

## Committee Meeting

**Location:** Marzoni's 1830 E Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona

**December 8, 2025: 4PM**



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

*Absent - Elizabeth Campbell, Chad Packer, and Cullen Stokes.*

*Others present – Wes Elder*

**Call to Order:** Chairman Cecere called the November 3, 2025 meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 4:00pm at Marzoni's.

1. Public Comment - Visitors
  - 1.A. Wes Elder, C.P.A, presented the PIAA 2023-2024 Audit Report prepared by Young, Oakes, Brown & Company, P.C.
    - 1.A.1. On a motion by Brian Randall and Curtis Whitesel, the Committee unanimously approved the PIAA 2024-2025 Audit Report.
2. Hearings – There were no hearings.
3. Approval of Past Minutes - On a motion by Michael Cacciotti and Matthew Young, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the October 6, 2025, meeting.
4. Financial Report(s) - Mrs. Mento
  - 4.A. District 6 Monthly Expenses/Revenue Report - On a motion by Chris Rickens and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for November.
  - 4.B. Financial Accounts – Mrs. Mento reviewed the financial accounts with the Committee.
  - 4.C. Web Stipends (Review document) – The Committee reviewed the web stipends handout and on a motion by Charles Gojmerac and Tina Greene, the Committee unanimously approved web stipends.
5. Old Business - Committee
  - 5.A. Ideas for Annual Meeting
    - 5.A.1. Timothy Regan suggested that a PIAA course be offered for Principals, due to the majority of the time that principals spend on athletes alone.
    - 5.A.2. Curtis Whitesel stated that several member schools recommended that the meeting start at 5pm in lieu of 6pm, due to the lateness and traveling for some districts.
  - 5.B. PIAA Appeals
    - 5.B.1. Bishop McCort JH Basketball
6. New Business
  - 6.A. PIAA Restructure – Mr. Cecere announced that Dr. Robert Lombardi, PIAA Executed

Director has decided to retire after serving the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc, for many years. Ralph continued with Mark Byers to fill Dr. Lombardi's seat and the restructuring of the administration, job descriptions, and stipends.

6.B. District 6 Tournament Structure (Handbook Pages) – Ralph Cecere requested that tournament chairs include if tournaments are open or closed in their handbook pages.

6.C. Penns Valley Coach DQ - January Meeting

6.D. St. Francis/LH Bocce – Mr. Cecere announced that the Bocce Ball tournament that has been held at Saint Francis University the past two years, will not take place this year. However, Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference is supposed to be holding a Bocce Ball tournament.

6.E. New School Code - All Schools & PIAA Impact – Ralph Cecere announced that with the new School Code, all schools and PIAA must have a cash option at all events and Board Meetings must be available virtually.

6.E.1. Cash required

6.E.1.1. Ticket Prices, Extra Worker – The Committee discussed possible choices of posting that exact change only for cash sales, charging \$8 per online ticket sale and \$10 per cash sales, and the need for an extra worker for cash sales. Tish Maclay suggested to use the cash sale app on the ticket scanner.

6.E.2 Board Meetings Virtual – Mr. Cecere explained that the P.I.A.A. state office is required to virtually broadcast Board meetings and the adjustments the office will need to make to meet this requirement. Ralph added that the broadcasting is not mandatory for District VI meetings, only applies to the state office.

6.F. PIAA PHEAA Scholarship – Ralph informed the Committee of the PIAA PHEAA Scholarship email that was sent to athletic directors to push recipient names to District VI for the selection on one recipient to represent District VI.

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
Colton Watson	7	Westmont-Hilltop to Bishop McCort	Basketball, XC, Soccer	Riccio, Schreier
Abigail Ormsby	8	Moshannon Valley to Tyrone Christian Academy	None	Riccio, Schreier
Issac Fisher	9	South Houston HS to Homer-Center	Football, Basketball	Riccio, Schreier
Tymeer Brown	11	Greater Johnstown to Conemaugh Valley	None	Riccio, Schreier
Semaj Sanders	11	Greater Johnstown to Conemaugh Valley	None	Riccio, Schreier
ZaVarius Lightfoot	9	Greater Johnstown to Bishop McCort	None	Riccio, Schreier
<b>Ineligible - Athletic Intent</b>				
Jerin Coles		Canada to Bishop McCort	<b>Wrestling</b> <b>All other sports</b>	
<b>Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible</b>				
Sahladen Figueroa	11	AI Dupont to Westmont Hilltop	Wrestling	Schreier, Hoover

Exchange/International Student				
Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests				
Juliette Cuevas	12	Bellwood-Antis	Girls Wrestling	Randall, McConnell

8. Officials / Disqualifications - Chris Rickens reported that there have been nine disqualifications since the October meeting. Of these, eight involved players, with six classified as supplemental disqualifications. This brings the total for the year to twenty-seven: twenty-four players (including eighteen supplemental disqualifications) and three coaches (including one supplemental case). Only one of the supplemental disqualifications has outstanding documentation.
  - 8.A. Officials Recruitment – The Committee examined and discussed an Officials Recruitment handout from Mr. Rickens, which outlined practices similar to those in nearby districts that reimburse officials for expenses like registration, clearances, chapter dues, and uniforms. Committee members are encouraged to email their suggestions to Mr. Rickens, who will address them at the January meeting.
  - 8.B. Additionally, Chris Rickens provided an update about the Recruitment Fair held in Indiana, which was publicized through local newspapers, radio stations, and social media to attract new officials.
9. Sportsmanship - Mr. Schreier reported that at beginning of 2026, sportsmanship information will be sent to athletic directors.
10. Athletic Director Reports - Ms. Maclay, Mr. Riccio, and Mr. Stokes indicated that there were no reports to present from the athletic directors.
11. D6 Awards/Promotions - Mr. Rainey reported to the Committee that promotions and awards have proceeded smoothly so far this year, discussed the new award vendor, and addressed the Committee regarding 1099s.
12. Fall Sport Reports - On a motion by Stacy Kuster and Chris Rickens, the Committee unanimously approved the following financial reports:
  - 12.A Girls Volleyball, as presented by Charles Gojmerac
  - 12.B Soccer, as presented by Michael Cacciotti
  - 12.C Cross Country, as presented by Tish Maclay
  - 12.D Football, as presented by Ralph Cecere
13. CO-OPs (Forming and Terminating) - On a motion by Richard Schreier and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved the following co-ops:
  - 13.A. Forming
    - 13.A.1. United/Blacklick Valley, Girls Wrestling, 25/26 Season
    - 13.A.2. Central Cambria/Bishop Carroll, Boys Wrestling, 25/26 Season
    - 13.A.3. Central Cambria/Bishop Carroll, Boys JH Wrestling, 25/26 Season
    - 13.A.4. Central Cambria/Bishop Carroll, Girls JH Wrestling, 25/26 Season
    - 13.A.5. Central Cambria/Bishop Carroll, Football, 26/27 Season
    - 13.A.6. Central Cambria/Bishop Carroll, JH Football, 26/27 Season

- 13.A.7. Bishop Carroll/Northern Cambria, Boys & Girls Soccer, 26/27 Season
- 13.B. Terminating
  - 13.B.1. Huntingdon Area/Williamsburg, Boys Wrestling, 25/26 Season
  - 13.B.2. Huntingdon Area/Williamsburg, Boys Soccer, 25/26 Season
  - 13.B.3. Bishop McCort/Bishop Carroll, All Current Varsity and JH Co-oping Sports, 25/26 Season

**14. Communication**

- 14.A. Ralph Cecere informed the Committee of the change to the Private School ruling, that effective immediately that 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 will now apply to all Private Schools.
- 14.B. The Committee discussed the restructuring to the Laurel Highlands By-Laws: membership renewals and new members require a 50% vote, while removals need a two-thirds majority from member schools.

**15. Executive Session - An executive session was not held at this meeting.**

**16. For the Good of the Order**

- 16.A. Next Meeting: January 5, 2026, 3:30PM, Hollidaysburg SH Library

**17. Adjournment: On a motion by Stacy Kuster and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm.**