



## PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**August 9, 2023 - 9:00am. Montgomery County Intermediate Unit**

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

**Present at the meeting:** Michael Barber, Stephen Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Holly Farnese, Bill Keenan, Stephanie Taylor, Shannon Fisher, Seth Brunner, Corey Siegel, LaDontay Bell, Robert Kurzweg, Cyndi Moss, RJ Bretz, Jim Cairnes for Sylvia Kalazs, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Dave Baun, Vicki Zebley, Lisa Ford, Joe Derickson, Becky Flynn Hensel, and Tom Brady.

**Absent from the meeting:** Mike Semar, Jason Sherlock, Lou Sudholz, Matt Heiland, Denis Gray, Maureen Gregory

**Guest at the meeting:** Dave Cleary, parent in Garnet Valley SD.

Dr. Barber welcomed and introduced the new members of the District One Committee.

### Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Seth Brunner, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from May 10, 2023. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

**Treasurer Report** – presented by Mr. Bretz. Mr. Bretz reviewed the activity of the District One General Ledger along with the distribution of check payments.

- Upon motion by Geoff Per/Bobby Kurzweg, the committee approved the Treasurer's Reports for May 2023. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$733,621.84
Net Change	\$51,763.49

- Upon motion by Geoff Per/Bobby Kurzweg, the committee approved the Treasurer's Reports for June 2023. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$643,493.14
Net Change	<b>\$90,128.70</b>

## Treasurer Report (cont.)

- Upon motion by Geoff Per/Booby Kurzweg, the committee approved the Treasurer's Reports for July 2023. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$606,766.11
Net Change	<b>\$36,727.03</b>

*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 Creighton/Steve Brandt, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (20 Votes)**

## Foreign Exchange Student List

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

## Public Comment

- Mr. Dave Cleary, parent of a Garnet Valley student presented on behalf of his son. He is seeking a partner to run with his son for the sport of Cross Country. The concern is there is no support plan in place. The student's request for additional eligibility was approved by a District One sub-committee in July.

## Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- The PIAA clarified the language of the Transfer Rule – Article VI by reorganization and rewriting the by-law in PIAA Constitution and By-Laws.
- Member schools are reminded that the PIAA open enrollment for the submission of enrollment number will be open October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>. The PIAA office will send reminders and more specific information in September. The enrollment submission will be for the new 2-year cycle starting 2024-2025 – 2025-2026 school year. Additional reminder, that the 10% policy used to count technology and home school student has been removed.
- Sean Kelly presented the Spring 2023 Disqualification Report. Baseball presented a major concern this past spring with the number of supplemental disqualifications. Member schools are asked to remind their coaches and student of the sportsmanship expectations.

- PIAA BOD has approved use of the PIAA logos on uniforms.
- Sean Kelly reviewed the PIAA state playoff dates for Boys Volleyball & Lacrosse. The state playoffs schedule created issues for graduations and lack of neutral sites. The dates for spring 2024 have not changed at this time. The PIAA office officers will continue the discussion.
- A District One school did not sell tickets for a state softball playoff game. The PIAA BOD approved the recommendation to send a bill for Game Management and Officials fees to the school.
- PIAA BOD approved that all sub-varsity level contests can be played as a “scrimmage” if officials are unavailable and unable to be assigned. The number of contests / scrimmages shall not exceed the maximum number of contests allowed by the PIAA. Schools are still required to assign officials for all athletic contests.
- Joe Derickson (D1 AD Association) reported on the new AD meeting that was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Fifteen athletic directors attended. The D1 AD association will continue to hold educational sessions throughout the school year.
- Sean Kelly submitted and reviewed the 2023 Spring Sport Financial Summary. The summary showed an overview of the revenue and expenses for the spring season. A copy of the summary is available upon request.
- Rod Stone discussed the post-season format for Girls Wrestling. He informed the committee that the PIAA Girls Wrestling post season format has not been finalized. The PIAA Wrestling steering committee will meet to discuss the Regional and PIAA tournaments. The District One office will send schools a survey to help identify an accurate number of female participants. This data will help District One determine the structure of the District One tournament.

#### **PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber**

- Dr. Barber reviewed the PIAA Procedures and Standards for District Committee. Committee members were reminded of the confidentiality responsibilities for being a member of the District One Committee.
- Dr. Barber presented a report on the PIAA Summer Workshop and BOD Meeting. The PIAA BOD meeting summary was distributed to all member schools and has been posted on the PIAA website.
  - Competition Formula changes / updates
  - Article XII – Athletic Relations. How the District Committee may review incidents.

## New Business

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Becky Flynn Hensel, the committee approved Upper Bucks Christian School's request for membership to PIAA.  
**Unanimous (20 Votes)**
- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Dave Baun, the committee approved participation of a student attending Oley Valley-STEM High School to participate in athletics at the home school of Boyertown High School. **Unanimous. (20 Votes)**
- Upon motion by Geoff Per/Bobby Kurzweg, the committee approved eligibility of two students from Coatesville High School, attending a school placed alternative school to participate in athletics at Coatesville High School.  
**Unanimous (20 Votes)**
- Upon motion by Cyndi Moss/Bill Semar, the committee approved the requests for additional varsity football contest for the 2023 football season for the following schools:
  - Lower Merion HS / Radnor HS,
  - Marple Newtown HS / ((O'Hara)
  - Interboro High School / Ridley High School,
  - Pennridge High School / Quakertown High School,
  - Bristol High School / Morrisville High School
  - Haverford High School /Upper Darby High School,
  - Sun Valley High School / Chichester High School.**Unanimous ( 20 Votes)**
- The PIAA BOD has re-established the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee. The District One Committee will begin the process of establishing the structure of a DEIB steering committee for District One member schools.
- The PIAA BOD accepted the NHFS Basketball rule book for the 2023-2024 school year. NHFS rule book included changes to Basketball Rule 4-8-1.
  - *Eliminates the one-and-one for common fouls beginning with the seventh team foul in the half and establishes the bonus as two free throws awarded for a common foul beginning with the team's fifth foul in each quarter and resets the fouls at the end of each quarter.*
  - Note: schools will likely need new score books.
- The committee discussed a possible expansion to 3 Classifications in Track & Field. This will be discussed for the next cycle as per a recommendation of the PIAA Track & Field Steering Committee.
  - Current 2 classifications – District One has 14 teams in 2A / 68 teams in 3A.
  - If there is an expansion to 3 Classifications – District One would have 13 teams in 1A / 9 teams in 2A and 60 teams in 3A.

**Old Business** - There was no Old Business this month.

**Officials Report** – Tom Brady & Maureen Gregory

- The District One Office will seek clarification from the PIAA Office to determine if a District Rules Interpreter must be an active registered official in order to serve in that role.

**Middle School Report** – Matt Heiland

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

**Eligibility Document Review**

- The committee was informed of a document review that was conducted on behalf of a student at **Souderton High School** in reference to Article I – Age and Article VIII - Semester waiver request. (approved 6-0 on 7/24/24).
- The committee was informed of a document review that was conducted on behalf of a student at **Unionville High School** in reference to Article I – Age and Article VIII - Semester waiver request. (approved 6-0 on 7/24/24).
- The committee was informed of a document review that was conducted on behalf of a student at **Garnet Valley High School** in reference to Article I – Age and Article VIII - Semester waiver request. (approved 6-0 on 7/24/24).
- The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a Document Review on behalf of a student at **Downingtown East High School** in reference to Article VI, Post Season Waiver. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Geoff Per, the committee approved the waiver. **Unanimous. (20 Votes)**

**Eligibility Hearings**

- The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Pope John Paul II** in reference to Article VI, Postseason Waiver Request. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/ Dave Baun, the committee denied the request for a Postseason Waiver. **Yes 17 – No 0 – Abstain 3 (Brandt, Moss, Brady) Votes.**

*n.b. Shannon Fisher has exited the meeting.*

- The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Methacton High School** in reference to Article VIII, Section 1A/1B Period of Participation Waiver Request. Upon motion by Dave Baun/Seth Brunner, the committee denied the request for a waiver. **Yes – 18 – No -0 – Abstain -1 (Brandt) Votes**

*n.b. Cyndi Moss has left the meeting.*

- The committee received a self-report on behalf of **Coatesville High School** in reference to the Football Program by Coatesville High School Principal, Brian Chenger. Also present is Garry Cathell, Executive Director of the PA State Football Coaches Association. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/RJ Bretz, the committee has approved the motion to require Coatesville School District to submit in writing the steps the school will take to rectify moving forward.  
**Unanimous. (18 Votes)**
- The committee received a self-report on behalf of **Cheltenham High School** in reference to the Football Program by James D'Andrea, Principal and Patrick Fleury, Athletic Director. Also present is Garry Cathell, Executive Director of the PA State Football Coaches Association. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/RJ Bretz, the committee has approved the motion to require Cheltenham School District to submit in writing the steps the school will take to rectify moving forward. Also renumerate the points discussed with the coach to avoid future infractions.  
**Unanimous ( 18 Votes)**
- The committee was informed that a hearing was conducted on July 18, 2023, on behalf of a student at **Council Rock North High School** in reference to Article VIII. Period of participation waiver request. The request was denied and the appeal to PIAA BOD was also denied on July 31, 2023.
- The committee was informed that a hearing was conducted on July 18, 2023, on behalf of a student at **Morrisville High School** in reference to Article VIII. Period of participation waiver request. The request was denied.

## **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Lisa Ford/LaDontay Bell, the Committee approved the motion to adjourn at 3PM. **Unanimous (18 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held September 13, 2023 @ Colonial Elementary School following the PIAA Annual Meeting.

*Respectfully Submitted SK/HF*