

Committee Meeting

Location: Hollidaysburg SH Library

Tuesday, October 13, 2026: 3:30PM



Present: Elizabeth Campbell, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Chuck Gojmerac, Jacquelyn Mento, Amy Mykut, Brian Randall, Phil Riccio, Joseph Strittmatter, Cullen Stokes, Curtis Whitesel, David Williamson, and Matthew Young.

Absent: Jeremy Burkett, Michael Cacciotti, Stacy Kuster, Jennifer McConnell, Chad Packer, Jody Rainey, Timothy Regan, Chris Rickens, and Richard Schreier.

Call to Order: Chairman Ralph Cecere called the October 13, 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 - No hearings took place.
3. Approval of Past Minutes - On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 14, 2026 meeting.
4. Financial Report(s) - *Mrs. Mento*
 - 4.A. District 6 Monthly Expenses/Revenue Report - On a motion by Brian Randall and Curtis Whitesel, the Committee unanimously approved the September District VI financial report.
 - 4.B. Financial Accounts - Jacquelyn Mento presented a detailed financial report for Committee review.
5. Old Business – Mr. Cecere discussed the following with the Committee:
 - 5.A. District 6 Tournament Structure - Sport chairs to continue communicating playoff information with member schools and that many of Fall sports chairs along with Competitive Spirit have already sent information out.
 - 5.B. Basketball shot clocks coming 2028-29 - Another district that has plans on reimbursing a portion of the shot clocks to their member schools. Members questioned if that district also pays for membership dues and student scholarships.
 - 5.C. Game Management Best Practices continues to be promoted.
 - 5.D. HB 41 Boundary/Non-boundary – Mr. Whitesel stated that there were testimonies from some of the P.I.A.A. Board of Directors regarding House Bill 41 Boundary/Nonboundary. Mr. Stokes added that if nothing is passed by November, the process for this Bill will start all over.
6. New Business - *Committee*
 - 6.A. Ralph Cecere announced that Juniata Valley will be adding Boys and Girls Junior High Track in 2027.
 - 6.B. Annual Meeting - The Committee conversed on a handout provided by Mr. Cecere from the annual banquet survey compiled from the seventy-two responses. 83% of the responses requested that the banquet be held during the day. The Committee agreed to a 10am regular meeting, followed by the annual banquet at 11:00 am on April 14th.

6.C. 26/27-27/28 Winter PIAA Brackets - 2nd Reading – Mr. Cecere announced that the 26/27 27/28 Winter PIAA Brackets have been sent to Winter sport chairs. The Committee then conversed on regional wrestling that passed through the first reading and that a further in-depth look at it will take place during the second reading. The first reading included seeding changes, loss of District VI site, keeping qualifiers, traveling, and how regions stayed the same where classifications had different guidelines.

6.D. Fall Play-off Preparation

6.D.1. Needs

6.D.1.1. The Committee discussed a back up plan for Cross Country.

6.D.1.2. Elizabeth Campbell suggested that communication on the expectations of Game Management be sent to member schools, emphasizing on game management escorting officials once the match has ended.

6.D.2. Dates - No dates were shared.

7. Ralph Cecere informed the Committee of the many waiver requests that are being submitted. Announcing that those where athletic intent are suspected and where ascending schools do not have both principal signoffs will be brought to the Committee.

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
Domnic Bevans	8	Chestnut Ridge to Claysburg-Kimmel	None	Campbell, Gojmerac
Ethan Poe	8	St. Catherine Military Academy to Bishop McCort	Wrestling, Football (27)	Campbell, Gojmerac
Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible				
Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests				
Smith-Kirk, Ka'Ven	12	Bellefonte to State College	Football, Track and Field	Whitesel, Strittmatter
Vatimo, Henrique	12	Colegio Marista to State College	Soccer	Gojmerac, Williamson
Ineligible - Athletic Intent				
None				
Exchange/International Student - Eligible for a 1 year period				
Name		Country	PIAA School	Motion

8. Officials / Disqualifications - Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Rickens - Mrs. Campbell reported on the following items:

- 8.A. Disqualifications - There have been six player disqualifications since the September meeting.
- 8.B. Officials Recruitment - continuation to offer reimbursement. So far, about three officials are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity.
- 8.C. Officials Representatives - suggested that school districts inform graduates of officiating opportunities, that include start officiating with younger age groups, and progress up to older groups.
- 8.D. Joseph Strittmatter stated that there have been game cancellations due to lack of officials. Mr. Strittmatter also suggested that when schools utilize security during volleyball matches, that they also use adults in lieu of students as line judges.
- 8.E. Mr. Cecere added that game management needs to protect junior officials and promote a positive experience for them.

- 9. Sportsmanship - *Mr. Schreier* - Mr. Cecere stated that Richard Schreier is currently working on the following:
 - 9.A. NFHS Student Credential Update
 - 9.B. Sportsmanship Assembly Program Update
 - 9.C. Media PSA Update

- 10. Athletic Director Reports - *Mr. Williamson, Mr. Riccio, Mr. Stokes* – No Athletic Director reports were presented.

- 11. D6 Awards/Promotions - *Mr. Rainey* – Ralph Cecere conversed on the continued work on apparel packages.

- 12. Sport Reports
 - 12.A. Fall Sports - Charles Gojmerac announced that Girls Volleyball Regionals will be held at Mount Aloysious College.

- 13. CO-OPs (Forming and Terminating) - No co-ops were reported.
 - 13.A. Forming
 - 13.B. Terminating

- 14. Communication - *Committee*
 - 14.A. On a motion by Brain Randall and Charles Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved to issue a check in the amount of \$25,000 to Arbiter to cover the costs of Fall Sport officials.

- 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, November 16, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in the Hollidaysburg Senior High Library.

- 17. Adjournment: On a motion by Phil Riccio and Curtis Whitesel, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:34 PM.