

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – November 6, 2019**

Call to Order of the November 6, 2019, Meeting Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30 p.m. at Penn Cambria High School Library.

Present were Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Joe Girona, Michael Hudak, Ken Kerchenske, Susan Kovensky, Jarrod Lewis, William Marshall, Rudy McCarthy, Jacquelyn Mento (Recording Secretary), Sherry Montgomery, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Lorie Ratchford, Phil Riccio, Curt Vasas, and Curt Whitesel. Brandon Bailey, Charles Glasser, and Matthew Jioio were not present.

Others present were Wes Elder, Tim Regan, Bonnie Kidd, Cooper Warshel, Brian Warshel, and Kelly Warshel.

Public Comments - There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Ralph Cecere, the minutes from the October 3, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

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

On a motion by Michael Hudak and Lorie Ratchford, the PIAA 2018-2019 Audit Report prepared by Young, Oakes, Brown & Company, P.C., presented by Wes Elder was approved.

The committee discussed with Mr. Elder that with the online tickets sales, the individual events summaries will be affected. Wes Elder commented that they can be summarized by sport, in lieu of individual events if that is what the committee decides.

Old Business

The Committee also discussed the use of Hometown Tickets, compensation of presale tickets, and how online presales will change game reports for individual schools.

New Business

Review of Disqualifications – Mike Hudak informed the Committee of the fourteen disqualifications, within the last month, seven of them being soccer and seven being football disqualifications. Noting that last year there were 13 soccer and 11 football ejections and this year there were 18 soccer and 9 football ejections.

Eligibility Transfers

Eligibility was granted to the following students. Due to scheduled hearings and the existence of principal signoffs avowing that no athletic intent existed by both sending and receiving schools:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gr.</i>	<i>Transfer</i>	<i>Sport(s)</i>	<i>Motion</i>
Catherine Laughard	9	Blacklick Valley to Johnstown	Cheer, Basketball	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Skyler Felosky	10	Richland to Johnstown	Baseball	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Jaden Zolnoski	9	Spring Cove to Huntingdon	Soccer	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Omarion Harris	11	Richland to Johnstown	Basketball	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Sophia Devan	11	Bishop McCort to Central Cambria	Tennis	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Malayna Boring	9	Northern Cambria to Bishop McCort	Volleyball, Track	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Trystan Fornari	9	Richland to Bishop McCort	Football, Basketball	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Gavin Priest	11	Ontario to State College	Wrestling	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Christian Kanich	11	Bishop Carroll to Blacklick Valley	Football	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Breann Kuhn	9	Altoona to Glendale	Basketball	Kerchenske, Whitesel
Logan Smith	10	Altoona to Glendale	Wrestling	Kerchenske, Whitesel

Deemed ineligible for post season play:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Gr.</i>	<i>Transfer</i>	<i>Sport(s)</i>	<i>Motion</i>
Elijah Morder	11	Huntingdon to Juniata Valley	Wrestling	Cacciotti, Riccio
Kierra Haselrig	11	McCort to Forest Hills	Cheer	Cacciotti, Riccio

Foreign exchange eligibility was granted to the following students. Due to scheduled hearings, and the existence of principal signoffs avowing that no athletic intent existed by both sending and receiving schools:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Transfer</i>	<i>Motion</i>
Mariana Nascimento, Brazil	Huntingdon HS	Cecere, Ratchford

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously deemed Cooper Warshel eligible for post season play in wrestling based on the PIAA By-Laws, Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting, Section 2 Letter C.

On a motion by Rudy McCarthy and Ken Kerchenske, the Committee approved the termination of Portage/Bishop Carroll Rifle co-op on a vote of 13 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.

The Committee discussed the Heritage Conference vote of 8-0 to support the request from Ligonier Valley to withdraw from District VI and to join WPIAL in all athletics.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Rudy McCarthy, the Committee unanimously approved Ligonier Valley's request to withdraw from District VI to join WPIAL effective in the 2020-2021 school year.

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Mike Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference to have permission to play championship games/meets in the 2019-2020 school year.

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved the request by Jody Rainey to purchase District VI apparel in bulk.

The Committee distributed and discussed the new inter-district passes for committee members.

On a motion by Curt Vasas and Ralph Cecere, the Committee unanimously approved the purchase of equipment for mat side scoring from FloWrestling and computers.

On a motion by Mike Cacciotti and Jarrod Lewis, the Committee unanimously approved the wrestling AA fee restructure presented by Phil Riccio.

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Individual Sports Reports

Michael Hudak informed the Committee on that this year golf made a profit of \$2,000. Also, that using Windber Country Club as a venue has produced positive feedback. Mr. Hudak also discussed with the committee of possibly doing two-year proposals in January for the upcoming championships and sectionals.

On a motion by Ken Kerchenske and Jarrod Lewis, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for Golf.

Sue Kovensky informed the Committee on Field Hockey and noting that they had to move their game to Juniata College.

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Ralph Cecere, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for Field Hockey.

Phil Riccio updated the Committee on fans and costs of Tennis and commenting that there are District VI kids going to states.

Communication

Wrestling team fee restructure will be discussed in December.

The Committee discussed PIAA dropping insurance on officials, some schools requiring that officials submit proof of insurance in order to officiate at their district, and that officials have the option to buy the insurance for \$10.

Mike Hudak and Sue Kovensky discussed purchasing token gifts again for championship officials.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Rudy McCarthy, the Committee unanimously approved the purchase of token gifts to any district championship official at a cost to be around \$10 each.

The Committee also discussed school bands playing during offensive scrimmage, referring to PIAA By-Laws, page 28, Article XIII, Penalties.

For the Common Good

The next meeting of the PIAA District VI Committee will be held on Thursday, December 12th at Ebensburg Country Club at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Curt Whitesel and Ralph Cecere seconded, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.