



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2020 – 2:00PM via Zoom

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00PM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Steve Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, Holly Farnese, Mike Lalli, Janet Columbro, Terri Fasano, Seth Bruner, Jason Sherlock, Sue Cornelius, Mike Price, Rap Curry, Robert Kurzweg, William Ziegler, Eric Greiner, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, John Reading, John Creighton, Lou Sudholz, Joe Derickson, Jennifer Wilson, Dee Cross, Dave Baun, Denis Gray, Becky Flynn Hensel, Matt Heiland, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory

Absent from the meeting: John Allen, Reggie Parks

Guests at the meeting: Francisco Song Family, Ken McCormick

Minutes

Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/William Ziegler, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee minutes from November 11, 2020. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**

Treasurer's Report

Upon motion by Jennifer Wilson/John Reading, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for November 2020. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$587,812.82
Net Change	\$5,622.65

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 Maureen Gregory/John Reading, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**

There were no Foreign Exchange Requests this month.

Public Comment - No public comment was made.

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone/Mr. Kelly

- The D1 Committee wished a Happy Birthday to Rod Stone!

- Sean Kelly presented the Fall PIAA Disqualification Reports. The PIAA report showed a significant number of Supplemental DQs in the fall. Moving forward, we hope the additional penalties and enforced game suspensions will help to reduce the number of supplemental DQs.
District One:
 - Football – 14 total DQs / 6 Supplemental
 - B. Soccer – 26 total DQs / 14 Supplemental
 - G. Soccer – 5 total DQs / 5 Supplemental
 - FH / GVB – 0 total

- Rod Stone and Sean Kelly reported to the committee an incident which occurred at the 4A Boys Soccer Championship Contest. The D1 office held discussions with participating schools and game officials.

- Sean Kelly commended and thanked Joe Derrickson, Janet Columbro, and Danielle Turner for the organization and presentation of the PSADA D1 AD Association Meeting held on 12/3/20. D1 AD Association was grateful to the PIAA staff and vendors who were able to attend the Zoom Meeting. The D1 AD Association will continue to communicate with Athletic Directors and provide support throughout the school year.

- Sean Kelly reviewed the 2020 Fall Sports Expenses/Revenues. Due to a reduction of playoff contests this fall season, D1 saw a minimal amount of ticket revenue. D1 also saw a reduction of overall expenses due to few contests and playoff qualifiers. The spread sheet report is available upon request.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- The PIAA BOD approved the last play date for the winter season will be moved to March 27, 2021. The number of regular season and post-season contest played are not to exceed the maximum number.

PIAA BOD Report (cont.)

- PIAA BOD approved a proposal that only District Champions will advance to the basketball and team wrestling inter-district playoff tournament.
- The PIAA BOD approved the suspension of the “50% rule” which will allow teams and individuals to qualify for postseason events if they are unable to compete in 50% of the maximum number of scheduled contests.
- The PIAA BOD approved the specific number of practices required before a competition can be played after the temporary closure of school (Note: this rule is applied after the minimum number of preseason practices have been reached).
 - If a member school team’s practice schedule has been interrupted and the team is unable to practice for more than ...
 - 7 days – team must complete 2 days of practice
 - 10 days – team must complete 3 days of practice
 - 14 or more days – team must complete 4 days of practice
- Regular season contests that are cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns will be considered a No Contest. This includes if schools disagree on the wearing of protective face wear (masks) during regular season contests, the contest may be cancelled and will also be considered a No Contest with neither team receiving a forfeit.
- Agenda item at the next PIAA BOD will include discussions regarding the minimum number of preseason practices required for the Winter 2020-2021 season.
- The next PIAA BOD meeting will be held on December 22, 2020 – 2pm.

New Business

- Upon motion by Becky Hensel/Rap Curry, the D1 Committee approved the motion for a minimum of 8 contests required for participation in PIAA D1 Basketball Championships. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**
- Leagues and schools are asked to send Winter Sport updates to the District One office if there are any additional changes or delays to their schedules.

New Business (cont.)

- Upon motion by Mike Price/Janet Columbro, the committee approved the termination of Boys / Girls Swimming and Diving Co-Op between MaST Charter and George Washington HS (D12). This request/approval will be sent to the PIAA office and placed on the agenda for formal PIAA approval.

Unanimous (28 Votes).

- Upon motion by Denis Gray/Matt Heiland, the committee approved the 2019-2020 D1 Audit Report from Boyer & Ritter. **Unanimous (28 Votes).**
The official and final 2019-2020 audit report is available upon request in the District One office.
- **Competitive Spirit Championships** – Mrs. Turner reported that the PIAA Championships have officially been delayed and moved to April 9-10, 2021 at the Giant Center, Hershey, PA. The D1 Championship date and site are still to be announced. Possible dates are March 20 or 27, 2021. No site has been secured. The PIAA and D1 championships will be held virtually if needed.
- **Wrestling Championships** – Sean Kelly reported on the status of PIAA and D1 tournaments. The PIAA Team Duals dates continue to be a concern due to practice requirements and lack of regular season meets. All are uncertain if the calendar will allow for enough time to hold the PIAA and District One Team Dual Championship. The PIAA will provide updates if schedules are adjusted.

The D1 Wrestling Steering Committee will continue to work on securing sites and dates for the Individual Championships. No additional changes have been made at this time.

- **Swimming Championships** – Sean Kelly reported the PIAA Championship dates remain unchanged. PIAA and District Championship sites are still to be determined. At this time, there will be 16 PIAA qualifiers for each event. District One qualifiers have not been established. District One is still in need of sites to host D1 Swim Championships.

District One swimming / diving concerns include identifying championship qualifiers, dates, and sites that are still to be determined. Approximately 50% of schools in District One do not have their own pool or access to a pool. Thus, creating lack of facilities for practice and competitions for the regular season.

There is a growing concern about the number of swimming officials who have opted out of the season this year. Schools / Leagues are encouraged to communicate with their assignors when scheduling meets.

- **Basketball** playoff information
Upon motion by Susan Cornelius/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the addition of the *tie-breaking system policy* in the event Power Rankings are tied. This is the same policy utilized for fall sports. Tie breaking procedures will be added to the D1 Website. **Unanimous (28 Votes)**.

PIAA playoffs will advance District Champions only.

The District One Basketball Seed Meeting was moved from February 14th to March 3rd.

- **Winter Track** - Outside competitions are allowed. These meets must follow Indoor Track rules and events. No relay events are permitted.

Note: All Winter dates and playoff formats are subject to change if additional delays are enforced. D1 Committee will meet again on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 to review any PIAA changes, the number of D1 playoff qualifiers and post-season dates.

Old Business - No old business.

Officials Report - No items needing committee action/attention this month.

Middle School Report - No items needing committee action/attention this month.

N. b. Seth Bruner and Lou Sudholz have left the meeting.

Eligibility Hearings

The committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from Upper Moreland High School in reference to PIAA By-Law Article VIII, Section 6B, Period of Participation. Upon motion by Mike Price/Denis Gray, the committee approved the request for two additional semesters of participation, Winter 2020-21, and Spring 2021.

24 -Yes 0-No – 2 Abstentions (Dr. Barber/Mr. Heiland) Votes

Eligibility Hearings

The committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from Upper Dublin High School in reference to PIAA Athletic Transfer Waiver Request. Upper Dublin was contesting the reason for the student's transfer to their school. Upon motion by Jason Sherlock/William Ziegler, the committee approved the student's transfer to Upper Dublin HS. **24 -Yes 0-No – 2 Abstentions (Mr. Greiner/Ms. Cross) Votes**

Adjournment

Upon motion by Sylvia Kalazs/Robert Kurzweg, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 4:30 PM. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA District One Committee will be held virtually on December 23, 2020 @ 9am

Respectfully submitted, HF / SJK