



PIAA DISTRICT ONE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2021 @ 9:00AM - Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Steve Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, Holly Farnese, Seth Bruner, Sue Cornelius, Mike Price, Robert Kurzweg, William Ziegler, Geoff Per, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, John Creighton, Joe Derickson, Becky Flynn Hensel, Dee Cross, Dave Baun, Maureen Gregory

Absent from the meeting: Reggie Parks, John Allen, Janet Columbro, Terri Fasano, Jason Sherlock, Rap Curry, John Reading, Jennifer Wilson, Denis Gray, Matt Heiland, Tom Brady

Approval of the Minutes

Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Mike Price, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from May 12, 2021. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Joe Derickson, the committee approved provisionally the Treasurer's Reports for May, June, and July 2021. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

- **May** -Operating Balance: \$ 530,095.77 Net Change: \$53,801.37
- **June** – Operating Balance: \$ 465,294.40 Net Change: **\$65,495.94**
- **July** - Operating Balance: \$ 441,382.40 Net Change: **\$23,864.56**

Copy of the complete Treasurer's Report is available from the office of Danielle Turner, PIAA District 1 Treasurer.

Sean Kelly presented the review of the Fiscal Year Cash Balance for 2020-2021.

Student Transfer List

Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Dee Cross, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Yes -16 No -0 Abstain – 1(Brandt)**

Foreign Exchange List - There were no Foreign Exchange Requests this month.

Public Comment - No public comment was made.

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

PIAA Fall Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on September 15th. Communications will be sent to school Principals and ADs.

The 2020-21 Sportsmanship Award Winners will have the banners delivered to the schools. The winners will be listed in the minutes from the Fall Annual Meeting which will be held via Zoom on September 15, 2021 @ 9:00AM.

All Committee Members are asked to remind their league ADs and Coaches of the Fall Sport PIAA Mandatory Rules Meetings. Head Coaches must attend in person or via Zoom. Meeting information is located on the PIAA website.

Spring PIAA Disqualification Reports were reviewed. The number of supplemental DQs and the penalties required for supplemental DQs were also discussed. The PIAA Office will continue to monitor the number of Supplemental DQs. Schools are reminded to make sure coaches and students fill in the DQ reports and fulfill the NHFS course requirements.

If needed, the PIAA and District One Covid Policies for regular season and post-season contests will be discussed at the September 15, 2021, meeting.

The District One office met via Zoom with an E-Ticket company. Survey information sent to member schools were reviewed. At this time, D1 will continue to use the traditional method of cash sales and collecting of tickets for playoff contests. The use of E-Ticketing will continue to be evaluated and discussed throughout the school year.

Sean Kelly presented the Spring Sports 2021 Revenue and Expenses report. The spread sheet of revenues and expenses are available upon request.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

Dr. Barber presented the PIAA Summer Workshop Summary and Updates.

Adjustment of the dates of the PIAA State Basketball playoffs schedule was approved at the July PIAA BOD Meeting. 1st Rd of PIAA basketball playoffs will begin on Tuesday/Wednesday, March 8th and 9th. Locations of the D1 Basketball Championships are still TBD. In the event of inclement weather, teams that qualify for the PIAA playoffs will not be forced to play back-to-back contests.

On a 1st reading basis, the PIAA BOD is reviewing Article VIII Period of Participation. The current rule states, High School eligibility begins at the start of 9th grade (4 seasons / 8 semesters). There is discussion and consideration to revise this rule to have a student's HS eligibility clock to begin at the start on 8th grade (5 years / 10 semesters).

PIAA BOD Report (cont.)

The D1 Committee is asking for feedback from member schools on the following PIAA considerations for next PIAA cycle:

- Passed on a 1st reading basis - Pre-Season 10 days vs. 15 days (golf, tennis, football length of preseason will remain the same).
- The topic of adding regular season contests to specific sports was discussed and referred to the PIAA competition committee.
- Note: There was no support by the PIAA BOD for earlier practice start dates or earlier Championship dates. There was also no PIAA BOD support for a reduction in the number of PIAA qualifiers.

Effective immediately, the Football Heat Acclimatization team rule of 5 days remains. Schools will make decisions about the practice schedule and requirements for individuals. This rule is now in line with the preseason practice schedule for individuals.

Approved on a 1st reading basis, the PIAA Office was directed to create a process for emerging sports to be considered for adoption by the PIAA.

Effective immediately, the following changes were made to Article VI, Transfer, Residence and Recruiting - Post-Season Eligibility for in-season transfers.

- A 10th, 11th or 12th grade student who transfers after being eligible to participate in 50% of the season ... student will be ineligible for the remainder of the season, including the post-season.
- A 10th, 11th or 12th grade student who transfers after being eligible to participate in 75% of the season ... student will be ineligible for the remainder of the season, including the post-season, and the following year's post-season.

Effective immediately, the following adjustments were approved for Article VI, Section C. Post-Season Waiver Requirements:

- Waiver Requests must be submitted 30 days prior to the start of the District playoffs.
- Proper documentation must be submitted for the District Committee to consider a waiver request.

ARTICLE VI – TRANSFER RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING

Section 2 B. Out-of-Season Transfer

If a student transfers after participating in a sport in their 10th grade year, or thereafter, and following completion of such season, transfers to another school, said student is ineligible to participate in the postseason (District championship tournament and thereafter) in that same sport for the subsequent school year. The student, if otherwise eligible, may participate in that sport only during the Regular Season.

C. Post Season Ineligibility Waiver Provision. – Eligibility can be achieved for the Post Season if certain requirements are met.

1. Waiver upon submission of necessary documentation. A District Committee may waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student's family. The District Committee may grant such waiver without a hearing upon receipt of appropriate supporting documentation, as set forth below, demonstrating that a waiver is justified. Requests lacking the required documentation, or, in the opinion of the Committee, providing inadequate documentation, will not be considered for waiver on the paperwork but may still be considered under Subsection 2 below.

*a. A transfer following a local child welfare agency-approved change in residence.
Documentation required: proof of child welfare organization approval of change of residence.*

*b. A school-initiated administrative transfer within a school district.
Documentation required: the official school district transfer document.*

*c. A transfer following a court order directing such transfer or change in residence.
Documentation required: copy of the court order.*

*d. A transfer caused by a military reassignment of a parent.
Documentation required: copy of the military transfer document.*

*e. A transfer caused by release from a juvenile facility.
Documentation required: copy of the official release document.*

*f. A transfer following a school's decision to terminate its interscholastic athletic program.
Documentation required: copy of the minutes or directives confirming the school's official action.*

*g. A transfer following a bona fide change of residence ~~of more than 25 miles~~ resulting from a change in employer of a parent.
Documentation required: proof of (1) new residential arrangements (lease or purchase documents); and (2) the change of employer (a job reclassification or shift hours change with a current employer will not support a request under this provision).*

*h. A transfer following an involuntary substantial change in financial condition and resources that compels withdrawal from a school.
Documentation required: documents showing (1) a substantial reduction in family income and, (2) that tuition assistance was sought and denied or was insufficient to overcome the substantial reduction in family income.*

*k. A transfer occurring after a school closes.
Documentation required: Proof of school closure.*

*l. A transfer resulting from bullying, harassment, or other misconduct.
Documentation required: (1) written corroboration from persons unrelated to the student and/or the student's family that the alleged misconduct occurred, and (2) a letter from school administration that confirms the student timely sought assistance of appropriate school personnel to address such misconduct and that the school agrees that a transfer was appropriate.*

*m. A transfer because of violence, or a threat violence, directed against the student.
Documentation required: Copy of the police and/or school report(s) of the incident(s).
NOTE: A general assertion of dangerous conditions in a school or community will not support a request under this provision.*

2. A District Committee may waive the post season period of ineligibility on a case-by-case basis for other factors not listed above upon proof by clear and convincing evidence by the student's family that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student and the student's family. A request for waiver will not be processed unless the Request for Waiver form is submitted setting forth specific reasons supporting the request and the reason is consistent with the Preamble of Section 2 of this ARTICLE.

For purposes of this provision, whether a student's transfer was materially motivated by an athletic purpose is not a factor to be considered. Also, the following reasons will NOT support the grant of a waiver:

- A transfer for academic, developmental, spiritual and/or social reasons; and*
- A change of residence resulting from a family separation, unless following court approval.*

3. All requests for waivers must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of a PIAA District's postseason tournament for the sport in question. PIAA Districts may expand this time requirement to an earlier time. Requests for waivers for students transferring within thirty days prior to the tournament may be considered if a hearing can be timely arranged.

Advice from PIAA counsel, PIAA District Committees will adhere to the following Policies.

- Human Resource Committees shall appoint and utilize non-Committee members to serve on their HR Committees. These members will serve to make annual salary and payment recommendations to D1 Committee.
- District Committees shall make available and post meeting Agendas and meeting Minutes. District One meeting agenda items and minutes are posted on the D1 website.

Member schools should be aware of the recent NCAA NIL decision. The NIL decision for college athletes was based on an Anti-Trust decision. Currently, the NIL does not apply to HS students. PIAA Article II Amateur Status/Awards rules still apply.

PIAA Officials Clearances and the use of Assignors.

- Leagues / Schools are strongly encouraged to utilize the PIAA Assignor Agreement. A copy of the Assignor agreement is located on the PIAA website – Forms. Any questions should be directed to the D1 Office.
- School Administrators are reminded that is their responsibility to make sure all officials who work at their schools are active PIAA Officials and have all of their required clearances. School Principals will be notified in writing if a non-registered PIAA official works at their school.

New Business

Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/William Ziegler, the committee approved the recommendation of D1 Human Resources Committee Report for a 3.5% increase in salary for D1 Chairman, Executive Secretary and Asst. Executive Secretary. **Yes – 15 No - 0 Abstain – 2 (Barber & Brandt).**

New Business (cont.)

Upon motion by Danielle Turner/Becky Flynn Hensel, the committee approved the recommendation of D1 Human Resources Committee Report for a 3.5% increase in meeting stipend for D1 Assistant Chairman. **Yes – 15 No - 0 Abstain – 2 (Barber & Brandt).**

Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Joe Derickson, the committee approved the application for membership to District One for Coventry Christian School, Upper Bucks Christian School, and Regina Luminis Academy. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Mike Price, the committee approved the withdrawal of Girard College HS memberships from PIAA and District One. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

Upon motion by Geoff Per/Joe Derickson, the committee approved the termination of Co-Op (Swimming) between George Washington HS (D12) and MaST Charter (D1). **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Robert Kurzweg, the committee tabled any action on the Girls Tennis recommendation. For the 2021 season, adjust Singles/Doubles draw from 32 to 20 players. The D1 Tennis Committee will meet to discuss current tournament format and structure. D1 Office will report back in September with recommendations. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Mike Price, the committee tabled any action on the Cross Country - recommendation. Consider elimination of non-seeded race. Consider making the D1 XC Championships a qualifying championship. The D1 Cross Country Committee will meet to discuss current championship format and structure. D1 Office will report back in September with recommendations. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

Upon motion by Seth Brunner/Maureen Gregory, the committee approved additional varsity football contests for 2021 **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

Interboro v Ridley	*Boyertown v Eastern	Haverford v Upper Darby
Sun Valley v Chichester	Conference Game – 11/5?	Morrisville v Bristol
Penncrest v Marple Newtown	*Lower Merion v Radnor –	Springfield (D) v Card.
Penridge v Quakertown	11/6?	O’Hara

Officials Report - Mr. Brady, Ms. Gregory

Maureen Gregory reported there were no items needing the committee’s attention or action this month.

Middle School Report – Mr. Heiland

Matt Heiland reported there were no items needing the committee’s attention or action this month.

Eligibility Hearing

The PIAA D1 conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Bishop Shanahan HS in reference to Article VIII – Period of Participation – Sections 1 & 6. Upon motion by William Ziegler/Geoff Per, the committee approved the student’s request for an additional semester of eligibility. The student will be eligible for the 2021 fall season only. **Yes – 13 No – 4 Abstain -0**

Eligibility Document Reviews

The PIAA D1 Committee conduct a document review on behalf of two student at Unionville HS in reference to PIAA Constitution and By Laws Article VI, Section 2C, Postseason Waiver Request. Upon motion by Danielle Turner/Joe Derickson, the Committee approved the requests. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

Upon motion by Todd Vaccaro/Danielle Turner, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 12:30pm. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. The PIAA Annual Fall Meeting will be held via Zoom at 9am.

Respectfully submitted: HF / SJK