

Committee Meeting
Location: Hollidaysburg SH Library
October 6, 2025: 3:30PM



Present - Jeremy Burkett, Michael Cacciotti, Elizabeth Campbell, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Chuck Gojmerac, Tina Greene, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Stacy Kuster, Tish Maclay, Jennifer McConnell, Jacquelyn Mento, Chad Packer, Brian Randall, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Chris Rickens, Richard Schreier, Cullen Stokes, Curtis Whitesel, Matthew Young.

Absent - Jody Rainey.

Others present – Art McQuillan, Tom Smith, Jill Berkebile, Erika Strittmatter, Loren Crispell, Justin Kulik, Geoff Dixon, Randy Wilson, along with parents and student athletes.

Call to Order: Chairman Cecere called the October 6, 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. Chairman Cecere announced the 4PM supplemental disqualification hearing will be rescheduled. On a motion by Michael Cacciotti and Chris Rickens, the Committee unanimously approved to suspend Brian Boone, Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach, from District VI events until all supplemental disqualification requirements are met.
3. Approval of Minutes - On a motion by Charles Gojmerac and Charles Glasser, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting.
4. Financial Report(s) - Mrs. Mento
 - 4.A. District 6 Monthly Expenses/Revenue Report - On a motion by Richard Schreier and Timothy Regan, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for September.
 - 4.B. Financial Accounts - Mrs. Mento told the Committee that once the \$21,470 check to Arbiter Sports is processed; they will be able to close the bank account.
5. Old Business
 - 5.A. Ralph Cecere briefed the Committee on the PIAA/Regional Panel Decision agreement to regarding eligibility.
6. New Business - Committee
 - 6.A. Consent Order - Private School Participation if No Sport – Chairman Cecere shared the following with the Committee:
 - 6.A.1. Students enrolled in a Private Faith-Based School for sports not sponsored by their school, the following provisions apply:
 - 6.A.1.1. Schools are encouraged to enter into a Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement with another PIAA member school, as detailed under Article III, Section 10. A Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement will afford all students enrolled in the school the opportunity to participate as part of the Agreement; or

- 6.A.1.2. Absent a Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement, students enrolled in a Pennsylvania Private Faith-Based School that does not offer a particular interscholastic sport(s) are eligible to participate in that sport(s) at the school which they would otherwise attend, in the public school district of their residences, provided that the students meet all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, school verified evidence of full-time attendance, enrollment and completion of the CIPPE.
- 6.A.1.3. Enrollment, Insurance, Transportation, Tryouts, Adding to Eligibility List
- 6.A.2. Cooperative agreements remain in effect for four years, after which one school may choose not to renew. If both schools mutually decide to terminate the agreement, they may do so at any time.
- 6.B. Ralph Cecere announced the following PA Broadcaster/PIAA Agreement (Not D6 Play-offs)
 - 6.B.1. Agreement 25% discount on audio only for PIAA play-offs
 - 6.B.2. Connect to NFHS Feed and broadcast PIAA play-offs for free.
 - 6.B.3. 75% of the home games of a team may broadcast PIAA Play-offs involving that team.
 - 6.B.4. Does not include District play-offs.
- 6.C. House Bill 102 - Assaulting an Official – Ralph Cecere updated the Committee about recent efforts to reach out to senators and representatives regarding House Bill 102.
- 6.D. Executive Committee Stipends – On a motion by Cullen Stokes and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved an annual Executive Committee stipend of \$1000 to Michael Cacciotti and Curtis Whitesel, to be paid each December.
- 6.E. Ralph Cecere congratulated and announced the following 2024-25 PIAA Coach of the Year recipients:
 - 6.E.1. Boys Golf - Robert Patula, Westmont Hilltop
 - 6.E.2. Boys Cross Country - Randy Wilson, Central Cambria
- 6.F. Laurel Highlands Conference Championship Requests - On a motion by Phil Riccio and Tish Maclay, the Committee unanimously approved the Laurel Highlands Conference Championship request.
- 6.G. Belleville Christian JH - Memberships Approved
- 6.H. On a motion by Richard Schreier and Charles Glasser, the Committee unanimously approved the Heritage Conference Championships.

7. Eligibility: 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
Lyla Emerson	9	Blacklick Valley to Bishop Carroll	Cheer, Basketball	Whitesel, McConnell
Paige Gainer	10	Bishop McCort to Conemaugh Valley	Cheer	Whitesel, McConnell
Laike Burket	7	Central Dauphin to Claysburg Kimmel	Football	Whitesel, McConnell
Gabriella Uzelac	8	Forest Hills to Bishop McCort	None	Whitesel, McConnell
Ineligible - Athletic Intent				

Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible				
Jayden Byrd	12	Milton Hershey to State College	Football (Postseason)	Whitesel, McConnell
Exchange/International Student				
Niklas Lambach		Germany to Central	All sports 1 year from date	Whitesel, McConnell
Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests				
Dakota Haupt	11	River Valley (Attending Mtg)	Football	Packer, Gojmerac 17-0
Brody Hutter	11	River Valley (Attending Mtg)	Football	Packer, Gojmerac 17-0
Kaleem Taylor	11	Bishop McCort (Attending Mtg)	Football, Track & Field	Riccio, Maclay 20-0
Maria Straub	12	State College (attending Mtg)	Soccer (Girls)	Schreier, Maclay 15-0
Allie Dziabo	12	Central Cambria	Volleyball	Stokes, Rickens 15-0

8. Officials / Disqualifications – Chris Rickens reported that there have been twelve disqualifications since the September meeting. Of these, eleven involved players, with seven classified as supplemental disqualifications. This brings the total for the year to eighteen: sixteen players (including twelve supplemental disqualifications) and two coaches (including one supplemental case).

Additionally, Mr. Rickens announced that Fall Official Appreciation Week will conclude on Saturday, October 11th.

Chris notified the Committee that long-time PIAA official Ted Beam passed away on September 25th, remarking on Ted's wonderful character and how deeply he will be missed.

9. Sportsmanship - Mr. Schreier – There was no report at this time.
10. Athletic Director Reports - Ms. Maclay, Mr. Riccio, Mr. Stokes – There were no reports at this time.
11. D6 Awards/Promotions - Mr. Cecere told the Committee that t-shirt order forms were distributed by Mr. Rainey, and the updated trophy with gold looks impressive.
12. Fall Sport Reports
- 12.A.1. Ralph Cecere informed the Committee that the football meeting is scheduled for the 26th and playoffs will start on the 31st. Tickets will be \$8 per person through Hometown Tickets. Mr. Cecere also thanked the six schools who have offered to host.
 - 12.A.2. Michael Cacciotti provided soccer information with the Committee, that included the first round will be held October 20-24 and the last date to enter is October 16th.
 - 12.A.3. Phil Riccio announced that the Girls Team Tennis may be pushed back one day due to weather.

- 12.A.4. Chris Rickens stated that golf went well this year and that four District VI teams are moving on to sub regionals.
- 12.A.5. Charles Gojmerac informed the Committee that the girls volleyball letter was sent out last week that included that the last date to count for District Vi rankings is October 16th and that the first round will start on October 22nd and final round will be held on November 1st. Tickets will also be available through Hometown Tickets at a cost of \$8.
- 12.A.6. Tish Maclay stated that cross country tournament information was sent to schools and the tournament will be held on Saturday, October 25th.
- 12.A.7. Ralph Cecere announced that advertisement spots on Hometown Tickets are available, reaching about 22,000 ticket holders. Interested parties should contact the District VI Committee and provide advertising content and clipart.

13. Winter Sport Reports

- 13.A. Curtis Whitesel informed the Committee he will be meeting with Penn State University to discuss the swimming tournament.
- 13.B. Cullen Stokes stated that he is also meeting with Mount Aloysius College to arrange basketball championships.
- 13.C. Phil Riccio conversed on media charges for wrestling that will be discussed at future District VI meetings.
- 13.D. Molly Pomeroy-Hoover informed the Committee that competitive spirit will be held on December 13th and the process of award recipients, when there is no competition.

14. On a motion by Brian Randall and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved the following co-ops forming and terminating:

- 14.A. Forming
 - 14.A.1. Baseball 25/26 West Shamokin/Seeds of Faith Christian Academy
 - 14.A.2. Girls 25/26 Wrestling Curwensville/Harmony
- 14.B. Terminating
 - 14.B.1. Cheer, JH, JV, & Varsity Wrestling 25/26 Bishop Carroll/Bishop McCort
 - 14.B.2. JH Football 26/26 Glendale JH/Harmony JH

15. Communication

- 15.A. On a motion by Matthew Young and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved Bishop McCort's self-reported forfeiture due to an ineligible athlete in cross country.
- 15.B. On a motion by Matthew Young and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved Bishop McCort's self-reported forfeiture due to an ineligible athlete in junior high volleyball.

16. Executive Session - There was no executive session held.

17. For the Good of the Order

- 17.A. Ralph Cecere announced that this year's April Annual Banquet will take place downstairs at the Blair County Convention Center. Committee topics for member schools should be sent to Mr. Cecere.
- 17.B. Next Meeting: November 3, 2025, 3:30PM, Hollidaysburg Senior High School Library.

18. Adjournment: On a motion by Tish Maclay and Richard Schreier, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:42pm.