



PIAA DISTRICT ONE - COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2019 – 1:00PM

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

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Holly Farnese, Danielle Turner, Matt Heiland, Reggie Parks, Michael Lalli, Becky Flynn Hensel, Seth Bruner, Steve Brandt, Sue Cornelius, Jason Sherlock, Mike Price, Matt Gionta, Eric Greiner, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, John Reading, John Creighton, Lou Sudholz, Joe Derickson, Jennifer Wilson, Dee Cross, Denis Gray, Maureen Gregory,

Absent from the meeting: Pat Nugent, Janet Columbro, Rap Curry, Ed Kloss, Dave Baun, Dan Horan, Barbara Clarke, Tom Brady, Craig Gillinger (Alt.)

Review and approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Todd Vaccaro, the committee approved the minutes of the October 2019 Committee Meeting. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was presented and reviewed by Danielle Turner. Upon motion by John Reading/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for October 2019. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$660,999.95
Net Change	\$ 18,555.18

Copies of the complete Treasurer's Reports are available for review with Danielle Turner, Treasurer.

Transfer Student Requests

Upon motion by Jennifer Wilson/Becky Flynn Hensel, the committee approved all November Transfer Students' requests submitted for review on the provided list and pending approval for the one transfer from Chester High School to Chester Charter School of the Arts. Request will be sent to Chester HS to sign the transfer form.

Unanimous. (23 Votes)

Foreign Exchange Student Requests

Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Jason Sherlock, the committee approved all November Foreign Exchange Students' requests submitted for review on the provided list.

Unanimous. (23 Votes)

Public Comment - No Public Comment was made at this meeting.

Executive Secretary Report

- Sean Kelly expressed his thanks and gratitude to all host Playoff sites and to the ADs and Administrators for their help and hard work.
- Sean Kelly brought the concern of continued abusive language directed towards officials. The DQ Reports this fall included several incidences of abusive behavior by coaches and student-athletes. Schools are reminded to continue to submit their ejection reports to the Sport Chair and the D1 Office. He also asked that Dr. Barber and the Officials' representatives continue this conversation at their State meetings to help support the officials.
- There was discussion regarding Foreign Exchange Students and their eligibility for post-season contests. No action taken.

PIAA BOD Report

*Upon motion by Matt Price/Seth Bruner, the committee convened into executive session. **Unanimous (23 Votes)***

- Dr. Barber presented the PIAA BOD Report and shared some additional information pertaining to the various PIAA legal matters still pending.

*Upon motion by Dee Cross/ John Creighton, the committee returned to public session. **Unanimous (23 Votes)***

Old Business - There were no items this month.

New Business

- Upon motion by Mike Lalli/Steve Brandt, the committee approved the request to terminate the existing Co-Op between Faith Christian High School and Plumstead Christian School in the sport of wrestling. This approval will be sent to the PIAA office and will be reflected at the December BOD Meeting. **Unanimous. (23 Votes)**
- Upon motion by Danielle Turner, the committee approved the Self-Report from Upper Merion High School in reference to 21-day rule violation. The approval is contingent on Upper Merion HS submitting their written protocols to the PIAA D1 Office. The D1 Office will report back in December. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
- Official approval was granted by the D1 Committee via email vote for the Chichester vs. Interboro Football game to be played after the 89th day of the PIAA football season. **Email vote - Unanimous (18 Votes).**

Officials Report

- Discussion regarding football field concerns during the playoff (i.e.: lights/locker room facilities) was tabled to a later date. D1 Office will discuss these concerns with the Officials' Representatives.

Middle School Report - No items needing committee action/attention this month.

Hearings

The PIAA District One Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Hatboro-Horsham High School in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Reggie Parks, the committee denied the request. **Votes – Yes- 21- No - 0 – Abstain -2, Wilson, Creighton**

The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at North Penn High School in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post-Season Waiver – Section 2C. Upon motion by Seth Bruner/Todd Vaccaro, the committee approved the request. **Unanimous. (23 Votes)**

n.b. Todd Vaccaro and Danielle Turner have left the meeting.

The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at The Church Farm School in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VII – Period of Participation – Section 6B. Upon motion by John Reading/ Matt Heiland, the committee approved the request for two additional semesters of eligibility. **Unanimous (21 Votes)**

The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at The Church Farm School in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article I – Age – Section 3. Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Lou Sudholz, the committee denied the request for additional eligibility by waiving the age rule due to the reasoning that the PIAA D1 Committee does not have the authority to suspend the application of rule. **Unanimous. (21 Votes)**

In the event Church Farm School chooses to appeal this decision to the PIAA Board of Directors the District One Committee has asked Dr. Barber to present in his opening statement that the D1 Committee would have approved the student’s request for a waiver of Article I if they were permitted to. Upon motion by Steve Brandt/John Reading, the PIAA D1 Committee voted to approve this request. **Unanimous. (21 Votes)**

n.b. These two votes were conducted out of order and Mr. Vaccaro and Ms. Turner were present at the time of these votes.

Document Reviews

The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student at Great Valley High School in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post Season Waiver– Section 2C. Upon motion by Becky Flynn Hensel/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved the request. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student at Phoenixville High School in reference to PIAA By-Laws and Constitution Article VI – Post Season Waiver– Section 2C. Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Jennifer Wilson, the committee approved the request. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Sub-Committee Hearings – Sunday, October 27, 2019 at North Penn HS

The PIAA District One Committee accepted the report from the Sub-Committee Hearings on Sunday October 27, 2019 at North Penn High School. Six hearings were held that day.

In attendance: Barber (Chair), Curry, Sudholz, Baun, Flynn-Hensel, Kalaz, Kelly (Secretary).

- Pennsbury – Request of Post-Season waiver – Article VI, Section 2C – Approved
- Abington – Request of Post-Season waiver – Article VI, Section 2C – Approved
- Abington – Request of Post-Season waiver – Article VI, Section 2C – Denied
- Penn Wood – Request of Post-Season waiver – Article VI, Section 2C – Denied
- Penn Wood – Request of Post-Season waiver – Article VI, Section 2C – Approved
- Penn Wood – Request of Post-Season waiver – Article VI, Section 2C – Approved

Adjournment

Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Sylvia Kalazs, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 4:00PM. **Unanimous (21 Votes)**

The next District One Meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at The Montgomery County IU, Norristown, PA, @ 1PM.

Respectfully submitted, HF/SJK