



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2024 @ 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, Sean Kelly, RJ Bretz, Holly Farnese, Sara Kurpel, Bill Keenan, Shannon Fisher, Stephanie Taylor, Seth Brunner, Corey Siegel, Jason Sherlock, Mike Semar, LaDontay Bell, Robert Kurzweg, Cyndi Moss, Lou Sudholz, Henry Hunt, Sylvia Kalazs, Geoff Per, Lisa Ford, Joe Derickson, Matt Heiland, Maureen Gregory and Ron Reidinger for Tom Brady.

Absent from the meeting: Rodney Stone, John Creighton, Dave Baun, Vicki Zebley, Denis Gray, Becky Flynn Hensel, Christopher Jaramillo

Guest at the meeting: Spencer Schumacher, Intern @ Great Valley SD

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from January 10, 2024. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by Geoff Per/Joe Derickson, the committee approved the Treasurer's Reports for January 2024. **Unanimous (23 Votes).**

Operations Balance	\$762,865.23
Net Change	\$25,227.83

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/Geoff Per, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- There were no Foreign Exchange Student Requests this month.

Public Comment – Radnor High School Representatives

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- PIAA / D1 Annual Spring meeting will be held on April 10 @ 9:30AM location is still TBD.
- Sean Kelly presented the Winter Sport Championship reports. Schools are asked to check the D1 website for ticket updates and brackets.
- Joe Derickson informed the committee of the D1 AD Association Meeting which was held on February 15th via Zoom @ 9:45AM.
 - ADs are asked to go to the PSADA website to register for the Athletic Director's Convention in March
- Congratulations to Joe Derickson who will receive a Service award at the PSADA Convention this March.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- Dr. Barber offered a report of the PIAA BOD meeting on January 24, 2024. Meeting minutes and summary were sent to all school ADs.
- Dr. Barber held a discussion regarding the PIAA Success Formula. The Success Formula will be on the next PIAA BOD agenda.
- Dr. Barber explained some of the important items within the PIAA Meeting Summary
 - Glossary – definition of “season”
 - *Season – The period of time beginning with the first Practice day and ending with the final, Regular Season Contest or Postseason Contest, in that sport. A Season includes the Preseason, Regular Season and Postseason as defined within a sport.*
 - Article VIII – Period of Participation. Section 2
 - When does a student participate in a season?
 - *A student in grades 9-12 is considered representing the student's school during a particular Season in a sport only if the student has participated in a Practice, Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage or a Contest in that sport.*
 - *Restrictions on Postseason Eligibility: For that reason, the Board of Directors has determined that, with few exceptions, any students who Transfer after ~~playing~~ participating in a sport in their 10th grade year shall not be eligible to participate in the ensuing PIAA tournament in that sport. The*

student, if otherwise eligible, may participate in that sport only during the Regular Season

PIAA BOD Report (cont.)

- The PIAA Girls Volleyball Steering Committee made a recommendation to consider the expansion to 6 classifications. This request was referred to the PIAA competition committee.
- The PIAA Football Steering Committee and the PIAA BOD approved the following rule changes.
 - Approval – team sideline box back between the 25 yd. line.
 - Approval – permanent modification of Sub-Varsity timing and rules.
 - Approval – adjustment to mercy rule - running clock after a 1st down.
- The PIAA Soccer Steering Committee approved the following recommendations. The items were referred to the PIAA Competition Committee for further review and discussion.
 - Recommendation to eliminate overtime in the regular season. Referred to competition committee.
 - Recommendation to adopt the “Soft Red” card for fouls identified as misconduct. Approval is pending current rule consideration by NHFS.
- The PIAA Golf Steering Committee and the BOD approved the following changes.
 - Approval of use of the USGA Course Rating and Slope for District Championship courses.
 - Approval of 6 team entries to the Golf Championships.
- The PIAA Tennis Steering Committee and the BOD approved the following changes.
 - State team matches will be played out even if the team match outcome is decided. Coaches can still agree to pull matches.

New Business

- Dr. Barber reminded the committee of rules of order in reference to eligibility hearing procedures. If a member intends to abstain from a vote they may not remain in the room for deliberation. They may be present for the hearing presentation itself but may not be part of the deliberations.

- Upon motion by Mike Semar/Jason Sherlock, the committee accepted the Self-Report from Sun Valley High School & West Chester Rustin High School in reference to their Wrestling match. Both schools inadvertently allowed a one-pound weight allowance that should not have been permitted.

Unanimous. (23 Votes)

n.b. RJ Bretz left the meeting.

- Sean Kelly informed the committee of an Incident Report between Chester High School vs Coatesville High School at a Boys Basketball game. Both schools investigated and reported extensively on the event. No actions taken.
- A Sub-Committee conducted an emergency hearing on behalf of Dock Mennonite School in reference to a student transfer review. Dock Mennonite will offer a self-report to the District One Committee in March.
- The committee held a discussion on the additional number of contests that are being played for League Championships. No actions taken.

Old Business

- The District One Committee considered the following Operations Committee Recommendations.
- Baseball Power Ranking System
 - Upon motion by Bobby Kurzweg/Lisa Ford, the committee denied the motion that all Baseball Games, league and non-league count toward the power ranking system. As a result, the current baseball ranking will remain in place. **Votes Yes – 9 (Gregory, Bell, Kurzweg, Per, Sudholz, Kalazs, Barber, Ford, Moss) No – 11 Abstain – 2,(Taylor, Fisher)**
11n.b. Geoff Per left the meeting.
- Payment of Athletic Trainers
 - Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the recommendation of the Members of the Operations that payment to Athletic Trainers for home playoff contests should be processed through the school. If permitted by their school contract with the athletic trainers, schools can reimburse their athletic trainers and include them in their game help budget for playoff contests. District One will reimburse the school. Neutral site playoff contests, District One will continue to pay the rate of \$35/hour for Athletic Trainers who work neutral site playoff/championship events. **Unanimous (21 Votes)**
- Playback contests – Lack of motion to move the below item forward. All sports will continue to play the playback contests to determine PIAA state playoff seedings. The Committee did not make any recommendations to change the current process of playing out all playoff contests for PIAA State playoffs. Members of the District One Committee will be asked to monitor playoff contests

and report occurrences if members schools do not participate in contests with sportsmanship or integrity. Note: moving forward, District 3 will now begin playing playback contests again.

Old Business (cont.)

- Establishment of minimum number of contests for calculating the power ranking system.
 - Upon motion by Joe Derickson/ Seth Brunner, the committee approved the recommendation of Members of the Operations Committee recommended that a minimum number of contests be established as a divisor for calculations of the sports power ranking system. The Power Rating is determined by dividing the sum of the win points, schedule points, and bonus points by the number of the games you played. If a fewer number of contests are played, then the established minimum number contests. The established minimum number will be the divisor. The PIAA District 1 Committee has authority to waive the minimum if there are extenuating circumstances. **Unanimous (21 Votes)**
 - *Soccer / Field Hockey / B.G Lacrosse – 18 PIAA Max # of contests / Minimum divisor 14 contests.*
 - *Softball – 20 PIAA Max # of contests / Minimum divisor 16 contests.*
 - *Basketball – 22 PIAA Max # of contests / Minimum divisor 18 contest.*
 - *Example: if a school plays 13 soccer games, the team’s ranking will be divided by 14. Rankings will be done manually.*
 - At the present time, the policy will only include sports that use the current “Basketball System.”
 - The policy will not include Boys and Girls Volleyball since those sports have the ability to play in multiple tournaments which do not count towards the Power Rankings. Only 5 set Volleyball matches are counted towards the rankings.
 - The policy will not include Baseball. The current baseball ranking system only counts the number of league contests that individual leagues have established for their league schedules.
 - If a school plays fewer than the number of required contests, the PIAA District One Chairperson may review the circumstances with the PIAA District One Committee and make a determination of the number of games to be used as a divisor.

Officials Report – Tom Brady & Maureen Gregory

- During the playoffs, game managers are reminded to contact game officials prior to the contest and to ensure they have proper security during and after the contest.

Middle School Report – Matt Heiland

- There was no business to present to the committee this month.

Eligibility Document Reviews

- The committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student at West Chester East High School (Gwinn) in reference to Article VI, Section 7C, request for a decision of post-season eligibility. Upon motion by Henry Hunt/Seth Brunner, the committee approved the request. **Unanimous (21 Votes)**

Eligibility Hearings

- The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Conestoga High School (Richmond) in reference to Article VIII, Period of Participation. Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Matt Heiland, the committee denied the request. **Votes: Yes -20, No -0, Abstain -1 (Sherlock)**
- 1/26/24 - A PIAA D1 Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at the Church Farm School (Crosby) in reference to Article VI, Section 7C, request for a decision of post-season eligibility. The request was denied.
- 1/26/24 - A PIAA D1 Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Lower Merion High School (Robinson) in reference to Article VI, Section 7C, request for a decision of post-season eligibility. The request was approved.
- 1/31/24 - A PIAA D1 Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at West Chester Rustin High School (Iacone) in reference to Article VI, Section 7C, request for a decision of post-season eligibility. The request was denied.
- 2/2/24 - A PIAA D1 Sub-Committee conducted a Transfer Hearing to determine the eligibility status of a student at The Christian Academy (Harpp-Wilson) who transferred from Ridley High School. Ridley HS was contesting the transfer. The transfer was denied, and the student was ruled ineligible.
- 2/2/24 - A PIAA D1 Sub-Committee conducted a Transfer Hearing to determine the eligibility status of a student at The Christian Academy (Villacorte) who transferred from Ridley High School. Ridley HS was contesting the transfer. The transfer was denied, and the student was ruled ineligible.

Adjournment

- Upon motion by Fisher/ Reidinger, the meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.
Unanimous. (21 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held March 13, 2024, at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF