

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – June 16, 2021

Call to Order of the June 16, 2021 Meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. at Ebensburg Country Club.

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

Absent were Matthew Jioio, Jarrod Lewis, Rudy McCarthy, Sherry Montgomery, and Lorie Ratchford.

Others present were a River Valley High School parent and student, Mark Bertig, Regina Geesey, Chuck Gojmerac, Tina Greene, Dane Harrold, Deanna Jubeck, Dave Shannon, Timothy Regan, Bob Taylor, Eric Thomas, Matt Lightner, and Curt Whitesel.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Brandon Bailey and Phil Riccio, the minutes from the May 18, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

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

Old Business

The Committee discussed the 2021-2022 handbook pages, meeting dates, individual sports chair vacancies, and the tracking of attendance and grades for blended schools.

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:

Name	Gr.	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Taylor Balamuta	8	Forest Hills to Bishop McCort	No Sports	Pomeroy-Hoover, Glasser
Tyson Braidenbaugh	9	Hollidaysburg to Bishop Guilfoyle	Wrestling	Pomeroy-Hoover, Glasser
Melissa Sal y Rosas	9	Conemaugh Valley to Bishop McCort	Gymnastics	Pomeroy-Hoover, Glasser
Thomas Verrette	8	Dover PA to Bishop McCort	No Sports	Pomeroy-Hoover, Glasser

Ineligible for post season play:

Name	Gr.	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion	Abstained
Jordan Nichols	11	Bishop McCort to Richland	Football	Cecere, Hudak	Bailey
Lanigan McCulty	11	Ligonier Valley to Richland	Football, Baseball	Cecere, Hudak	Bailey

On a motion by Mike Cacciotti and Sue Kovensky the Committee unanimously granted an extra year of eligibility for football to a River Valley High School student-athlete, grade 12, based on the PIAA By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 6, Letter B.

Mark Bertig, Renda Media, expressed concerns of the financial hardships that local broadcasting companies are facing due to more competition, such as live streaming. Mr. Bertig requested that the Committee consider allowing the local broadcast companies to buy out the right fees for games and competitions and agreed to submit a proposal.

On a motion by Curt Vasas and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved the co-ops of Penn Cambria and Portage for wrestling and Fannett Metal and Southern Huntingdon for girls' soccer.

On a motion by Phil Riccio and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the Committee unanimously approved the appointment of the following:

Curt Whitesel - Male Parent Representative (3-year term)
Rudy McCarthy - Male Parent Representative (1-year term)
Stacey Kuster - Female Parent Representative (3-year term)

On a motion by Charles Glasser and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved the appointment of John Edgell to the District VI Wrestling Rules Interpreter position.

William Marshall informed the Committee that the return to Athletics Plan and Hometown Tickets for 2021-2022 will be further discussed at the August 4th meeting.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Ken Kerchenske, the Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Molly Pomeroy-Hoover and Curt Whitesel to the PIAA Parent Advisory Committee positions.

On a motion by Joe Gironda and Curt Vasas, the Committee unanimously approved Chuck Gojmerac to serve as Dean Rossi Scholarship Coordinator.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Mike Hudak, the committee unanimously approved to pay all P.I.A.A. membership dues in the 2021-2022 school year.

The Committee honored Bruce Haselrig for his many years of service to District VI, which included fifteen years as a Secretary/Treasurer, over twenty-five years as District Six Wrestling Rules Interpreter, thirty-one district championships and regional championships, officiating eighteen state championships, and three team championships. The Committee recognized his diligence with a plaque and gift card.

Individual Sports Reports

William Marshall notified the Committee that Chuck Gojmerac will assume the vacant boys' volleyball committee assignment.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for cheerleading as presented by Ken Kerchenske.

William Marshall notified the Committee that Robert Sauerwein will assume Brandon Bailey's tournament director position for softball.

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Mike Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for softball as presented by Brandon Bailey.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Curt Vasas, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for tennis as presented by Phil Riccio.

On a motion by Steve Shutters and Ralph Cecere, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for wrestling as presented by Phil Riccio.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 4th at 9:00 a.m. at Ebensburg Country Club.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Phil Riccio moved, and Brandon Bailey seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m.