



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2025 - 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, Bill Keenan, Seth Frankenfield, Shannon Fisher, Stephanie Taylor, Seth Brunner, Corey Sigle, Devon Landgraff, LaDontay Bell, Robert Kurzweg, Robert Colyer (for Jonathan Bauer), Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Scott Hegen, Joe Derickson, Dave Baun, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Maureen Gregory

Absent from the meeting: Rodney Stone, Jason Sherlock, Henry Hunt, John Mullin, Lisa Ford, Vicki Zebley, Christopher Jaramillo, Denis Gray, Ron Redinger

Guest at the meeting: none

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from February, 2025. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by John Creighton/Scott Hegen, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for February 2025. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**
 - Operations Balance \$799,411.37
 - Net Change \$ 58,037.46

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/Seth Bruner, the committee approved the Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (19 Votes).**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Seth Bruner, the committee approved the Foreign Exchange Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**

Public Comment – None

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly reviewed the Winter Sports Championship wrap-up. Thanks to all who hosted events.
- The Committee will make the decision in May for the Middle School/Junior High Representative. Additionally, the District One Committee will open the following advisory committee positions for consideration (Women’s Athletics, Female Parent, Male Parent Representative, Private School, Middle School representatives)
- The Annual Spring Meeting will be held on April 9th at Jeffersonville Golf Club @ 9:30AM. All Athletic Directors and Principals are encouraged to attend.
- Holly Farnese offered congratulations to John Creighton, William Tennent AD , Mickey McDaniel and Andrew Rothermel from Spring-Ford will be honored at the PSADA Award Luncheon on Thursday, March 20, 2025. The PSADA Convention will be held March 18-22, 2025 at the Hershey Lodge.

New Business

At 1:36pm the Committee moved to an Executive Session. Executive Session ended at 1:55pm.

- The Committee conducted a discussion on a legal matter concerning medical coverage at school events. District One Committee members discussed and shared school polices and administrative responsibilities for athletic and non-athletic school trips.
- Seth Brunner brought up for discussion the opportunity for the PIAA Rule Interpretation Meetings be conducted as Zoom meetings for head coaches. Maureen Gregory and Sean Kelly will do some additional investigation and will reach out to different districts along with the PIAA office to determine interest.
- Sean Kelly requests the Committee approve an invoice for a D1 school who played a double header Basketball Game and did not sell / collect tickets for D1 Basketball Playoff contests. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Lou Sudholz, the Committee approved invoicing the school for the cost incurred by District One. The office will review the ticket report and will subtract any revenue that was accounted for those specific contests. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**

PIAA BOD Report

- Dr. Barber informed the Committee of progress in reference to Feeder Schools. The agenda remains under consideration with the PIAA BOD. PIAA Districts were asked to continue to survey their schools to help determine the appropriate number of feeder schools.
- Discussion was held in reference to the adoption of a pilot program to adopt a Boys / Girls Lacrosse Clock for the 2026 spring season. PIAA Districts are asked to survey their lacrosse programs to gauge interest. The pilot request must be submitted to the NHFS this summer.

- Dr. Barber reported on the editorial changes made to the PIAA By-Laws concerning transgender students.

ARTICLE XVI SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS

E. Section 4. *Where a student's sex is questioned or uncertain, the **decision of the school** as to the student's **sex** will be accepted by PIAA. In accordance with the Presidential Executive Order 14201 entitled “Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports”, dated February 5, 2025, schools are required to consult with their school solicitor relative to compliance with the Order.*

- An Executive Order is not a law, until passed by US Congress. All schools are advised to seek council from their school solicitor in reference to Mixed Gender Identity. The PIAA did change the language from “the Principal” will make the determination to “the School.”

Old Business

- There are no items for consideration under Old Business this month.

Middle School Report

- There were no items presented for discussion.

Officials Report – Ron Redinger & Maureen Gregory

- There were no items presented for discussion.

Eligibility Document Reviews

- The Committee conducted a document review for a student from Central Bucks South High School in reference to Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the waiver. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**
- The Committee conducted a document review for a student from West Chester Rustin High School in reference to Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Becky Flynn Hensel, the committee approved the waiver. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**
- The Committee conducted a document review for a student from West Chester East High School in reference to Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Bobby Kurzweg, the committee approved the waiver. **Unanimous (19 Votes).**

Eligibility Hearings

- The Committee conducted a hearing for a student from Conestoga High School (Kotapka) in reference to Article VI, Section 8. Transfer Rule. Upon motion by R. Bretz/L. Sudholz, the committee suspended the hearing to allow additional documentation from the sending school. **Votes 18 Yes 1 No (Baun) 0 abstention.**
 - The District One Committee concluded the suspended hearing for the Conestoga student on Tuesday, 3/18. Upon a motion by S. Brandt / L. Bell, the Committee approved the student's transfer and athletic eligibility. The student will officially be eligible for contests on March 27, 2025.
- The Committee conducted a hearing for a student from Great Valley High School (Davis) in reference to Article VI, Section 8. Transfer Rule. Upon motion by R. Colyer / R. Bretz, the committee denied the eligibility request based on Article VI, Section 8. **Unanimous (19 Votes)**

D1 / D12 Regional Eligibility Hearings

- A D1 / D12 Regional Committee held a hearing on 3/12/25 to determine the transfer of a student transfer (Amerur) from Downingtown East to Archbishop Carroll. Upon a motion, the committee denied the student's transfer ruling her ineligible for the 2025 spring season. **Votes 5 Yes, 1 No**
- A D1 / D12 Regional Committee held a hearing on 3/12/25 to determine the transfer of a student transfer (Zanetich) from Ridley HS to Archbishop Carroll. Upon a motion, the committee denied the student's transfer ruling her ineligible for the 2025 spring season. **Votes 6 Yes, 0 No**

Adjournment

Upon motion by John Creighton/Seth Brunner, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.
Unanimous (19 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA District One Committee will be held Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 9:30 am at the Jeffersonville Golf Club.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF