

Committee Meeting

Location: Hollidaysburg SH Library

February 9, 2026: 3:30PM



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

Absent - Elizabeth Campbell.

Call to Order: Chairman Cecere called the February 9, 2026 meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30pm at Hollidaysburg Senior High School.

Comment [1]: All looks good to go. Thanks!

1. Public Comment - There were no public comments.
2. Hearings
 - 2.A. There were no hearings held.
3. Approval of Past Minutes - On a motion by Richard Schreier and Cullen Stokes, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the January 5, 2026 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 January.
 - 4.B. Financial Accounts - Jacquelyn Mento reviewed the financial accounts with the Committee.
5. Old Business - The Committee discussed the following items:
 - 5.A. Ideas for the Annual Meeting that is scheduled for April 22, 2026
 - 5.B. District 6 Tournament Structure (Handbook Pages)
 - 5.C. PIAA PHEAA Scholarship
 - 5.D. Basketball shot clocks coming 2028-29
6. New Business - Committee
 - 6.A. Steering Committee Meeting Reports
 - 6.A.1. Mr. Cecere announced that at football's meeting a discussion took place on switching officials at half time which is a PIAA administrative task. No actions taken.
 - 6.A.2. Mr. Gojmerac stated that at volleyball's meeting, it was approved to accept any balls, including dimpled, as long as they have the National Federation stamp.
 - 6.A.3. Mr. Cacciotti reported that at soccer's meeting, it was approved that during regular season games, there will be no overtime, tied matches will go to penalty kicks.
 - 6.B. GBB Season Extension Request - Altoona/Hollidaysburg - On a motion by Cullen Stokes and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved Altoona and Hollidaysburg Girls Basketball season extension.

- 6.C. Cash Ticket Sales at Gate - Revision Needed - On a motion by Richard Schreier and Charles Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved District VI online presale tickets prices to eight dollars and same day online and cash ticket prices to ten dollars, effective immediately.
- 6.D. Hometown Contract - Ralph Cecere provided a copy of the Hometown Contract that will be further reviewed at March's Committee meeting.
- 6.E. Game Management Best Practices - Chris Rickens informed the Committee of suggestions that were made to resend the Game Management Best Practices, to make game management aware of the required duties.
- 6.F. District 6 26-27 Committee Nominations - The Committee discussed the 2026-2027 Committee Nominations, that include six principal representatives, one junior high representative, and two athletic director representatives. Principal representatives must hold an administrative position in the school district and are nominated by a District VI principal. Athletic Director Representatives must be nominated by a District VI Athletic Director. Nominations must be forwarded to the District VI Treasurer (d6piaasecretary@gmail.com or 501 Powell Ave. Cresson, PA 16630) on school letterhead prior to the **March 15, 2026 deadline**. Ballots will be prepared with the names of nominees chosen in random order and will be mailed to each principal of a PIAA participating school. Completed principal ballots are to be signed by the principal and placed in a sealed envelope. Completed athletic director ballots are to be signed by the athletic director and placed in a sealed envelope. Ballots will be mailed to the District VI Treasurer or handed in at the annual meeting. An Election Committee, consisting of administrators from three schools who do not have candidates from their schools on the ballots, will open and tally the sealed ballots at the Annual Meeting on April 22, 2026.

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
Hannah Nichols	10	Oak Mountain to Bellefonte Area	None	Bracken, Packer
Joseph Baughman	10	Somerset to Bishop McCort	Baseball	Bracken, Packer
Ineligible - Athletic Intent				
Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible				
Isabella Campbell*	10	Ames, Iowa to State College	Basketball, Track	Maclay, Rickens
Katelyn Campbell	12	Ames, Iowa to State College	Track & Field	Maclay, Rickens
Evan Glinsky*	12	Cambria Heights to Conemaugh Valley	Track & Field	Maclay, Rickens

Exchange/International Student				
Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests				

8. Officials / Disqualifications - Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Rickens
 - 8.A. Disqualifications - Chris Rickens reported that there have been seven disqualifications since the January meeting. Of these, four involved players, with three classified as supplemental disqualifications and three coaches that were not supplemental disqualifications. This brings the total for the year to thirty-seven: thirty players (including twenty-two supplemental disqualifications) and seven coaches (including one supplemental case).
 - 8.A.1. On a motion by Phil Riccio and Timothy Regan, the Committee unanimously approved an annual one thousand dollar stipend to Chris Rickens, Disqualification Manager, retroactive to July 1, 2025.
 - 8.B. 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.
 - 8.B.1. On a motion by Brian Randall and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved reimbursement to New Junior Officials and Collegiate Students Officials from June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027 as presented by Chris Rickens.
 - 8.B.2. Timothy Regan suggested that area colleges/universities such as UPJ, SFU, Mount Aloysius, Penn State, Penn Highlands, IUP, Juniata, and Lock Haven be informed of the newly adopted reimbursement for junior high and collegiate student officials to share with students.
9. Sportsmanship - Mr. Schreier
 - 9.A. Dean Rossi Sportsmanship Awards - Mr. Schreier announced that Dean Rossi Sportsmanship Awards are well on their way, an email has been sent out to member schools, requesting recipient nominations.
 - 9.B. On a motion by Stacy Kuster and Jody Rainey, the Committee unanimously approved the Dean Rossi Sportsmanship Awards to a two hundred and twenty dollar stipend to each recipient.
 - 9.C. Ralph Cecere informed the Committee of the recent conversation with Mrs. Rossi, who expressed her appreciation for the scholarship in Dean's honor.
10. Athletic Director Reports - Ms. Maclay, Mr. Riccio, Mr. Stokes
 - 10.A. Phil Riccio addressed rising wrestling prices at Altoona Area School District.
 - 10.A.1. On a motion by Matthew Young and Cullen Stokes, the Committee approved with the exception of Phil Riccio who voted no, to review wrestling venues related to cost.
11. D6 Awards/Promotions - Mr. Rainey
 - 11.A. Jody Rainey discussed orders with sport chairs and announced the huge loss of Robert Sauerwein, who was instrumental in assisting with the delivery of promotions to member schools.

12. Sport Reports
 - 12.A. Fall - There was no discussion on fall sports.
 - 12.B. Winter
 - 12.B.1. 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. Tickets will be eight dollars online presale and ten dollars online and at the gate the day of.
 - 12.B.2. Chris Rickens and Cullen Stokes stated that basketball is on track and brackets are already forming. On a motion by Michael Cacciotti and Jennifer McConnell, the Committee unanimously approved to increase the host site stipend from three hundred and fifty dollars to four hundred dollars.
13. CO-OPs (Forming and Terminating) - On a motion by Chris Rickens and Charles Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved the following co-ops:
 - 13.A. Forming
 - 13.B. Terminating
 - 13.B.1. Harmony/Glendale, Girls Junior High Softball, 2025/2026
14. Communication - Ralph Cecere informed the Committee that it has been a tough month for District VI with the passing of Larry Stitt, Don Bailey, and Michael A Crisafulli, who all contributed to District VI and student athletes.
15. Executive Session - An executive session was not held at this meeting.
16. For the Good of the Order - Committee
 - 16.A. Next Meeting: March 16, 2026, 3:30PM, Hollidaysburg Senior High School Library.
17. Adjournment: On a motion by Phil Riccio and Richard Schreier, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:51pm.