



## PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**February 9, 2022 @ 1:00PM - Zoom**

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

**Present at the meeting:** Michael Barber, Steve Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, Holly Farnese, Reggie Parks, Madeline Mulhall, Janet Columbro, Seth Bruner, Sue Cornelius, Ken McCormick for Jason Sherlock, Mike Price, Robert Kurzweg, RJ Bretz, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Joe Derickson, Nancy Monahan, Becky Flynn Hensel, Dee Cross, Denis Gray and Dave Baun, Matt Heiland, Tom Brady

**Absent from the meeting:** Terri Fasano, Rap Curry, William Ziegler, Maureen Gregory

**Guest at the meeting:** Peg Pennepacker

### Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from January 12, 2022. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**

### Treasurer Report

- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Geoff Per, the committee approved the Treasurer's Reports for January 2022. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**
  - Operating Balance: \$509,127.02
  - Net Change: **\$24,161.28**

*Copy of the complete Treasurer's Report is available from the office of Danielle Turner, PIAA District 1 Treasurer.*

### Student Transfer List

- Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Denis Gray, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**

**Foreign Exchange Student List** - No student requests this month

**Public Comment** - No public comment was made.

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

Sean Kelly asked all representatives to remind member schools of the requirement of coaches to attend Spring Sports mandatory rules meetings. Meeting dates/times are posted on the PIAA website and may be attended in person or online.

Sean Kelly informed the District One Committee members of the subcommittee assignments. The schedule is below. PIAA D1 will adhere to the requirement that all agendas for the meetings will be posted a minimum of 24 hours before the meeting.

Operations Committee to meet–TBA

HR Committee to meet before the May Committee meeting.

Sean Kelly presented the Winter Sports Update and D1 / PIAA Playoffs information.

- **Basketball**

The PIAA D1 committee conducted a lengthy discussion on the topic of PIAA host school spectator requirements (which are posted on the website). The conclusion of the discussion resulted in the emphasis of the District One policy which requires the 50/50 Rule – home and visitor spectators must receive an equal number of available tickets. The D1 Office and Basketball Chairman will be contacting schools to inquire about neutral sites.

- **Swimming & Diving**

The schedule of the PIAA D1 Swimming Championships events at York YMCA have been posted. Due to the YMCA regulations and mitigations no spectators are permitted at this time. The D1 Office will offer an update if there are any adjustments. The championship will be live streamed. PIAA D1 Diving Championships will be held at North Penn High School. Spectators are welcome to attend.

- **Cheerleading**

The PIAA Cheer Championships were held 1/28-1/29. Congratulations to Garnet Valley High School Cheerleaders who are PIAA 3A Champions.

- **Wrestling** - The PIAA D1 Committee expressed thanks to Upper Dublin, CBE, and Oxford HS for hosting the District Wrestling Team Duals. The state Team duals were held in Hershey, PA. The individual tournament is moving forward as scheduled and this is posted on the PIAA D1 website.

## **PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber**

Dr. Barber briefly discussed topics being reviewed at the PIAA board level. The board will continue to evaluate the Transfer rule suggestions (“AAU Bid Process”). Additional discussion will involve the revision of Article VIII - Period of Participation.

The submission of post-season waivers will remain at 30 days prior to the postseason.

PIAA BOD Approved (Article XVI, Season – Out of Season, Section 1., Guidelines, B. Conclusion of Regular Season) the ability to play regular season games after elimination from playoffs. Games must be completed by District deadline and schools may not play more than the maximum number of regular season contests.

### **New Business**

- Upon motion by Seth Brunner/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the request of Coventry Christian High School to withdraw from PIAA D1. Coventry Christian will be requesting membership to PIAA D3. Transfer of Districts is pending PIAA Board approval. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**
- Upon motion by John Creighton/Todd Vaccaro, the committee approved the motion to hold the 5A / 6A Basketball Finals at Temple University with no food sales and no proof of vaccination required. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**

*n.b. Danielle Turner and Tom Brady have left the meeting.*

- Upon motion by Geoff Per/Seth Brunner, the committee denied the motion to set a minimum seating requirement for the 6A quarter and semifinal games to a neutral site. If a school cannot hold a minimum of 500 spectators beyond, players, coaches, cheer, and dance team the game would be moved to a neutral site. Motion by Per / Vaccaro - **10 Yes (Mulhall, Brunner, Vaccaro, Kalazs, Sudholz, Per, Derickson, Monahan, Cross, Heiland) 12 No, 1 Abstention (Creighton)**. With the failure of this motion, District will not require a minimum number of spectators for playoff contests. District One will continue to follow its policy of requiring schools to provide equal opportunities for home and away spectators to attend playoff contests.
- The District One Committee held discussion regarding the practice of Post-Season Waiver hearing practices and document reviews. It was recommended by the District One office that any document review that is not approved unanimously by the D1 Committee will require a hearing. Additionally, any post-season waiver documents with “OTHER” chosen as a reason for the waiver request will require a hearing before the D1 Committee. The District One Committee will continue its practice to never deny a request via document review.
- Discussion - Mr. Creighton from William Tennent High School expressed a concern of an emerging trend that private doctors are approving return to play from concussion and not allowing return to learn. Member schools are encouraged to review the Safety in Youth Sports Act of 2011 to make sure they are following the proper return to play guidelines.
- **New Business**

## **New Business (cont.)**

*The following agenda items were moved to the March Agenda due to lack of voting members.*

- *Approval of the selection process for the assignment of Fall Officials to the District One and PIAA playoffs and championships.)*
- *Recommendation from Sub-Committee – Official fees for 2022-2023 Recommendation from Sub-Committee – 5% increase to the base.*
  - *The Sub-Committee will continue to review each sport and determine if additional adjustments need to be made to the “Factors” on the spread sheet*

## **Old Business**

*The following agenda items were moved to the March Agenda due to lack of voting members.*

- *Follow up self-report - Upper Darby / Haverford*
- *Sport Steering Committee structure.*
  - *Motion - Change the structure of how Steering Committees are organized or keep the current policy.*
    - *Current Policy: A League / Division that has a membership of four (4) to six (6) member schools shall be entitled to one representative on the District Committee. A League / Division that has seven (7) or more member schools shall be entitled to two (2) Representatives.*
    - *Proposed: 1 rep / every 4 teams in each league*

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

- There were no items for discussion or action this month.

## **Middle School Report – Mr. Heiland**

- There were no items for discussion or action this month.

## **Eligibility Hearings**

The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Central Bucks South HS** in reference to PIAA Constitution and By Laws Article VI Section 2C Post Season Waiver. Upon motion by Sherlock / Baun, the committee approved the request. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

*n.b. Mike Price and Reggie Parks have left the meeting.*

The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Church Farm School** in reference to PIAA Constitution and By Laws Article VI Section 2C Post Season Waiver. Upon motion by Dave Baun / Sylvia Kalazs, the committee denied the request. **Unanimous (21 Votes)**

*n.b. Nancy Monahan, Maddie Mulhall, and Denis Gray have left the meeting.*

The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at **Chester HS** in reference to PIAA Constitution and By Laws Article VI Section 2C Post Season Waiver. Upon motion by Per / Bretz, the committee denied the request. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

### **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Jason Sherlock / Dave Baum, the Committee approved the motion to adjourn at 5:00PM. **Unanimous (17 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held at MCIU or as a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 @ 1:00PM

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*After adjournment of the District One Committee Meeting, a District One sub-committee was convened to consider a document review.*

### **Eligibility Hearing – Document Review -**

The PIAA D1 Committee conducted a sub-committee for the eligibility document review on behalf of a student at **Central Bucks West High School** in reference to PIAA Constitution and By Laws Article VI, Section 2C, Post Season Waiver.

*(RJ Bretz, Seth Brunner, Jason Sherlock, Lou Sudholz, Matt Heiland, Mike Barber, Dave Baun, John Creighton, Joe Derickson, Bob Kurzweg, Dee Cross, Janet Columbro)*

Upon motion by Matt Heiland/John Creighton the subcommittee approved the post season waiver. **Unanimous (12 Votes)**

*Respectfully submitted: HF/SJK*