

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – August 4, 2021

Call to Order of the August 4, 2021 meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 9:01 a.m. at Penn Cambria High School.

Present - Michael Cacciotti, Joe Gironda, Tina Greene, Dane Harrold, Michael Hudak, Deanna Jubeck, Susan Kovensky, Stacey Kuster, William Marshall, Rudy McCarthy, Jacquelyn Mento (Recording Secretary), Sherry Montgomery, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Richard Schreier, Steve Shutters, Eric Thomas, and Curt Whitesel.

Absent - Ralph Cecere.

Others present - Tom Smith and Maria Sanders.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Curt Whitesel, the minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Molly Pomeroy-Hoover and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Monthly Financial Report.

Old Business

William Marshall informed the Committee on PIAA updates that included basketball dates, 50% rule, Co-ops that change classification, heat acclamations, and that the new By-Laws are effective immediately. Marshall also notified the Committee on the 2021-2022 handbook updates which included the following assigned tournament directors: Joe Gironda - Boys Volleyball, Chuck Gojmerac - Baseball, Stacey Kuster - Softball (with Robert Sauerwein), and Competitive Cheer - Molly Pomeroy-Hoover and Sue Kovensky.

The Committee discussed the distribution of District VI passes, 2021-2022 District VI meeting schedule, and payment of membership dues for the 2021-2022 school year that totaled \$38,525.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved to reduce media fees to \$50.

On a motion by Joe Gironda and Jody Rainey, the Committee unanimously approved that PIAA District VI will move fully to online ticket sales with Hometown Tickets.

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Dane Harrold, the Committee unanimously approved the ticket prices for sports as follows; \$8 for basketball and football, \$5 for swimming and diving, and \$6 for all other sports (with the exception of wrestling, and track and field).

New Business

Review of Disqualifications – There were no disqualifications discussed.

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 by
Lucas Sipes	9	Bishop McCort to Altoona	Wrestling	Shutters, Pomeroy-Hoover
Austin Smith	10	New Mexico to United	None	Shutters, Pomeroy-Hoover
Gavin Priest	12	Canada to Central Mountain	None	Shutters, Pomeroy-Hoover
Kylie McClain	8	Johnstown to Bishop McCort	None	Shutters, Pomeroy-Hoover
Max Voyda	9	Homer Center to Bishop Carroll	Football, Basketball	Shutters, Pomeroy-Hoover
Gianna Trexler	9	Central Cambria to Bishop McCort	None	Shutters, Pomeroy-Hoover
Chloe Poindexter	10	William Henry Harrison to St. College	Track	Shutters, Pomeroy-Hoover

Ineligible for Post Season

Name	Gr.	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion by
Catherin Laughard	11	Johnstown to Bishop McCort	Cheer	McCarthy, Thomas
Joshua Hershbine	12	St. Josephs to State College	Wrestling, Track	McCarthy, Thomas
Suncire Flemmings	11	Johnstown to Bishop McCort	Football, Wrestling	McCarthy, Thomas
Ibn Khary Shaheed	11	Johnstown to Bishop McCort	Football, Basketball, Track	McCarthy, Thomas

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved Heritage Conference request to add two extra contests. William Marshall noted that these contests do not count towards District VI playoffs.

On a motion by Steve Shutters and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Jeff Miller from Conemaugh Valley to the vacant Principal representative position.

On a motion by Stacey Kuster and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved Jacquelyn Mento to Treasurer position effective November 1, 2021 at three-fourths of the yearly Treasurer stipend and Sherry Montgomery to one-fourth of the yearly Treasurer stipend and to be paid hourly effective November 1, 2021.

Tom Smith and Maria Sanders, Bishop McCort representatives shared information on tracking attendance and academics in Bishop McCort's Blended Academy format.

William Marshall informed the Committee that a post season waiver hearing is scheduled for the September meeting and that are more expected to come.

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved the Juniata Valley Co-Op Junior High, Varsity Football with Williamsburg.

On a motion by Mike Cacciotti and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the Committee unanimously approved Bishop Carroll Boys Varsity and Junior High Soccer Co-Ops with Bishop McCort.

On a motion by Eric Thomas and Jody Rainey, the Committee unanimously approved Bishop Carroll Girls Varsity Soccer Co-op with Bishop McCort.

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the Committee unanimously approved Bishop McCort Varsity Football Co-op with Bishop Carroll.

William Marshall stated that this Co-op will change Bishop McCort's classification from A to AA which in turn will make McCort ineligible for playoffs.

On a motion by Richard Schreier and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved Southern Huntingdon Wrestling Co-Op with Forbes Road and Fannett Metal.

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Eric Thomas, the Committee unanimously approved Southern Huntingdon Volleyball Co-Op with Fannett Metal.

William Marshall announced the termination of Portage and Bishop Carroll Wrestling Co-op.

Individual Sports Reports

On a motion by Mike Cacciotti and Timothy Regan, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for Baseball as presented by Chuck Gojmerac.

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Rudy McCarthy, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for Boys Volleyball as presented by Lorie Ratchford.

On a motion by Richard Schreier and Stacey Kuster, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for Track and Field as presented by Phil Riccio.

Communication

On a motion by Joe Gironda and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved Bald Eagle School District's addition of Girls Wrestling.

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Jody Rainey, the Committee unanimously approved Altoona Area School District's addition of Girls Golf.

Jody Rainey informed the Committee of purchasing of District VI apparel for Committee members and shirt sales that took place this past school year. Noting that a \$10 shipping and handling fee will be added to all orders and that District VI strongly encourages group orders for more quick and efficient processing of orders.

Joe Gironda updated the Committee on suggestions from the Laurel Highlands meeting that included consistency on entry forms and updates to the website (including additional pictures of host schools). William Marshall noted that Tom Elling is looking into software for the website.

Mike Hudak stated that dates of clearances for officials must be checked prior to contests and that these dates are available on the website. Mike also informed the Committee that at the Board of Directors meeting held in State College, the fee structure was discussed. The fee structure must be established by an independent committee, where no one on the Committee is compensated by District VI and that three members will be found to do this for the Committee.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 8th at 3:30 pm in the Penn Cambria High School Library.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Rudy McCarthy moved, and Sue Kovensky seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.