

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director**  
**Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – November 3, 2021**

**Call to Order** of the November 3, 2021 Meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:25 pm at Penn Cambria High School Library.

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

Others present were Chuck Gojmerac and via Zoom were the following: Michael Solomon, Tom Smith, Gary Vitko, Bill Pentecost, Ralph DeMarco, Bill Bassett, Maria Sanders, John Hahn, and a parent of a Bishop McCort student athlete.

**Public Comments** – Chuck Gojmerac informed the Committee on volleyball updates.

*The Committee held a Recruitment hearing at 4pm.*

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and seconded by Curt Whitesel, the Committee approved to adjourn at 6:56 pm and reconvene on November 4, 2021.

**The Committee reconvened on November 4, 2021.**

**Call to Order** Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 1:02 pm via Zoom.

Present were Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Joe Gironda, Tina Greene, Dane Harrold, Michael Hudak, Deanna Jubeck, Susan Kovensky, Stacey Kuster, William Marshall, Rudy McCarthy, Jeff Miller, Jody Rainey, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Richard Schreier, Steve Shutters, Eric Thomas, and Curt Whitesel.

Others present were the following: Tom Smith, Gary Vitko, and Bill Pentecost.

The Committee moved to Executive Session at 1:12 pm.

The Committee moved to the regular session at 1:50 pm.

William Marshall announced that Bishop McCort was placed on Probation on October 6, 2021, in accordance with Article XIII, Section 7 of the PIAA By-Laws. Further to that imposition, the following Terms of Probation shall apply: Bishop McCort HS will be on probation for a period of 3 years effective October 6, 2021. Bishop McCort will be required to:

- Immediately develop a form that outlines the questions, at time of transfer, the Bishop McCort administration will use to determine if there was any athletic intent at time of transfer.
- That form will be submitted to the District Chairman in coordination with the submission of the transfer paperwork in the PIAA portal.

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and seconded by Phil Riccio, the Committee suspended head wrestling coach Bill Bassett for a period of 1 year effective today, based on Article VI, Section 9, Recruiting, Letter B, #3 and #12. **(Unanimous 17-0)**

On a motion by Mike Hudak and seconded by Sue Kovensky, the Committee, based on the previous motion, approved to reinstate the eligibility of Bishop McCort student athlete effective today. **(Unanimous 17-0)**

On a motion by Phil Riccio and seconded by Jeff Miller, the Committee, with the exception of Tim Regan, suspended Bishop McCort wrestling from competing in District/State individual and team wrestling championships for a period of no less than 20 months and no greater than 36 months based on Article XIII, Section 2, Letter F. and ARTICLE VI TRANSFERS, RESIDENCY, AND RECRUITING, Section 5. Review of Eligibility. Letter A. Certification of Principals. #1. **(16-1)**

On a motion by Rick Schreier and seconded by Steve Shutters, the Committee required Bishop McCort to take specific, rectifying action based on Article XIII, Penalties, Section 9, Violations by Individuals Letter A, Rectifying Action by School. Those actions will determine the length of the suspension as mentioned in the previous motion. **(Unanimous 17-0)**

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Susan Kovensky and seconded by Eric Thomas seconded, the minutes from the October 6, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Financial Reports**

On a motion by Mike Cacciotti and seconded by Tim Regan, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Monthly Financial Report.

### **Old Business**

The Committee discussed the webpage and following Fall sports: girls' volleyball, soccer, football, and golf.

The Committee tabled the decision on the Bishop McCort Co-Op with Bishop Carroll in wrestling and the discussion of the United and Northern Cambria volleyball until the December 9, 2021 meeting.

### **New Business**

**Review of Disqualifications** – Mike Hudak presented the Committee with a listing all the disqualifications for the year.

### **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>
Dakota Titus	7	Conemaugh Twshp to Richland	None	Whitesel, Kuster
Julius Diossa	12	Governor Mifflin to Bellwood	None	Whitesel, Kuster
Minyhah Arenette	10	Bishop Guilfoyle to Glendale	None	Whitesel, Kuster
Jemma Shilling	9	Purchase Line to Northern Cambria	None	Whitesel, Kuster
Jackson Berry	10	Bellefonte to St. Josephs	None	Whitesel, Kuster
Quadir Walsh	11	Tyrone to Altoona	None	Whitesel, Kuster
Shikier Richardsom	10	Mastery Pickett to Johnstown	None	Whitesel, Kuster

### **Ineligible for Post Season**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Gr.</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>	<b>Motion</b>
Alec Hooper	12	Richland to Westmont	Swimming	Schreier, Hudak

### **Approved Post Season Waiver**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Gr.</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Motion</b>
Taylor Essex	11	Central Mountain HS	Regan, Schreier

The Committee also reviewed the Financial Committee and Penns Valley and Johnstown self-reporting ineligible players.

Curt Whitesel informed the Committee on swimming championships that will be held at Hollidaysburg School District.

Molly Pomeroy-Hoover notified the Committee on Competitive Cheer Championships.

The Committee discussed the athletic directors' concerns with tournament forms and will be further discussed at the December meeting.

William Marshall informed the Committee of the resignation of District VI Athletic Representative, Joe Gironda.

### **The Next Meeting**

The District VI Committee will meet at 3:30 pm on December 9, 2021 at Marzoni's in Duncansville, PA.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Curt Whitesel, and Joe Gironda seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm.