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

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

Absent: Elizabeth Campbell and Matthew Young.

Others Present: Ryan Matthews, Chuck Kassick, Corey Reffner, Matt Hall, McCort Student Athlete, Erika Strittmatter, and Chris Pfeil.

Call to Order: Chairman Ralph Cecere called the November 16, 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. Announcement - Ralph Cecere informed the Committee that NFHS has issued free pass codes for District VI Committee members. Additional information will be provided.

3. Hearing
3.A. Claysburg-Kimmel Coach Supplemental - A supplemental disqualification hearing for a Claysburg-Kimmel coach was held at 3:45 PM.

4. Approval of Past Minutes - On a motion by Jeremy Burkett and Chris Rickens, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the October 13, 2026 meeting.

5. Financial Report(s) - *Mrs. Mento*
5.A. District 6 Monthly Expenses/Revenue Report - On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Charles Gojmerac, the Committee unanimously approved the October District VI financial report.
5.B. Financial Accounts - Jacquelyn Mento presented a detailed financial report for Committee review.

6. Old Business - Ralph Cecere communicated the following with the Committee:
6.A. District 6 Tournament Structure - Reminder to keep school districts informed about District VI tournament structure and updates.
6.B. Basketball shot clocks will be required beginning in the 2028–29 school year; District VI schools should be aware that shot clocks are already on back order.
6.C. Game Management Best Practices remain a priority for District VI schools, and the Committee will continue to share guidance.

7. New Business - Mr. Cecere shared the following informational items:
7.A. Menu options for the annual meeting scheduled for April 14, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Blair County Convention Center. The regular meeting will be held at 10:00 AM.
7.B. The 26/27–27/28 Winter PIAA Brackets have passed second reading and are available on the website for Committee review prior to the third and final reading.

7.C. Fall Play-offs - Mr. Cecere commended the fall sport chairs for their excellent work.
7.D. United will be adding Girls Wrestling.
7.E. Bishop McCort will be adding Junior High Girls Wrestling.
7.F. Football Steering Committee Out-of-Season Clarifications - including heat acclimation, 11v11 scrimmage, and the 4th of July week - have been sent to the Sports Medicine Committee for review before final proposal submission to the Board of Directors. More information will be shared with the District VI Committee.

8. 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
Latrell Barroner	12	Hollidaysburg to Williamsburg	Basketball	Schreier, McConnell
Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible				
Latrell Barroner	12	Hollidaysburg to Williamsburg	Track & Field	Schreier, McConnell
Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests				
William Buckley	11	Bishop McCort	Wrestling	Randall, Riccio
Ineligible - Athletic Intent				
Ella Heyne	7	Montana to Bishop McCort	Girls Wrestling	Informational
Exchange/International Student - Eligible for a 1 year period				
Name		**Country**	**PIAA School**	**Motion**
Bianca Darii		Moldova	Bellefonte	Cacciotti, Williamson
Nikita Ceban		Canada	Bishop McCort	Cacciotti, Williamson

9. Officials / Disqualifications - Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Rickens
9.A. Disqualifications - Chris Rickens reported five disqualifications since the October meeting: four student-athlete supplemental disqualifications and one coach disqualification.
9.B. Officials Recruitment - Mr. Rickens reported only one reimbursement submission, which did not qualify.
9.C. Officials Representatives - No new prospects have been identified.

9.C.1. Mr. Cecere recommended that schools offer junior official programs and reminded that game management must be present at junior high competitions.

10. Sportsmanship - Mr. Schreier updated the Committee on the following:

10.A. NFHS Student Credential flyer that was shared at the September meeting and discussed if this should be underway for students to take advantage for the 27-28 school year.

10.A.1. Mr. Cecere suggested the following:

- Making this a topic at the annual meeting.
- Reviewing financials carefully, especially given decreased ticket sales due to livestreaming.
- The Committee will further examine livestream fees. District VI covers membership dues for all member schools, student-athlete scholarships, and championship costs. Reduced ticket sales and increased livestreaming reduce funds available for student-athlete support.

10.B. Sportsmanship Assembly Program

10.C. Media PSA

11. Athletic Director Reports - Mr. Riccio, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Williamson - No Athletic Director reports were presented.

12. D6 Awards/Promotions - Mr. Rainey reported ongoing challenges with shirt costs and order timing.

13. Sport Reports

13.A. Fall Sports Chairs provided financial updates on championships and shared plans moving forward.

13.B. On a motion by David Williamson and Richard Schreier, the Committee unanimously approved the Golf financial report presented by Chris Rickens.

14. CO-OPs (Forming and Terminating) - On a motion by Timothy Regan and Jennifer McConnell, the Committee unanimously approved the following co-op requests:

14.A. Forming

14.A.1. Girls Junior High and Varsity Wrestling, Indiana/United 26-27

14.A.2. Swimming, Bald eagle/West Branch 26-27

14.A.3. Girls Junior High and Varsity Wrestling, Portage/Penn Cambria 26-27

14.A.4. Girls Varsity Wrestling, Curwensville/Harmony 26-27

14.A.5. Rifle, Northern Cambria. Harmony 26-27

14.B. Terminating - No terminations were presented.

15. Communication - Mr. Cecere shared an unfortunate situation in which a team was offered space under bleachers as a locker room during a contest. District VI will revisit host site expectations, including locker room requirements.

16. Executive Session - No executive session was held.

17. For the Good of the Order - Committee

17.A. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 4:00 PM at Marzoni's in Bellwood.

18. Adjournment: On a motion by Stacy Kuster and Phil Riccio, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:03 PM.