

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – March 13, 2024

Call to Order of the March 13, 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 - Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Chuck Gojmerac, Dane Harrold, Stacy Kuster, Tish Maclay, William Marshall, Jacquelyn Mento, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Chris Rickens, Cullen Stokes, and Curtis Whitesel.

Absent - Michael Cacciotti, Elizabeth Campbell, Deanna Jubeck, Travis Lee, Jeffrey Miller, Richard Schreier, and Stephen Shutters.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Dane Harrold and Tish Maclay, the minutes from the February 5, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

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

Old Business

Phil Riccio updated the Committee on the state wrestling meeting scheduled on the 27th and the increasing numbers for girls wrestling and championships.

William Marshall informed the Committee on the outstanding crowds and fans at the District VI Basketball Championships, live streaming effects on ticket sales, and the three-foot rule on championship sites due to tight gyms and how P.I.A.A. cannot certify courts for championships.

Curtis Whitesel notified the Committee on swimming and diving championships that included Penn State University lowering site costs (due to shortened day), two pool records being set (including college competitions), and a talented Bedford swimmer.

New Business

Review of Disqualifications - Chris Rickens updated the Committee on the five disqualifications that took place since February's meeting. All documents to date have been entered. Three of the disqualifications were supplemental and all of those were players. The remaining two were regular disqualifications, one player and one coach. To date there have been thirty-six disqualifications, thirty-one players, twenty of those being supplemental, five coaches, and two of those 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
Miley Sorensen	8	Somerset to Bishop McCort	Track	Rickens, Riccio
Chloe Sorensen	9	Somerset to Bishop McCort	Track	Rickens, Riccio
Eva Geishauser	11	Maryland to Bishop Guilfoyle	Soccer	Rickens, Riccio
Jenna Geishauser	9	Maryland to Bishop Guilfoyle	Soccer	Rickens, Riccio
Hunter Bowser	9	Kentucky to Greater Johnstown	Football, Wrestling	Rickens, Riccio
Bentley Riehl	7	Richland to Conemaugh Valley	None	Rickens, Riccio
Brody Fedorko	10	Conemaugh Township to Central	Baseball	Rickens, Riccio

Ineligible for Post Season

Sarah Miller	10	Conemaugh Valley to Bishop Carroll	Volleyball, Basketball	Gojmerac, Glasser
Elijah Bennett	11	Windber to Bishop McCort	Tennis, Track	Gojmerac, Glasser
*Victoria Moore	11	Georgia to Juniata HS	Softball	Gojmerac, Glasser

Logan Boyd	11	Windber to Westmont	Baseball	Gojmerac, Glasser
Elliana Maher	11	Richland to Conemaugh Valley	Cross Country	Gojmerac, Glasser

*Post season waiver granted.

William Marshall updated the Committee on the 2023-2024 elections: vacant positions and new nominations.

On a motion by Timothy Regan and Ralph Cecere, the Committee unanimously approved William Marshall to the Superintendent Representative position for a one-year term.

William Marshall discussed the leadership transition one-year plan for the next chair that included online portals, the successor as a possible vice chair, and stipends.

William Marshall informed the Committee that the District VI Basketball Chair position will be open for the 2025-2026 school year, due to Michael Hudak and William Marshall resigning after the 2024-2025 season and that Cullen Stokes has shown interest in the position. William also stated that with all the zoom meetings, etc. that it would be advisable to have two people sharing this task.

The Committee discussed April meeting agenda items that included championships being bound by dates and the promotion of smaller sports such as rifle and bowling. Charles Gojmerac suggested a sanctioned bowling tournament.

The Committee was updated on the P.I.A.A. Right to Know requests supreme Court ruling by William Marshall.

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the Committee unanimously approved the girls' soccer co-op between Curwensville and Moshannon Valley.

On a motion by Charles Gojmerac and Ralph Cecere, the Committee unanimously approved the junior high wrestling co-op between Bishop McCort Junior High and Bishop Carroll Junior High.

Sportsmanship

William Marshall discussed the email regarding Dean Rossi Scholarship recipients for 23-24 school year from Jeffrey Miller and the member schools that have not yet submitted their recipients.

Individual Sports Report

Communication

Molly Pomeroy-Hoover informed the Committee on an email that she received regarding varsity cheerleaders teaching junior high cheerleaders. The Committee discussed that would only be permitted if this took place during cheer clinics and/or camps.

Chris Rickens updated the Committee on the resignation of Brian Schmidt from the football interpreter position and that the selection process for both football and basketball interpreters to begin in the near future.

Jody Rainey notified the Committee of wrestling shirt sales.

Stacy Kuster inquired about the softball co-op between Bishop Guilfoyle and Bishop Carroll. William Marshall stated that the co-op was denied due to the classifications.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., at Blair County Convention Center.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Charles Gojmerac moved, and Charles Glasser seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m.