



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2024 - 1:00 pm – via Zoom

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

Absent from the meeting: Rodney Stone, Devon Landgraff, John Creighton, Lisa Ford, Christopher Jaramillo, Denis Gray, and Ron Redinger

Guest: Ron Kennedy, PIAA District 3 Executive Director

Public Comment – None

Approval of the Minutes

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

Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by Scott Hegan/Henry Hunt, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for October 2024. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
 - Operations Balance \$730,425.33
 - Net Change \$68,699.86

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/Matt Heiland, the committee approved all Transfer Student requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members with the exception of four students from Chester Charter Scholars Academy (Sabb, Miller, Feggins and Hutson). A hearing to determine the students' eligibility of the CCSA students will be scheduled in the next few weeks. **Unanimous (24 Votes).**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Scott Hegan, the committee approved all Foreign Exchange Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly welcomed Ron Kennedy, PIAA District 3 Executive Director as a guest at the meeting.
- Sean Kelly offered a huge thank you and sincere gratitude to all the schools and ADs who offered their facilities to host District One Championships and PIAA State playoff games.
- Sean Kelly attended the Montgomery County Middle School AD Meeting to clarify some questions concerning Mix Gender participation. The District One office will continue to make themselves available and improve the communication with Middle School / JHS Administration.
- Sean Kelly reviewed Winter sport dates.
 - 1st winter practice – Friday, November 15th
 - 1st winter scrimmage – Saturday, November 23rd
- PIAA still has no date or the location at this time for the State Competitive Spirit Championships.
 - PIAA D1 Cheer Championship will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at Central Bucks South High School.

New Business

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Scott Hegan, the committee approved the Co-Op of Girls Wrestling between Council Rock North High School and Council Rock South High School. The Co-Op request will be sent to the PIAA BOD for approval at the December meeting.
- The District One Committee held a lengthy discussion concerning PIAA D1 playoff dates, reasons for moving contests, and the possible inequities that these changes could cause in the brackets. The District One office will be developing language for additional processes and procedures to be followed when schools request to move contests. This will be reviewed by the committee.
- The District One office will continue to investigate sites for the Basketball Championships. We have been in contact with several local colleges and universities to check on interest and availability.
- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Dave Baun, the PIAA D1 Committee has approved a Co-Basketball Chairpersons, Gary Kochersperger and Sean Harvey. Both gentlemen will receive the same stipend. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**
- The PIAA D1 committee is seeking a Co-Boys Volleyball Chairperson. Recommendations should be sent to Sean Kelly.
- Mr. Baun asked the committee how schools classify the status of Flag Football coaches. In addition, a question of compensation for Flag Football Coaches was asked. Guidance was provided that schools should refer to their local school boards and review their individual school district's collective bargaining units policies.

PIAA BOD Report

- Dr. Barber informed the committee that the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee will meet this month. The next PIAA BOD Meeting will be held on December 4th.

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

- Maureen Gregory was happy to report that several District One officiating crews will be assigned to a State Championship Game. Additionally, there are 9 schools from District One competing in the PIAA State Championships.

Eligibility Document Reviews

- The committee conducted a Document Review for a student from Central Bucks East High School in reference to PIAA Constitution and By-Laws Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/LaDontay Bell, the committee approved the waiver. **Unanimous (22 Votes).**

Eligibility Hearings

- No in-person hearings this month.

Shannon Fisher and Matt Heiland have left the meeting.

Adjournment

- Upon motion by Henry Hunt/Steve Brandt, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM. **Unanimous (22 Votes).**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF