



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2023 @ 11:00AM - Colonial Elementary School

Stephan Brandt, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:00AM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, Holly Farnese, Bill Keenan, Stephanie Taylor, Shannon Fisher for Terri Fasano, Seth Bruner, Corey Siegel, Mike Semar, Rap Curry, Robert Kurzweg, RJ Bretz, Todd Vaccaro, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Joe Derickson, Becky Flynn Hensel, Matt Heiland, Vicki Zebley, Dave Baun, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory

Absent from the meeting: Rodney Stone, Madeline Mulhall, Jason Sherlock, Cyndi Moss, Sylvia Kalazs, Nancy Monahan, Denis Gray

Guest at the meeting: Kyle Christie, AD Avon Grove HS

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Matt Heiland, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from March 8, 2023. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by Seth Bruner/Geoff Per, the committee approved the Treasurer's Reports for March 2023. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$729,338.65
Net Change	\$ 30,861.79

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

Student Transfer List

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Bobby Kurzweg, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- Upon motion by Todd Vaccaro/RJ Bretz, the committee approved all Foreign Exchange Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members.
Unanimous (22 Votes)

Public Comment - No public comment was made.

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly presented the Winter Sports Playoff Review of postseason revenue and expenses. Winter revenue expense spreadsheet is available upon request.
- Sean Kelly extended his thanks and appreciation to all the schools who hosted games in the post-season.
- Sean Kelly reported an update regarding the Citizens Bank Checking accounts.
- Sean Kelly reported in the near future the District One office workstation and email will transition as part of the PIAA office specifically for security purposes technology upgrades.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- Dr. Barber presented an overview of the March PIAA Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Minutes and meeting summary we sent to member schools.
- Highlights from the PIAA BOD meeting included discussion to have the current PIAA Competition Formula to add the sports of Baseball and Softball to the current system. This did not pass on a first reading.
- The BOD made a recommendation to establish a Gender / Minority Equity Committee at PIAA and District level.
- Dr. Barber reviewed the PIAA talking points and agenda items that were presented by Mark Byers. Minutes from the PIAA meeting is included at the conclusion of this document.

New Business

- Avon Grove HS presented a self-report in reference to the use of an ineligible volleyball player from the previous season. The student in question did not participate in any contests this season. Upon a motion by Dave Baun/RJ Bretz the committee approved the self-report and the administrative action taken by the Avon Grove HS. As a result of the past violation, the Avon Grove Boys Volleyball program will be placed on probation for a period of one year. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**.
- The District One Committee approved the appointment of Matt Heiland as the District One Golf Chairman. Upon a motion by John Creighton/Geoff Per the committee approved the appointment. **Yes -21 No -0 Abstain -1 (Heiland)**.
- The District One HR Committee will convene in May to conduct employee reviews and provide evaluations of assignors, sport chairs and tabulators.

- The District One Operations Committee will plan to meet in May to review current district policies and procedures and offer any recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Seth Bruner, Garnet Valley/Central League Representative requested the PIAA District One Committee approve the formation of a Sub-Committee to evaluate and review the current competitive balance concerns by member schools. The Sub-Committee of District One Committee members will look at Boundary / Non-Boundary schools and schools that require Registration or Applications. Seth Bruner will Chair this Committee and interested members will be appointed to serve. Upon motion by Seth Bruner/Danielle Turner the committee approved the formation of this committee. **Unanimous (22 Votes).**
- Nominations for the Women's Athletic representative will be presented next month. Those interested in serving on the D1 Committee should contact the District One Office. Nominations will be submitted to Jason Sherlock and voted on for approval in May by the District One Committee.
- Nominations for Chairman / Vice-Chairman are currently open and should be submitted to be submitted to Dr. Jason Sherlock. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions will be voted on and approved at the May meeting.

n.b. Stephanie Taylor, Todd Vaccaro, and John Creighton have left the meeting.

Old Business

- Matt Heiland shared the results of the survey for the PIAA D1 Media Policy in reference to Flat Fee Rate. Further discussion of this item was moved to the May meeting.

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 Document Review

- The Strath Haven HS document review request will be moved to a formal hearing.
- The PIAA District One Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from Perkiomen Valley High School in reference to Article VI. Postseason Waiver Request. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Mike Semar, the committee approved the request. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**
- The PIAA District One Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from Quakertown High School in reference to Article VI. Postseason Waiver Request. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the request. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**

Eligibility Hearings – no in person hearings this month.

- PJPII (ME) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request – TBD
- PJPII (KH) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request – TBD
- Souderton (SN) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request – TBD
- WCR (LG) – Article VI. Postseason waiver request – TBD

Adjournment

Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Bill Keenan, the Committee approved the motion to adjourn at 1PM. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held on May 10, 2023 @ 1:00PM @ Montgomery County IU.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF

Members of the District One Operations Committee

Maddie Mulhall, Terri Fasano (Shannon Fisher), Seth Brunner, Coery Sigel, Bobby Kurzweg, RJ Bretz, Todd Vaccaro, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Danielle Turner, Joe Derickson, Vicki Zebley, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Matt Heiland

Members of the District One Human Resource Committee

Denis Gray, Bill Keenan, Stephanie Taylor, Steve Brandt, Dr. Jason Sherlock, Rap Curry, Cyndi Moss, Danielle Turner, Sylvia Kalazs, Lou Sudholz, Nancy Monahan, Dave Baun, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory, Mike Semar.



2021 DISTRICT 1 ANNUAL MEETING
April 12, 2023 –9:30AM - Colonial Elementary School

Assistant Executive Secretary Sean Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

Mr. Kelly welcomed all in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Kelly presented the District One Operational Update.

Mr. Kelly advised all league representatives to send discussion items to the Human Resource and Operations Committee Members who will meet in May.

Mr. Kelly introduced all members of the PIAA District 1 Committee.

Mr. Kelly expressed sincere thanks to all the principals, athletic administrators, coaches, parents, and students who have made the past seasons successful. Thanks also to PIAA D1 Chair Michael Barber for his leadership. Mr. Kelly announced the opening nominations for the PIAA D1 Chair, Vice Chair, and Advisory Positions (Women's Athletic Representative). Mr. Kelly reported that the transition to Hometown Ticketing was smooth and seamless. This process has helped to give concrete data on the size of venues.

PIAA District Committees – Annual Spring Meetings – Talking Points

The PIAA staff present at the meeting was Mark Byers, Chief Operations Officer PIAA. Mark Byers presented the following Talking Points presented below.

There are three (3) **Constitutional Amendments** in front of you for a vote by the membership.

1. a) Modernize language for schools to compete in the District where they are a member.
2. b) Composition of District Committee to update language.
3. c) Selection of District Committee members and officers - modernize language.

Approved **girls wrestling** on 2nd reading (3rd reading May) and will further discuss format for championships at re-convened Wrestling Steering Committee Meeting.

CIPPE update – removed Section 5 Covid provision & renumbered, update of Concussion section in Sports Medicine Guidelines.

of AED bills in legislature to mandate at sporting events; including have coaches trained and CPR training – be prepared – something may be coming forward.

Updated **standards for wheelchair athletes** (2007) and developed standards for para-ambulatory participants to score points in regular season, qualify for district track & field meets and medal at the PIAA track & field championships.

8th grade red-shirt rule - ARTICLE VIII, Period of Participation, Section 1. Period of Participation. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

Interpretation

The number of semesters to be counted under Section 1A is not triggered until the student has completed the 8th grade and has been identified by their school for promotion. A repeat of 8th grade after successful completion of the credits requirements or meeting the school's promotional requirements, will trigger the start of the student's eight consecutive semesters of eligibility.

Junior High – Time limits for Sports - Leagues and Conferences, with the approval of the member schools, prior to the start of the season may agree to play the maximum times permitted for each level of competition (not to exceed varsity standards).

A **disqualification and supplemental disqualification** will now be applicable to a scrimmage, Inter-School Practice or Contest. Please inform your head coaches.

The District Committee may request, in writing, an investigation by the school principal and a written report to be submitted to the District Committee for the District Committee's review regarding egregious supplemental disqualifications of Contestants, Coaches, Team personnel and Spectators.

Spring Sports **Officials' Appreciation Week** was held April 2-8, 2023, and a great success.

Junior Officials' Program – very successful – approximately 175 new officials have applied, and PR has been great. ADs would be of great assistance with this, and we will distribute posters and business cards at District meetings to assist in getting the word out.

A proposal for **2024 in Football specifying site locations** and selection criteria from the first round through the semi-final rounds of the PIAA Football Championship tournaments. All first-round contests will be held at home sites, (with recognition of east/west and contiguous boundaries) and subsequent rounds will be at neutral sites. For this fall – 2023 - first round and quarterfinals at home sites.

NFHS Student Leadership Summit to be hosted in Indianapolis, IN, July 29-31, 2023, we have selected 12 students and 2 chaperones to attend.

NIL - Students may receive Consideration for the use of their own name, image and likeness (NIL). Permissible activities include commercial endorsements, promotional activities, social media presence, product or service advertisements, and unique digital items/assets. No school or anyone employed by or affiliated with a member school, including booster clubs, coaches, collectives, administrators and alumni, may solicit, arrange, negotiate or pay for a student's, other than their own child, use of their NIL and/or the provision of Consideration to a student for the use of their NIL.

In NIL activities, students may not make any reference to PIAA or a PIAA member school (including the school and/or team name, nicknames, terms by which a school or team is commonly referred or identified, logo) and may not wear school uniforms or school-identifying apparel or items). Students may not endorse or promote any third-party entities, goods or services during team/school activities. Students may not wear the apparel or display the logo, insignia, or identifying mark of an NIL partner during any team/school athletic activities unless it is part of the standard school uniform for that sport. The following 7 areas are off limits for NIL deals.

- (1) Adult entertainment products and services;
- (2) Alcohol products;
- (3) Casinos and gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, on-line games and mobile devices;
- (4) Tobacco and electronic smoking products and devices;
- (5) Opioids and prescription pharmaceuticals;
- (6) Controlled dangerous substances;
- (7) Weapons, firearms and ammunition.

Within 72 hours after entering into any type of NIL contracts/agreements, a student, or the student's parents/guardians must notify the Principal or Athletic Director of the student's school of entering into that agreement. This form is located on PA Athletic Commission website as well as PIAA website, main page @ top (PIAA FOR) dropdown box – Athletic Directors; also listed are the following: NIL online seminar from Advance; free app; link to Advance; NIL FAQ's; and a link to NFHSLearn's free educational module.

NFHS Hazing Prevention Contest – top 3 students awarded \$150 to \$500. Deadline June 1, 2023. for entry information. <https://hazingpreventionnetwork.org/nfhs-high-school-essay-contest/>

Reminder - **all out of season football activities are non-contact**; this includes summer camps and team camps.

Hearing Appeals – if a District Committee unanimously denied an appeal for eligibility, especially post-season; please consider that decision seriously. The standard is clear and convincing evidence by the student's family that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student and the student's family.

Sean Kelly ended the meeting with a few additional items.

- Supplemental Disqualification rules. Reminder: Supplemental DQ = 2 game suspension and completion of NHFS programs.
- Transfer forms. Schools must fill out forms, not parents or students. Forms must be complete and accurate.
- Post-Season Waiver forms and rule updates.

- 30 Day Rule – Waiver requests must be received 30 days prior to the start of the post-season
- Requirements of Game Contracts. Addition / Cancellation of contests. Schools are asked to notify the D1 Office.

Thank you to everyone for your best efforts. Good luck with spring sports and the end of school year activities that we all look forward to in our communities.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.