

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – January 20, 2025

Call to Order of the January 20, 2025 meeting, Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30 p.m. at Hollidaysburg Area High School.

Present - Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Tina Greene, Deanna Jubeck, Stacy Kuster, Tish Maclay, William Marshall, Jacquelyn Mento, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Jody Rainey, Phil Riccio, Chris Rickens, Cullen Stokes, Jack Tobias, and Curtis Whitesel.

Absent - Elizabeth Campbell, Chuck Gojmerac, Chad Packer, Brian Randall, Timothy Regan, and Richard Schreier.

Others Present – Skip Dry, Jeff Fisher, Raymond Klinger, and Mark Surike.

Public Comments - District VI Winter Officials Skip Dry, Jeff Fisher, Raymond Klinger, and Mark Surike shared game management suggestions that included the following:

- Game Managers need to be proactive when fans act out, to take action immediately.
- More issues take place during junior high, where parents and fans appear to be more competitive.
- Each school district handles game management differently. Some districts greet the officials and have security, where other districts do not.
- Officials should not be in charge of policing the fans.
- School districts need to hold accountability for players, coaches, and fans misconduct.
- Allow officials to be present and interact at practices and preseasons, to make officials more involved so that they can be approachable and create a relationship between officials and coaches and/or players.
- Officials need to be familiar with the rules and try and provide empathy when responding, using a positive approach when inside the lines that in turn will help outside the lines.
- Officials are told to not stop contests when there are issues.
- Well management is one where it goes full circle through coaches, officials, players, spectators, and administration.
- The lack of communication and respect.

The Committee responded as follows:

- Game managers need to know the expectations of game management.
- Coaches with supplemental disqualifications are brought before the District VI Committee.
- When there are issues during contests, where it is deemed unsafe, officials should stop the game, call the police, and get off the court or field until the threat is physically removed. Athletic Directors will be informed of the situation.
- Ralph Cecere has taken the lead in producing a document that will cover job descriptions and expectations of game management.
- Providing a link on the District VI website that will give officials the opportunity to submit positive and negative experiences of games. That will be forwarded to school districts.
- Principals oversee all athletic activities and should be informed of what takes place at each contest.
- Struggles of getting officials and questioned how to get new potential officials to complete the final steps in becoming certified.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Molly Pomeroy Hoover and Cullen Stokes, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Tina Greene, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for December.

Old Business

William Marshall notified the Committee that the state meeting is scheduled Wednesday, where topics such as Title IX, transgender participation, and gender equity will be discussed and any updates from this meeting will be provided to the

Committee. Ralph Cecere added that the proposed Duties/Responsibilities of Game Management document will also be shared at the P.I.A.A. meeting on Wednesday to receive input from the state office.

New Business

Chris Rickens stated that there were five disqualifications that took place since the December meeting, two players and three coaches, one of the three coaches being supplemental. Totalling forty-one for the year, twenty-three of the forty-one were supplemental, and twenty of the supplemental were players.

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
Taylor Shuttly	10	Central Cambria to Bishop Carroll	None	Rickens, Riccio
Skylee Bailey	10	Kentucky to Hollidaysburg	Volleyball, Basketball	Rickens, Riccio

Ineligible for Post Season

Bryce Hollenbaugh	11	Bellefonte to Bellwood-Antis	Track, Soccer	Glasser, Cacciotti
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International Students

Marta Rebello Gomez		Madrid, Spain to Hollidaysburg		Kuster, Pomeroy-Hoover
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William Marshall announced that nine teams participated in the Bocce Ball Invitational that was held on January 4, 2025. Greater Johnstown won the gold, while Windber brought home the silver, and Penn Cambria's A team took third place.

Mr. Marshall reminded Committee members to save their inter-district passes that were emailed to them, the passes can be used for state playoffs.

Chris Rickens discussed a request for an additional official in baseball for early playoff games, having four total officials at each contest to keep it consistent throughout the playoff and championships. At most raising the playoff costs twenty-one hundred dollars. The Committee agreed to add softball to the discussion and revisit in February.

William Marshall announced that AAAAA and AAAAAA basketball championships will not be held at Mount Aloysius College this year due to a scheduling conflict. Those sites are yet to be determined. However, the following will still be held at Mount Aloysius: AAAA will be held on February 24th and A, AA, and AAA will be held on February 26th, 27th, and 28th.

Phil Riccio updated the Committee on the upcoming wrestling tournaments that will be held at Altoona Area High School: team duals semi and finals will be held on February 7th and 8th; District VI AA Wrestling Tournament will be held on February 14th and 15th, AAA will be held on February 15th, and Southwestern Regionals will be held on February 28th and March 1st. Mr. Riccio also stated that Western Regionals will be held at Canon-Mac on February 28th March 1st.

William Marshall notified Committee members that it is required to have transfer paperwork for bowling, indoor track, and gymnastics, regardless of the student's independent status. Student Athletes must have these sports listed on the transfer waivers in order to compete.

Mr. Marshall informed the Committee that Richard Schreier is in the process of preparing for Dean Rossi Recipient Awards.

On a motion by Tish Maclay and Tina Greene, the Committee unanimously approved the addition of girls wrestling at the Mountain Conference Junior High Wrestling Tournament.

William Marshall informed the Committee that stream fees for the 2025-2026 school year will be decided at the June workshop.

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved to void uncleared checks from August 2022 through June 2024, with the exception of check numbers 1567, 1577, and 1586.

Executive Session

The Committee entered executive session to discuss championship issues.

The Committee reconvened the monthly meeting.

The Next Meeting

The District VI Committee will meet on February 17, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., at Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Phil Riccio moved, and Stacy Kuster seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m.