

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director**  
**Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – November 1, 2023**

**Call to Order** of the November 1, 2023 meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30 p.m. at Penn Cambria High School.

*Present* - Michael Cacciotti, Elizabeth Campbell, Chuck Gojmerac, Deanna Jubeck, Stacy Kuster, Travis Lee, Tish Maclay, William Marshall, Jacquelyn Mento, Jeffrey Miller, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Chris Rickens, Richard Schreier, Cullen Stokes, and Curtis Whitesel.

*Absent* - Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Dane Harrold, and Stephen Shutters,

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

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Chris Rickens, the minutes from the October 4, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Financial Reports**

On a motion by Richard Schreier and Jeffrey Miller, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for October.

**Old Business**

The Committee was updated on Fall sports that included: Phil Riccio on Girls Tennis Championships went well with states starting on Friday, Tish Maclay on Cross Country going smooth with decent weather, Michael Cacciotti on soccer championships taking place this week, Chuck Gojmerac on volleyball also holding championships this week with AAA starting tonight, and William Marshall reporting for Ralph Cecere that football is set to go after the meeting that was held last week.

William Marshall also noted that spring sports will get finalized in the upcoming meetings.

William Marshall informed the Committee that some of the funds were transferred from First Summit Bank to First Commonwealth, finalization of bank accounts will be settled in the near future, and meetings will be scheduled with First Commonwealth regarding sponsors and partnerships.

**New Business**

**Review of Disqualifications** – Chris Rickens updated the Committee on the eleven disqualifications that took place since October 4<sup>th</sup>, eight in football and three in soccer. Seven of them being supplemental disqualifications, all in football, and two of those were coaches. The majority of these being brought on by aggressive reactions. This year alone, there have been twenty-four disqualifications, compared to the thirty that took place over the entire last year. Twelve of which were players and two coaches supplemental disqualifications.

William Marshall stated that the coach supplemental disqualifications will need to come before the Committee.

Mr. Marshall also informed the Committee on the abundance of state eligibility hearings and that classifications are back to what they were two cycles ago.

**Eligibility Transfers**

**Eligibility was granted** to the following student, 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>
Christian McCarty	11	Clearfield to Phillipsburg	None	Cacciotti, Lee
Joel Rodriguez	9	Way Jesus Academy to Mifflin Cty	Basketball	Cacciotti, Lee
Olivia Crane	9	Milton Hershey to Penn Cambria	Cross Country, Track	Cacciotti, Lee
Stephen Perusso II	10	Harmony to Purchase Line	Basketball, Baseball	Cacciotti, Lee
Lauren Himes	10	Bishop Guilfoyle to St. Josephs	Basketball	Cacciotti, Lee
John Thompson Jr.	10	Westmont to Ferndale	None	Cacciotti, Lee

Keira Myers	10	Forest Hills to Blacklick Valley	Cheer	Cacciotti, Lee
Shaun Purvis	12	Brooklyn NY to Altoona	Basketball	Cacciotti, Lee
Ethan Jarvis	11	New Jersey to Greater Johnstown	Basketball	Cacciotti, Lee

**Foreign Exchange Student**

Samuel Akisli	Bishop Carroll	Rickens, Hoover
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Michael Cacciotti informed the Committee on Foreign Exchange students’ eligibility, J1 Foreign Exchange students have one year eligibility, compared to F1 Foreign Exchange students who have four years of eligibility.

Chris Rickens updated the Committee on Arbiter sports for official payments, football and basketball will be the only two sports that officials will be paid through Arbiter this year and all sport officials will be paid out of Arbiter next year.

Mr. Rickens conversed with the Committee on the District VI Basketball Rules Interpreter position, that after holding that position for fifteen years he has resigned. An email was sent out soliciting applicants to fill the vacant position and Committee members are needed to fairly grade resumes based off of criteria. Travis Lee, Chuck Gojmerac, Beth Campbell, William Marshall, and Curtis Whitesel volunteered to help with the grading.

On a motion by Deanna Jubeck and Jeffrey Miller, the Committee unanimously approved the wrestling co-op between Armstrong County and West Shamokin.

On a motion by Richard Schreier and Timothy Regan, the Committee unanimously approved the wrestling co-op between Central Cambria and Conemaugh Valley.

On a motion by Chris Rickens and Chuck Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved the girls’ wrestling co-op between Philipsburg-Osceola and Huntingdon.

Beth Campbell updated the Committee on a recent game where a fan taunted officials to the point that the athletic trainer assisted the officials to their car, after security and management were not present and the coach’s reaction during all of it.

Willaim Marshall stated that an email will be sent out to that school districts will need to ensure the safety of officials and if a venue is unsafe, it must be reported to the District VI Committee. Any reports that come to the Committee, the Committee will have the right to exclude the reported school district, from being possible District VI host sites.

**Individual Sports Report**

On a motion by Tish Maclay and Deanna Jubeck, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for girls’ tennis as presented by Phil Riccio.

**Communication**

Jeffrey Miller discussed Dean Rossi Scholarships with the Committee that included: information on the scholarship will be sent out to District VI schools around January. Mr. Miller also suggested that two bigger awards be given to student athletes and discussed options for selecting and possible criteria for these awards.

Molly Pomeroy-Hoover informed the Committee that Competitive Spirit Competition will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Altoona Area School District.

**The Next Meeting**

The District VI Committee will meet on December 13, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., at Marzoni’s in Bellmeade. R.S.V.P.’s can be submitted to William Marshall or Jacquelyn Mento.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chris Rickens moved, and Stacy Kuster seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m.