

## **Committee Meeting**

**Location: Hollidaysburg SH Library**

**September 14, 2026: 3:30PM**



Present: Jeremy Burkett, Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Chuck Gojmerac, Jacquelyn Mento, Amy Mykut, Chad Packer, Jody Rainey, Brian Randall, Phil Riccio, Chris Rickens, Richard Schreier, Joseph Strittmatter, Cullen Stokes, Curtis Whitesel, David Williamson, and Matthew Young.

Absent: Elizabeth Campbell, Stacy Kuster, Jennifer McConnell, and Timothy Regan.

Call to Order: Chairman Ralph Cecere called the September 14, 2026 meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30 PM at Hollidaysburg Senior High School.

1. Public Comment - No public comments were presented.
2. Hearings:
  - 2.A. State College Postseason Waiver Request - A hearing was conducted at 4:00 p.m. regarding a postseason waiver request for a State College student athlete.
3. Approval of Past Minutes - On a motion by Chris Rickens and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the August 5, 2026 meeting.
4. Financial Report(s) - Mrs. Mento
  - 4.A. District 6 Monthly Expenses/Revenue Report - On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved the August District VI financial report.
  - 4.B. Financial Accounts - Jacquelyn Mento presented a detailed financial report for Committee review.
5. Old Business - Ralph Cecere provided updates on the following:
  - 5.A. District 6 Tournament Structure including a reminder to maintain communication regarding regional tournaments and discussion concerning regional medals and trophies.
  - 5.B. Implementation of basketball shot clocks beginning with the 2028-29 season.
  - 5.C. Continued promotion of Game Management Best Practices throughout District VI.
  - 5.D. HB 41 Boundary/Nonboundary legislation and ongoing reluctance within the Senate.
  - 5.E. Annual Meeting Time Survey, which will be distributed to member schools by the end of the month.
6. New Business - Committee
  - 6.A. Tri-Valley Championship Request - On a motion by Chuck Gojmerac and Brian Randall, the Committee unanimously approved the Tri-Valley Championship request.
  - 6.B. Penn Cambria Adding Girls Wrestling 26-27 - Ralph Cecere noted that member schools may add sports through the portal and thanked schools that continue to communicate such changes to District VI.
  - 6.C. Sport Reviews and 26-27 Preparation - The Committee conversed host site qualifications and consequences for schools that alter submitted information to obtain host site status and on the following:

## 6.C.1. Needs

## 6.C.2. Tournament Chairs

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               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Arabella Bealonis                                                    | 9       | Valley School of Ligonier to Bishop McCort | Field Hockey, Basketball, Lacrosse | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| Maddison Johnson                                                     | 10      | Altoona to Bishop Guilfoyle                | Volleyball                         | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| Bryson Miller                                                        | 9       | Altoona to Bishop Guilfoyle                | Basketball                         | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| Russell Byrd                                                         | 9       | Smyrna to Bishop Guilfoyle                 | Soccer, Track & Field              | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| Anthony Vincent                                                      | 10      | Lansclawne to Central Cambria              | None                               | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| Aiden Kessler                                                        | 10      | Altoona to Claysburg-Kimmel                | Football, Track & Field            | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| Elli Davidson                                                        | 9       | Phillipsburg-Osceola to Altoona            | Track & Field                      | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| Bylaycey Daniel                                                      | 11      | Central Islipse to Westmont Hilltop        | Tennis                             | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| Wyatt Evans                                                          | 9       | Tyrone Christian to Bellwood-Antis         | Basketball                         | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| Elijah Herring                                                       | 11      | Bishop McCort to State College             | None                               | Glasser, Cacciotti   |
| <b>Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible</b>      |         |                                            |                                    |                      |
| William Buckley                                                      | 11      | St, John Newman, Florida to Bishop McCort  | Football, Wrestling                | Schreier, Rickens    |
| Naythan Branas                                                       | 11      | Windber to Central Cambria                 | Soccer, Track & Field              | Schreier, Rickens    |
| Timothy Graber                                                       | 12      | Camp Hill to Altoona                       | Cross Country, Swimming            | Schreier, Rickens    |
| <b>Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests</b>                      |         |                                            |                                    |                      |
| Kellan Cope                                                          | 11      | Phillipsburg-Osceola                       | Track & Field, Football            | Williamson, Whitesel |
| Daiquan Franks                                                       | 12      | Greater Johnstown                          | Football                           | Williamson, Whitesel |
| Jack Silfies                                                         | 11      | State College                              | Wrestling                          | Schreier, Gojmerac   |
| <b>Ineligible - Athletic Intent</b>                                  |         |                                            |                                    |                      |
| None                                                                 |         |                                            |                                    |                      |
| <b>Exchange/International Student - Eligible for a 1 year period</b> |         |                                            |                                    |                      |
| Name                                                                 | Country |                                            | PIAA School                        | Motion               |
| Francisky Lapinski                                                   | Poland  |                                            | River Valley                       | Burkett, Riccio      |

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|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Solene Cachet-Chabert | France     | Homer-Center    | Burkett, Riccio |
| Ethan Guizada         | Bolivia    | Bellefonte Area | Burkett, Riccio |
| Luna Vega             | Spain      | Bellefonte Area | Burkett, Riccio |
| Ketevan Katchashvili  | Georgia    | Bellefonte Area | Burkett, Riccio |
| Aruuke Mombekova      | Kyrgyzstan | Bellefonte Area | Burkett, Riccio |
| Maya Henninger        | Germany    | River Valley    | Burkett, Riccio |
| Ainara Burgell        | Spain      | Penns Valley    | Burkett, Riccio |
| Ketleyn Correia       | Brazil     | Bishop Carroll  | Burkett, Riccio |
| Guilherme Oliveira    | Brazil     | Bishop Carroll  | Burkett, Riccio |
| Leon Schimik          | Austria    | Bishop McCort   | Burkett, Riccio |

8. Officials / Disqualifications - Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Rickens
  - 8.A. Disqualifications - Chris Rickens reported five disqualifications since the August meeting, including four student athletes and one coach. All five were classified as supplemental disqualifications.
  - 8.B. Officials Recruitment - There were no new updates regarding officials' recruitment.
  - 8.C. PIAA and NFHS Program for Crews of the Month and Crews of the Year for the Months of September, October and November
    - 8.C.1. Crew of the month selected for the month of September by the PIAA
      - 8.C.1.1. Referee – Lou Idzajt
      - 8.C.1.2. Umpire – Andy Lubert
      - 8.C.1.3. Linesman – Chuck Terek
      - 8.C.1.4. Line Judge – Tracy Cornelius
      - 8.C.1.5. Side Judge – Todd Parker
      - 8.C.1.6. Field Judge – Mike Rendos
      - 8.C.1.7. Back Judge – Todd Moss
9. Sportsmanship - Mr. Schreier
  - 9.A. NFHS Student Credential Update - Richard Schreier presented a proposed informational handout regarding the NFHS National Student Credential program.
  - 9.B. Sportsmanship Assembly Program Update - Mr. Schreier conversed with the Committee on several ideas regarding related to the Sportsmanship Assembly Program.
  - 9.C. Media PSA Update - The Committee discussed the status of the sportsmanship media public service announcement contest.
10. Athletic Director Reports - Mr. Riccio, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Williamson
  - 10.A. AD Fall Meeting Update – David Williamson reported that the Fall Athletic Directors Meeting held on September 9, 2026 was successful.
11. D6 Awards/Promotions - Mr. Rainey
  11. A. Jody Rainey informed the Committee of updated District VI apparel pricing for 2026-27:
    - T-shirts: \$15
    - Long-sleeved T-shirts: \$20
    - Hoodies and crew neck sweatshirts: \$25

12. Sport Reports
  - 12.A. Spring Tournament Reports - No Spring Tournament reports were presented.
13. CO-OPs (Forming and Terminating) - On a motion by Richard Schreier and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved the following co-op requests:
  - 13.A. Forming
    - 13.A.1. Bald Eagle Area / West Branch, Girls Soccer, 2026-27 season.
    - 13.A.2. Central Cambria / Bishop Carroll / Conemaugh Valley, Girls Wrestling, 2026-27 season.
    - 13.A.3. Southern Huntingdon County / Forbes Road / Mount Union, Girls Wrestling, 2025-26 season.
  - 13.B. Terminating - No terminations were presented.
14. Communication - Committee
  - 14.A. Ralph Cecere noted thank-you cards from Dean Rossi Scholarship recipients continue to be received.
  - 14.B. Mr. Cecere also informed the Committee of the review of a River Valley eligibility hearing and an upcoming hearing.
15. Executive Session - No executive session was held.
16. For the Good of the Order - Committee
  - 16.A. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in the Hollidaysburg Senior High Library.
17. Adjournment: On a motion by Phil Riccio and Chris Rickens, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM.