

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – December 13, 2023

Call to Order of the December 13, 2023 meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:34 P.M. at Marzoni's, Altoona, PA.

Present - Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Chuck Gojmerac, Dane Harrold, 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, Stephen Shutters, and Curtis Whitesel.

Absent - Elizabeth Campbell, Deanna Jubeck, and Cullen Stokes.

Others Present - Barry Kline, Tom Elling, Michael Hudak, and Gary Jubas.

William Marshall welcomed Tom Elling and Barry Kline to the District VI meeting.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Richard Schreier and Phil Riccio, the minutes from the November 1, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Chris Rickens, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for November.

Old Business

William Marshall informed the Committee of two coaches that are required in attendance at the January 3rd meeting will be scheduled for 4.PM.

New Business

Review of Disqualifications - Chris Rickens notified the Committee on the four player disqualifications that took place since the November District VI meeting. One disqualification in girls' soccer and three supplemental disqualifications. Of the three, two were in basketball and one in wrestling.

Eligibility Transfers

Eligibility was granted to the following student, with principal signoffs avowing that no athletic intent existed by both sending and receiving schools:

Name	Gr.	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Dae'lon Britt	10	Johnstown to Bishop McCort	Wrestling, Baseball	Cacciotti, Miller
Xandyr Heming	9	River Valley to Marion Center	None	Cacciotti, Miller
Gavin Ciampoli	9	Tyrone to Altoona	Wrestling	Cacciotti, Miller
Malakai Dunn	9	Indiana to River Valley	Football	Cacciotti, Miller
Jaylen Stamm	10	Bellefonte to Saint Josephs	Basketball	Cacciotti, Miller
Ty-Kean Davis	10	Parkland HS to Altoona	Football, Wrestling	Cacciotti, Miller
Jeremiah Taylor	11	Johnstown Christian to Bishop McCort	Soccer, Basketball	Cacciotti, Miller
Kierra Holley	9	Johnstown Christian to Bishop McCort	CC, Track	Cacciotti, Miller
Maddox Laughard	10	Bishop Carroll to Bishop McCort	CC, Track	Cacciotti, Miller
Roy Barak	7	Ferndale to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Miller
Antonii Rusyn	7	Windber to Bishop McCort	None	Cacciotti, Miller
Devin Noel	9	Hollidaysburg to Central Cambria	None	Cacciotti, Miller

Ineligible for Post Season

Maya Elliott	12	Johnstown to Westmont	Basketball	Gojmerac, Glasser
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Ineligible in Wrestling for 1 Year

Tyler Siplivy	10	Forest Hills to Bishop McCort	Wrestling, Baseball	Schreier, Rickens
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Foreign Exchange Student

Aino Kallantie

Finland to Phillipsburg Osceola

Maclay, Riccio

Attendance Waiver Consideration

Richard Schreier rescinded the Bellwood High School attendance waiver.

On a motion by Jeffrey Miller and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved the increase in swimming ticket prices to a flat fee of seven dollars.

Curtis Whitesel informed the Committee that swimming will again be the last week in February, to keep contestants on a better timeline for state championships with the possibility of inclement weather.

On a motion by Phil Riccio and Curtis Whitesel, the Committee unanimously approved to be the Bocce Ball Invitational T-Shirt Sponsor.

William Marshall announced that there is free admission for the Bocce Ball Invitational that will be held at Saint Francis University. Also, volunteers are needed for this event and for those that are interested in volunteering or in need of service hours are welcome to just show up, no sign ups will be needed.

William Marshall updated the Committee on the P.I.A.A. Board of Directors will items such as: Melissa transferring; changes to the transfer forms that will include specifically asking if student has participated in practices, games, etc.; revised transfer forms being available late next year; steering committee, cost of approximately two thousand dollars per appeal that is assumed by P.I.A.A.; two of the six classification errors being denied by the Board of Directors; three classification movements that included Forest Hills girls basketball to AAAA, Penn Cambria girls basketball to AAAA, and Penn Cambria football to AAA (all of which will back to what it should have been); classifications are set for two years, done in October of every other year; and competition formulas for fall sports should be done in January.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Travis Lee, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Basketball Rules Interpreter.

On a motion by Phil Riccio and Tish Maclay, the Committee unanimously approved the wrestling co-op between Bucktail and Central Mountain

On a motion by Tish Maclay and Jody Rainey, the Committee unanimously approved the Bishop Carroll Self Report of Infraction.

On a motion by Michael Cacciotti and Charles Glasser, the Committee unanimously approved the Bishop McCort Self Report of Infraction.

On a motion by Timothy Regan and Tish Maclay, the Committee unanimously approved the attendance waiver approvals for one Central High School and one Bald Eagle Area student athletes.

Sportsmanship

Jeffrey Miller discussed criteria that counselors came up with for selecting the two new sportsmanship awards that will be available in January for counselors and athletic directors.

Individual Sports Report

On a motion by Chuck Gojmerac and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for cross country as presented by Tish Maclay.

On a motion by Tish Maclay and Jeffrey Miller, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for girls' volleyball as presented by Chuck Gojmerac.

On a motion by Phil Riccio and Dane Harrold, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for football as presented by Ralph Cecere.

William Marshall welcomed Michael Hudak and Attorney Gary Jubas to the District VI meeting.

Communication

The Committee conversed on the decrease in attendance at recent tournaments due to streaming and will further discuss in June.

Molly Pomeroy-Hoover informed the Committee of the Competitive Spirit Competition that took place on December 9th.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet on January 3, 2024, at 3:30 P.M., at Penn Cambria High School Library.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Charles Glasser moved, and Jody Rainey seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 P.M.