



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2022 @ 1:00PM – MCIU23

Dr. Barber, District One Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Steve Brandt, W. Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Madeline Mulhall, Bill Keenan, Stephanie Taylor, Terri Fasano, Corey Sigle, Mike Semar, RJ Bretz, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Joe Derickson, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Matt Heiland, Vicki Zebley, Maureen Gregory, Cyndi Moss, Nancy Monahan, Danielle Turner, Seth Bruner, Dave Baun, Denis Gray, Ken McCormick (for Sherlock)

Absent from the meeting: Holly Farnese, Tom Brady, Rap Curry, Jason Sherlock, Robert Kurzweg

Guest at the meeting: None

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by L. Sudholz/J. Derickson, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from November 9, 2022. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon a motion by R. Bretz / C. Moss, the committee approved the Treasurer's report for October 2022. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

Operation Balance	\$560,778
Net Change	\$ 87,307
- Upon a motion by D. Gray / G. Per, the committee approved the Treasurer's report for November 2022. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

Operation Balance	\$767,477
Net Change	\$206,638

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 T. Vaccaro / C. Moss, the committee approved all Transfer Student requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- Upon motion by T. Vaccaro / K. McCormick, the committee approved all Foreign Exchange Students Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

Public Comment - No public comment was made.

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly reviewed the PIAA fall disqualification report and total ejections for Soccer, Football, Field Hockey and Girls Volleyball.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- Upon a 3rd reading of the Competition Formula revisions the PIAA BOD voted to keep the competition formula the same as previous years. The success formula will only be considered in the sports of Football and Basketball and will continue to factor in transfer students.
- PIAA approved on a 1st reading to review and revise the language to determine the number of semesters a student is eligible to participate at the High School level.
- The PIAA has introduced a Junior Officials program which will allow 16- and 17-year-old students to officiate JHS/MS contests. All member school ADs and Principals received a letter from the PIAA Office describing the program and has asked member schools to promote this program to their students. PIAA Registration fees for students will be waived. Requirements to become a PIAA official can be found on the PIAA website.
- PIAA approved the Name Image and Likeness Policy (NIL) on a third reading.

Article II – Amateur Status and Awards

J. Name, Image and Likeness.

Students may receive Consideration for the use of their own name, image and likeness (NIL). Such permissible activities include commercial endorsements, promotional activities, social media presence, product or service advertisements, and unique digital items/assets. NIL contracts/agreements need to come from analysis of the value an athlete brings for providing a specific service/activity, not as an incentive for enrollment decisions or membership on a team. 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 engaging 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. Students may not engage in any NIL activities involving, displaying or endorsing the following categories of products and services:

- (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.*

Students must notify Principal/Athletic Director if entering into any type of NIL contracts/agreements within 72 hours after entering into the agreement.

New Business

- Upon a motion by B. Flynn-Hensel / S. Taylor the District One Committee officially approved the withdrawal of Nazareth Academy from District One to District 12, effective July 1, 2023. **(25-0-1 abstention)**. Nazareth Academy's acceptance into District 12 and withdrawal from District One was approved by the PIAA BOD on December 7, 2022.
- Upon a motion by M. Muhall / W. Keenan the District One Committee approved the withdrawal of Upper Bucks Christian Academy from District One. **Unanimous 26-0**. The District One office will send a report to the PIAA BOD for review and approval of withdrawal at the next BOD meeting.
- The District One Committee reviewed and approved the 2021-2022 financial audit report conducted by Boyer & Ritter accounting firm. Motion to approve, S. Brunner / N. Monahan was accepted **Unanimous 26-0**. The official Boyer & Ritter audit is available for review from the District One Office.
- District One Committee thanked and congratulated Kevin Pechin who stepped down as District One golf chairperson. The committee and District One office is grateful to Kevin for all of his time and challenging work organizing the District One Golf Championships. The District One office will begin the search for a Golf Chairman for the 2023 season.
- District One Office provided a review and feedback regarding playoff tickets and the use of Hometown Ticketing. Overall, the office received positive feedback from schools and game managers. There were minor issues during the season that were managed in a

timely manner by the office and the HTT administration. There was discussion regarding consideration for an admission policy for senior citizens and military veterans. No action was taken on these discussion items. The office provided a summary of the fall reports and the deposits made by Hometown Ticketing.

- The District One Boys Volleyball and B/G Lacrosse playoff dates will be revised in 2023 due to date change of the PIAA Championships. PIAA volleyball and lacrosse playoffs will begin June 6th. Adjusted lacrosse and volleyball dates will be revised before the spring season.
- The Coatesville Area School District Administration appeared before the District One Committee. The hearing was in reference to the use of an ineligible student during the 2022 football season. Coatesville HS submitted a self-report that was accepted by the District One Committee on October 19, 2022. Coatesville Area School District had the opportunity to present the results of their findings and internal investigation. They also outlined the steps and process that will be implemented in the future to prevent any additional missteps regarding student residency. Upon a motion by R. Bretz / T. Vaccaro, the District One Committee voted **(27-0)** to accept and approve Coatesville HS's self-report. As a part of the approval, the committee placed the Coatesville football program probation for a period of one year. Details and conditions of the probation will be outlined in a letter to the school.
- The District One Committee tabled a scheduling hearing with Springfield (D) HS regarding the use of an ineligible player during the 2022 football season. Upon a motion by T. Vaccaro / D. Gray the Committee voted **(26-1, Monahan)** to reschedule the hearing for the January District One Committee meeting.
- The District One Committee met with the New Hope Solebury Administration in reference to a coach disqualification report received by the PIAA on October 11, 2022. This hearing was at the request of the PIAA Executive Office. The NHS school district legal counsel presented the District's findings to their own internal investigation. Upon a motion by D. Gray / D. Baun the District One Committee voted **(25-0)** to accept New Hope Solebury's self-report and directed the school district to place the coach on probation for a period of one year with conditions to be determined based on the internal investigation. Additionally, the Committee referred to Article XIII, section 6 and voted to publicly censure the coach in order to demonstrate a strong disapproval of the coach's actions and behavior.
Note: Brunner and Derickson left the meeting.
- Cheltenham HS Administration appeared before the District One Committee as part of a continuance of the hearing that was initiated in November. The District One Committee's intentions were to review a Report of PIAA Violations that was submitted to the District One Office in August 2022. Secondly, Cheltenham HS was asked to report on the use of an ineligible player during the 2022 football season. Lastly, the committee asked Cheltenham HS to review the follow up report of a student's ejection from a contest on October 2, 2022. The Cheltenham School District had the opportunity to present the

results of their finding and internal investigation. They also presented materials and outlined the steps and processes that will be implemented in the future to prevent any additional missteps regarding potential PIAA policy and eligibility oversights. Upon a motion by B. Hensel / D. Gary the Committee voted **(23-0)** to accept Cheltenham High School's report. As a part of the approval, the committee placed the Cheltenham HS football program on probation for a period of one year for the use of an ineligible player during the 2022 football season. Details and conditions of the probationary period will be outlined in a letter to the school.

Note: Keenan left the meeting.

Old Business

- The District One Committee revisited discussion from March 2020 in reference to establishing a minimum number of contests required for calculations of a sport's Power Ranking System. Committee members were asked to review these factors and determine if a provision should be added to the current system. There were no additional concerns discussed and no action was taken. Any additional discussion will occur on a case-by-case basis.
- The District One Committee revisited discussion concerning the adding and dropping of contests to a schedule late in the season. The concerns discussed involve the possible manipulation of a team's ranking to improve playoff seeding and avoid potential opponents. Committee members are asked to review these concerns with their member schools and provide feedback if an additional policy needs to be implemented. There were no additional concerns discussed and no action was taken. Additional dialogue will occur on a case-by-case basis.
- The committee continued discussion on the use of official assignment software for PIAA D1 playoffs and D1 member schools. The PIAA D1 will use Arbiter Software through the rest of this school year. There were no additional concerns discussed and no action was taken.

Officials Report

- Tom Brady & Maureen Gregory. Thanked and congratulated all of the officials and assignors that worked D1 Playoffs this fall season.

Middle School Report

- Matt Heiland sent a survey to MS ADs asking for feedback about the possibility of moving MS Soccer to the Spring season due to lack of officials in the fall. The vast majority of MS ADs who respond strongly supported keeping MS soccer in the fall season.

Eligibility Document Review – no reviews this month.

Eligibility Hearings – no eligibility hearings this month.

Adjournment

Upon motion by R. Bretz / S. Brandt, the Committee approved the motion to adjourn at 5pm.
Unanimous (22 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held on January 11, 2023, 1:00PM @ Montgomery County IU.

Respectfully submitted, SJK