

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – February 5, 2024

Call to Order of the February 5, 2024 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, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Chuck Gojmerac, Stacy Kuster, Tish Maclay, William Marshall, Jacquelyn Mento, Jeffrey Miller, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Phil Riccio, Chris Rickens, Richard Schreier, Stephen Shutters, Cullen Stokes, and Curtis Whitesel.

Absent - Dane Harrold, Deanna Jubeck, Travis Lee, and Timothy Regan.

Others Present - Wes Elder and Jason Moschgat.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Chris Rickens and Michael Cacciotti, the minutes from the January 3, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Charles Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for January.

The Committee discussed options to insure bank accounts.

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Charles Glasser, the PIAA 2022-2023 Audit Report prepared by Young, Oakes, Brown & Company, P.C., presented by Wes Elder was approved.

Old Business

Phil Riccio informed the Committee on wrestling team duals championships that included Bishop McCort taking first place in AA, followed by Bald Eagle (who will be continuing to states) in second place, and Central Mountain as the AAA champions.

William Marshall presented basketball tournament updates that contained items such as receiving entry fees, tournament being held at Mount Aloysius College on Saturday, February 24th, the clearing of the auxiliary gym for champion photos, and higher seeds will continue to host.

Curtis Whitesel notified the Committee that the swimming championships will be held at the Penn State Natatorium on Friday and Saturday February 23 and 24.

New Business

Review of Disqualifications - Chris Rickens updated the Committee on two disqualifications that took place over the past month. One in girls' basketball and one in wrestling. Chris also concluded that the total for disqualifications for the year now total thirty-one, with nineteen of them being supplemental disqualifications.

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
Parker Crownover	10	Williamsburg to Mifflin County	Baseball	Rickens, Cacciotti
Kali Penrod	8	Brown MS to River Valley	None	Schreier, Miller
Kayden Wright	7	Hollidaysburg to Spring Cove MS	Basketball	Schreier, Miller
Nicholas Hernandez	9	Bishop McCort to Johnstown	Basketball	Schreier, Miller
Aiden Harasty	11	Chartier Valley to United	Track	Schreier, Miller
Alyssa Moore	10	Purchase Line to Homer Center	None	Schreier, Miller
Payton Williams	9	Huntingdon to Mount Union	Soccer, Softball	Schreier, Miller

Caraline Sanoe	9	North East HS to Johnstown	Cheer	Schreier, Miller
Connor Smierciak	7	Homeschool to Richland	None	Schreier, Miller
Darryl Means Jr.	11	Buffalo NY to Altoona	Football, Track	Schreier, Miller
Breslin Carter	9	Coatesville SD to Ferndale	None	Schreier, Miller

Ineligible for Post Season

Jayden Cabaw	11	Bishop McCort to Johnstown	Football	Maclay, Hoover
Parker Crownover	10	Williamsburg to Mifflin County	Soccer	Rickens, Cacciotti

William Marshall updated the Committee on the election process for Committee members that will take place at the April 17th annual banquet at Bliar County Convention Center and on the nominations for the junior high principal and senior principal representative vacancies will be due by March 13, 2024.

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved the softball co-op between Glendale and Harmony.

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved the boys/girl’s cross-country co-op between Hollidaysburg and Bishop Guilfoyle.

William Marshall announced that there are three HomeTown Ticket basketball sponsors slots available, and that First Commonwealth Bank has already agreed to one of them. Interested sponsors for the remaining two spots should notify the Committee by Wednesday, February 14th.

The Committee was updated on several topics, by William Marshall, that included Bishop Guilfoyle’ appeal on Foreign Exchange students was approved due to foreign exchange students are not considered as transfer students; seven hearings that took place regarding competition formula, in-season cuts, and transfers effecting the final success of team; and regular season forfeits.

The Committee also conversed on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee that in the future will have a discussion on those topics at each Committee meeting.

William Marshall informed the Committee on an email from another district Athletic Director, regarding exceeding contest limits. The report was waived due to none of the championship contests that District VI approves count towards our championship contests. William noted that this is why all contests’ submissions are due prior to the start of the season.

Sportsmanship

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Chuck Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved to increase the Dean Rossi individual scholarships to two hundred and twenty-five dollars, effective immediately.

Individual Sports Report

Tish Maclay informed the Committee that field hockey only had one expense this year and that was trophies.

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Charles Glasser, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for soccer as presented by Michael Cacciotti.

On a motion by Jeffrey Miller and Chris Rickens, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for competitive spirit as presented by Molly Pomeroy-Hoover.

Molly Pomeroy-Hoover also informed the Committee that competitive spirit cannot change the competition date, due to other districts sharing judges creating a conflict in scheduling.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet on March 13, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., at Penn Cambria High School Library.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Tish Maclay moved, and Stacy Kuster seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m.