



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2025 - 1:00PM - Colonial Middle School

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, Seth Frankenfield, Amy Barr, Becky Murphy, Seth Brunner, Corey Sigle, Devon Landgraff, LaDontay Bell, Robert Kurzweg, Jonathan Bauer, Joe Spera, Henry Hunt, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, John Mullin, Lisa Ford, Joe Derickson, Peg Pennepacker, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Ron Redinger, Joe Vogler

Absent from the meeting: Bill Keenan, Jason Sherlock, Dave Baun, Denis Gray, Vicky Zebley, Maureen Gregory

Guest at the meeting:

The committee made introductions as the new year begins. Michael Barber welcomed all the new members to the committee.

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Henry Hunt, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from May 14, 2025. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for May 2025. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
 - Operations Balance \$743,854.63
 - Net Change \$ 26,416.05
- Upon motion by Jonathan Bauer/Joe Derickson, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for June 2025. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
 - Operations Balance \$640,655.29
 - Net Change **\$103,199.34**
- Upon motion by John Mullen/Robert Kurzweg, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for July 2025. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
 - Operations Balance \$605,309.69
 - Net Change **\$ 35,345.60**

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

Student Transfer List

- Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to District One Committee members. **Unanimous (23 Votes).**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- Upon motion by John Creighton/Steve Brandt, the committee approved the Foreign Exchange Student Requests on the list provided to District One Committee members. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Public Comment – None

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Dr. Barber reviewed the PIAA Procedures / Standards for District Committee and hearing procedures and reminded the Committee of their fiduciary responsibilities and confidentiality.
- Sean Kelly reviewed the Hometown Ticket Yearly Revenue Report. There were 122.20k playoff and championship tickets sold during the 2024-2025 season. This was down from 136k in 2023-2024. Hometown ticketing will be sending payment for FY ticket sale percentages in the next month.
- Sean Kelly reviewed the 2024-2025 Revenue / Expense Reports. Copies of these reports are available upon request. Ticket revenue was down approximately \$100k this past season. All game reports and audit documents were delivered to the auditors at Boyer & Ritter in July for review.
- Joe Derickson gave an update from the District One Athletic Director's Association.
 - The new AD meeting was held on August 5th at Garnet Valley HS. Anyone who needs educational documents from the new AD meeting is encouraged to contact Mr. Derickson.
 - The District One AD Association will host two Zoom Meetings for Middle School ADs on August 28th @ 9:30am and September 4th @ 3pm. More specific information will be sent to all school ADs. HS ADs are encouraged to promote these educational meetings to their MS ADs.
- The District One Committee held discussion regarding the D1 Swimming Championship in reference to facilities at LaSalle U and York County YMCA. Championship dates have been reserved at York YMCA. The D1 Office is still waiting to see if there are potential open dates available at LaSalle University. Official site and dates are still TBD.
- The District One Committee held discussion in reference to D1 Tennis / Track concerns and AP Testing date conflicts. The committee has referred to this issue back to the Tennis and Track Steering Committees to provide different input and suggestions to help avoid AP Test conflicts.

- Sean Kelly held discussion regarding playing the 3rd and 4th place playback matches in the sport of tennis. The defaulting of matches continues to be an issue during the singles and doubles competition. The Committee referred this back to the Tennis Steering Committee for review and suggestions.
- The District One office will send out a Steering Committee Directory for updates and review. League representatives are asked to send your league steering committee updates and changes to the Sean Kelly. Leagues will be asked to submit committee members for flag football.
- Sean Kelly reviewed the PIAA DQ Reports for the Spring 2025. There was a concern about the number of varsity baseball coaches who were ejected during the 2025 season.
- The District One Committee confirmed the meeting location, dates and times for 2025-2026. Dates, location and times will be updated on the District One website.
 - The annual Fall PIAA meeting with principals and athletic directors will be held on zoom on September 17, 2025. More specific information will be sent out to all schools in the upcoming weeks.

New Business

- Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Becky Flynn Hensel, the committee approved the additional Football game requests for the following schools for the 2025 Football Season.
Unanimous (23 Votes)
 - Pennridge HS / Quakertown HS
 - Bristol HS / Morrisville HS
 - Ridley HS / Interboro HS
 - Lower Merion HS / Radnor HS
 - Haverford HS / Upper Darby HS
 - Chichester HS / Sun Valley HS
- The PIAA announced Flag Football will have its own Steering Committee. Therefore, District One will be searching for a Flag Football Chairperson.
 - Leagues will also be asked to report the number of schools that sponsor flag football in their league so a District One Steering Committee can be formed for the Spring season 2026.
- Upper Merion HS requested the District One Committee consider a suspension of the application of the rule for PIAA Article III – Attendance. Upper Merion’s request was to allow two non-student residents of their district to participate in athletics in UMSD. Upon motion by Seth Brunner/Henry Hunt, the committee denied the request on the basis that the District One Committee does not have the authority to suspend the application of the PIAA rule. Upper Merion’s request will be appealed to the PIAA BOD. **Yes -22 No-0 Abstain 1- (Bauer).**
- Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Peg Pennepacker, the committee denied the self-report from Neshaminy High School. The Committee will ask the Neshaminy administration to appear at the September meeting to review the circumstance in which an ineligible player participated in the District One playoffs. **Unanimous (23 Votes).**

PIAA BOD Report

- Dr. Barber reviewed the information presented at the July PIAA summer workshop meeting
 - Update on the feeder school language
 - Update on the potential changes to PIAA bylaws Article III – Attendance. The PIAA will provide more guidance concerning the State College lawsuit decision and private school students.
 - Meeting summary from the July meeting was sent to member schools and posted on the PIAA website.

Old Business

- Michael Barber codified the District One Committee's approval and subsequent committee support of the salary adjustment for Assistant Executive Secretary. The potential salary adjustment was discussed during the District One May meeting. An updated recommendation and committee vote was taken via email in June. Dr. Barber and Mr. Stone will be able to provide specific information and answer any questions concerning the approved salary adjustment.
- At the July PIAA BOD meeting, Dr. Barber discussed suggested changes to the PIAA International and Foreign Exchange Student policies in reference to the length of student athletic eligibility who are here on approved F1 Visa /J1/ Foreign Students. The PIAA Executive staff did not consider any changes to Article VII in the current by-laws.

Middle School Report

- Joe Vogler, JHS/ MS rep will send out specific information regarding the AD association meetings being offered this month.
- HS Athletic directors are encouraged to review the D1 Directory and send updates / changes to the D1 Office regarding your school district middle school ADs.
- HS Athletic directors are also encouraged to review the PIAA website directory and review if updates / changes need to be made on the PIAA website.

Officials Report – Ron Redinger & Maureen Gregory

- The PIAA Officials Conference held in July had excellent attendance with 1,000 officials.
- Discussion was held during the PIAA Summer Steering Committee Meeting in reference to official fees across the state and the disparity between district playoff fees and state fees. The PIAA will review their current fee structure for state playoffs.

Eligibility Document Reviews

- The Committee conducted a document review for a student from Downingtown East High School (Schlather) in reference to Article VI, Section 2C - Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Bobby Kurzweg, the committee approved the waiver.
Yes - 17 No - 0 Abstain -1 (Sigel).

- The Committee conducted a document review for a student from Dock Mennonite School (Landes) in reference to Article VI, Section 2C - Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by Lisa Ford/Jonathan Bauer, the committee approved the waiver.
Yes - 17 No - 0 Abstain -1 (Frankenfield)
- The Committee conducted a document review for a student from Unionville High School (Catlett) in reference to Article VI, Section 2C - Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/ Bobby Kurzweg, the committee approved the waiver.
Yes - 17 No - 0 Abstain – 1 (Vogel)
- The Committee conducted a document review for a student from Unionville High School (Harman) in reference to Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/ Bobby Kurzweg, the committee approved the waiver.
Yes – 17 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Vogel)

Eligibility Hearings

- The committee conducted an eligibility hearing on behalf of a Coatesville High School (Watson) who transferred from Avon Grove HS, in reference to PIAA By Laws Article VI, Section 4, Athletic Transfer. Upon motion by Becky Flynn Hensel/John Mullin, the committee denied the Transfer and determined the student is ineligible to participate in the sport of football for one year from the date of transfer. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

n.b. Devon Landgraff, Steve Brandt, LaDontay Bell have left the meeting.

- The committee conducted an eligibility hearing on behalf of a student from Abington High School (Hinkel) in reference to PIAA By-Laws Article VIII, Section 6D, request for additional eligibility. Upon motion by Lisa Ford/Becky Murphy, the committee approved the request for two additional semesters of eligibility. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

n.b. Amy Barr and Seth Brunner have left the meeting.

- The committee conducted an eligibility hearing on behalf of a student from Radnor High School (Hall) in reference to PIAA By-Laws Article VIII, Section 6B, request for additional eligibility. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the request for two additional semesters of eligibility. The approval is contingent upon verification of the student's status to the District One office as a Radnor student. **Unanimous (18 Votes)**

- One July 1, 2025, a District One sub-committee conducted an eligibility hearing on behalf of a student from Perkiomen Valley (Oyefara) – Article VI, Section 8. Request for eligibility following a transfer (7/1/25 – denied). Upon motion by Bretz/Baun, the committee denied the request and determined the student is ineligible to participate in athletics for one year from the date of transfer. **Unanimous (7 Votes).**

Adjournment

Upon motion by Joe Vogel/Peg Pennepacker, the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Unanimous (18 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA District One Committee will be held Wednesday, September 17, 2025 @ 1PM. The District One Office will send out specific details regarding the Annual Fall Meeting. The Annual Fall Meeting will be held via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF