

Committee Meeting
Location: Hollidaysburg SH Library
March 16, 2026: 3:30PM



Present - Jeremy Burkett, Michael Cacciotti, Elizabeth Campbell, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Chuck Gojmerac, Stacy Kuster, Tish Maclay, Jacquelyn Mento, Jody Rainey, Brian Randall, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Chris Rickens, Richard Schreier, Cullen Stokes, and Curtis Whitesel.

Others Present: Kelli Sacco

Absent - Tina Greene, Jennifer McConnell, Chad Packer, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, and Matthew Young.

Call to Order: Chairman Cecere called the March 16, 2026 meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30pm at Hollidaysburg Senior High School.

1. Public Comment - Kelli Sacco addressed the Committee to formally acknowledge her actions during the Marion Center basketball contest on February 16, 2026. Ms. Sacco expressed her apologies and stated that she has reflected on the incident, learned from the experience, and is committed to turning a negative situation into a positive outcome.
2. Hearings
 - 2.A. - There were no hearings held.
3. Approval of Past Minutes - On a motion by Richard Schreier and Timothy Regan, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting.
4. Financial Report(s) - Mrs. Mento
 - 4.A. District 6 Monthly Expenses/Revenue Report - On a motion by Michael Cacciotti and Curtis Whitesel, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for February.
 - 4.B. Financial Accounts - Jacquelyn Mento reviewed the financial accounts with the Committee.
 - 4.C. On a motion by Timothy Regan and Charles Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved the opening of an additional financial account, contingent upon receiving appropriate rate information.
5. Old Business - Committee
 - 5.A. Ideas for Annual Meeting - The Committee reviewed topics for the annual meeting, including the appeal process, eligibility, portal, and game management.
 - 5.B. District 6 Tournament Structure (Handbook Pages) - Ralph informed the Committee that he has updated the fee structure to include the Disqualification Manager stipend, that was approved at February's meeting.
 - 5.C. PIAA PHEAA Scholarship Form Due March 25th – Mr. Cecere reminded the Committee that the deadline for submitting the PIAA PHEAA Scholarship selection is March 25th.

- 5.D. Basketball shot clocks coming 2028-29 - The Committee suggested schools allocate funds for basketball shot clocks within their school district budgets.
- 5.E. Game Management Best Practices - Ralph Cecere noted that Game Management Best Practices continue to be a work in progress.
- 5.F. Cash Ticket Sales - The Committee reviewed cash ticket sales at competitions and noted a small number of spectators choosing cash purchases over more affordable online tickets.

6. New Business - Committee

- 6.A. Spectator Incident MC @ SF BBB 2/16/26 - On a motion by Tish Maclay and Brian Randall, the Committee voted unanimously to support the plan submitted by Marion center regarding spectator incident on February 16, 2026.
- 6.B. Spectator Incident PC @ RV BBB 2/19/26 - On a motion by Chris Rickens and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously rejected the plan related to the spectator incident at RV BBB. The school district will be instructed to appear in April with a revised proposal for further consideration by the Committee.
- 6.C. Hometown Contract Approval – Ralph Cecere reported that the Hometown Contract has been executed.
- 6.D. 2027 Basketball Championships - Ralph Cecere announced that the dates for the 2027 Basketball Championships have been rescheduled to March 18, 19, and 20 in order to avoid conflicting with the Easter holiday.
- 6.E. Attendance Waiver - On a motion by Jeremy Burkett and Charles Gomerac, the Committee unanimously approved the Penn Cambria attendance waiver.
- 6.F. HB 41 Boundary/Nonboundary – Ralph Cecere shared a circulating resolution concerning House Bill 41 – Boundary/Nonboundary. Each school may want to independently evaluate their stance on the matter consulting administration, boards, and legal council.
- 6.G. The Committee reviewed banquet invites, including the Robert Sauerwein family.
- 6.H. The Committee decided to establish an award for Friends of 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

Yellow - Further Information Being Requested by the Committee

Name	Gr	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Amitola Hook*	9	Carlisle Christian Academy to Ferndale Area	Track & Field	Gojmerac, Maclay
India Ford*	9	Greater Johnstown to Ferndale Area	Track & Field	Gojmerac, Maclay
Virginia Sedlar*	10	PA Cyber (Brentwood) to Bishop McCort	Track & Field	Gojmerac, Maclay
Nick Syphan*	9	Home School(United) to Bishop McCort	Baseball	Gojmerac, Maclay
Keira Isenberg*	9	Central Cambria to Bishop Carroll	Softball	Gojmerac, Maclay
Adien Poulos*	11	Shamokin to United	Baseball	Gojmerac, Maclay

Jayden O'Farrill*	10	Bishop McCort to State College	Wrestling	Schreier, Rickens
Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible				
Stefan Noronha*	10	Bishop McCort to State College	Wrestling	Schreier, Rickens
Jack Silfies*	10	Bishop McCort to State College	Wrestling	Schreier, Rickens
Noah Caola*	10	North Star to Bishop McCort	Football	Gojmerac, Maclay
Joseph Gearhart*	11	Bellefonte to St. Joe's	Baseball	Gojmerac, Maclay
Adien Poulos*	11	Shamokin to United	Track & Field, Soccer	Gojmerac, Maclay
Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests				
Isabella Campbell^	10	Ames, Iowa to State College	Basketball, Track & Field	Gojmerac, Maclay
Katelyn Campbell^	12	Ames, Iowa to State College	Track & Field	Gojmerac, Maclay
Ineligible - Athletic Intent				
None				
Exchange/International Student				
None				

8. Officials / Disqualifications - Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Rickens
 - 8.A. Disqualifications - Chris Rickens reported that there was one coach disqualification since the February meeting. Bringing the total for the year to thirty-eight: thirty players (including twenty-two supplemental disqualifications) and eight coaches (including one supplemental case).
 - 8.B. Mifflin County - The Committee deliberated on whether a cyber dual enrollment student athletes should be classified as participating in a block schedule course. Further information being requested by the committee.
 - 8.C. Officials Recruitment - Mr. Rickens discussed the recently approved official recruitment stipend of \$300 for junior officials and collegiate officials who work ten contests in any sport, which was decided at last month's meeting.
 - 8.D. Elizabeth Campbell questioned if three officials are now required for varsity soccer contests.
9. Sportsmanship - Mr. Schreier
 - 9.A. Dean Rossi Sportsmanship Awards - Mr. Schreier announced that all Dean Rossi Sportsmanship Award recipient names have been received and have been submitted for check disbursements.
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: No report.
12. Sport Reports
 - 12.A. Winter

- 12.A.1. Basketball - Cullen Stokes and Chris Rickens reported that the basketball championships were conducted successfully, with excellent attendance, and noted that the Mount Aloysius College venue was of high quality.
- 12.A.2. Swimming and Diving - Curtis Whitesel reported that attendance at the swimming and diving competitions was also strong and noted that the final report will be presented at the April meeting.
- 12.A.3. Wrestling - Phil Riccio reported that the wrestling program progressed successfully, and the Altoona Area School District is actively collaborating with him to coordinate scheduling for the upcoming year. This season, 170 girls participated from Districts 5, 9, and 6, with 89 representing District 6. Given the substantial number of competitors, one participant reached the maximum match count and was required to compete again on Tuesday. The increase in District 6 participants suggests that next year it will likely be feasible to organize a District 6-only competition.
- 12.B. Fall
 - 12.B.1. Golf - On a motion by Phil Riccio and Brian Randall, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for golf as presented by Chris Rickens.
- 13. CO-OPs (Forming and Terminating) - There were no co-ops.
 - 13.A. Forming
 - 13.B. Terminating
- 14. Communication – Committee
 - 14.A. Ralph Cecere commended the sport chairs on their good work and excellent communication throughout all District VI tournaments.
 - 14.B. The Committee conversed on host sites expectations to meet host site requirements such as seating capacity and boundary expectations.
- 15. Executive Session - An executive session was not held at this meeting.
- 16. For the Good of the Order - Committee
 - 16.A. Next Meeting: April 22, 4PM, Blair County Convention Center.
 - 16.B. Annual Principal/AD Meeting 6:00PM
- 17. Adjournment: On a motion by Charles Glasser and Curtis Whitesel, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm.