



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2026 - 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, RJ Bretz, Sean Kelly, Holly Farnese, Bill Keenan, Amy Barr, Seth Frankenfield, Seth Brunner, Corey Sigle, Jason Sherlock, Devon Landgraff, Robert Kurzweg, Jonathan Bauer, Joe Sperra, John Creighton, John Mullin, Lisa Ford, Joe Derickson, Peg Pennepacker, Dave Baun, Joe Vogler, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Maureen Gregory, Ron Reidinger

Absent from the meeting: Becky Murphy, LaDontay Bell, Henry Hunt, Lou Sudholz

Guest at the meeting: Russ Benditt, Sue Wilson

- Dr. Barber welcomed Russ Benditt (CAL) and Sue Wilson (Officials' Rep) who will be joining the PIAA District One Committee as of July 1, 2026.

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Jonathan Bauer, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from April 2026.
Unanimous (24 Votes)

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by Jason Sherlock/Joe Derickson, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for April 2026. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
 - Operations Balance \$640,417.22
 - Net Change **\$ 75,021.83**

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

Student Transfer List

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

Foreign Exchange Student List

- No foreign exchange students this month

Public Comment – None

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Dr. Barber and the District One Committee welcomed Sue Wilson, who will replace Maureen Grgeory, as the PIAA District One Female Officials' Representative. The Committee also thanked Maureen Gregory, for her over 12 years of service as the PIAA District One Female Officials' Representative. Dr. Barber also extended his thanks and gratitude to Maureen Gregory, Jonathan Bauer, Seth Frankenfield, and Seth Bruner for their service to the committee
- Sean Kelly previewed the Spring Sports Championships. Seed meetings and Championship brackets are posted on the website.
- Reminder that Neutral sites are needed for PIAA Championships.
- League Sportsmanship votes will be needed this summer. District One will send out google doc over the summer months.
- Sean Kelly presented the Steering Committee updates / changes. District One will send out directory for review over the summer months. Steering Committee members are asked to provide updates to the Sport Steering Committees.
- Sean Kelly reviewed District One Committee proposed meeting dates / times for 2026-2027. District One will wait for PIAA meeting dates to be confirmed. The first District One Steering Committee meeting of the 2026-2027 school year will be held August 12, 2026.

New Business

- Mr. Albert from Harriton High School and Ms. Campbell from Lower Merion High School attended the PIAA D1 Meeting to answer any questions about the request for a Co-Operative Sponsorship in the sport of Football. Upon motion by Jason Sherlock/Jonthan Bauer, the committee will not recommend the request for submission to the PIAA Board of Directors for Cooperative Sponsorship (PIAA By-Laws Article III, Section 10 B 2a) in the Sport of Football for the 2026 Season. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
- Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Seth Bruner, the committee approved the request of PIAA membership for Clifton Heights Middle School, Upper Darby School District. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
- Sean Kelly presented a District One Track Report about a registered athletes with incorrect standards. The athletes were permitted to compete by the Track games committee. Each school will be sent a letter and will be asked to respond to the District One office.

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Jonathan Bauer, the committee approved the nomination of Dr. Michael Barber as PIAA District One Committee Chair for the 2026-2027 year.
Vote 22-Yes 0-No 2 Abstain
- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Lisa Ford, the committee approved the nomination of Mr. Steven Brandt as PIAA District One Committee Vice Chair for 2026-27 year.
Vote 22-YES 0-NO 2 Abstain.
- Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Jason Sherlock, the committee approved the voting results for all District One Advisory positions. The reps are approved for a 2-year term.
Unanimous (24 Votes)
 - Male Parent Rep – Dave Baun, Female Parent Rep – Janice Duffield, JHS / MS Rep – Joe Vogler, Private Schools Rep – Becky Flynn Hensel, Women’s Athletic Rep. – Lisa Ford.
- Upon motion by Bill Keenan/Seth Bruner the committee approved the addition of Joe DiAntonio as 3rd Parent Representative. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
- Upon motion by John Mullin/Ron Reidinger, the committee approved a 5% increase in salary for the PIAA District One Executive Director, Sean Kelly. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
- Upon motion by John Mullin/Corey Sigel, the committee approved the District One recommendation to pursue the new position of PIAA District One Committee Administrative Assistant. A job describing will be established and posted. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
- **Operations Sub-Committee** Meeting was held on May 20, 2026 – 11am at the MCIU. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/RJ Bretz, the sub-committee approved the following recommendations to the District One Committee. **Unanimous (24 Votes).**

Operations Sub Committee Present: Mike Barber, Steve Brandt, Dave Baun, Peg Pennepacker, Joe Derickson, John Mullin, Ron Reidinger, RJ Bretz, Corey Sigel, Joe Vogler, Sean Kelly, Holly Farnese.

- **Official’s Playoff Fees** - Recommendation to increase base playoff fees 5% for the next 2-year cycle 2026-2027 / 2027-2028.
 - Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Corey Sigel, the committee approved the District One Operations Committee recommendation to increase D1 Competition Official Fees by 5% for 2026-2027. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
- **District One Dues** – approval to reinstate District One school dues of \$700 for the 2026-2027 school year. Dues invoices will be sent to member schools after July 1st.
- **Media Policy** – District One adjust the current media fee policy and will only charge member schools for Football and Basketball Championships. Non-School base media fees will remain the same. Upon motion by John Mullin/Dave Baun, the committee approved the D1 Operations Committee recommended Media Policy for 2026-2027. **Unanimous (24 Votes).**

- **Playoff Ticket Costs / Policies for 2026-2027** – District One post-season ticket fees will adjust for the 2026-2027 school year. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/John Mullin, the committee approved the D1 Operations Committee recommended Ticket Policy for 2026-2027. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**.
 - Advanced Online Ticket Sales: **\$8.00** (District One will continue to absorb the processing fee / consumers will be responsible for the credit card fee)
 - Day of the event ticket prices will increase to **\$10.00** for online ticket sales.
 - In-person Cash Ticket Sales: **\$10.00**

 - Competitive Spirit Championships - **\$10.00**
 - Championship Contests held at non-High School facilities: **\$12.00**
 - Swimming Championships - **\$12.00** / per session
 - Wrestling
 - Team Duals - **\$8.00**
 - Team Dual Championship: **\$10.00** / all day
 - Individual Sectional Championship: **\$12.00** / all day
 - Wrestling Regional Tournament
 - 3 session pass - **\$25.00**
 - Friday session - **\$10.00**
 - Saturday morning /afternoon session - **\$10.00**
 - Finals - **\$10.00**

- **Playoff Budget payment adjustments** – no recommended changes at this time.

- **Review of Sport Chairs / Tabulators** – no recommended changes at this time
 - Tennis Chairperson position is open.

- **Hometown Tickets** – no recommended changes at this time. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/John Mullin, the committee approved the District One Operations Committee recommendation to direct Sean Kelly to enter negotiation with Hometown Ticketing for 2026-2027 when contact expires. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

- **Sport Steering Committees**
 - Flag Football Steering Committee will establish a Playoff format and qualifying system for Spring 2027.
 - Winter and Spring playoff formats will be reviewed when PIAA releases qualifiers.

- Upon motion by Maureen Gregory/Ron Reidinger, the Committee approved the process for recommendation and assignment of Spring Officials for the District and PIAA playoffs followed. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

- Upon motion by Corey Sigel/Bob Kurzweg, the committee officially approved the termination of the Co-Op of MaST Charter and George Wahington High School in the sport of Boys and Girls Track. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**.

- The District One Committee reviewed recently passed PA Act 17 2026 – **Greg Moyer's Law** (Expanding AED access and education). Schools must comply with the Law no later than May 13, 2029. Schools are advised to review the new law and its requirements for coaches and staff members.
 - Schools must have AEDs on hand at all PIAA-sanctioned practices and events.
 - Schools are also required to develop and rehearse emergency action plans for cardiac incidents.
 - Require CPR and AED Training and Certification.
 - School entities and non-public schools can utilize school safety and security funds to pay for the cost of trainings.

- Girls Wrestling Tournament Recommendations (No Action Currently)
 - Girls Team Duals
 - 8 team tournament – dates TBD
 - Higher Seed to host
 - Final at neutral site
 - Schools must have competed in 5 dual meets prior to team seed meeting to be eligible.
 - Teams must have minimum of 7 weight classes filled to be eligible.
 - Girls Individual Tournament format – TBD. Waiting on PIAA Qualifiers.
 - Discussion – 1 or 2 District tournaments.

- Boys Wrestling Tournament Recommendations (No Action Currently)
 - Individual Tournament format – TBD. Waiting on PIAA Qualifiers
 - Discussion – 3 or 4 District tournaments.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- Review PIAA BOD report from May Meeting
 - Mike Barber discussed HB 41. Currently this bill is following the Democratic Process.
 - PIAA Board of Directors passed Feeder School Language on a Second Reading Basis.
 - Competitive Spirit – Confirmed tryouts are permitted outside the defined season. (Approved 2015). Schools must make sure all athletes have a current CIPPE form and eligibility paperwork.
 - Glucose / Insulin Pump form is on PIAA website. Athletes will no longer require a physician note.
 - Swimming – backstroke ledges are approved for use in 2026-2027. The ledges are not required for regular season but will be used for postseason championships.
 - The number of PIAA participants in the State Diving Competition will remain at 24.

Old Business

- The PIAA D1 Committee Tennis Chairperson position will be open in the Fall 2026. Interested candidates can contact the District One Office.

Middle School Report – Joe Vogler

- Joe Vogler expressed concern that Middle School Leagues have numerous pay scales for Middle School Officials Fees. Middle School / JHS ADs are encouraged to communicate with their High School Administrators.
- Joe Vogler and Dr. Barber discussed the eligibility of 7th grade and 8th grade middle school students. JHS/MS students are eligible to play on the various levels of the JHS/MS teams regardless of the 7th/8th grade level or JHS varsity/JV level.

Officials Report – Ron Reidinger & Maureen Gregory

- Ron Reidinger and Maureen Gregory communicated concerns arising from the Arbiter officials' Game Assignments platform. Schools are cautioned to monitor the site.

Eligibility Document Reviews

- No reviews this month

Eligibility Hearings

- No reviews this month

Adjournment

- Upon motion by Seth Bruner/Maureen Gregory, the meeting adjourned at 3pm. **Unanimous (24 Votes).**
- The next PIAA District One Committee Meeting will be August 12, 2026, Time TBD @ the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF