



## PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**March 13, 2024 @ 1:00PM - Montgomery County Intermediate Unit**

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

**Present at the meeting:** Michael Barber, Stephen Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, RJ Bretz, Holly Farnese, Sara Kurpel, Bill Keenan, Shannon Fisher, Stephanie Taylor, Seth Brunner, Corey Siegel, Jason Sherlock, Mike Semar, LaDontay Bell, Robert Kurzweg, Cyndi Moss, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Henry Hunt, Sylvia Kalazs, Geoff Per, Joe Derickson, , Becky Flynn Hensel, Matt Heiland, Maureen Gregory and Ron Reidinger for Tom Brady.

**Absent from the meeting:** Lisa Ford, Christopher Jaramillo, Dave Baun, Vicki Zebley, Denis Gray

**Guest at the meeting:** n/a

### Approval of the Minutes

Upon motion by RJ Bretz /Cyndi Moss, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from February 14, 2024. **Unanimous ( 24 Votes)**

### Treasurer Report

Upon motion by Henry Hunt/Geoff Per, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for February 2024. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$866,221.52
Net Change	\$103,328,52

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

### Student Transfer List

Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Seth Brandt, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

## **Foreign Exchange Student List**

Upon motion by John Creighton/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

**Public Comment** – Mr. Dave Cleary, a parent at Garnet Valley School District spoke to the committee in reference to the needs of Special Education/IEP Student Athletes. The topics included:

Requests that the PIAA consider change in the PIAA Constitution & By Laws in the Age rules to reflect the change in the PA laws which allow students to attend school until they are 22 years old.

Request that the PIAA Board of Directors consider a separate waiver item form for these specific circumstances.

Offered a recommended to add additional Unified Athletic Events, i.e., Soccer, Cross Country.

## **Executive Secretary Report** – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- PIAA Annual Spring Meeting will be held via Zoom on April 10 at 9:30am. The District One Committee will meet in person for the Committee Meeting that will follow. Details and zoom link will be sent from the District One office.
- Sean Kelly gave a brief review of the Winter Championships.
  - The District One office and Committee expressed gratitude to all who hosted the Winter Sport Championships.
  - District One swimming in York PA was a success. The D1 Swimmers represented well in the PIAA State Championships.
  - The PIAA and District One basketball tournament has been successful so far.
  - Special thanks to William Tennent and Quakertown HS for hosting our first District One and Regional Girl's Wrestling Championships.
  - Winter Championship Financial Reports will be prepared for the April meeting.
- Holly Farnese reviewed the Program for the PSADA 56<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference. PSADA Convention will be held in Hershey 3/19 – 3/23.

## **PIAA BOD Report** – Dr. Barber

- Dr. Barber presented a report of the PIAA Board of Directors February 21, 2024, Meeting. Lengthy conversation and eligibility hearings were held in reference to the PIAA Classification Success Formula.
- Dr. Barber and Mr. Brandt request input from Committee Members and member schools in regard to the current Success Formula.
- The next PIAA Board of Directors Meeting will be held on March 20, 2024.

*n.b. John Creighton, Ron Reidinger, and Joe Derickson have left the meeting.*

## New Business

- Representatives from Dock Mennonite School presented a self-report in reference to a student transfer. Upon motion by R. Bretz/B. Kennan, the committee approved the self-report with the following conditions. The Dock Mennonite boys basketball program will be placed on probation for a period of one year with the following stipulations: Dock will establish an internal checklist which will be implemented to review all transfer students. Additionally, a review of the school eligibility lists will be conducted. The Dock Administration will reach out the District One office to confirm the submission of any eligibility paperwork. The Committee also suggested there be no uniform distribution allowed until the until all students are approved by the school athletic director.  
**Unanimous (21 Votes)**
- Harriton High School presented a request on behalf of the Harriton HS wrestlers. The request asked the PIAA District One Committee to consider adjusting the individual forfeitures for their wrestlers which were applied to them due to team violation of the Pool Rule. Since Harriton HS participated in 3 Pool tournaments they were forced to forfeit all team and individual matches from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pool tournament. Upon further discussion, it was determined that the District One Committee has no authority to reverse the forfeitures and cannot suspend the application of the PIAA rules.  
Upon motion by R. Bretz/ L. Bell, the Committee approved that Harriton High School wrestling team will be placed in on probation for a period of one year with the following stipulations: Harriton High School will review their schedules with the PIAA District One office prior to the season and notify the office of any other subsequent changes to the schedule during the season. Additionally, the District One Committee will request that the PIAA and the wrestling steering committees review the individual forfeiture rules at the post-season meetings. **Unanimous (21 Votes)**
- Unionville High School Wrestling submitted a self-report which addressed a schedule violation of number of Pool Tournaments that a school can participate in. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/ Sara Kurpel, the committee tabled any action on the self-report. The decision was tabled to allow Unionville HS to be present at next month's meeting.  
**Unanimous (21 Votes)**
- The D1 Committee discussed future sites for the D1 basketball championships. Sean Kelly will meet with members of the District One Committee to identify potential colleges / universities.
- The Committee discussed the importance of the District One Sport Chairperson positions and if there is a need to add a vice-chairperson position for each sport. No action taken, but additional discussion will be held. The consensus was that by adding a position it would allow for more support and coverage for all sports.
- Rod Stone reviewed the formation of the PIAA District One DEI Committee Members. Current members of the sub-committee are district office personnel with knowledge of the topics.

- Conversation continues on the topic of ATC pay rates neutral site coverage. Upon motion by Matt Heiland/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved an increase of the hourly fee to \$45.00/hour for Athletic Training coverage at neutral site events.
- PIAA District One will continue to absorb the \$1 consumer fees for all Hometown Ticket purchases. No change in ticket policies at this time.

### **Old Business**

There was no business to present to the committee this month.

### **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 Reviews**

- The PIAA District One Committee conducted an eligibility document review on behalf of a student at Upper Dublin High School (Ng) in reference to PIAA Constitution and By-Laws - Article VI, Section 2C, request for a decision of post-season eligibility. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Sylvia Kalazs, the committee approved the request for post-season eligibility in the sport of swimming. **Votes 20-Yes, 0-No, 1 Abstain (Heiland).**
- The PIAA District One Committee conducted an eligibility document review on behalf of a student at Council Rock High School (Woloshyn) in reference to PIAA Constitution and By-Laws - Article VI, Section 2C, request for a decision of post-season eligibility. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Matt Heiland, the committee approved the request for post-season eligibility in the sport of softball. **Votes 20 –Yes, 0-No, 1 – Abstain (Per).**
- On 2/22/24, an eligibility document review was conducted via email on behalf of a Student at Radnor High School (Jennings) in reference to PIAA - Article VI, Section 2C, request for a decision of post-season eligibility. The request for post-season eligibility in the sport of basketball was unanimously approved by the District One Committee.

### **Eligibility Hearings – pending**

- Unionville - Article VI, Section 2C . Request for a decision of eligibility (TBA).
- Villa Maria Academy - Article VI, Section 2C . Request for a decision of eligibility (TBA).

## **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Stephanie Taylor/Shannon Fisher, the meeting adjourned at 3:30PM.

**Unanimous. (21 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held April 10, 2024, following the PIAA Zoom Annual Meeting @ Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

*Respectfully Submitted SK/HF*