bishop McCort	Softball	Cacciotti, Regan
Kasen Nekiunas	8	Altoona to Forest Hills	Football	Cacciotti, Regan

Broderick Ryan	10	Northern Cambria to Bishop Carroll	Hockey	Cacciotti, Regan
Marshall Farabaugh	9	Bishop Carroll to Cambria Heights	Basketball	Cacciotti, Regan
Marcus Anderson	8	Westmont to Bishop McCort	Soccer	Cacciotti, Regan
Isaac Diehl	12	Penn Cambria to Portage	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Jaivon Jones	10	Indiana HS to Homer Center	Football	Cacciotti, Regan
Preston Bellas	9	Armstrong to West Shamokin	Football	Cacciotti, Regan
Alexander Crist	10	Maple Grove HS to Bellefonte	Cross Country, B-ball, Track	Cacciotti, Regan
Miguel Torres	10	United to Bishop McCort	Track	Cacciotti, Regan
Jeremiah Ondrasik	11	Dallastown to Bellefonte	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Chailyn Brezovic	10	Johnstown to Westmont	Soccer	Cacciotti, Regan
Brandon Vought	12	Shade to Forest Hills	Football	Cacciotti, Regan
Genesis Rosario	11	Business of Sports to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Dreysen Weaver	10	Bell. Mennonite to Mifflin County	Soccer, Basketball	Cacciotti, Regan
Michael Furdella	10	Johnstown Christian to Johnstown	Soccer	Cacciotti, Regan
Jaxen Forrest	8	North Carolina to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Jovan Forrest	10	North Carolina to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Tailor Balamuta	9	Bishop McCort to Westmont	Cheer	Cacciotti, Regan
Zoey Stormer	8	Conemaugh Valley to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Jade Smith	12	Bishop Carroll to Central Cambria	Golf, Swim	Cacciotti, Regan
Blaise Wills	10	Virginia to Hollidaysburg	Football, Basketball	Cacciotti, Regan
James Kelsey	12	Conneaut HS to Blacklick Valley	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Amiya Harris	8	Greater Johnstown to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Regan
Maria Yarnavick	10	Windber to Bishop McCort	Cheer	Cacciotti, Gojmerac
Gracie Strapple	10	Windber to Bishop McCort	Cheer	Hudak, Schreier

Deemed ineligible for post season play:

Name	Gr.	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Essex Taylor	11	St. Joes to Central Mountain	Basketball	Regan, Whitesel
Blaine Farabaugh	12	Bishop Carroll to Cambria Heights	Football	Regan, Whitesel
Diondre Chatman	11	Ferndale to Bishop McCort	Football, Basketball	Regan, Whitesel
Jordan Cruz	12	Mifflin County to Juniata HS	Football	Regan, Whitesel
Gabrielle Lucci	11	Bell. Mennonite to Mifflin County	Soccer	Regan, Whitesel
Alexis Johnson	11	Bellefonte to Bald Eagle Area	Volleyball	Regan, Whitesel
Lauren Papi	11	Penn Cambria to Altoona	Volleyball	Regan, Whitesel

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

Name	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Pol Gelambi-Andriev	Spain, Bishop Guilfoyle		Kovensky, Schreier
Philip Doernte	Germany, Bishop Guilfoyle		Kovensky, Schreier
Olivia Mooij	Sweden, Central HS		Kovensky, Schreier
Sichen Liu	China, Bishop Carroll		Kovensky, Schreier
Shih Chenghan	China, Bishop Carroll		Kovensky, Schreier
Wang Yutao	China, Bishop Carroll		Kovensky, Schreier
David Kim	South Korea, Bishop Guilfoyle		Kovensky, Schreier

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Jeff Miller, the Committee unanimously approved to postpone the eligibility decision of a Richland High School student athlete until additional documentation has been provided.

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Jeff Miller, the Committee unanimously approved to withdraw the postponement of the eligibility decision of a Richland High School student athlete due to required documentation being provided.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously granted eligibility for football to a Richland High School student-athlete, grade 11, based on the PIAA By-Laws, Article VI, Section C, Letter H.

On a motion by Mike Cacciotti and Chuck Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously granted eligibility for cheer to a Bishop McCort High School student-athlete, grade 10, based on the PIAA By-Laws, Article VI, Section 1.

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously granted eligibility for cheer to a Bishop McCort High School student-athlete, grade 10, based on the PIAA By-Laws, Article VI, Section 1.

On a motion by Jeff Miller and Eric Thomas, the Committee unanimously approved Bishop Guilfoyle Co-Op with Bellwood in Girls Cross Country.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Tim Regan, the Committee unanimously approved Bishop Guilfoyle Co-Op with Bellwood in Boys Cross Country, changing classification and Bellwood has confirmed they will NOT compete in post season for 21-22 season.

On a motion by Richard Schreier and Chuck Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved the modified Boys Soccer Co-Op with Greater Johnstown and Ferndale, adding Conemaugh Valley, noting that this DOES NOT change classification

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Sue Kovensky, the Committee approved Chestnut Ridge Co-Op with Claysburg in Girls Soccer.

The Committee conversed having a meeting to discuss upgrades to the District VI website.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved the ICC Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports Championships as presented.

Individual Sports Reports

Mike Hudak informed the Committee that Golf information has been distributed to District VI School Districts and entry deadline is September 17th.

Mike Cacciotti stated that Boys/Girls Soccer playoffs will begin the last week of October through first week of November.

Phil Riccio informed the Committee that District VI Girls Tennis will be held Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

Chuck Gojmerac briefed the Committee on the revised bracket system Girls Volleyball that is scheduled for October 28, 2021, that will allow one day break.

Molly Pomeroy-Hoover announced that Competitive Cheer will be held Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Altoona Area School District.

Sue Kovensky reported that AAA Field Hockey will be held Monday October 25, 2021 at Bald Eagle Area High School, time to be determined, and tickets will be available online through Hometown Tickets.

Communications

The Committee discussed the upcoming Board of Directors meeting that will be reviewing forfeits procedures due to COVID-19, Ralph Cecere will send out contact information for any inquiries on managing Hometown Tickets for Fall Championships, and live streaming District VI Championships must go through tournament chairs with a possible fee imposed.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet on October 6th at 3:30pm at Penn Cambria High School Library.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Dane Harrold moved, and Phil Riccio seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

