



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2024 - 1:00PM at Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

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

Absent from the meeting: Holly Farnese, Christopher Jaramillo, Denis Gray,

Guest at the meeting: None

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by Bretz / Taylor, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from September 11, 2024. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by Derickson / Sudholz, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for September 2024. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**
 - Operations Balance \$661,725.47
 - Net Change **\$20,647.37**

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

Student Transfer List

- Upon motion by Bretz / Brunner, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. (Student from Plymouth Whitmarsh was removed from the list. The student's transfer is be considered by the D1 Committee). **Unanimous (20 Votes).**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- Upon motion by Creighton / Baurer, the committee approved all Foreign Exchange Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

Public Comment – None

(Corey Sigle and Vicki Zebley arrived at the meeting)

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Dr. Barber welcomed our new District One Committee Members and thanked our outgoing members for their service.
 - Devon Landgraff – replacing Mike Semar
 - Seth Frankenfield – replacing Sarah Kurpel
- Rod Stone has an updated email: D1Office@piaa.org
- The District One office is searching for a location for the November 13th D1 Committee meeting. Please contact the office with any suggestions for locations.
- The committee held a lengthy discussion regarding MS sports - Boys playing on Girls Teams. The PIAA BOD will add this topic to the December BOD meeting to discuss potential revisions to the language and interpretation of Article XVI – Mix Gender Participation.
 - The D1 office will attend Middle School AD meetings to review PIAA rules and regulations.
- The committee held discussion regarding numerous concerns of schools adding / dropping games on their schedules late in the season. There currently are no specific rules or policies in place preventing schools from adjusting their schedules during the season. The District One Committee members are encouraged to go back to their leagues and bring back suggestions to remedy concerns that are brought forward.
- The committee held discussion regarding the Post-Season 30-day and 15-day rule for request of Post-season waiver appeals. The D1 Office will continue to educate and remind schools of the rule. There was no further discussion or recommendations to expand the submission of post-season waivers for post-season waivers.

New Business

- Upon motion by Reidinger / Creighton, the committee approved the process of assigning fall sports playoff officials in a fair and objective manner. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**
- Upon motion by Derickson / Hegen, the committee approved the 2023-2024 District One Audit Report from Boyer & Ritter. The 2023-2024 Audit Report is available upon request.
- **Unanimous (22 Votes).**
- Upon motion by Ford / Flynn-Hensel, the committee approved Greg Decina as the District 1 Boys Lacrosse Chair. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**
- The D1 Committee held discussion about HR 443 (sponsored by Representative Conklin). Additionally, Dr. Barber informed the committee of the various House Bills that have recently been introduced that concern the PIAA.

- Upon motion by Bretz / Hunt, the committee District One Committee accepted a self-report from Wissahickon MS concern a Report of Alleged Violations of PIAA Article XVI-Season and Out of Season Regulations, Section 4 – Mix Gender participation.

Vote 18 yes, 0 no -1 abstention (Bauer).

- The D1 office will attend Middle School AD meetings to review PIAA rules and regulations with Middle School athletic directors. The District One executive officers spoke with the building principal and offered suggestions to help rectify the situation for the remainder of the season. The District One committee requested that the PIAA BOD improves the language in the by-laws to help with the interpretation of the rules. No additional action was taken

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- Dr. Barber summarized the October Board of Director’s meeting.
 - PIAA October summary was sent to member schools and has been posted on the PIAA website.
 - The PIAA BOD will continue discussion on improving the definition and application of Feeder Schools and recruiting in the PIAA By-Laws.
 - On a 2nd reading basis, the criteria of the PIAA Competition Formula were adjusted. 3rd reading will occur in December.
 - Change the number of Transfer in Team Sports
 - Change the number of points to move up in classification
 - Remove language on limitation of appeal related to health and safety.
 - The PIAA BOD approved the expansion of Girls Volleyball to 6 classifications for the next 2-year classification cycle.
 - Winter Sports Reminder
 - 1st winter practice – Friday, November 15th
 - 1st winter scrimmage – Saturday, November 23rd

Old Business

- There are no items for old Business this month.

Middle School Report – Matt Heiland

- No information to report at this time.

Officials Report – Ron Redinger & Maureen Gregory

- No information to report this month.

Eligibility Hearings

- The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from Upper Dublin High School (Coleman) in reference to PIAA Constitution and By-Laws Article VI – Transfer. Upon motion by Bretz / Hunt, the committee approved the student’s transfer request thus making her eligible for the 2024-2025 regular season.
19 Votes - 17 yes, 2 no – 4 abstentions (Barber, Heiland, Sudholz, Flynn-Hensel).
- The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from Plymouth Whitmarsh High School (Denard) in reference to PIAA Constitution and By-Laws Article VI – Transfer. Upon motion by Sherlock / Bell, the committee approved the student’s transfer request. **20 Votes - 20 yes, 0 no – 1 abstention (Bretz)**

Eligibility Document Reviews

- Great Valley (Mancini) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (approved 10/3/24)
- Souderton (Hampton) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (approved 10/3/24)

Additional Eligibility Hearings

- Interboro (Fahad) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (approved 10/18/24)
- Cheltenham (Butler) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (approved 10/18/24)
- Cheltenham (Upchurch) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (approved 10/18/24)
- Cheltenham (Fairel) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (removed by school’s request).
- William Tennent (Marsland) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (removed by school’s request).
- Great Valley (Roberts) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (TBA)

- North Penn (Fontaine) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (10/3/24 – approved)
- Phoenixville (McNamara) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (10/3/24 - approved)

- Upper Merion (Carrasco-Palma) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (10/3/24 - approved)
- Great Valley (Barber) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (10/3/24 - approved)
- WC Rustin (Del Beato) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (9/27/24 - denied).
- Pope John Paul II (Borzillo) – Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (9/27/24 - denied)
- Faith Christian (Rowland) – Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (9/27/24 - approved)

D1/D12 Regional Hearings

- Upper Dublin / Devon Prep – Article VI – Recruiting Violation (Regional Hearing – 9/26/24 – recruiting violation upheld)
- WC East / Cardinal O’Hara (Bronzell) – Article VI – Transfer (Regional Hearing 9/17/24 – Transfer approved)
- Lower Merion / Cardinal O’Hara (Brown) – Article VI – Transfer (Regional Hearing 9/17/24 – Transfer approved)

Adjournment

Upon motion by Brandt / Bretz, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Unanimous. (20-0)

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ a location TBD.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF