

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – October 6, 2021

Call to Order of the October 6, 2021 Meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:35 pm at Penn Cambria High School Library.

Present were Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Joe Girona, Tina Greene, Dane Harrold, Michael Hudak, Gary Jubas, Deanna Jubeck, Susan Kovensky, Stacey Kuster, William Marshall, Rudy McCarthy, Jacquelyn Mento, Jeff Miller, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Richard Schreier, Steve Shutters, and Curt Whitesel.

Absent were Sherry Montgomery and Eric Thomas.

Others present were Rebecca Roberts, a Bishop McCort parent, Gary Vitko, and Ralph Demarco.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Susan Kovensky and Richard Schreier, the minutes from the September 8, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

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

Old Business

The Committee discussed the revamping of the Website Platform and ideas can be emailed to the website subcommittee members; Sue Kovensky, Joe Girona, and Ralph Cecere.

The Committee was also informed that with Hometown Tickets, it is encouraged that a ticket taker be present with an I-Phone in order to complete ticket sales for those who are unable or unaware of the online ticket purchases. School Districts are also encouraged to reach out to their communities to inform them of the online ticket sales.

The Committee conversed on playoff preparation and higher seeds hosting until championships. Championship sites and media costs were also discussed. Ralph Cecere reminded the Committee that media fees are as follows: radio - \$50 and livestreaming - \$400, unless that school district carries their own livestreaming, then the cost would be \$200.

Mike Hudak clarified game suspensions for supplemental disqualifications as follows: two game suspension for any coach and/or contestant who is ejected from a contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official and a component of the ejection is confronting, contacting or addressing a coach, contestant or official using foul or vulgar language, ethnic or racially insensitive comments or physical contact will be disqualified from competition for the remainder of the day and for the next two (2) contests including all contests on the next two (2) contest days of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the Coach and/or contestant was previously disqualified.

New Business

Review of Disqualifications – There were no disqualifications discussed.

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
Walter Rodgers	7	Forest Hills to Bishop McCort	Football	Cecere, Greene
Brandon Jarvis	9	Shade to Bishop McCort	Basketball	Cecere, Greene
Aidan Sheehan	7	Hollidaysburg to Bishop Guilfoyle	None	Cecere, Greene

Laurell McClurkin	10	Bishop McCort to Johnstown	Volleyball	Cecere, Greene
Angel Germosen	10	Lehigh County to Westmont	No Sports	Cecere, Greene
Corey Talley	10	Washington HS to Blacklick Valley	Football	Cecere, Greene
Blaise Wills	10	Grafton HS to Hollidaysburg	Football, Basketball	Cecere, Greene
Alexus Brendlinger	11	Ligonier Valley to United	No Sports	Cecere, Greene
Hunter Bowser	7	Johnstown to United	Football	Cecere, Greene
Cadence Bobby	10	Northern Cambria to Blacklick Valley	No Sports	Cecere, Greene
Tyler Cinko	10	Central Cambria to Bishop Carroll	Football, Basketball	Cecere, Greene
Kaylee Harpster	10	Altoona to Penn Cambria	Basketball	Cecere, Greene
Gianna Haskins	9	Westmont to Bishop McCort	None	Cecere, Greene

Approved Post Season Waivers:

Name	Gr.	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Blaine Farabaugh	12	Bishop Carroll to Cambria Heights	Football	Regan, Cacciotti
Jordan Cruz	12	Mifflin County to Juniata HS	Football	Regan, Cacciotti
Joshua Hershbine	12	St. Josephs to State College	Wrestling, Track	Regan, Cacciotti

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

Name	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Olivia Graeben	Germany to Westmont		Girona, Greene

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously denied eligibility for wrestling to a Bishop McCort High School student athlete, grade 10, based on PIAA By-Laws, Article VI, Section 5, Letter E, #6.

William Marshall clarified that based on testimony and information provided today, this penalty has been paused to allow for a subsequent hearing with Bishop McCort to determine if there is evidence to support recruiting. The final outcome of the decision rendered by District VI on October 6, 2021, will not be final until the November 3, 2021 hearing.

On a motion by Phil Riccio and Jeff Miller, the Committee approved, with the exception of Mike Cacciotti who voted no, to put Bishop McCort High School on immediate probation under Article XIII, Section 7, Numbers 2 and 3. Parameters of the probation will be discussed further at the November 3rd meeting.

On a motion by Rudy McCarthy and Jody Rainey, the Committee unanimously approved United Co-Op with Blacklick Valley in Wrestling and Competitive Cheer.

The Committee tabled the decision on the Bishop McCort Co-Op with Bishop Carroll in wrestling until the November 3, 2021 meeting.

On a motion by Mike Cacciotti and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously appointed Jules Dill, Ted Beam, and Ron Ponchione as the Financial Review Team for District VI.

The Committee was informed of PIAA's requirement for all officials of PIAA events to be fully vaccinated.

On a motion by Tim Regan and Jody Rainey, the Committee, with the exception of Ralph Cecere who abstained, approved to award 100 points to teams who can provide sufficient evidence that they tried to make up lost games due to August Co-ops in football.

Individual Sports Reports

On a motion by Richard Schreier and Stacey Kuster, the Committee approved the financial report for Golf as presented by Mike Hudak.

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Ralph Cecere, the Committee approved the 2020-2021 clothing expenditures as presented by Jody Rainey.

Communications

Phil Riccio informed the Committee that District VI Girls Tennis AA Doubles Finals date has been changed to Thursday, October 7th at noon.

Jody Rainey reported that shirt orders are due October 15th. Jody also noted that ordering sooner will have more of a guarantee for early distribution.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet at 3:30 pm on November 3, 2021 at Penn Cambria High School Library.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Sue Kovensky moved, and Stacey Kuster seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm.