



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2025 - 1:00PM
Montgomery County Intermediate Unit
Norristown, PA

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, Bill Keenan, Seth Frankenfield, Shannon Fisher, Stephanie Taylor, Seth Brunner, Corey Sigle, Jason Sherlock, Devon Landgraff, Robert Kurzweg, Jonathan Bauer, Henry Hunt, Lou Sudholz, Scott Hegen, John Mullin, Joe Derickson, Lisa Ford, Dave Baun, Vicki Zebley, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Maureen Gregory, and Ron Redinger

Absent from the meeting: LaDontay Bell, John Creighton, Christopher Jaramillo, Denis Gray

Guest at the meeting: none

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Henry Hunt, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from December 2024. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Shannon Fisher, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for October 2024. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
 - Operations Balance \$736,891.97
 - Net Change **\$143,056.52**

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

Student Transfer List

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

Foreign Exchange Student List

- No requests this month.

Public Comment – None

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly presented the Winter Sports Championship updates.
 - Thank you to CB South and their Administration for hosting the D1 Competitive Spirit Championships on January 4th. 21 schools qualified for the PIAA Championships on January 30-31, 2025.
 - Basketball Championship sites will be confirmed in the next few weeks. The basketball seed meeting is Sunday, 2/9. Schools are reminded they need to provide their non-D1 opponent's over records to the tabulator.
 - Wrestling post-season team and individual information will be sent to the coaches and ADs in the next few weeks.
 - Swimming / Diving sites and dates are posted to the D1 website. Qualifying information will be sent to coaches and ADs.
- Member schools are reminded of the deadline for Post-season waiver requests: **MUST** be submitted 30 days before the start of the post-season. The PIAA deadline to appeal a D1 decision is 15 days prior to the start of the playoffs.

New Business

- The District One Committee conducted a lengthy discussion in reference to an incident involving a Coatesville Girls Basketball – Player disqualification and player eligibility. No action was required, the committee will follow the rule interpretation provided by the PA Basketball State Interpreter and the PIAA office.
- The PIAA District One Committee will engage in strategic planning at future meetings. Topics that need to be considered, discussed, and clarified, include but not limited to:
 - Registration vs. application, middle school and 9TH grade timing/length of games, the balance of education based interscholastic athletics and club sports.
- Dr. Barber reviewed the role and responsibilities of the PIAA D1 Committee members to represent and communicate with their assigned constituency. Committee members are reminded of confidentiality.

PIAA BOD Report

- Dr. Barber discussed the proposed changes in the PIAA Bylaws concerning the identification of Feeder Schools for athletic recruiting purposes.

- The D1 Committee has directed the PIAA D1 Chairman and Vice-Chairman to vote that enrollment of the **top 4** schools from the previous cycle will become the accepted feeder schools for the next cycle. Upon a motion by Flynn Hensel/Lisa Ford, in reference to the subject of what is considered a “Feeder Schools” (Mission Based Schools, Charter Schools, and Private Schools) for recruitment purposes.
Unanimous (24 Votes)

Old Business

- There were no items for old Business this month.

Middle School Report

- The PIAA D1 Middle School Representative position is vacant. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest to Sean Kelly.
 - A subcommittee consisting of Joe Derickson, Bob Kurzweg, Shannon Fisher, Jonathan Bauer, Seth Bruner and Holly Farnese will vet the candidates and present a recommendation to the PIAA District One Committee.
- The D1 Athletic Directors Association will work with the District One and PIAA office to develop a presentation for JHS / MS Principals and Athletic Directors. The presentation will focus on PIAA rules and regulations / policies specific to Jr High Schools and Middle Schools.

Officials Report – Ron Redinger & Maureen Gregory

- No items were presented for discussion.

The following items are included for information only.

Eligibility Hearings

- Great Valley (Roberts) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (2/22/25)
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- Penncrest (Henry) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (2/22/25)
- Coatesville (Williams) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (2/22/25)

- Methacton (DePaul) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (12/23/24- appeal denied)
- Avon Grove (Morgan) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (12/23/24 - appeal approved)
- Souderton (DePaul) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (12/23/24- appeal approved)

Eligibility Document Reviews

- No Eligibility Document Reviews were conducted this month.

Adjournment

- Upon motion by Henry Hunt/Vicki Zebley, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM. **Unanimous.**
(24 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2025 @ the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF