

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – December 14, 2021

Call to Order of the December 14, 2021 Meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:31 pm via zoom.

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

Rudy McCarthy was absent.

Others present were Chuck Gojmerac, Deb Moore, Mike Fedission, Mike Maney, Bellefonte student athlete and parent.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Susan Kovensky and seconded by Molly Pomeroy-Hoover seconded, the minutes from the November 3, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Richard Schreier and seconded by Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Monthly Financial Report.

Old Business

The Committee discussed Dean Rossi Scholarships and that information will be released to member schools after further discussion at the January meeting.

Michael Hudak informed the Committee that all District VI and other districts financials have been shared with the financial review committee for evaluation. He also added that if tournament chairs would like for their fee structures and stipends that affect committee members assessed, to forward them to him.

Ralph Cecere suggested to the Committee to invite Tom Elling to the January meeting to discuss changes to the webpage for the 2022-2023 school year. Molly Pomeroy-Hoover commented on Tom Elling's promptness and overall great job handling the webpage for Cheerleading this past weekend.

New Business

Review of Disqualifications – There were no disqualifications to be presented.

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
Elias Alley	10	Altoona to Bellwood	Wrestling	Whitesel, Thomas
Sarah Mert	9	MMI Prep to Richland	Volleyball, Basketball	Whitesel, Thomas
Jacquan Davenport	11	Johnstown to Conemaugh Valley	None	Whitesel, Thomas
Chemiel Robinson	10	Bucktail to Central Mtn	Football	Whitesel, Thomas
Jaden Mallery	12	Cannon MacMillan to Johnstown	None	Whitesel, Thomas
Aidan Reed	10	Belleville Mennonite to Miff. County	Soccer, Basketball	Whitesel, Thomas
Jaron Moon	9	Johnstown to Conemaugh Valley	Basketball	Whitesel, Thomas
Jaeden Kuhn	12	Midd West to Juniata	No Sports	Whitesel, Thomas

Ineligible for Post Season

Name	Gr.	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Ashlee Andrews	11	Loyalsock to Central Mtn	Basketball	Cacciotti, Schreier
Ebel Gonzalez	11	Cedar Cliff to Juniata	Basketball	Cacciotti, Schreier

Foreign Exchange Eligibility

Name	Transfer	Motion
Mingzhen Zhou	Bishop Guilfoyle	Hudak, Kovensky

On a motion by Ralph Cecere, seconded by Tina Greene, approved an extra year of eligibility for a Bellefonte student athlete, based on Article VIII and Section 6.

William Marshall notified the Committee that PIAA reclassification is out and the window is open to changes. He also commented on a hearing panel to do Zoom hearings and a recent right to know request.

Curt Whitesel informed the Committee that Todd Roth will be replacing Sue Werner in swimming, due to her recent retirement.

Phil Riccio discussed host sites to the higher seed and charging ten dollars for duals, preliminaries, finals, and sessions in wrestling with the Committee. He also noted that with schools live streaming, there has been a noticeable decrease in fan participation.

William Marshall stated that the mask mandate has been waived and that it may result in an increase to the fan base.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Ralph Cecere, the Committee unanimously approved the Secretary/Treasurer stipend to be \$7210, effective November 1, 2021.

On a motion by Timothy Regan and Curt Whitesel, the Committee unanimously approved a \$20 per hour stipend to Sherry Montgomery for training services, effective November 1, 2021.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and seconded by Michael Hudak, the Committee unanimously approved the termination of Co-Op between Bellwood and Bishop Guilfoyle in Cross Country.

On a motion by Molly Pomeroy-Hoover and seconded by Stacey Kuster, the Committee unanimously approved the Co-Op between Penn Cambria and Bishop Guilfoyle for Cross Country.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and seconded by Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved the Co-Op between United and Blacklick Valley in Junior High, Junior Varsity, and Varsity Football.

Individual Sports Reports

Molly Pomeroy-Hoover informed the Committee on the Cheerleading Competition that took place over the weekend. She complimented Sue Kovensky, Jody Rainey, Ralph Cecere, Phil Riccio's crew, and the athletic trainer for their assistance and support.

The Committee discussed the option for schools to be able to purchase trophies, when they are not offered through District VI.

Ralph Cecere gave a preliminary on football to the Committee. Commenting on number of turf field site selections that can be made for neutral sites across District VI that can lower the costly impact on schools for traveling. He also shared a spreadsheet compiled by Michael Hudak that showed tournament stipends and how utilizing Hometown Tickets can alleviate some of the stipends.

Michael Cacciotti informed the Committee on the fantastic season that soccer had this year. He agreed with Ralph, that soccer will also be able to limit stipends.

Jody Rainey updated the Committee on promotions, that included graphics for basketball shirts and the review of wrestling sales from last year.

William Marshall commended the Committee for their thoughts, sharing, and the time and effort each member puts into reviewing the by-laws to reassure the Committee's decisions are upheld.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet Wednesday, January 5th at 3:30 pm at Penn Cambria High School Library.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Jody Rainey, and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 pm.