

PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2024 - 1:00PM at Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

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, Seth Brunner, Jason Sherlock, Corey Siegel, Mike Semar, Robert Kurzweg, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Henry Hunt, Geoff Per, Cyndi Moss, LaDontay Bell, Lisa Ford, Joe Derickson, Dave Baun, Denis Gray Becky Flynn Hensel, Matt Heiland, Maureen Gregory and Ron Reidinger

Absent from the meeting: Bill Keenan, Sara Kurpel, Shannon Fisher, Stephanie Taylor, Sylvia Kalazs, Christopher Jaramillo, Vicki Zebley, Tom Brady

Guest at the meeting: None

Approval of the Minutes

• Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Matt Heiland, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from March 13, 2024. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

• Upon motion by John Creighton/Henry Hunt, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for March 2024. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**

Operations Balance \$799,080.92
 Net Change \$83,740.29

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

Student Transfer List

• Upon motion by Geoff Per/RJ Bretz, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**

Foreign Exchange Student List

• No Foreign Exchange Student requests this month.

Public Comment – None

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Congratulations to Dr. Moss on her retirement from Perkiomen Valley HS.
- Sean Kelly presented the Spring Sport Championship updates and announced the Seeding meetings and Playoff dates/sites. Seed meeting dates and times are posted on the D1 website. An AD playoff meeting will be held on May 13th – 10am via Zoom.
- Leagues are asked to send any changes to the members of the District One Committee and Steering Committees
- League Sportsmanship votes will be collected this summer. The District One office will send out a request for information this summer.
- The District One Committee reviewed and approved the meeting dates for 2024-2025 school year.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- The PIAA District One Committee conducted extensive conversation on the topic of the PIAA Success Formula. The success formula will continue to be a topic of discussion on the PIAA BOD agenda. The District One Committee expressed their concerns about the current formula and would support changes. If given the opportunity, Dr. Barber and Mr. Brandt will vote on behalf of the position of the committee.
- The next PIAA BOD meeting is on May 15, 2024.

New Business

- District One Committee accepted nominations and held the following votes for District One Committee positions.
 - <u>District One Chairman</u> Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Dave Baun, the District One Committee approved the appointment of Dr. Michael Barber as the PIAA District One Chairman for the 2024-2025 school year. Yes 20 No 0, Abstain 2 (Barber, Brandt) Votes.
 - District One Vice-Chairman Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Dave Baun, the District One Committee approved the appointment of Steven Brandt as the PIAA District One Vice-Chairman for the 2024-2025 school year. Yes 20 No 0, Abstain 2 (Barber, Brandt) Votes.
 - <u>District One Advisory Representatives</u> Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Denis Gray, the District One Committee approved the following appointments to the District One Committee. <u>Unanimous</u> (22 Votes)
 - Vicky Zebley Female Parent Rep.
 - Dave Baun Male Parent Rep.
 - Matt Heiland Middle Scholl/Jr H Rep
 - Becky Flynn-Hensel Private School Rep

• Human Resource Committee

- The PIAA District One Committee approved the recommendation from the Human Resource Committee for the 2024-2025 salary of the PIAA District One Assistant Executive Director to be \$108,500. Upon motion by Denis Gray/Jason Sherlock. Unanimous (22 Votes).
- The PIAA District One Committee approved the recommendation from the Human Resource Committee that the salary of the PIAA District One Executive Director will remain unchanged for the 2024-2025 school year. Upon motion by Denis Gray/Jason Sherlock Unanimous (22 Votes).
- o The PIAA District One Committee approved the recommendation from the Human Resource Committee that the stipend of the PIAA District One Chairman will remain unchanged for the 2024-2025 school year. Upon motion by Denis Gray/Jason Sherlock. Yes 20 No 0, Abstain 2 (Barber, Brandt) Votes.
- The PIAA District One Committee approved the recommendation from the Human Resource Committee that the stipend of the PIAA District One Vice-Chairman will be increased to \$375 and will be paid monthly. Upon motion by Denis Gray/Jason Sherlock. Yes 20 No 0, Abstain 2 (Barber, Brandt) Votes.
- o The PIAA District One Committee approved the recommendation from the Human Resource Committee that the stipend of the PIAA District One Treasurer will be increased to \$3,300 a year for the 2024-2025. The stipend will continue to be paid after each championship season. Upon motion by Denis Gray/ Henry Hunt. Yes − 21 No − 0, Abstain − 1 (Bretz) Votes.
- o The PIAA District One Committee approved the recommendation from the Human Resource Committee that the stipend of the PIAA District One Recording Secretary will be increased to \$650 a year for the 2024-2025. Upon motion by Denis Gray/ Henry Hunt. Yes − 21 No − 0, Abstain − 1 (Bretz) Votes.
- The PIAA District One Committee approved the recommendation from the Human Resource Committee to remove the interim title and formally approved the appointment of RJ Bretz as the PIAA District One Treasurer.
 Yes − 21 No − 0, Abstain − 1 (Bretz).
- Upon motion by Geoff Per/Cyndy Moss the committee approved the request for Sean Kelly
 to attend the NHFS National Conference. District One will cover the Conference
 Registration and all allowable expenses. Unanimous (22 Votes)
- The PIAA District One Competitive Spirit Chairperson is formally open. All interested parties should contact Sean Kelly and send a letter of interest.

New Business (cont.)

- Upon motion by Lisa Ford/Joe Derickson, the committee approved a one-year moratorium on collection of PIAA District One school dues. Dues invoices will not be sent out for the 2024-2025 school year. The District One Committee will reassess after the school year.
 Unanimous (22 Votes).
- Upon motion by Maureen Gregory/Ron Reidinger, the committee approved a 5% increase to base fees for all District One Playoff and Championship Officials fees for the 2024-2025 school year. **Unanimous (22 Votes).**
- Unionville High School presented a self-report in reference to a Wrestling schedule violation concerning a team pooled tournament. Upon motion by Seth Bruner/RJ Bretz, the committee accepted Unionville's report. The school will be placed on a one-year probation for the sport of wrestling and will be asked to follow the recommendations and safeguards provided by the school. The Unionville AD will check all schedules and will confer with the District One office along with the Wrestling Chairperson for all schedules.
 Unanimous (22 Votes).
- Conestoga High School presented a self-report in reference to a transfer student's missing paperwork. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Dave Baun, the committee accepted Conestoga's report. The school's girls' soccer program will be put on a one-year probation and will be asked to follow the clerical and procedural recommendations provided by the school.
 Yes -21 No 1 (Bruner) Votes.
- RJ Bretz, athletic director at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School presented a self-report in reference to the Disqualification of a baseball player. Upon motion by Cory Seigel/Matt Heiland, the committee accepted the report with no additional conditions or recommendations. Yes -21 No 0 Abstain 1 (Bretz)
- Geoff Per, athletic director at Bensalem High School presented a self-report in reference to the Disqualification of a baseball player. Upon motion by Henry Hunt/Dave Baun, the committee accepted the report with no additional conditions or recommendations.
 Yes 21- No 0 Abstain 1(Per) Votes.
- Upon motion by Maureen Gregory/Ron Reidinger, the committee approved the PIAA D1 process that was followed to provide an opportunity for all interested officials to work D1 playoff games and conducted a fair and non-discriminatory method of selection.
 Unanimous (22 Votes).

Middle School Report - Matt Heiland

Discussion was held in reference to Article XVI Season/Out of Season Rules, Section 4 –
Mix Gender Participation. The District One office received reports of boys playing on girls
lacrosse teams. The PIAA office offered guidance and an interpretation of the rule to the
participating schools. Matt Heiland was asked to add this as an agenda item to the PIAA
Summer workshop meeting for JHS/MS. Mr. Heiland will recommend that PIAA by-laws
include more specific definitions and interpretations for JHS and MS.

Old Business -

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

Officials Report – Tom Brady & Maureen Gregory

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

Eligibility Hearings

• The committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Garnet Valley High School in reference to PIAA By- Laws Article VI- Transfer, Residence and Recruiting. Upon motion by Lisa Ford/Dave Baun, the committee approved the student's transfer request making the student eligible in all sports for the 2024-2025 school year.

Yes - 18 No- 0, Abstain - 4 (Bruner, Brandt, Derickson, Barber).

A PIAA District One Sub-Committee conducted the following Document Reviews.

Voting members Present at this meeting; Henry Hunt, Lou Sudholz, Becky Flynn Hensel, Matt Heiland, Denis Gray, Mike Semar, RJ Bretz, Cory Seigel, Bobby Kurzweg, Dave Baun, Jason Sherlock, Steve Brandt, Mike Barber

Eligibility Document Reviews

- The committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student at Downingtown West High School (Mullen) in reference to PIAA Article VI, Section 2C. Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Mike Semar, the committee approved the request of a post-season waiver.
 Yes 12 No 0, Abstain 1 (Sigle) Votes.
- The committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student at Garnet Valley High School (Strulson) in reference to PIAA Article VI, Section 2C. Upon motion by Cory Seigel/Becky Flynn Hensel the committee approved the request of a post-season waiver.
 Yes 11 No 0, Abstain 2 (Brandt, Barber) Votes

PIAA District One Sub Committee conducted hearings before the May Committee meeting. The results of those hearings are as follows:

- Unionville (DeLong) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a decision of eligibility post-season (4/23 denied) (PIAA appeal denied).
- Pennridge (Marshall) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a decision of post-season eligibility (4/23 denied) (PIAA appeal denied).
- CB West (Dougherty) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a decision of post-season eligibility (4/23 denied)
- Radnor (Wolfington) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a decision of post-season eligibility (4/23 denied)
- Villa Maria Academy (Esgro) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a decision of post-season eligibility (4/26 - denied)

- Faith Christian Academy (Garlick) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a decision of eligibility (4/26 denied)
- Marple Newtown (Battersby) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a decision of eligibility (4/26 - denied)
- Marple Newtown (Hasson) Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a decision of eligibility (4/26 - approved)

Adjournment

Upon motion by Dave Baun / RJ Bretz, the meeting adjourned at 4:00PM. **Unanimous.** (22 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held Wednesday, August 14, 2024 - 9AM at The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Respectfully Submitted SK/HF

Wednesday, August **14**, 2024 – **9am**

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, Annual Fall Meeting (9am)

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (1pm)

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 (1pm)

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 (1pm)

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 (1pm)

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 (1pm)

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 (1pm)

Wednesday. April 9, 2025, Annual Spring Meeting (**TBA**)

Wednesday. May 14, 2025 (1pm)