

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director**  
**Regular Meeting of PIAA District 6 – August 7, 2007**

**Call to Order of the August 7, 2007, Meeting**

Chairman Wotkowski called the meeting of the District 6 Committee to order at 10:00 AM at the Scotch Valley Country Club. Present were: Raymond Wotkowski, Albert D'Ambrosia, Alberta Ake, Kenneth Bussard, Craig Butler, David Crumrine, Kathy Getz, Charles Glasser, Donald Hosterman, Kim Hubler, Michael Hudak, Thomas Kakabar, Vince Nedimyer, James Price, Dean Rossi and Kenneth Salem.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Kim Hubler and Alberta Ake, the minutes of the June 14, 2007 meeting were approved.

**Financial Reports**

On a motion by Thomas Kakabar and Donald Hosterman, the Committee unanimously approved the July 2007 Financial Report.

On a motion by Donald Hosterman and James Price, the Committee approved to pay the PIAA membership dues for all the District VI schools for the 2007/08 school year and to evaluate possible payment of each year thereafter depending on the District VI financial status.

**Eligibility Hearings**

On a motion by Dean Rossi and Kathy Getz, eligibility was granted to Julian Foster, transferring from East Literature Magnet, Nashville, TN to Altoona. Julian is eligible to participate in all sports at Altoona Area High School based on Article VI, Transfer and Residence, Section 21. The vote was 14-0-1, Vince Nedimyer abstain from voting.

On a motion by Craig Butler and Thomas Kakabar, an eligibility hearing was held for Miranda Cheskiewicz, transferring from Ligonier to Bishop McCort. Miranda is eligible to participate in sports based on Article VI, Section 21, Transfer and Residence. The vote was 14-0-1, Kenneth Salem abstained from voting.

On a motion by David Crumrine and Vince Nedimyer, an eligibility hearing was held for Kayla Frederick, transferring from Johnstown to Bishop McCort. Kayla is eligible to participate in sports based on Article VI, Section 21, Transfer and Residence. The vote was 14-0-1, Kenneth Salem abstained from voting.

On a motion by Vince Nedimyer and Donald Hosterman, eligibility was granted to Shane Rugg, transferring from Windber to Bishop McCort. Shane is eligible to participate in all sports at Bishop McCort High School based on Article VI, Transfer and Residence, Section 8. The vote was 14-0-1, Kenneth Salem abstained from voting.

**Foreign Exchange Eligibility Hearings**

There were no foreign exchange hearings.

**Information**

**Please Note time change**

Boys Golf Eastern Sectional will be held at 1:00 PM instead of 10:00 AM. This is for the Eastern Sectional only; the Western Sectional will stay at 10:00 AM.

**State Board Member:** Kathy Getz was elected to serve as the Female Representative on the PIAA State Board of Directors. She will serve a two-year term on the board.

High School Principal Representative: Any senior high principal who would be interested in serving on the District 6 Committee is asked to submit a letter of interest to Sherry Montgomery by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

MRSA Alert: Attached to these minutes is a copy of a MRSA alert. Please share this information. The PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly suggest that all students shower after competition, wash all workout gear, use liquid soap, refrain from whole body shaving, not share towels, and notify parents about any skin sores. Dr. Cordos stressed that the resistance to antibiotics and aggressive treatments for remediation are reason for close monitoring or preventative actions.

Please share this information with your nurses, trainers, coaches, athletes and parents.

Sixteen weeks and four football classifications: After three strategic planning committee meetings and one committee meeting of the whole, the decision was made by the Board of Directors to retain the current status for the next two-year playing cycle. Each strategic planning meeting proved to be productive as input was solicited and surveys were conducted in an attempt to include as much supportive information as possible. The issue of additional classifications will continue to be explored and future proposals developed as we plan for the 2010-2012 two-year cycle. Football has had a one-week overlap since 1995 and we realize that the teams that reach the final games do have a difficult time adapting to the winter sports, along with their early season scheduled opponents. Each football option, 16 weeks with 4 classes, 15 with 6 classes and 15 with 5 classes has its merits and pitfalls. The efforts of all board members and the serious discussions that followed reflected that this vote was not taken lightly, with no perfect solution.

Reduction of weeks and competitions for all sports: The PSADA Delegate Assembly proposed this concern as a result of their meeting at the spring athletic director conference in Hershey. The executive staff of the PIAA office suggested revisions, based on national data and specific sport related issues. All of the recommendations were adopted with the exception of the number of golf matches. The executive staff provided plenty of data and information in the process, which directed the discussions and subsequent vote of approval.

	<u>Current #</u>	<u>7/1/08</u>
Golf	20	18
Tennis	20	18
Volleyball	24	22
Field Hockey	20	18
Soccer (fall & spring)	20	18
Bowling	24	22
Wrestling	24	22
Swimming & Diving	20	18
Basketball	24	22

Transfer Rule Revision: The transfer rule revision offers more information of proof, a more narrow guide for exceptions, sub-varsity limited playing opportunities, retains the principal-to-principal sign-off, and reduces the subjectivity of eligibility decisions. This revision will need two more readings and a two-third vote on the final reading for adoption.

### The Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PIAA District 6 Committee will be held on

**Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School at 3:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Sherry Montgomery*  
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Secretary/Treasurer