

PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2025 - 1:00PM – via Zoom

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

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Stephen Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, RJ Bretz, Holly Farnese, Bill Keenan, Seth Frankenfield, Shannon Fisher, Stephanie Taylor, Seth Brunner, Corey Sigle, Jason Sherlock, Devon Landgraff, LaDontay Bell, Robert Kurzweg, Jonathan Bauer, Henry Hunt, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Scott Hegen, John Mullin, Joe Derickson, Lisa Ford, Dave Baun, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Maureen Gregory, and Ron Redinger

Absent from the meeting: Vicki Zebley, Christopher Jaramillo, Denis Gray

Guest: PJ Scarpello, AD New Hope Solebury

Approval of the Minutes

• Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/John Mullin, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from January, 2025. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

• Upon motion by Seth Bruner/John Mullin, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for January 2025. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

Operations Balance \$741,373.91
Net Change \$ 4,481.93

A copy of the complete Treasurer's Report is available from the office of PIAA District 1 Treasurer.

Student Transfer List

- Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Seth Bruner, the committee approved the amended Transfer List removing student from Conestoga HS (Kotapka). **Unanimous (27 Votes)**
- Upon motion by Henry Hunt/ Scott Hegen, the committee approved the Amended Transfer Student requests on the list provided to District One Committee members. **Unanimous** (27 Votes).

Foreign Exchange Student List

• Upon motion by John Creighton/LaDontay Bell, the committee approved the Foreign Exchange Student Requests on the list provided to District One Committee. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

Public Comment – None

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly presented the dates and locations for the District One Winter Championships. This information is available on the PIAA District1 website. Thank you to all the schools hosting the winter playoff and championship events.
- The process for the selection of the Middle School/ Junior High School Representative to the District One Committee will be continued.

New Business

- Hatboro Horsham HS Wrestling requested the District One Committee review forfeiture results from the 2023-2024 season. Individual forfeitures were the result of the H-H team exceeding the number of competition points. The District One Committee took no action and made no motion to consider a decision regarding the student's win/loss status. The District One Committee has no authority to change the decision since the students were ineligible to compete in the competition that exceeded the limit.
- Upon motion by LaDontay Bell/Scott Hegen, the committee accepted a self-report presented from Academy Park. The report was in reference to a 9th grade Basketball player who was called up to play in a JV contest. Academy Park handled the incident as a personnel matter. Unanimous (27 Votes)

PIAA BOD Report

- The PIAA Boys/Girls Lacrosse Steering Committee will hold a meeting on 2/20 to entertain discussion in reference to the introduction of a pilot program for a shot-clock for the 2026 spring season.
- Dr. Barber presented information in reference to the President's recent Executive Order. The Executive Order is in reference to Transgender Athletes would not go into effect for 30 days. At this time, the PIAA has not changed the language in the By-Laws in reference to Transgender Athletes. In addition, the PA Delaware County Track and Field Association will be holding a meet at the University of Pennsylvania on Wednesday 2/19. The present PIAA By-Law will be in place for this meet.
- Dr. Barber led a discussion regarding Application Based Schools and Feeder Schools. The Committee worked to offer a potential definition to be considered for the PIAA By-Laws. The District One Committee requested that Dr. Barber present the following language at the next PIAA BOD meeting:

- Any application-based school (Public, Private, or Charter) will define feeder schools as those schools who have enrollment from the top four schools from the previous two-year cycle.
 - Upon motion by Becky Flynn/Stephanie Taylor, the committee accepted this language to be presented to the PIAA Board of Directors.

25 Yes – 2 No (Jonathan Bauer, Seth Bruner) - 0 Abstain

- The follow language shall also be considered as a potential definition for an Application based school:
 - Any public school that accepts a student who resides outside its defined geographic boundary (attendance zone) or
 - Any charter school that can accept or deny enrollment of a student regardless of a geographic boundary or
 - Any private school that can accept or deny enrollment of a student regardless of a geographic boundary.

Old Business

• There were no items for old business this month.

Middle School Report

• No items were presented for discussion.

Officials Report – Ron Redinger & Maureen Gregory

• Upon motion by Maureen Gregory/Ron Redinger, the committee approved the report that all officials assigned to District One Post Season Playoff were done following District policies without prejudice. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

Eligibility Document Reviews

• The committee conducted a document review for a student from Great Valley High School (F.Osikoya) in reference to Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Stephanie Taylor. **Unanimous (27 Votes)**

These items are included for information only.

Eligibility Hearings (still to be heard)

- Penncrest (Wray) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (TBA)
- Ridley (Ladislaw) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (hearing suspended 1/29/25, continuation TBA)
- Villa Maria / Great Valley (Early) Transfer hearing (TBA)
- Arch. Carol / Ridley (Zanetich) Transfer hearing (D1/D12 Regional) (TBA)

Eligibility Hearings

- Great Valley (Roberts) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (Approved 1/22/25)
- Great Valley (Osikoya) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (Approved 1/22/25)
- Penncrest (Henry) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (request withdrawn / as per AD request)
- Coatesville (Williams) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (Approved 1/22/25)
- Cheltenham (Ezeukwu) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (Denied 1/29/25)
- Chichester (Dalie) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (Denied 1/29/25)
- PJPII (Daye) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (Approved 1/29/25)
- Upper Dublin (Coleman) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver (Denied 1/29/25)

Scott Hegen and John Creighton have left the meeting.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Seth Frankenfield/Devon Landgraff, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM. **Unanimous.** (25 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2025 @ the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF