

Committee Meeting
Location: Hollidaysburg SH Library
September 8, 2025: 3:30PM



Present - Jeremy Burkett, Michael Cacciotti, Elizabeth Campbell, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Tina Greene, Stacy Kuster, Tish Maclay, Jennifer McConnell, Jacquelyn Mento, Chad Packer, Jody Rainey, Brian Randall, Phil Riccio, Richard Schreier, Cullen Stokes, and Curtis Whitesel.

Absent - Chuck Gojmerac, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, and Timothy Regan, Chris Rickens, and Matthew Young.

Others present - Mike Zinobile, Matthew Franks, and Toby Boyd.

Call to Order: Chairman Cecere called the September 8, 2025 meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30pm at Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School.

1. Public Comment - There were no public comments.
2. Hearings
 - 2.A. Juniata Valley - Postseason Waiver Denial Appeal 4:00PM - On a motion by Tina Greene and Jennifer McConnell, the Committee deemed a Juniata Valley Student Athlete postseason ineligible for football, based on Article 6, Section 7.c., number 2. The vote was 16 yes, 0 no.
3. Approval of Minutes - On a motion by Richard Schreier and Jennifer McConnell, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the August 4, 2025 meeting.
4. Financial Report(s) - Mrs. Mento
 - 4.A. District 6 Monthly Expenses/Revenue Report - On a motion by Charles Glasser and Elizabeth Campbell, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for August.
 - 4.B. Financial Accounts
 - 4.B.1. CD Renewed at 3% - Ralph Cecere informed the Committee that the CD account has been renewed at three percent interest rate.
 - 4.C. [District VI Fee Structure](#) - Ralph Cecere shared the revised District VI Fee Structure with the Committee.
 - 4.C.1. Girls Wrestling Tournament Stipends and Fees - On a motion by Michael Cacciotti and Cullen Stokes, the Committee unanimously approved to create a wrestling tournament director position at a stipend of \$750.
 - 4.D. On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Tish Maclay, the Committee unanimously approved to close the First Summit Bank account and to transfer the remaining funds from the First Summit Bank account to Arbiter Sports.
5. Old Business - Committee
 - 5.A. Recent Court Ruling - Private Student Participation in Public Extracurriculars
 - 5.B. Lawsuit filed - Ralph Cecere notified the Committee of a lawsuit that was filed, where a Court of Common Pleas Judge ruled that evidence can be presented in appeals. Which in

resulted in the school district, who requested the transfer waiver be reviewed, attempting to drop their claims. The PIAA State office ruled that school districts cannot withdrawal their claims after the fact. On a vote of 5-0, the PIAA Board of Directors upheld District VI's ruling, where it will proceed to the Commonwealth.

5.C. PIAA Appeal Hearings - Three (3) Bishop McCort held Tuesday, Aug 5, 2025

5.C.1. One Seeking Injunction - Ralph Cecere informed the Committee of three PIAA appeal hearings where one is filing for an injunction.

6. New Business - Committee

6.A. ICC Championship Requests - On a motion by Richard Schreier and Jody Rainey, the Committee unanimously approved the ICC Championship request, that includes junior high sports.

6.B. Website Rankings Stipend Increase (Elling/Kline) - On a motion by Phil Riccio and Tina Greene, the Committee unanimously approved the website rankings stipend increase from \$100 to \$200 per sport, with a total yearly increase of \$800.

6.C. Mifflin County - Attendance Medical Wavier - On a motion by Tina Greene and Stacy Kuster, the Committee unanimously approved an attendance medical waiver for a Mifflin County Student Athlete.

7. Eligibility: Ralph Cecere stated that according to the By-Laws, post-season waiver requests must be submitted at least thirty days prior to competition. Mr. Cecere continued that the By-Laws also include a list of eligible waivers and school district does not need to submit waivers if the student meets the criteria. However, if a third school district calls for review and no waiver request was made and the student is found with motive, every sport event that student participated in is deemed a forfeit. On the other hand, if there was a transfer waiver and the District VI Committee already ruled on the student and then is later found with motive, there is no forfeits.

Transfers, Exchange/International Students, Postseason Ineligibility Waivers (*Principal Sign-off, ^Executive Approved - to be Affirmed by Committee Vote, #Hearing)

Green - Eligible or Post Season Waiver Granted

Red - Ineligible or Post Season Waiver Denied

Name	Gr	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Keylee Hjelm^	10	Agora Cyber to Marion Center	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Sydney Byich^	9	Blacklick Valley to Bishop Carroll	Cheerleading	Riccio, Cacciotti
Benjamin Rainey*	8	Penn Cambria to Bishop Carroll	Soccer, Basketball, Baseball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Sy Werzyn^	10	Riverhill HS, MD to Ferndale Area	Football	Riccio, Cacciotti
Cutter Perryman^	7	Bellefonte to Bald Eagle Area	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Kenna Miller*	8	Chestnut Ridge to Claysburg Kimmel	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Karma Lopez-Oakes^	8	Altoona to Bishop Guilfoyle	Basketball, Track & Field	Riccio, Cacciotti
Alexei Gordon^	9	Altoona to Bishop Guilfoyle	None	Riccio, Cacciotti

Keira Myers*	12	Blacklick Valley to Forest Hills	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Kiana Collazo*	10	Greater Johnstown to Forest Hills	Volleyball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Jax Johnson^	9	Gerald D Irons, TX to Forest Hills	Football	Riccio, Cacciotti
Kristina Collazo^	8	Greater Johnstown to Forest Hills	Volleyball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Ethan Pompa^		Bishop McCort to Forest Hills	Wrestling, Track & Field	Riccio, Cacciotti
Zachary Corle*	11	Windber to Forest Hills	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Bradyn Younkings*	11	Conemaugh Valley to Greater Johnstown	Soccer (Co-Op)	Riccio, Cacciotti
Bailey Hammerle*	12	Brookville to Glendale	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Aimee Hood^	9	Valley School of Ligonier to United	Field Hockey, Basketball, Lacrosse	Riccio, Cacciotti
Daylynn Gochnour*	8	Northern Bedford to Williamsburg	Soccer	Riccio, Cacciotti
Kennedie Gottshall*	10	Bishop Carroll to Penn Cambria	Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Aydin Claycomb-Rhodes*	10	Central to Hollidaysburg	Football, Basketball, Track & Field	Riccio, Cacciotti
Rhiannon Mazzaferro*	9	River Valley to Homer-Center	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Elizabeth Thomas^	10	American School of Dubai to Homer-Center	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Anthony Evans^	9	Great Bridge, VA to Marion Center	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
John Polacek*	10	Richland to Westmont Hilltop	Golf, Wrestling	Riccio, Cacciotti
Karma Lopez-Oakes^	8	Altoona to Bishop Guilfoyle	Basketball, Track & Field	Riccio, Cacciotti
Sydney Higginbotham*	10	St. Joe's to Bellefonte	Soccer, XC	Riccio, Cacciotti
Sasha Gjurgevich^	10	Texas to Bellefonte	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Naomi Dressler*	9	Centre County Christian to Bellefonte	Soccer, Basketball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Chase Brown*	7	Ferndale Area to Bishop McCort	Football, Baseball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Zander Campbell*	7	Somerset Christian to Bishop McCort	Baseball, Golf	Riccio, Cacciotti
Mackenzie Kendig*	7	Westmont Hilltop to Bishop McCort	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Justin Tisinger*	7	Greater Johnstown to Bishop McCort	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Zakius Nash*	8	Greater Johnstown to Bishop McCort	Football, Track	Riccio, Cacciotti

Daysha Hill*	8	Greater Johnstown to Bishop McCort	Volleyball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Zariah Culmer*	8	Greater Johnstown to Bishop McCort	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Zyaire Taylor*	7	Greater Johnstown to Bishop McCort	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Nathan Maddy^	7	Shade Central City to Bishop McCort	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Declan Corbaci*	8	Conemaugh Valley to Bishop McCort	Football	Riccio, Cacciotti
Brewer Torok*	8	Conemaugh Valley to Bishop McCort	Football, Basketball, Baseball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Gabriel Pence^	7	Kalispell, MT to Bishop McCort	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Calhoun Tannery^	7	West Oak, SC To Bishop McCort	Soccer	Riccio, Cacciotti
Mason Dekrines^	8	Immaculate Conception, Chicago to Bishop McCort	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Emanuel Luebbert*	10	Tyrone to State College	Football, Track & Field	Riccio, Cacciotti
Grantt Sipe*^	9	Northern Bedford to Penn Cambria	Soccer	Riccio, Cacciotti
Jerrett Jefferson^	9	Altoona to Phillipsburg-Osceola	Football	Riccio, Cacciotti
Malia Wond*	12	Hollidaysburg to Claysburg-Kimmel	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Mason Smalley^	9	Tussey Mountain to Claysburg Kimmel	Football, Wrestling	Riccio, Cacciotti
Paul McCarville^	9	Altoona to Bishop Carroll	Baseball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Lena Beppler	8	United to Bishop Carroll	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Brittany Cauffield^	11	Greater Johnstown to Blacklick Valley	None	Riccio, Cacciotti
Khloe Kerstetter^	9	Mifflin County Christian to Mifflin County	Soccer	Riccio, Cacciotti
Kalel Grant^	11	Windber to Mifflin County	Football	Riccio, Cacciotti
Landyn Felosky	9	Ferndale Area to Richland	Soccer, Basketball	Riccio, Cacciotti
Ineligible - Athletic Intent				
Chase Brown*	7	Ferndale Area to Bishop McCort	Wrestling	Whitesel, Riccio
Calhoun Tannery^	7	West Oak, SC To Bishop McCort	Wrestling	Whitesel, Riccio
Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible				
Bradyn Younkins*	11	Conemaugh Valley to Greater Johnstown	Track & Field	Riccio, Packer

Tristan Marcionette^	11	Frederick High, MD to Bellefonte	Track & Field	Riccio, Packer
Sullivan Waterhouse*	11	Indiana Area to Bishop Carroll	Track & Field	Riccio, Packer
Maria Straub*	12	St. Joe's to State College	Soccer	Riccio, Packer
Zehnnior Joseph*	12	Hanover to Cambria Heights	XC, Track & Field	Riccio, Packer
Hayden Settle*	11	Bishop Guilfoyle to Altoona	Soccer, Track & Field	Riccio, Packer
Aubreyonna Nash*	11	Greater Johnstown to Bishop McCort	Basketball, Track & Field	Riccio, Packer
Kaleb Grant^	11	Windber to Mifflin County	Track & Field	Riccio, Packer
Amari Rodriguez^	11	Buckley to State College	Football	Riccio, Packer
Nichole Plaza^	11	St. Joe's to State College	Soccer	Riccio, Packer
Ronald Felosky	11	Ferndale Area to Richland	Soccer-See postseason waiver below	Riccio, Packer
Exchange/International Student				
Eman Ejaz^	11	Pakistan to Bellefonte	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Enkela Nuredini^	11	Macedonia to Bald Eagle	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Francesca Squassi^	11	Italy to Purchase Line	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Liz Häertel^	12	Germany to Penns Manor	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Augusto Borges^	9	Brazil to Bishop Carroll	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Yongjin Son^	12	South Korea to Bishop Carroll	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Yunfan Bao^	10	China to Bishop Carroll	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Sofia Galilea^	11	Spain to Bald Eagle Area	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Rebecca D'Amico^	12	Italy to River Valley	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Eleonora Pellegrini^	12	Italy to River Valley	All sports 1 year from date	Randall, Schreier
Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests				
Zehnnior Joseph	12	Cambria Heights	XC, Track & Field	Schreier, Brian
Ronald Felosky	11	Richland	Soccer	Schreier, Maclay
Dean Sunderland-Ebersole	12	Hollidaysburg	Cross Country, Track & Field	Glasser, Schreier

8. Officials / Disqualifications

8.A. Elizabeth Campbell informed the Committee of the five supplemental disqualifications that have taken place since August's meeting. Of those five, four were players and one

was a coach. Mrs. Campbell also stated that the coach will be coming before the Committee in October.

8.B. Ralph Cecere suggested that he, Elizabeth Campbell, and Chris Rickens be provided with an NFHS login to have access to review, deal with disruptive behavior, and address officials. Mr. Cecere also noted that only wrong player ejections are appealable.

9. Sportsmanship - There was no report at this time.
10. Athletic Director Reports - Tish Maclay announced that cross country and field hockey tournament information has been provided to all athletic directors. Phil Riccio stated the athletic directors meeting went well and commended Mr. Cecere on a job well done on addressing transfer waiver requests with all the athletic directors. Ralph Cecere noted that athletic directors must have two officials present during all PIAA events
11. D6 Awards/Promotions - Jody Rainey discussed the increase in trophy costs from \$75 to \$85, due to the gold addition to the trophies. On a motion by Tish Maclay and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved the gold addition to the District VI trophies at a cost of \$80, per trophy.

Mr. Rainey requested that school districts to send group and parent orders separately, to ensure that student athletes obtain their apparel in a timely manner.

12. Fall Sport Reports - There were no fall sport updates at this time.
13. CO-OPs (Forming and Terminating) - On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Jeremy Burkett, the Committee unanimously approved the following:
 - 13.A. Forming
 - 13.A.1. West Shamokin/Seeds of Faith Christian Academy - Football 2026/27 Start
 - 13.B. Terminating
 - 13.B.1. Northern Cambria/Harmony Area - Girls Basketball 2025/26
 - 13.B.2. Central Cambria/Conemaugh Valley - Boys Wrestling 2025-26
 - 13.B.3. Bishop Carroll/Bishop McCort - Boys Soccer 2025-26
 - 13.B.4. Bishop Carroll/Bishop McCort - Girls Soccer 2025-26
14. Communication - Ralph Cecere shared a thank you from Charles Glasser to the Committee for the memorial donation in his father's name.
15. Executive Session - There was no executive session held.
16. For the Good of the Order - Committee
 - 16.A. Next Meeting: October 6, 2025, 3:30PM, Hollidaysburg SH Library.
17. Adjournment: On a motion by Cullen Stokes and Jennifer McConnell, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.