

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

Absent - Jeremy Burkett, Tina Greene, and Jody Rainey.

Others present - Tyler Fink and Sean Herrmann.

Call to Order: Chairman Cecere called the January 5, 2026 meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30pm at Hollidaysburg Senior High School.

1. Public Comment - There were no public comments
2. Hearings:
 - 2.A. Penns Valley Soccer Coach - 4PM - On a motion by Charles Gojmerac and Tish Maclay, the Committee unanimously approved to suspend PV Girls Soccer Coach, for the first official PIAA Varsity Girls Soccer game during the 2026-2027 year to satisfy the PIAA disqualification expectations which were misinterpreted.
3. Approval of Past Minutes - On a motion by Phil Riccio and Chris Rickens, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the December 8, 2025 meeting.
4. Financial Report(s) - Mrs. Mento
 - 4.A. District 6 Monthly Expenses/Revenue Report - On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for December.
 - 4.B. Financial Accounts - Jacquelyn Mento reviewed the financial accounts with the Committee and reminded sport chairs to add the web maintenance and ranking fees to their reports.
 - 4.C. Arbiter payments - Mrs. Mento announced that funds will need to be deposited into the Arbiter account to cover winter and spring sports. On a motion by Richard Schreier and Timothy Regan, the Committee unanimously approved to deposit \$50,000 into the Arbiter account to cover official stipends for basketball, baseball, softball, and boys' volleyball.
5. Old Business - Committee
 - 5.A. Topics for Annual Meeting (April 22, 2026, Blair County Convention Center - Downstairs)
 - 5.A.1. Stacy Kuster suggested to the Committee to discuss disqualifications procedures with member schools, specifically the idea of appeals.
 - 5.B. District 6 Tournament Structure (Handbook Pages) - Ralph Cecere reminded sport chairs to update the tournament structure handbook pages to define how play-off entry works per sport.

- 5.C. PIAA PHEAA Scholarship – Mr. Cecere informed the Committee on the PIAA PHEAA Scholarships and the nominations for District VI will be sent to the Committee to select one recipient.
- 5.D. Basketball Shot Clock - Ralph Cecere announced that the PIAA Board of Directors approved to implement a shot clock for junior varsity and varsity basketball contests, beginning in the 2028-2029 school year, it does not include Junior High. Brian Randall questioned the thirty point spread and shot clock remaining on. Mr. Cecere referred that discussion to the basketball steering committee. Also suggested a future how to operate shot clocks training course be available for member schools.

6. New Business - Committee

- 6.A. Cash Ticket Sales at Gate – Mr. Cecere informed the Committee of the Hometown Ticketing meeting regarding cash sales. Ralph noted the simplicity of the gate app that allows ticket sellers to click a button for cash sales. After the purchase is made, the seller can either send the ticket to their consumer's email or phone or stamp their hand. Swimming is going to be the first sport to utilize this function for District VI. The Committee can also require exact change for purchases. Schools will need to communicate that online tickets are available at a lower cost. Host sites will need to submit a check from cash sales for each contest. On a motion by Charles Gojmerac and Tish Maclay, the Committee unanimously approved online ticket prices be set at \$8 and cash ticket prices be set at \$10.
- 6.B. Steering Committee Meetings - Ralph Cecere, announced that most of the Steering Committee meetings are being held this week. If member schools have anything that they would like to be shared, they should send it to the District VI Committee. Mr. Cecere shared an idea for football steering to swap official positions at half time.

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
Ineligible - Athletic Intent				
Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible				
Lorenzo Guerra^	11	Chile to Mifflin County	Basketball	Randall, Schreier
Exchange/International Student				
Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests				

8. Officials / Disqualifications - Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Rickens

- 8.A. Officials Recruitment – The Committee discussed a handout that included suggestions on a District VI New Official's Reimbursement Form and a work log that was provided by Chris Rickens. The Committee agreed to finalize at upcoming meetings and announce at the April banquet of an August 1st start date.
 - 8.B. Disqualifications - Chris Rickens reported that there have been three disqualifications since the December meeting. Of these, two involved players, with one classified as a supplemental disqualification. This brings the total for the year to thirty: twenty-six players (including nineteen supplemental disqualifications) and four coaches (including one supplemental case).
 - 8.C. Additionally, Mr. Rickens announced that Winter Official Appreciation Week will be held January 11th - 17th.
- 9. Sportsmanship - Mr. Schreier announced that the stipend for the 2025-2026 sportsmanship awards will continue at \$225 per recipient. Checks distributed at the annual Principal/AD meeting in April.
 - 10. Athletic Director Reports - Ms. Maclay, Mr. Riccio, Mr. Stokes - There were no reports at this time.
 - 11. D6 Awards/Promotions - Mr. Rainey – Ralph Cecere reminded Committee members to submit any award and promotion orders to Mr. Rainey.
 - 12. Sport Reports
 - 12.A. Fall
 - 12.A.1. Molly Pomeroy Hoover discussed with the Committee of needed accommodation during the Competitive Spirit Competition. Mr. Cecere commended Mr. Riccio, Mrs. Pomeroy-Hoover on how they managed the competition and their efforts to plan for the future. Mr. Cecere also announced that the State Competitive Spirit Championships will be held at the Johnstown War Memorial on January 9th and 10th and the schedule has been posted on the PIAA website.
 - 12.B. Winter
 - 12.B.1. Mr. Rickens announced that an email will be going out to chapters regarding basketball play-offs next week.
 - 12.B.2. Curtis Whitesel informed the Committee that swimming championships will be held at Penn State University on February 20th and 21st and diving will be held at the State College Area High School on February 20th after the swimming session that day. Mr. Whitesel encouraged Committee members to attend.
 - 13. CO-OPs (Forming and Terminating) - On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Tish Maclay, the Committee unanimously approved the following co-ops:
 - 13.A. Forming
 - 13.A.1. Armstrong/West Shamokin, Boys Volleyball 25/26
 - 13.B. Terminating
 - 14. Communication – There were no comments at this time.
 - 15. Executive Session - An executive session was not held at this meeting.

16. For the Good of the Order - Committee
 - 16.A. Next Meeting: February 9, 2026, 3:30PM, Hollidaysburg Senior High School Library.
17. Adjournment: On a motion by Stacy Kuster and Chris Rickens, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:49pm.