

PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2025 1:00PM - Upper Merion High 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, Jason Sherlock, Devon Landgraff, LaDontay Bell, Jonathan Bauer, Joe Sperra, Lou Sudholz, John Mullin, Lisa Ford, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Joe Vogler, Ron Reidinger, Maureen Gregory

Absent from the meeting: Bill Keenan, Robert Kurzweg, Henry Hunt, John Creighton, Joe Derickson, Peg Pennepacker, Dave Baun, Denis Gray, Vicky Zebley

Guest at the meeting: n/a

Approval of the Minutes

 Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Jason Sherlock, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from September 2025.
 Unanimous (20 Votes)

Treasurer Report

• Upon motion by Devon Landgraff/Joe Sperra, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for September 2025. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

Operations Balance \$576,879.34
 Net Change \$22,823.51

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/Jonathan Bauer, the committee approved the Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. Unanimous (20 Votes).

Foreign Exchange Student List

• Upon motion by Ron Reidinger/Seth Bruner, the committee approved the Foreign Exchange Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (20 Vote)**

Public Comment – None

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly presented the Fall Sport Playoff updates.
 - o All Fall seed meeting dates and championship information are posted on the D1 Website.
- Sean Kelly initiated a conversation in reference to service fees for District One Playoff Tickets. This was only a discussion; no action was taken at this time. The District One office will review playoff revenue, expenses, and report back to the Committee.
- Reminder to all member schools, PIAA Enrollment Reports are due October 15, 2025.
 - o Revisions to the enrollment report can be requested in writing before November 15th.
 - o Requests to increase enrollment classification must be submitted to the PIAA office.

New Business

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Seth Bruner, the committee approved Holy Ghost Prep's request to withdrawal from D1. Holy Ghost will join D12 in 2026. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**
- Upon motion by Seth Bruner/John Mullin the committee approved the Boyer and Ritter Audit Report for 2024-25. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**
- The PIAA D1 Committee held discussion in reference to the leadership structure of the District
 One Office moving into the future. The District One Human Resource Committee will meet to
 discuss the Executive Director job description along with a position for special projects within
 District One.
- A recommendation was brought forward from the D1 Wrestling Steering Committee in reference to establishing a District One Girls' Wrestling Team Championship. District III and District XI have considered this addition. D1 Committee members are asked to bring this topic to their leagues and administrations and seek input. The District One Committee will also gather additional data from the wrestling OPC to determine the number of girls teams in District One that are able to place a full roster and have a full dual meet.

PIAA BOD Report

- <u>PIAA announced the retirement of Dr. Robert Lombardi</u> as Executive Director of PIAA as of December 31, 2025. The PIAA Board of Directors has announced Mark Byers will be the next PIAA Executive Director.
- Dr. Barber conducted discussion to the changes in the PIAA By Laws concerning the eligibility of faith-based school students at their local public schools. Updates to PIAA Article III, Section are listed below. (see language below).
- Dr. Barber provided additional information regarding the ongoing discussion of the changes to the Feeder School language in the PIAA By-Laws. The proposal to be considered is to have private schools submit proposed feeder schools that will ultimately be approved by the District Committee. The District One Office will send out an additional request for information.

Old Business

Upon motion by Steve Brandt/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the self-report from West
Chester Henderson High School in reference to a potential violation of PIAA Article III –
Attendance and Article XVI – Season and Out of Season Rules. The Committee accepted West
Chester Hendersn's report and the self-imposed recommendations from the school. No additional
actions were required. Unanimous (20 Vote)

Middle School Report – Joe Vogler

• No information needed action this month.

Officials Report – Ron Reidinger & Maureen Gregory

• Upon motion by Rod Reidinger / Lisa Ford, the committee approved the process for recommending and the assigning of officials for District One and PIAA postseason Championships. The Committee confirmed PIAA District One enacted the policy for assignment of officials with no discriminatory practices. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

Eligibility Document Reviews

- The Committee conducted a document review for a student from Haverford High School (Hauch) in reference to Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by RJ Bretz / Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the waiver. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**
- Neshaminy (Hill) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (10/9/25 approved).
- Phoenixville (Pop) Article VIII, Section 6B. Request for additional eligibility (9/26/25 approved)
- Penncrest (Edmundson) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (10/9-approved)

Eligibility Hearings

- WC East (Golden) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (10/13 denied)
- Neshaminy (Lager) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (10/13 denied)
- Coatesville (Hampton) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (10/9/25 denied)
- Great Valley (Baldino) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (10/9/25 denied)

Eligibility Hearings (cont.)

- Unionville (Gonzalez) Article VIII, Section 6B. Request for additional eligibility (10/9/25 approved).
- Perkiomen Valley (Burgess) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (10/9/25 approved).
- Lower Moreland (McIntyre) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (9/26/25 denied).
- Perkiomen Valley (Terzo) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (9/26/25 denied)
- Pottsgrove (J. Lucci) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (letter sent request withdrawn).
- Pottsgrove (R. Lucci) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (letter sent request withdrawn).
- Neshaminy (S. Harrison) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver. (letter sent request withdrawn).
- Neshaminy (E. Harrison) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver. (letter sent request withdrawn).
- Penncrest (Hernandez) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for post-season waiver (TBA)

PIAA Report information

Article III, Section 6., Charter School, Cyber Charter School and Private Faith- Based School Students: (approved 10/8/25)

Students enrolled in a Charter School, or Cyber Charter School and Private Faith-Based School are eligible only at said school in those interscholastic sports sponsored by that school.

In accommodating participation by students enrolled in a Charter, Cyber Charter or Private Faith-Based School for sports not sponsored by their school, the following provisions apply:

- a) Schools are encouraged to enter into a Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement with another PIAA member school, as detailed under Article III, Section 10. A Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement will afford all students enrolled in the school the opportunity to participate as part of the Agreement; or
- b) Absent a Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement, Students enrolled in a Charter School, or Cyber Charter School or Pennsylvania Private Faith-Based School that does not offer a particular interscholastic sport(s) are eligible to participate in that sport(s) at the school which they would otherwise attend, in the public school district of their residences, provided that the students meet all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, school verified evidence of full-time attendance, enrollment and completion of the CIPPE.

GLOSSARY - Private Faith-Based School: A Pennsylvania nonpublic school that integrates religious beliefs into their educational programs and activities

Adjournment

Upon motion by Maureen Gregory/Lisa Ford, the meeting adjourned at 3:00PM. Unanimous (20 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA District One Committee will be held Wednesday, November 19, 2025 @ 1PM at the MCIU.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF