



## PIAA DISTRICT ONE - COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2020 – 1:00PM at MCIU23

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

**Present at the meeting:** Michael Barber, Pat Nugent, Sean Kelly, Holly Farnese, Danielle Turner, Matt Heiland, Reggie Parks, Janet Columbro, Becky Flynn Hensel, Michael Lalli, Steve Brandt, Sue Cornelius, Jason Sherlock, Mike Price, Ed Kloss, Matt Gionta, Eric Greiner, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, John Reading, John Creighton, Joe Derickson, Jennifer Wilson, Dave Baun, Dee Cross, Barbara Clarke, Tom Brady

**Absent from the meeting:** Rodney Stone, Seth Bruner, Rap Curry, Lou Sudholz, Denis Gray, Dan Horan, Maureen Gregory, Craig Gillinger (Alt.)

### Review and approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes

- Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Michael Price, the committee approved the minutes of the January 8, 2020 Committee Meeting. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**

### Treasurer's Reports

- Upon motion by John Reading/Todd Vaccaro, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for January 2020. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**

<b>Operations Balance</b>	<b>\$636,294.24</b>
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>\$51,066.58</b>

*Copies of the complete Treasurer's Reports are available for review with Danielle Turner, Treasurer.*

## **Transfer and Foreign Exchange Student Requests**

- Upon motion by Joseph Derickson / Janet Columbro, the committee approved all February Transfer Students' requests submitted for review on the provided list. **Unanimous. (25 Votes)**
- Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/John Reading, the committee approved all February Foreign Exchange Students' requests submitted for review on the provided list. **Unanimous. (25 Votes)**

**Public Comment** - No Public Comment was made at this meeting.

## **Executive Secretary Report**

- Upon motion by Patrick Nugent/David Baun, the committee approved the appointment of Dr. Jason Sherlock as the PIAA D1 Nomination Chair to replace Dr. Nugent. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**
- Terms for the D1 Committee Advisory Committee Representatives (Female Rep. / Male/Female Parent Rep. / Private School Rep. / Middle School Rep.) will run through June 2020. Nominations for these positions will open in April and will be approved at the May District One Meeting.
- Sean Kelly presented discussion points from the Soccer Steering Committee Meeting.
  - Review of the Playoff qualifiers for the next two year cycle. The Soccer Steering Committee is requesting to expand the 3A and 4A brackets. (3A to 12 teams / 4A to 32, 30, 28 or 26 teams.). No action was taken at the District One meeting. D1 Committee members were asked to review this with coaches in their leagues and bring a recommendation to the March Meeting.
  - Review of the Power Ranking system. Tabulators made a request to not use non-D1 playoffs contests to count towards a team's final overall record. No action was taken at the D1 Committee level.
  - Soccer Steering Committee would like District One to move forward with the recommendation to change the current PIAA soccer officiating system.
  - Review of the number of Soccer ejections in 2019. Held discussions on the potential changes to the ejection rules. Soft Red-Cards and additional penalties for foul and abusive language towards officials will be evaluated by the PIAA.
  - Soccer Committee requested an earlier start to the preseason, same as football heat week. This request was already denied at the PIAA BOD level in January.

- Sean Kelly presented a clarification of the role of Officials and ATC's in concussion protocol. Every [NFHS Rule book outlines Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussion in Sports](#). Officials, coaches and school personnel are encourage to review these guidelines. All contest officials need to be clear on their role to recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion during a contest. School Administration, Coaches and the appropriate health-care professionals need to understand their roles when recognizing and treating the signs and symptoms of a concussion. Approval to return an athlete to play can only be approved by an appropriate health care professional. Schools should review their Physician Operating Protocols.

*n.b. Reggie Parks has left the full PIAA D1 Committee Meeting. Mr. Parks was present for the sub-committee hearings.*

### **PIAA BOD Report**

- Dr. Barber reviewed the January PIAA BOD discussion points and meeting minutes. January BOD minutes were sent to member schools and are available on the PIAA website. Next PIAA BOD Meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020.
- Dr. Barber reviewed ongoing PIAA litigation.
  - Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Danielle Turner, the committee moved to Executive Session to discuss ongoing PIAA litigation.  
**Unanimous (24 Votes)**
  - Upon motion by John Creighton/Barbara Clarke, the committee returned to public session. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

**Old Business** – No items needing Committee action/attention this month

### **New Business**

- Radnor HS submitted a self-report concerning a basketball contest they played during the 2019-2020 season. The contest was not played under PIAA and NHFS rules. Upon motion by Ed Kloss/Steve Brandt, the committee accepted the Self-Report. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
- The committee held discussions on the merit of establishing minimum number of contests that must be played for sports utilizing the point system for playoff seeding consideration. Representatives are asked to seek input from their leagues for the sports of basketball, soccer, field hockey, softball and lacrosse. Schools who do not play the minimum number of contests will have those missing contests count towards the power rankings. A proposal will be brought forward at the March meeting.

## **New Business (cont.)**

- League representatives are asked to seek input from leagues in reference to D1 Golf Championships to charging Greens Fee for each golfer that competes in the District Championships. D1 Office will contact surrounding PIAA Districts to review their policies.
- District One Office received a report that the Girard College High School Basketball team used an ineligible player during the 2019-2020 season. As a result, Girard College High School was required to forfeit all games for which the ineligible player participated. Girard College has been asked to submit a self-report to the District One Committee for review at the March meeting.
- Committee members are asked to review the proposed D1 and PIAA playoff Qualifiers and Classifications for next 2 year cycle - 2020-2021/2021-2022. Special attention should be given to the B/G 3A and 4A Soccer qualifiers. A proposal for approval should be brought forward at the March Meeting.

## **Officials Report**

- Congratulations to Tom Brady and Maureen Gregory on their election as PIAA D1 Official Representatives.
- Discussion regarding the safety and security of all officials was emphasized. All game managers are asked to provide proper safety and security for officials at all contests especially during the playoffs.

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

## **Eligibility Hearings – Sub Committee**

The PIAA District One Sub - Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Bensalem High School** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/ Matt Heiland, the committee approved the request for post-season waiver. **Unanimous (11 Votes)**

*Sub-Committee: Pat Nugent, Chairman, Sue Cornelius, Michael Price, Matt Heiland, Michael Lalli, Janet Columbro, Becky Flynn Hansel, Todd Vaccaro, Jennifer Wilson, John Reading, Ed Kloss*

The PIAA District One Sub - Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Cheltenham High School** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by Ed Kloss/Becky Flynn Hansel, the committee approved the request for post-season waiver.

**Unanimous (13 Votes)** *Sub-Committee: Pat Nugent, Chairman, Sue Cornelius, Michael Price, Matt Heiland, Michael Lalli, Janet Columbro, Becky Flynn Hansel, Todd Vaccaro, Jennifer Wilson, John Reading, Ed Kloss, Reggie Parks, Joe Derickson*

The PIAA District One Sub - Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Bensalem High School** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by Todd Vaccaro/John Reading, the committee approved the request for post-season waiver. **Unanimous (11 Votes)**

*Sub-Committee: Pat Nugent, Chairman, Sue Cornelius, Michael Price, Matt Heiland, Michael Lalli, Becky Flynn Hansel, Todd Vaccaro, Jennifer Wilson, John Reading, Ed Kloss, Reggie Parks*

The PIAA District One Sub - Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Bensalem High School** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by John Reading/Todd Vaccaro, the committee approved the request for post-season waiver. **Unanimous (11 Votes)**

*Sub-Committee: Pat Nugent, Chairman, Sue Cornelius, Michael Price, Matt Heiland, Michael Lalli, Becky Flynn Hansel, Todd Vaccaro, Jennifer Wilson, John Reading, Ed Kloss, Reggie Parks*

The PIAA District One Sub - Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Neshaminy High School** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by Michael Lalli/ Matt Heiland, the committee approved the request for post-season waiver. **Unanimous (11 Votes)**

*Sub-Committee: Pat Nugent, Chairman, Sue Cornelius, Michael Price, Matt Heiland, Michael Lalli, Becky Flynn Hansel, Todd Vaccaro, Jennifer Wilson, John Reading, Ed Kloss, Reggie Parks*

The PIAA District One Sub - Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Pennridge High School** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by Ed Kloss/Michael Lalli, the committee approved the request for post-season waiver. **Unanimous (11 Votes)**

*Sub-Committee: Pat Nugent, Chairman, Sue Cornelius, Michael Price, Matt Heiland, Michael Lalli, Becky Flynn Hansel, Todd Vaccaro, Jennifer Wilson, John Reading, Ed Kloss, Reggie Parks*

The PIAA District 1 Sub - Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Pennridge High School** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by Reggie Parks/Michael Price, the committee denied the request for post-season waiver.

As a result, the student will not be eligible to participate in the sport of Wrestling during the 2020 post-season. **Unanimous (11 Votes)** *Sub-Committee: Pat Nugent, Chairman, Sue Cornelius, Michael Price, Matt Heiland, Michael Lalli, Becky Flynn Hansel, Todd Vaccaro, Jennifer Wilson, John Reading, Ed Kloss, Reggie Parks*

### **Eligibility Hearings – Full Committee**

The PIAA District One Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Chester Charter Scholar Academy** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by Todd Vaccaro/Becky Flynn Hansel, the committee approved the request for post-season waiver.

**Unanimous (24 Votes)**

### **Document Reviews**

The PIAA District One Committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student at **Downingtown West High School** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post Season Waiver– Section 2C. Upon motion by Matt Heiland/Matt Gionta, the committee approved the request. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

The PIAA District One Committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student at **Pennridge High School** in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VIII-Period of Participation. Upon motion by John Reading/Dave Baun, the committee approved the request for two additional semesters of eligibility.

**Unanimous (24 Votes)**

### **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Danielle Turner/John Creighton, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 3:30PM. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

The next District One Meeting will be Wednesday, March 12, 2020 at The Montgomery County IU, Norristown, PA, @ 1PM.

Respectfully submitted, HF/SK