

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director**  
**Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – September 2, 2020**

**Call to Order** of the September 2, 2020 Meeting Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. at Penn Cambria High School.

Present were Brandon Bailey, Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Joe Gironda, Michael Hudak, Matthew Jioio, Susan Kovensky, William Marshall, Rudy McCarthy, Jacquelyn Mento (Recording Secretary), Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Lorie Ratchford, Phil Riccio, Curt Vasas, and Curt Whitesel.

Absent were Charles Glasser, Ken Kerchenske, Jarrod Lewis, and Steve Shutters.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Sue Kovensky and Phil Riccio, the minutes from the August 5, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Financial Reports**

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

**Old Business**

William Marshall informed the Committee that 2020-2021 Handbook will be available on the District VI webpage.

**New Business**

Disqualifications - There were no disqualifications.

**Eligibility Transfers**

Eligibility was granted to the following students. Due to scheduled hearings and the existence of 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>
Ziere Thornton	11	Simon Gratz to Marion Center	No Sports	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Nora Mullen	9	Brewster NC to Westmont	No Sports	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Shannen Mullen	11	Brewster NC to Westmont	No Sports	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Jordon Cruz	10	Juniata to Mifflin County	Football	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Joshua Cruz	10	Juniata to Mifflin County	Football	Cacciotti, Kovensky
McKayla Rezk	11	Cambria Heights to Bishop Carroll	No Sports	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Gaven Cassick	9	Central Cambria to Westmont	Football	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Tyler Kane	10	Bishop McCort to Richland	Basketball	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Ethan Rosenbaum	8	North Star to Bishop McCort	No Sports	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Juellian Barnett	7	North Star to Bishop McCort	No Sports	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Roman Nichols	8	Bishop McCort to Richland	Football, Basketball	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Michael Dincher	10	Montoursville to St. College	Football, Basketball	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Thomas Dincher	10	Montoursville to St. College	Football, Basketball	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Brady Coleman	10	Washington HS to United	Baseball	Cacciotti, Kovensky
Adanya Bryant	10	Red Lion to Northern Cambria	No Sports	Cacciotti, Kovensky

**Ineligible for Post Season**

Darius Dill	11	Forest Hills to United	Track and Field	Hudak, Ratchford
Zachary Malfer	11	Bishop McCort to Conemaugh Valley	Basketball	Hudak, Ratchford
Kolton Pollino	12	Westmont to Greater Johnstown	Football	Hudak, Ratchford
Evan Burkhardt	12	Forest Hills to Bishop McCort	Football	Hudak, Ratchford

Foreign Exchange Eligibilities: There were no foreign exchange eligibilities.

The Committee discussed the Governor's new guidance on spectators at high school sports competitions, that fans are now allowed to attend games in person. However, the new guidance still limits to 250 people for outdoor events, and 25 for indoor events and they must follow the mask order and social distancing guidance. William Marshall voiced his concerns on how it impacts individual sports.

The Committee was also informed that Band and Cheerleaders are permitted to attend as long as they preregister.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved the Inter County Conference's Fall, Winter, and Spring sport championship list.

Committee members discussed the following district playoff items:

- League play and the 50% ruling that cannot be modified.
- Ordering medals and trophies.
- Laurel Highlands and Heritage Conference guidelines.
- Point system for playoffs will remain the same although it is subject to change.
- Tickets for playoffs.
- Article XIII of the PIAA By-Laws that states that if a school refuses to abide by the decisions of the District Committee, Regional Panel, or the Board of Directors, within their respective jurisdictions penalties may include expulsion for a period of three (3) school years.
- Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference announcing that it will follow Governor Wolf's guidelines and not permit spectators during athletic events. Contests will be stopped until spectators that are in violation on school district property are removed.
- Officials having no authority to hold up a game due to violation of the guidelines. They will need to report the violations and that the responsibility falls on the school districts.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Brandon Bailey, the Committee unanimously approved ten (10) playdates for football and will adjust, as necessary.

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Lorie Ratchford, the Committee unanimously approved that all other sports will proceed as scheduled until they are reviewed and discussed further at the October District VI meeting.

William Marshall informed the Committee that the 2020-2021 District VI passes will be mailed to each member school and for those that need more than two (2) passes are to email him.

**Sportsmanship** - There were no sportsmanship items to be discussed.

**Individual Sports Reports** - There were no individual sports reports discussed.

### **Communications**

Mike Hudak informed the Committee about a recent inquiry on if a student may participate as an individual, rather than as a team member. The response to that inquiry was no, the student must be representing a school and cannot participate as an individual.

### **The Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PIAA District VI Committee will be held on October 7, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the Penn Cambria High School Library.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Ralph Cecere moved and Susan seconded, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 pm.