

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2009**

The District 9 Committee held the August 19, 2009 meeting in St. Marys, PA. Chairman Jim Manners called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Roger Collins, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Jeff Kepler, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Susan Valentine to accept the minutes of the July meeting. The motion carried.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tony Flint to accept the treasurer's reports. The motion carried.

Accounts receivable were reviewed.

Using Royal Publishing to print the District 9 basketball and football programs was discussed. More information will be provided at the September meeting.

"Quick Facts" will continue to be up-dated and will be mailed to District 9 schools early in September.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Jeff Kepler to pay Pam Reynolds fifty dollars for printing District 9 materials. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to accept the 2009 – 2010 budget. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger Collin and seconded by Jeff Kepler to accept the 2009 – 2010 District 9 fee structure with a number of reductions and changes to the fee structure. The motion carried. The fee structure will be printed in the Quick Facts.

The 2009 – 2010 Audit Committee met on July 29, 2009. The following people served on the committee: Susan Valentine (Chairperson), Matthew Splain (Principal at Otto-Eldred High School), Vicky Walters (Principal at Keystone High School), Stephen Dobransky, (Acting Superintendent at Redbank Valley High School), Pamela Murdock, (Athletic Director at DuBois Area High School), and Roger Collins (Principal at DuBois Area High School). A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to accept the report from the audit committee. The motion carried.

A number of observations and recommendations dealing with the District 9 committee were made by audit committee. These items will be discussed at future committee meetings.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The paperwork for the cooperative football agreement between Sheffield Area High School and Abraxas High School has been submitted and the agreement has been approved by the PIAA Board of the Directors. Sheffield Area High School will not be eligible for the 2009 football playoffs.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

The Chairman's Update has been e-mailed to member schools. The update includes major items covered at the Board of Directors meeting.

The District 9 seeding review committee met. The discussion and results of the meeting will be reflected in any changes or no changes in the seeding procedures in 2009.

A meeting was held with the administration of Clearfield Area School District concerning a possible request from Clearfield to move from District 9 to District 6. From the meeting, there is no desire to move at present time.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to establish the last day of the month prior to a district meeting for agenda items to be submitted for consideration. The motion carried.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

The cooperative sports agreements between Johnsonburg Area High School and Ridgway Area High School have been approved. One agreement creates an agreement while the other dissolves an agreement.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Susan Valentine to approve the 2009 – 2010 sports and steering committee chairpersons. Names appear in Quick Facts. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Tony Flint to continue to employ Tom Elling as the District 9 webmaster. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Jeff Kepler to approve the 2009 – 2010 meeting dates and calendar. Dates and calendar will appear in Quick Facts. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded to approve the continuing eligibility of Emily Renee Smith as a student- athlete at Redbank Valley High School under Article 6, Section 7. The motion carried.

The committee rejected the transfers of two students from DuBois Catholic High School until the proper paperwork is submitted.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Susan Valentine to approve the transfers of Zachary Shawn Byers (Mannheim American School to Sheffield Area High School) and Michael Andrew Kocjanic (Mt. Lebanon High School to Kane Area High School). The motion carried.

The committee approved Nguyen Phuc Linh, a foreign exchange student from Vietnam, to participate in athletics at Elk County Catholic High School.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

There has been discussion at the PIAA Board of Directors meetings concerning a state wide audit for all the districts in the state.

There is a program between the PIAA, NCAA, PSAC, and other Division II and III conferences to encourage and promote college students to become PIAA officials.

### **SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

#### **VOLLEYBALL:**

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Roger Collins to maintain the same format for the tournament as in the 2008 – 2008 year. The motion carried.

**CROSS COUNTRY, GOLF, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, TENNIS, AND VOLLEYBALL:**

Tournament information will be e-mailed to schools and will be put on the District 9 website.

**NOTES:**

Make sure enrollment dates are included on all transfer forms, all information in typed, and use the forms provided in the PIAA Handbook.

Please check the District 9 website for updated information.

Please refer to the PIAA Handbook concerning forfeiture of contests.

The softball pitching mound will be moved to 43 feet for the 2010 – 2011 season.

Check the uniform rule for swimming and diving.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be held at Aiello's Café in Ridgway on October 14, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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