



## PIAA DISTRICT ONE - COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**December 11, 2019 – 1:00PM at MCIU23**

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

**Present at the meeting:** Michael Barber, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Pat Nugent, Janet Columbro, Rap Curry, Dave Baun, Tom Brady, Danielle Turner, Matt Heiland, 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, Denis Gray, Maureen Gregory

**Absent from the meeting:** Holly Farnese, Dee Cross, Barbara Clarke, Reggie Parks, Ed Kloss (Del Val Alt.), Dan Horan, Craig Gillinger (Official Alt.)

### **Review and approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by L. Sudholz / M. Heiland, the committee approved the minutes of the November 13, 2019 Committee Meeting. **Unanimous - 26 Votes.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report was presented and reviewed by Treasurer, Danielle Turner. Upon a motion by J. Reading / S. Cornelius, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for November, 2019.

**Unanimous - 26 Votes.**

<b>Operations Balance</b>	<b>\$733,070.08</b>
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>\$ 72, 016.13</b>

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

## **Transfer Student Requests**

Upon a motion by J. Derickson / S. Brunner, the committee approved all December Transfer Students' requests submitted for review on the provided list. **Unanimous. (26 Votes)**

The Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the process of approving the monthly Transfers when Principal to Principal sign off occurs. The District One Office will review the forms and contact schools when there are questions regarding a student's transfer. The District relies on School Administrators to conduct interviews with incoming students and families before signing off. Monthly Transfer reports viewed by the District Committee include student name, sending/receiving schools, enrollment dates, reasons for transfer, sports played and post-season eligibility. A question of why we are listing the reason for transfer on the form was also asked. This information serves as material for the Committee to review as well as evidence for the reasoning if a post-season waiver is requested.

School Administrators are reminded to review the transfer rules in PIAA Article VI, especially the Presumptive Eligibility/Presumptive Ineligibility rules. Schools are also reminded that parents/students should not be filling out the transfer forms. School Administration should be filling out the forms and asking the parents to sign them. Incomplete and illegible forms will be returned to schools.

## **Foreign Exchange Student Requests**

Upon a motion by S. Cornelius / T. Vaccaro, the committee approved all December 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**

Thank you to Dr. Nugent, Mickey McDaniel and the entire Spring-Ford HS staff for hosting a very successful D1 Competitive Spirit Championships on December 7<sup>th</sup>. 23 D1 teams will now advance to compete in the PIAA Championships in January. Best of luck to our D1 teams competing at States.

The D1 Committee reviewed the Fall PIAA Disqualification Reports distributed by the PIAA. It was noted there was an increase in Football ejections which can likely be attributed to additional illegal contact penalties called throughout the season. There was also concern raised by the number of Boys Soccer Coaches ejected from contests during the season.

## **Executive Secretary Report (cont.)**

The PIAA BOD and Competition Committee will be continuing their discussion on the need to increase the penalties for ejections involving abusive language towards officials. The Committee is asking school administration to take a more active role in educating their coaching staff and holding them accountable for negative actions towards officials.

The District One office is asking for any feedback / concerns with using the Arbiter for official's assignments. Leagues are asked, when hiring new assignors to make sure they have a working knowledge of the Arbiter system.

D1 Committee Mileage Reimbursement forms were distributed and Committee Members are asked to return completed forms to the D1 Office.

Rod Stone shared information regarding possible Marketing / Advertising opportunities for D1. The D1 Office met with a company representative who works with the WPIAL (D7) and shared some ideas. The office will continue conversations and keep the D1 Committee informed of any progress.

## **PIAA Report**

The **PIAA BOD Report** was presented by Dr. Barber. The PIAA BOD met on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. PIAA Minutes and Meeting summary will be sent out to all member schools.

The PIAA website will post NHFS Student Leadership Opportunities for students. Students who attended the Summer Conference presented their experiences to the PIAA BOD. The students are also working on a Statewide Leadership Counsel.

School and PIAA Classifications for the 2020-2021 / 2021-2022 have been posted. The PIAA will release the PIAA brackets and State qualifiers for the next two year cycle once the Classification upgrades are finalized. Once the PIAA qualifiers are established, the District One office and sport chairpersons will organize the District playoff qualifiers for the next 2 year cycle.

PIAA Competition / Success Formula interpretation was clarified: *all points earned in the previous cycle are applied in the classification that the school was voluntarily placed / participated in for that season.* Note: no District One schools/football teams will be upgraded to a new classification for the new PIAA cycle.

### **PIAA Appeal Hearing Updates**

- Hatboro-Horsham student's appeal of the District One decision for Post-Season waiver to the PIAA was overturned and approved by the appeal board (4-1). Student is eligible for the 2019-2020 post-season
- Plymouth Whitmarsh student's appeal of the District One decision for additional seasons to the PIAA BOD was denied. Student is ineligible in the sport of baseball.
- Church Farm School student's appeal of the District One decision for a Waiver of the Age Rule to the PIAA BOD was approved based upon medical evidence. Student was granted three seasons of athletic eligibility.

## **Old Business**

Upon motion by J. Reading / D. Turner the committee approved the follow-up Self-Report from Upper Merion High School in reference to 21-day rule violation. Upper Merion HS submitted written protocols to the PIAA D1 Office outlining their protocol for identifying Transfer students to their school district.

## **New Business**

The District One Committee reviewed and approved the June 2019 Boyer & Ritter Financial Audit Report. The report showed that District One internal process and procedures are very good and clean. Copies of the Audit Report and Historical Expenses are available upon request. Upon a motion S. Cornelius / S. Brandt the Audit Report was approved. **Unanimous - 26 Votes.**

The Review of Fall Sports Revenue / Expenses was tabled until the January Meeting. The District One office is still receiving bills for the Fall Playoff and Championships. The report next month will provide the D1 Committee with a clearer revenue / expense picture for fall 2019.

The District One office and Basketball Chairman will work on securing sites for Championship locations. Sites will be posted once they are confirmed.

## **Officials Report**

There was discussion regarding football field / facility concerns during the playoff (i.e.: lights/locker room facilities). It was determined that concerns need to be brought forward during the regular season. Concerns should be sent to the league assignors during the season.

Tom Brady and Maureen Gregory expressed some concerns about official's treatment and site management being supportive during contests. Schools need to ensure Officials are provided a safe and secure location during and after contests. School Administration is also expected to manage spectators and crowd control. Communication with officials before, during and after contests is imperative.

NFHS is now requiring the basketball pregame meeting with crew and site administration, coach and possible site manager. Information was discussed at pre-season meeting and the PIAA Pre-season Basketball Bulletin:

### *(NFHS) Pre-Game Meeting with Administrator on Supervision and Crowd Control*

*It is a necessity to have a game administration representative to meet with the officiating crew. This meeting will allow for communicating the expectations of each group. The contest officials are there to manage the contest, which includes the players and coaches. It is the expectation that school administration will manage the student body, parents and all other spectators.*

*Game administration should be proactive in crowd supervision and control. Administration should address inappropriate spectator behavior before it escalates.*

*Spectator behavior remains a critical concern. Too often, spectators are using abusive language toward coaches, players and officials. Spectators are also approaching the court, team areas and locker rooms – places that used to be "off limits" – to confront participants.*

*Game administrators must create and follow security procedures and support efforts to have offending spectators removed from the premises. Proactive policies lead to fewer problems. It is the game administrator's ultimate responsibility to provide a safe environment for coaches, players and officials. Do not wait for the official to point out the problem.*

**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 from **Norristown HS** in reference to *PIAA Article VIII, Section 1B - Period of Participation*. Upon a motion by J.Sherlock / S.Brandt, the committee approved two additional semesters of eligibility in the sport of swimming. **Unanimous - 26 Votes.**

The PIAA District One Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from **Ridley HS** in reference to *PIAA Article VI, Section 2C – Post-Season Waiver*. Upon a motion by B. Flynn-Hensel / R. Curry, the committee approved the request for post-season eligibility in the sport of basketball. **Unanimous - 26 Votes.**

The PIAA District One Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from **Interboro HS** in reference to *PIAA Article VI, Section 2C – Post-Season Waiver*. Upon a motion by D.Gray / J.Sherlock, the committee approved the request for post-season eligibility in the sport of swimming and softball. **26 Votes – 24 yes, 2 no.**

The PIAA District One Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from **Lower Merion HS** in reference to *PIAA Article VIII, Section 1B - Period of Participation*. Upon motion by J. Reading / D. Baun, the committee approved two additional semesters of eligibility. **Unanimous - 19 Votes.**

### **Document Reviews**

The PIAA District One Committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student from **West Chester Henderson HS** in reference to *PIAA Article VIII, Section 1B - Period of Participation*. Upon motion by S. Brunner / S. Brandt, the committee approved the request for post-season eligibility in the sport of basketball. **21 Votes – 18 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention.**

## **Adjournment**

Upon motion by M. Gionta / T. Vaccaro, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 4:30 PM. **Unanimous (21 Votes)**

The next District One Meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at The Montgomery County IU, Norristown, PA, @ 1PM.

Respectfully submitted, HF/SJK