

PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2022 @ 1:00PM

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

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

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Holly Farnese, Madeline Mulhall, Janet Columbro, Terri Fasano, Seth Bruner, Sue Cornelius, Jason Sherlock, Mike Price, Robert Kurzweg, Cyndi Moss, RJ Bretz, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, Lou Sudholz, Geoff Per, Joe Derickson, Nancy Monahan, Becky Flynn Hensel, Dave Baun, Dee Cross, Denis Gray, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory

Absent from the meeting: Steven Brandt, Danielle Turner, Reggie Parks, Rap Curry, John Creighton, Matt Heiland

Dr. Barber began the meeting with congratulations to Dee Cross and Sue Cornelius on their retirement from public education. On behalf of the PIAA D1 Committee he expressed thanks to Dee Cross, Sue Cornelius, and Reggie Parks for their dedicated service to the student athletes in PA.

Guest at the meeting: None

Approval of the Minutes

• Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Jason Sherlock, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from April 13, 2022. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

Treasurer report was reviewed presented by RJ Bretz. Upon motion by Geoff Per/Lou Sudholz, the committee approved the Treasurer's Reports for April 2022.
 Unanimous (23 Votes).

Operations Balance \$522,262.87 Net Change \$20,667.67

Student Transfer List

 Upon motion by Seth Bruner/Denis Gray, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. Unanimous (23 Votes)

Foreign Exchange Student List

• There were no Foreign Exchange Student Requests this month.

Public Comment - No public comment was made.

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly presented the dates for the D1 Meeting Dates for 2022-2023. Dates subjected to change after PIAA BOD dates are released.
- PIAA BOD passed a policy (Dec. Meeting) that Districts will no longer be able to utilize cash disbursements to game workers. Rod Stone and Sean Kelly have been in communication with other PIAA Districts to investigate best practice/coordination for payment of game workers.
- Sean Kelly presented the Spring Sport Updates. All seeding meeting dates are posted on the website. Meetings will be held via zoom. When able, championship contests will be held at neutral sites.
- Sean Kelly will be meet with a representative of the Philadelphia Eagles to discuss NFL
 Girls Flag Football Program that was introduced to area schools this past year.
 Information will be passed on to member schools.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

• PIAA distributed a survey in reference to a Basketball Shot Clock. Results of the statewide survey showed a near 50% for – 50% against. The proposal will be discussed at the next PIAA BOD meeting, but it failed in the PIAA Basketball Steering Committee meeting.

New Business

- Dr. Sherlock presented the District One Committee nominations for 2022-2023 school year. The District One Committee voted for the approval of the District One Chairman and Vice Chairman, along with Advisory positions.
 - Upon motion by Bob Kurzweg/Dave Baun, the committee approved the appointment of Dr. Michael Barber as the PIAA D1 Chairman for the 2022-23 year. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
 - Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Seth Brunner, the committee approved the appointment of Mr. Steven Brandt as the PIAA D1 Vice Chairman for the 2022-23 year.
 Unanimous (23 Votes)

- Upon motion by Susan Cornelius/Terri Fasano, the committee approved the appointment the following Advisory Committee Members for a two-year term 2022-2023 / 2023-2024 school year. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
 - Women's Athletic Representative Danielle Turner
 - Female Parent Representative Vicky Zebley
 - Male Parent Representative David Baun
 - Middle School Representative Michael Heiland
 - Private School Representative Rebecca Flynn-Hensel
- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Todd Vaccaro, the committee accepted the revised self-report submitted by Souderton HS concerning the use of an ineligible wrestler.
 Unanimous (23 Votes).
- Upon motion by Joe Derickson/Sue Cornelius, the committee accepted the Avon Grove Self-Report in reference to use of an ineligible girl's lacrosse player. Avon Grove was required to forfeit the contest. No further action was taken. **Unanimous.** (23 Vote)
- The PIAA D1 Human Resource Committee met at 12pm on May 11, 2022. The HR committee was chaired by Denis Gray. The HR committee presented their recommendation to the District One Committee to increase the salary of the PIAA D1 Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary by 5%. Additionally, the District One Committee approved an increase to the Charmain monthly stipend to \$750.00 and the Vice Chair BOD meeting stipend to \$175. Upon motion by Denis Gray/Lou Sudholz, the District One Committee approved the salary recommendation, effective July 1st. Vote Yes-22- No-0 Abstain-1 (Barber).
- The PIAA D1 Operations Committee met at 11am on May 11, 2022. Sean Kelly and Rod Stone led discussion. The group held discussions on expenses and revenue, using Arbiter or Zebra Web for official assignments, investigate On-Line Ticketing, and the media policy, and increase of ticket prices at PIAA D1 playoff games. No action was taken on any item. The conversation on each item will continue throughout the summer and will be reviewed in August. The Operations Committee agenda items are listed below.
- Sean Kelly reviewed the Official's playoff fees for 2022-2023. An explanation of the rates on spread sheet to determine the official's fees was given. The 5% increase in officials' fees for next year was approved by the Committee at the March meeting.
- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Todd Vaccaro, the committee approved the District One Playoff Qualifiers for 2022-2023 / 2023-2024. With the exception of basketball. PIAA will release the official basketball brackets in June. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
- Upon motion by RJ Bretz/Todd Vaccaro, the committee approved the Regional Qualifiers for 2022-2023 / 2023-2024. Sean Kelly, in coordination with DXI and DXII will confirm all details. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

- Upon motion by Tom Brady/Maureen Gregory, the committee approved the selection process for the assignment of Spring Officials to the District One and PIAA playoffs and championships. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
- Upon motion by Bob Kurzweg/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved the PIAA
 Membership for Black Rock MS (LMSD). PIAA BOD will approve at the May meeting.
 Unanimous (23 Votes)

Old Business

Officials Report – Tom Brady & Maureen Gregory. There were no items to bring to the committee this month.

Middle School Report – Mall Heiland. There were no items to bring to the committee this month.

Eligibility Document Review

- The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a Document Review on behalf of a student at **Lower Moreland High School** in reference to Article VI, Section 2C Postseason Waiver Request. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the Postseason Waiver. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
- The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a Document Review on behalf of two student at **Gwynedd Mercy Academy** in reference to Article VI, Section 2C Postseason Waiver Request. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the Postseason Waiver. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
- The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a Document Review on behalf of a student at Gwynedd Mercy Academy in reference to Article VI, Section 2C – Postseason Waiver Request. Upon motion by Joe Derickson/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the Postseason Waiver. Unanimous (23 Votes)
- The PIAA District 1 Committee conducted a Document Review on behalf of a student at Pottsgrove High School in reference to Article VI, Section 2C Postseason Waiver Request. Upon motion by Mike Price/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved the Postseason Waiver. Unanimous (23 Votes)

Eligibility Hearings - There were no hearings conducted at this meeting.

Adjournment - Upon motion by Dee Cross/Sue Cornelius, the Committee approved the motion to adjourn at 12:00PM. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held on August 10, 2022 – 9am at the MCIU.

Respectfully submitted, SJK HF

D1 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Danielle Turner, Joe Derickson, Maddie Mulhall, Terri Fasano, Seth Brunner, Sue Cornelius, Mike Price, Bobby Kurzweg, Cindy Moss, RJ Bretz, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, Nancy Monahan, Matt Heiland

D1 HR COMMITTEE

Denis Gray, Dave Baun, Dr. Jason Sherlock, Reggie Parks, Janet Columbro, Rap Curry, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Geoff Per, Dee Cross, Becky Flynn Hensel, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory, Danielle Turner

Operations Committee Meeting Agenda and Discussion Items

District One Office will explore the use of Online Ticket Sales for District One playoffs in 2022-2023. Ticket Spicket and Hometown Ticket company will be reviewed. – No official action taken.

District One will recommend an increase ticket prices next school year from \$5 to \$7. If on-line ticketing is used, additional discussion will be needed to determine who will assume the cost of the "online ticket fee." – No official action taken.

Next school year, the disbursement of cash to pay game workers will not be permitted. The District One office is working to determine the proper process to pay game workers in a timely manner. – No official action taken.

The Operations Committee did have detailed discussion regarding the decline in revenue and the considerable increase in costs. The following overview of costs / expenses were provided:

- **Revenue Sports** (with inflated costs and rental fees)
 - o Swimming 2022 loss approx. (\$7500)
 - \circ Track 2021 loss approx. (\$11,250)
 - o Competitive Cheer 2022 loss approx. (\$4500)
 - \circ Wrestling -2022 loss approx. (\$25,000)

• Non-revenue Sports

- Cross Country 2021 Total expenses \$13,700
- o Golf 2021 Total expenses \$12,300
- Tennis 2021 Total expenses \$5500

At this point, there are no plans to increase District One dues.

At this point there are no plans to introduce Team / Individual Playoff Fees.

District One will continue no payments for home playoff contests to Game Managers, ATCs or game help for contests where tickets are not sold.

District One has no intentions of reducing the number of playoff qualifiers.

Neutral Sites - District One will continue to cover costs of hosting contests at neutral sites. Game manager, ATCs, District One will pay game workers.

District One office will work to explore advertising opportunities

Media / Live Streaming playoff fees were discussed. It was recommended that schools who wish to live steam playoff contests pay a flat fee to broadcast all playoff contests. This fee could be included in School Dues. The exception would be for Basketball and Football Championship contests. A separate fee would be required for those contests. — No official action taken.