



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2022 @ 12:00PM - Zoom

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:00PM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Steve Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Holly Farnese, Madeline Mulhall, Janet Columbro, Terri Fasano Seth Bruner, Ken McCormick for Sue Cornelius, Jason Sherlock, Mike Price, Rap Curry, Robert Kurzweg, Cyndi Moss, RJ Bretz, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Joe Derickson, Nancy Monahan, Becky Flynn Hensel, Dee Cross, Denis Gray and Dave Baun, Matt Heiland, Tom Brady,

Absent from the meeting: Danielle Turner, Reggie Parks, Maureen Gregory

Guest at the meeting: None

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/John Creighton, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from February 9, 2022. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Mike Price, the committee tabled the Treasurer's Reports for February 2022. February and March reports will be reported in April. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

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 Denis Gray/Ken McCormick, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- No student requests this month

Public Comment

- No public comment was made.

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- The PIAA District 1 Committee welcomes Dr. Cyndi Moss, PAC President, and Principal of Perkiomen Valley High School. The Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to Dr. William Zeigler and wish him joy in his future.
- The PIAA Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 13, 2022, at 9AM via Zoom. The April Committee Meeting will be held immediately following.
- The PIAA District 1 Committee thanks all schools that have hosted PIAA and District 1 playoff competitions during the winter sports season. Thank you also to all the volunteers, athletic administrators, and school administration for their support in a successful season.
- Wrestling
 - PIAA Championships will be held on 3/10-3/12 at the Giant Center.
 - Thank you to our District host schools - Perk Valley HS, Quakertown HS, Interboro HS, and Oxford HS
- Swimming/Diving
 - PIAA Championships will be held on 3/16-3/19 at Bucknell University
 - D1 Swim Championships held in York PA were able to allow over 300 spectators for each session.
- Basketball
 - PIAA Championships will be held on 3/24-3/26 at the Giant Center.
 - D1 5A/6A Championships were held at Temple on 3/5. 5100 spectators attended all four games.
- Operations Sub-Committee Meeting to be held in April.
- Human Resource Committee Meeting to be held in May
- Discussion was held concerning Wrestling weight loss plans (OPC). Several concerns have been brought forward about coaches/teams not entering accurate weights throughout the season. The PIAA and District One Wrestling steering committees will meet to discuss corrective actions.

- The improper submission of transfer forms and post-season waiver forms has resulted in concerning situations that not only had an impact on PIAA District 1, but also had an impact on other PIAA Districts. Additional steps will be taken by the District One office to help education and inform our member schools of the rules, policies, and deadlines.
- PIAA Officials Appreciation Week for Spring Officials is April 3-9, 2022. Member schools are encouraged to take the time to thank those who give of their time and talent to keep athletes safe.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- The PIAA Board of Directors approved language modifications to Article VI, Section C (post-season waivers). Submission of post-season waivers will remain at 30 days prior to the post-season.
- The PIAA Board of Directors approved Girls Wrestling as a recognized sport for next cycle.
- The PIAA Board of Directors held discussion in reference to the number of PIAA playoff qualifiers for each sport. The suggestion is to limit the number of teams per district to 20%. No action was taken. Discussion was tabled to the next Board of Directors meeting.

New Business

- Upon motion by Tom Brady/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the selection process for the assignment of Winter Officials to the District One and PIAA playoffs and championships, certifying there were no discriminatory practices in the selection at any level of assignments. **Unanimous. (26 Votes)**
- The committee discussed the concerns of the lack of PIAA baseball officials for Middle School contests. Options were discussed for Middle Schools to play contests if there are no officials. The District One office has asked our officials' representatives to contact the PIAA office to discuss these concerns.
- Discussion was held in reference to the PIAA District One Media Policy and the use of school cameras. This discussion item has been moved to the Operations Sub-Committee.

Old Business

- The PIAA District 1 Committee discussed the Post-Season Waiver hearing practices. Any document review that is not approved unanimously by the PIAA District One Committee will require a hearing. Post-season waiver documents that identify "OTHER" as a reason for the waiver request will require a hearing before the Committee.

- Upon a motion by Tom Brady/Denis Gray, the committee approved the recommendation from the Sub-Committee for Official fees for 2022-2023 to increase the base official fee by 5%. The Committee will continue to review each sport and determine if additional adjustments need to be made to the “factors” listed on the spread sheet. **Unanimous (26 Votes).**
- Upon a motion by Seth Brunner/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the follow up self-report from Upper Darby / Haverford JV football contest. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**
- Upon a motion by Joe Derickson/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the proposed Sport Steering Committee Structure organization to have 1 representative for every 4 teams in each league. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**
- Upon a motion Bobby Kurzweg/Todd Vaccaro, the committee approved the request for a report from Cheltenham High School in reference to their Health and Safety Plan and the Ticket and the number of spectators that were allowed in their gymnasium during the Cheltenham High School vs. Plymouth Whitemarsh District One playoff quarterfinals basketball Game. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

Officials Report – Tom Brady & Maureen Gregory

- There were no items for discussion or action this month.

Middle School Report – Mr. Heiland

- There were no items for discussion or action this month.

Eligibility Document Review

- The PIAA District 1 Committee Conducted a Document Review on behalf of a student at Bishop Shanahan High School in reference to Article VI, Section 2C – Postseason Waiver Request. Upon motion by Denis Gray/Janet Columbro, the committee approved the Postseason Waiver. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

Eligibility Hearings – Below are reports from PIAA D1 Sub Committee Hearings

- **Chester HS**
 - On February 9, 2022, A District One committee conducted a post-season waiver hearing in reference to PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, Article VI, Section 2C. The Committee voted 17-0 to deny the Chester student a waiver for post-season eligibility in the sport of basketball.
 - On February 17, 2022, A hearing panel of the PIAA Board of Directors heard Chester High School’s appeal of District One postseason waiver decision. The PIAA appeal board reversed District One’s decision and granted the student post-season eligibility in the sport of basketball.

- **Souderton HS**

- On February 23, 2022, The PIAA Board of Directors denied Souderton's request to suspend the application of PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, Article VI, Section 2C – Post-season waiver 30-day rule.
- On February 25, 2022, A PIAA District One sub-committee conducted a post-season waiver hearing - Article VI, Section 2C. The Sub-Committee voted 7-0 to grant the Souderton student a waiver for post-season eligibility in the sport of wrestling.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Dee Cross/Jason Sherlock), the Committee approved the motion to adjourn at 1:00PM. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held as a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, Immediately following the PIAA Annual Meeting.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Danielle Turner, Joe Derickson, Maddie Mulhall, Terri Fasano, Seth Brunner, Sue Cornelius, Mike Price, Bobby Kurzweg, Cindy Moss, RJ Bretz, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, Nancy Monahan, Matt Heiland

HR COMMITTEE

Denis Gray, Dave Baun, Dr. Jason Sherlock, Reggie Parks, Janet Columbro, Rap Curry, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Dee Cross, Becky Flynn Hensel, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory, Danielle Turner