

PIAA District One Committee Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025 – via Zoom – 12pm

Dr. Barber, District One Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:30pm

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

Absent from the meeting: LaDontay Bell, Holly Farnese, Christopher Jaramillo, Vicki Zebley, Denis Gray, Bill Keenan, Devon Landgraff

Approval of the Minutes

• Upon motion by Bretz / Hunt, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from April 2025. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

 Presented by RJ Bretz. Upon motion by Brandt / Hegen, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2025. Unanimous (23 Votes)

Operations Balance \$717, 438.58

Net Change\$ 86, 400.30

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

 After presenting the Treasurer's Report and reviewing a year-by-year treasury report comparison, RJ Bretz recommended that the District One Committee once again suspend the District One membership dues for the 2025-2026 school year. The recommendation to suspend dues will be reevaluated again at the end of the 2026 school year. Upon a motion by Bretz / Hunt, the Committee approved the recommendation to suspend the 2025-2026 school dues. Unanimous 23-0.

Student Transfer List

 Upon motion by Mullin / Bauer, the committee approved the Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. Unanimous (23 Votes).

Foreign Exchange Student List

No Foreign Exchange students approved this month.

Public Comment – no public comment this month

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Sean Kelly reviewed the upcoming Spring Playoff schedules and seed meeting dates.
- Sean Kelly also reviewed the need for neutral sites during the District and PIAA playoffs (especially June 7th and June 10th)
- Member schools are asked to submit conflict dates (graduations / proms) to sports chairpersons.
- Sean Kelly held a discussion on the possible locations for the 2026 swimming championships. The York YMCA has been reserved for next season. Additionally, LaSalle University was contacted to check availability. The District One office will need to contact LaSalle University again in the fall to check pool availability.
- Sean Kelly held a discussion regarding tennis concerns. The Tennis Committee
 will be asked to review the conflicts of AP Testing and Championship events dates
 and times. Additionally, the steering committee will be asked to review the problem
 of players opting out of playing the 3rd / 4th place playback match.
- District One Sportsmanship vote requests will be sent out to District One Committee members this summer.
- District One Committee members are asked to contact the District One office with any updates or changes on the steering committees or within their leagues member schools.
- The District One Committee reviewed potential meeting dates for the 2025-2026 school year. The Committee will confirm the calendar once the PIAA board meeting dates are set.

New Business

- Dr. Jason Sherlock presented the nominations of the District One Chair and District One Vice Chairperson for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - Upon a motion by Mullin / Hunt the Committee approved the nomination of Dr. Michael Barber as the District One Chairperson for the 2025-206 school year. Votes 21-0-2 abstention (Barber/Brandt)
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- Dr. Sherlock presented the nomination to fill the void for Middle School / Junior High School representative.
 - Upon a motion by Bretz / Ford the Committee approved Joe Vogler, AD at Unionville HS/MS as the Middle School / Junior High School representative to the District One Committee. Unanimous 23-0.

District One HR Sub-Committee Report

The HR Sub-Committee met prior to the start of the main Committee meeting at 12:00.

 Meeting notes submitted by RJ Bretz: Present at the HR meeting: Michael Barber, Stephen Brandt, Rodney Stone, Seth Frankenfield, Stephanie Taylor, Becky Flynn-Hensel, Seth Brunner, Jonathan Bauer, Lou Sudholz, John Mullin, RJ Bretz, Jason Sherlock, Maureen Gregory, Dave Baun

The following HR recommendations were presented to the District One Committee for consideration.

- The Committee recommended a 0% increase in Playoff Official fees for the 2025-2026 season. Over the past three years (2023-2025), the playoff fees for officials were raised by 5% each season. Additionally, before the 2024-2025 season, the District One Committee removed the first-round fees and increased the playoff fees to the semi-final level throughout the tournament in all sports. Upon a motion by Bretz / Hunt the recommendation was accepted. (Sub-Committee Vote 12-0).
- The Committee recommended the stipends for Sports Chairs and Tabulators will remain the same for the 2025-2026 season. Upon a motion by Bretz / Hunt the recommendation was accepted. (Sub-Committee Vote 12-0).

- The HR Committee offered the following salary recommendations for the District One Assistant Executive Secretary salary.
 - Dr. Barber presented the Act 1 index as currently at 4%. The recommendation was to offer Sean Kelly a 5.5% increase to his salary, effective July 1, 2025. The motion to accept this recommendation was made by Dr. Sherlock / Baun (Sub-Committee vote 12-0).
- Mike Barber and Rod Stone will review the remainder of his salary and benefits package and will return with recommendations to the committee.
- District One Executive Secretary Salary Recommendation
 - o To increase the salary by \$1,500.00, effective July 1, 2025
 - The motion was made by Dr. Jason Sherlock and seconded by RJ Bretz. (Sub-Committee vote 12-0).
- Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Treasurer stipend recommendation
 - The motion for Steve Brandt, Holly Farnese, and RJ Bretz to receive a 5.5% increase to their respective salaries was made by Dave Baun and seconded by John Mullin. Motion carried. (Sub-Committee vote 10-0, with 2 abstentions (Brandit and Bretz)).

New Business (cont.)

- Upon a motion by Bauer / Hegen the District One Committee voted to accept the numerous HR Committee recommendations for salary and stipend increases for the 2025-2026 school year. Votes 21-0-2 abstentions (Brandt / Bretz)
- The District One Committee approved Seth Brunner as the Boys and Girls Soccer Chairperson. Upon a motion by Mullin / Baun the committee approved the appointment. Votes 22-0-1 abstention (Brunner).
- The District One Committee approved Jake Serfass and Bob Kurzweg as District One Golf Co-Chairpersons. Upon a motion by Bauer / Hegen the committee approved the appointment. Votes 22-0-1 abstention (Kurzweg).
- The District One Committee approved Sean Harvey and Bob Kurzweg as District One Basketball Chairperson. Upon a motion by Baun / Hunt the committee approved the appointment. Votes 22-0-1 abstention (Barber).

- Seth Brunner led a discussion and presented options to help revise the current District One media policy for schools with educational based broadcast programs. After detailed discussion the Committee voted to review the proposal and table the discussion until the August meeting. Upon a motion by Bruner / Brant the committee tabled the discussion. **Unanimous 23-0.**
- Corey Sigle led discussion regarding Wrestling tournament fee structure for regular season and league tournaments. It was suggested that member schools and league presidents meet with the local wrestling chapter presidents to discuss tournament fee structure.
- 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 23-0.

Old Business

• Seth Frankenfeld and Glenn Dolton continued the discussion from the April meeting regarding the PIAA International and Foreign Exchange rules and regulations. Their concern is that International students, by rule, are only eligible to participate in one year of athletics. There is concern that schools may be misinterpreting the rule and violating the eligibility rules. Dr. Barber offered to forward the discussion to the PIAA staff and legal team for additional interpretation. Dr. Barber will report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

PIAA BOD Report

• The PIAA BOD meeting was held on Wednesday, May 14th. PIAA minutes will be sent to member schools.

Middle School Report

There were no items presented for discussion.

Officials Report - Ron Redinger & Maureen Gregory

There were no items presented for discussion.

Eligibility Document Reviews

 The Committee conducted a document review for a student from Central Bucks West High School (Craig) in reference to Article VI, Section 2C. Request for a post-season waiver. Upon motion by Creighton / Baun, the committee approved the waiver. Unanimous 23-0

Eligibility Hearings

• No eligibility hearings this month.

Adjournment

• Upon motion by Baun / Bretz, the meeting adjourned at 2:00PM. Unanimous. (22 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held Wednesday, August 13, 2025 – Time TBD at The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

Respectfully Submitted SK