

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2011**

The District 9 Committee held the August 8, 2011 meeting in St. Marys, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Sandi Hanes, Dan Kysor, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tom Wagner, Bill Vassallo, and Bob Wicker.

Mr. Mike Davis, Athletic Director at Coudersport Area High School, was a guest at the meeting.

The Pennsylvania State School Boards Association named Daniel F. Kysor from Port Allegany to fill a vacant position. The district committee welcomed Mr. Kysor and is looking forward to having Dan as part of the committee.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2011 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Bob Wicker to accept the treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

The 2011 – 2012 Audit Committee met on July 2011. The following served on the committee: Susan Valentine – Chairperson, Larry Wiser, Sandra Hanes, Bud Brennen, Peter Grecco, Pamela Murdock, Mike Erickson Bill Jordan, Bill Vassallo, Heather Vargas McMahan, and Robin Dagher. The committee found no mistakes and had no recommendations. A motion was made by Carla Smith and seconded by Dan Kysor to accept the Audit Committee's report. The motion carried unanimously.

A report was presented by Jim Manners and Bob Tonkin concerning expanding the sale of District 9 merchandise and District 9 programs. A motion was made by Carla Smith and seconded by Randy Cathcart to permit Richard Fenstermaker and Barry Gould to expand the sale of District 9 merchandise and programs. The program will be evaluated prior to the start of the 2012 – 2013 school year. The motion carried. Voting in favor of the motion were Aaron Straub, Bob Wicker, Bud Brennen, Kevin Doverspike, Randy Cathcart, Sandi Hanes, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, Carla Smith, Dan Kysor, and Roger Collins. Voting against the motion were Tom Wagner and Tony Flint.

Jim Manners and Bob Tonkin will write a merchandise agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter of resignation was received from Mr. Jerry Linsenbigler. A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Roger Collins to accept Mr. Linsenbigler's resignation with regrets. The district committee would like to thank Jerry for all the years of service to the students, schools, and committee in District 9.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Aaron Straub to seek nominations to fill the vacant position on the District 9 Committee until the September 21, 2011 committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from Punxsutawney Area High School concerning the transfer of a student to Indiana Area High School. The District 7 Committee conducted a hearing and granted athletic eligibility to the student.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The summary of the July Board of Directors meeting has been e-mailed to District 9 Principals.

The change in the mercy rule for junior high school contests has been retracted. The same mercy rule exists for junior high contests and varsity contests.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Thus far, the transfer committee has received ten transfer requests and no requests for decisions on foreign exchange students.

A motion was made Tony Flint and seconded by Bob Wicker to deny athletic eligibility to a Bradford Area High School student who exceeds the age requirement. The motion carried unanimously.

Sports chairmen are asked to up-date their information on the District 9 Web-site.

SCHOOLS ARE ASKED TO UP-DATE ALL THEIR INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT 9 WEBSITE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE ALL COACHES AND THEIR E-MAIL ADDRESSES.

There will be no change in the method to classify schools for the next cycle.

On a first reading vote, adding competitive cheerleading as a championship sport passed the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Carla Smith and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to appoint Sandi Hanes as the District 9 Cheerleading chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

A decision to conduct a District 9 Workshop for principals and athletic directors will be made at the September meeting.

The change in counting the number of students of the non-hosting school in a co-operative sports agreement will affect three District 9 schools. Schools have the option to maintain their present classification or move to the lower classification.

Brockway/Dubois Catholic football co-op will move from "AA" to "A."

Clarion-Limestone/Clarion boy's soccer co-op will move from "AA" to "A."

Ridgway/Johnsonburg girl's soccer co-op has to decide by the start of the season whether to move from "AA" to "A."

On a first reading vote, the Board of Directors passed changing the football season from 16 weeks to 15 weeks and permit contests to be played on the second scrimmage date.

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to support the proposal. The motion carried with one negative vote. Voting against the motion was Tom Wagner.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

BUDGET: The Budget Committee will meet and review all District 9 fees.

AWARDS: Sports chairmen should review all awards to be ordered for the 2011 – 2012 year. Any changes should be brought to the awards chairman.

OFFICIALS: PIAA officials contracts, electronically generated, may be used by the PIAA schools.

The volleyball rules book permits "flags" to be used.

To begin a junior high school volleyball match, two officials must be present.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK: Both committees may be looking for a new person or company to hire to run the FAT timing system fro championship events.

FOOTBALL: The football committee will meet to discuss the “A” football format and semi-finals games being played at the higher seeded team’s site or a neutral site.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be held on September 21, 2011, at Aiello’s Café in Ridgway, at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary