

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director**  
**Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – May 18, 2021**

**Call to Order** of the May 18, 2021 Meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:39 p.m. at Penn Cambria High School.

Present were Brandon Bailey, Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Joe Gironda, Charles Glasser, Michael Hudak, Ken Kerchenske, Susan Kovensky, William Marshall, Rudy McCarthy, Jacquelyn Mento (Recording Secretary), Sherry Montgomery, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Phil Riccio, Steve Shutters, and Curt Vasas.

Absent were Matthew Jioio, Jarrod Lewis, and Lorie Ratchford.

Others present were Curt Whitesel.

**Public Comments** - There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Brandon Bailey, the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Financial Reports**

On a motion by Curt Vasas and Charles Glasser, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Monthly Financial Report.

**Old Business**

The Committee entered an executive session to discuss committee assignments.

On a motion by Molly Pomeroy-Hoover and Rudy McCarthy, the Committee unanimously approved the expansion of female and male parent representatives on the District VI Committee.

On a motion by Phil Riccio and Brandon Bailey, the Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Richard Schreier of Bellwood-Antis High School to the Principal Representative position for the 2021-2022 term.

On a motion by Phil Riccio and Sue Kovensky, the Committee accepted the resignation of Jarrod Lewis as Junior High Principal Representative.

On a motion by Brandon Bailey and Sue Kovensky, the Committee approved Ralph Cecere's transition from Senior High Principal Representative to Junior High Principal Representative for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. Ralph Cecere abstained.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Curt Vasas, the Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Eric Thomas of Purchase Line Jr./Sr. High School to the open Senior High Principal Representative position for the 2021-2022 term.

On a motion by Curt Vasas and Joe Gironda, the Committee unanimously approved the addition of another Athletic Representative in April of 2022.

The Committee discussed the recommendation to retain the Dean Rossi Committee Member as a non-voting member and the PSBA Representative position that will change on July 1, 2021.

On a motion by Mike Cacciotti and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved the parent representatives' term to be a three-year term.

William Marshall informed the Committee that letters of interest for the Female/Male Parent Representative positions will be due to the Committee by June 11, 2021, for a decision to be made at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Committee also discussed the anticipation of the Competitive Cheer Committee Assignment that will be vacant and website fees.

### **New Business**

**Review of Disqualifications** – Mike Hudak notified the Committee of baseball disqualifications that took place over the past month.

### **Eligibility Transfers**

**Eligibility was granted** to the following students, with principal signoffs avowing that no athletic intent existed by both sending and receiving schools:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Gr.</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>	<b>Motion</b>
Devon Magro	8	Calvert Academy (United) to Bishop McCort	No Sports	Bailey, Shutters
Joshua Spontak	7	Forest Hills to Bishop McCort	Football, Wrestling	Bailey, Shutters
Jillian Rittenour	7	Ligonier Valley to Bishop McCort	No Sports	Bailey, Shutters
Janeela Jackson	10	Home School to Bishop McCort	No Sports	Bailey, Shutters
Jacoby Jackson	7	Home School to Bishop McCort	No Sports	Bailey, Shutters
Judah Jackson	8	Home School to Bishop McCort	No Sports	Bailey, Shutters
Lucas Pipes	8	Altoona to Bishop McCort	Football, Wrestling	Bailey, Shutters

\* – Executive Committee tentative approval

On a motion by Mike Cacciotti and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved PIAA District VI officers for 2022 as follows: William Marshall as President, Ralph Cecere as Vice President, and Mike Hudak as Secretary.

The Committee also discussed items such as: Jacquelyn Mento to fill the upcoming Board Treasurer position, the recent PIAA Board of Directors meeting, payment of officials, and membership dues for member schools and 2021-2022 Hometown ticket prices to be further discussed in June.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Rudy McCarthy, the Committee unanimously approved the co-ops of Armstrong and West Shamokin for girl's tennis and Portage and Penn Cambria for Competitive Cheer.

### **Individual Sports Reports**

Curt Whitesel acknowledged Hollidaysburg and State College High Schools for hosting swimming and diving this year and for their reasonable costs. He stated that he was more than pleased working with them.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Steve Shutters, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for swimming and diving, presented by Curt Whitesel.

### **Communications**

Mike Hudak informed the Committee of the retirement of PIAA and NCAA wrestling official Bruce Haselrig. He also mentioned the many services that Bruce has provided over the years that included working thirty-one district championships and regional championships, officiating eighteen state championships and three team championships, past President of the Board of Directors, and a member of NCAA Eastern Wrestling League Officials Association. Bruce was also selected to officiate NCAA Division II Championships, NAIA Championships, numerous NCAA Division I, Colonial, and NCAA Eastern Region Tournaments. Mr. Haselrig also serves as a head official for many youth organizations such as PA Junior Wrestling Championships, Middle Atlantic Wrestling Association, and National United Wrestling Association for Youth Championships. Bruce has been an Evaluator of Officials for both team and individual championships for PIAA, Big 12, and Big 10. Mike also stated that Mr. Haselrig has been an active member of the Cambria-Somerset Chapter of PIAA Wrestling Officials Organization, District Six Wrestling Rules Interpreter for over twenty-five years, and for the past fifteen years, Secretary/Treasurer.

Bruce has been awarded for his diligence by being selected as “Man of the Year” and inducted into the Hall of Fame for Pennsylvania Chapter, National Wrestling, Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling, Cambria County Sports, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Athletics, District VI Wrestling, and PA Coaches. He was also named “Outstanding Wrestling Official for the State of Pennsylvania” by the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association.

Mike noted that Mr. Haselrig will be deeply missed by District VI.

**The Next Meeting**

The District VI Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 16th at 9:00 a.m. at the Ebensburg Country Club.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Sue Kovensky moved, and Charles Glasser seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m.