



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2023 @ 1:00PM

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Stephen Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, RJ Bretz, Holly Farnese, Bill Keenan, Sara, Kurpel, Stephanie Taylor, Seth Brunner, Corey Siegel, Mike Semar, LaDontay Bell, Robert Kurzweg, Cyndi Moss, Sylvia Kalazs, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Henry Hunt, Geoff Per, Dave Baun, Vicki Zebley, Joe Derickson, Becky Flynn Hensel, Christopher Jaramillo, Matt Heiland, Denis Gray, Maureen Gregory and Tom Brady.

Absent from the meeting: Shannon Fisher, Jason Sherlock, Lisa Ford

Guest at the meeting: None

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from September 13, 2023.
Unanimous (26 Votes)

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by Geoff Per/John Creighton, the committee approved the Treasurer's Reports for September 2023. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$628,063.15
Net Change	\$4,998.24

A copy of the complete Treasurer's Report is available from the office of PIAA District 1 Treasurer.

Student Transfer List

- Upon motion by Denis Gray/Mike Semar, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members.
Unanimous (26 Votes)

Foreign Exchange Student List

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Cyndi Moss, the committee approved all Foreign Exchange Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members.
Unanimous (26 Votes)

Public Comment – No public comment

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Mike Barber welcomed our new PSBA D1 Committee Member, Mr. Christopher Jaramillo.
- Rodney Stone presented an update on the DEIB Committee. There is a steering committee of four Superintendents from which Mr. Stone is receiving information and will continue to investigate the formation of the District One DEIB Committee.
- Sean Kelly led the discussion regarding the current Soccer officiating system. Members of the District One committee were requested to gather information and survey officials about the current officiating system. The hope is to determine if there are additional non-PIAA officials working in the area.
- Sean Kelly reported on a public meeting he attended that was hosted by PA Senator Jimmy Dillon. Senator Dillon is introducing PA Bill 842 Respect the Whistle. The bill is intended protect officials from abuse and harassment. More legislative information will continue to be shared.

New Business

- The District One Committee received a self-report from Avon Grove MS in reference to a violation of PIAA Article III-Attendance. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Geoff Per, the committee accepted the self-report with the following conditions.
 - The committee has designated the Avon Grove Middle School will be placed on probation for a period of one year. The Committee has requested that the Principal of Avon Grove MS verify, and submit by season, the seasons sport athletic eligibility lists. Reports should be submitted to the PIAA D1 office. **Unanimous (26 Votes).**

- The District One office received a PIAA Report of an Alleged Violation from an individual who resides in the Central Bucks School District. The report identified a student whose residence was being questioned within the CB West school boundaries. The D1 Committee reviewed the report along with the response from the CB West Principal. The CB West Principal provided verification that the student in question was approved by the CBSD to receive an attendance exemption. Upon motion by Geoff Per/RJ Bretz, the committee accepted the explanation and report submitted by C.B. West HS.

24 Yes – 0 No – 2 Abstention (Baun, Hunt) Votes

- The District One office received a report, from the PIAA office, which claimed Cheltenham HS has two male students playing on the Cheltenham Field Hockey Team. The PIAA and District One office directed letters to the school and have requested a response from Cheltenham HS in reference to PIAA Article XVI, Season and Out of Season Rule, Section 4 – Mixed Participation. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/ Dave Baun, this item was tabled until a formal response is received from Cheltenham to the District One Committee. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**.
- The District One Committee approved the request for Lower Moreland HS Football to play its tenth football game and conclude their football season on 11/4/23. Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Maureen Gregory, the committee approved this request. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**
- The District One Committee held discussion about the costs of eligibility hearing transcripts when appealing decisions to the PIAA. Discussion involved the possibility of charging schools the costs of court transcriptions to those who request appeals to the state. No action was taken at this time.
- The committee again listened to discussion and reasoning on the need to establish a minimum number of contests to be required for calculation of the Power Ranking system in specific sports. The District One office was asked to provide additional data. No action was taken at this time.
- District One office will work to reserve Temple University as the 5A and 6A Basketball Championship site. Conversations will continue to explore other opportunities at local Universities.
- Upon motion by Tom Brady/Maureen Gregory, the District One Committee authorized and approved that assignment and selection of Officials for District One playoffs has followed the PIAA procedures with no discrimination. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

n.b. Christopher Jaramillo has left the meeting.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- Dr. Barber provided detail of the adjustments to the language in Article VI, section 11,B regarding recruiting. The definition of Feeder Schools is also being discussed and revised by the PIAA BOD for the glossary. This is in its second reading at the PIAA BOD.

Old Business

- Discussion of Girls Wrestling post-season dates was moved to the November Meeting. Tentatively, the dates for the Girls District One Wrestling tournament will be held on February 17, 2023. The D1-D11-D12 Girl's Regional tournament will be held the weekend of February 24-25, 2023. Sites are still needed for the tournaments.
- District One will ask schools to provide a list of female wrestlers along with their anticipated weight classes.

Officials Report – Tom Brady & Maureen Gregory

- There was no business to present to the committee this month.

Middle School Report – Matt Heiland

- There was no business to present to the committee this month.

Eligibility Hearings - Document Review

***Present:** Michael Barber, Sarah Kurpel, Stephanie Taylor, Corey Sigel, LaDontay Bell, Cyndi Moss, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Henry Hunt, Joe Derickson, Matt Heiland*

- The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a Document Review on behalf of a student at Methacton High School (K. Filan) in reference to Article VI, Post Season Waiver. Upon motion by Cyndi Moss/Geoff Per, the committee approved the waiver. **Unanimous (11 Votes).**
- The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a Document Review on behalf of a student at Penncrest High School (M. Malley) in reference to Article VI, Post Season Waiver. Upon motion by Geoff Per/Joe Derickson, the committee approved the waiver. **Unanimous (11 Votes).**

Eligibility Hearings (10/18/23 – Zoom)

Present: Stephen Brandt, RJ Bretz, Henry Hunt, Lou Sudholz, Joe Derrickson, Lisa Ford, Dave Baun

- The PIAA Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Faith Christian Academy (K. Reber) in reference to Article VI. Postseason waiver request. Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Lisa Ford, The Sub-Committee approved the Waiver. **Unanimous (7 Votes)**

Present: Stephen Brandt, RJ Bretz, Lou Sudholz, Joe Derrickson, Lisa Ford, Dave Baun, Sean Kelly, Holly Farnese

- The PIAA Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Villa Maria Academy (A. Coupe) in reference to Article VI. Postseason waiver request. Upon motion by Lisa Ford/RJ Bretz, The Sub-Committee approved the Waiver. **5 Yes – 1 No (Baun) (Votes)**

Eligibility Hearings (10/18/23 – in person MCIU)

Present: Michael Barber, Sarah Kurpel, Stephanie Taylor, Seth Bruner, Corey Sigel, LaDontay Bell, Cyndi Moss, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Henry Hunt, Joe Derickson, Denis Gray, Matt Heiland

- The PIAA Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at West Chester Rustin High School in reference to Article VI. Postseason waiver request. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/LaDontay Bell, The Sub-Committee denied the Waiver. **Unanimous (13 Votes)**

Present: Michael Barber, Sarah Kurpel, Stephanie Taylor, Seth Bruner, LaDontay Bell, Cyndi Moss, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Henry Hunt, Joe Derickson, Denis Gray, Matt Heiland

- The PIAA Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Downingtown West High School in reference to Article VI. Postseason waiver request. Upon motion by Sara Kurpel/Denis Gray, The Sub-Committee approved the Waiver. **Unanimous (12 Votes)**

Present: Michael Barber, Sarah Kurpel, Stephanie Taylor, Corey Sigel, LaDontay Bell, Cyndi Moss, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Henry Hunt, Joe Derickson, Matt Heiland

- The PIAA Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Coatesville High School in reference to Article VI. Postseason waiver request. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Henry Hunt, The Sub-Committee approved the Waiver. **Unanimous (11 Votes)**

Present: Steve Brandt, Bill Keenan, Mike Semar, Bobby Kurzweg, RJ Bretz, Sylvia Kalazs, Lou Sudholz, Dave Baun, Vicki Zebley, Becky Flynn Hensel, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory

- The PIAA Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Harriton High School in reference to Article VI. Postseason waiver request. Upon motion by Dave Baun/RJ Bretz, The Sub-Committee denied the Waiver.
Unanimous (12 Votes)
- The PIAA Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Kennet High School in reference to Article VI. Postseason waiver request. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Becky Flynn Hensel, The Sub-Committee approved the Waiver.
Unanimous (12 Votes)
- The PIAA Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Central Bucks South High School in reference to Article VI. Postseason waiver request. Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Bill Keenan, The Sub-Committee approved the Waiver. **11 Yes- 0 No- 1 Abstain (Baun) Votes**

The PIAA District 1 Sub-Committee conducted the following Eligibility Hearings on September 25, 2023. The results of those Hearings are below.

- CB East (J. Salazar) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request (approved - 9/25)
- Bishop Shanahan (O. Dooley) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request (approved - 9/25)
- CB South (L. Marsland) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request (approved - 9/25)
- Pottsgrove (D. Bibbs) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request (denied - 9/25)
- Garnet Valley (L. Possenti)– Article VI. Postseason waiver request (denied - 9/25)
- PJP II (B. Pappa) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request (approved - 9/25)
- North Penn (J. Schurman)– Article VI. Postseason waiver request (denied - 9/25)
- Perkiomen Valley (S. Tracanna) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request (approved - 9/25)
- CB East HS (M. Carroll) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request (denied - 9/25)

Adjournment

Present: *Michael Barber, Rod Stone, Holly Farnese, Sarah Kurpel, Stephanie Taylor, Corey Sigel, LaDontay Bell, Cyndi Moss, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Henry Hunt, Joe Derickson, Matt Heiland*

Upon motion by Corey Siegel/Sara Kurpel, the Committee approved the motion to adjourn at 4:30PM. **Unanimous (11 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held November 8, 2023 – 1pm at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF