

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2007**

The District 9 committee held the August 15, 2007 meeting at Elk County Catholic High School, St. Marys PA. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Tony Flint, Jerry Linsenbigler, Carla Smith, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Cindy Wagner, Tom Wagner, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the June 2007 meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Tom Wagner to accept the treasurer's reports. The motion carried.

Jim Manners and Bob Tonkin met with the United States Army Recruiting officials concerning the sponsorship of a number of District 9 activities. They presented the proposal approved at the June meeting to the officials. A response to the District 9 proposal should be received within the next week.

Susan Valentine, Chairperson of the Audit Committee, reported that the 2006 – 2007 audit of the District 9 financial records was completed on July 11, 2007. The committee found no irregularities or areas of concern. A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tony Flint to accept the audit committee's report. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tom Wagner to have three principals or superintendents serve on the audit committee. Members of the committee will rotate yearly. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The materials to be included in the District 9 "Quick Facts" were reviewed. A copy of the information will be mailed to District 9 schools within the next two weeks.

The committee reviewed the 2007 – 2008 dates for the PIAA Board of Directors' meetings.

CHAIRMANS' UPDATE:

Three major items were on the agenda at the July 2007 Board of Directors' meeting. These three items were discussed by the district committee.

Changes in the transfer rule passed the first reading. To locate a copy of the proposed transfer rule use the PIAA website.

The football playoff format will remain the same through the next classification/playoff cycle.

The reduction of contests in some sports was discussed. A copy of the new structure will be included in the "Quick Facts."

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Roger Collins to accept the district chairman's recommendations for the sports committee chairman and the members of the sub committees. The motion carried. A copy of the sports chairs and steering committee chairs can be found in the "Quick Facts."

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Carla Smith to permit Rocky Grove Junior/Senior High School to become a member school in District 10. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Susan Valentine to grant athletic eligibility to Ethan Patrick Gillespie, a student transferring from Clearfield Area High School to Central Catholic High School. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tony Flint to grant athletic eligibility to Adam Wayne Bennett, a student transferring from Curwensville Area High School to Dubois Area High School. The motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins to grant athletic eligibility to Adam Bryant Levis Snyder, a student transferring from Brockway Area High School to Central Catholic High School. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tom Wagner to grant athletic eligibility to Sarah Marie Buckel, a student transferring from Central Catholic High School to Dubois Area High School. The motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Tony Flint to grant athletic eligibility to Kaitlyn Nicole Antonioli, a student transferring from Bishop Walsh to Oswayo Valley High School. The motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Carla Smith to grant athletic eligibility to Nathan David Atkinson, a student transferring from Carline Middle School to Karns City High School, pending the completion of the proper paperwork. The motion carried with two abstentions.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins to table a request to grant athletic eligibility to a Brookville Area High School student pending the completion of the proper paperwork and the reasons for the transfer. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

OFFICIALS:

There may be a move to make an official attend the PIAA Officials' Convention once every five years to be eligible to officiate inter-district competition. There has been no action on the move of a District 10 volleyball chapter to become a District 9 chapter.

PARENTS ADVISORY AND PRIVATE SCHOOL:

At the summer steering committee workshops, both committees discussed the changes in the transfer rule. Both groups indicated the method to inform parents of the changes needs to be put in place by the PIAA administration.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Schools that are eligible for the 2006 – 2007 District 9 Sportsmanship Award will be reviewed at the September committee meeting.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

FALL SPORTS COMMITTEES

Information for the fall championships can be found in the "Quick Facts" packet.

WRESTLING:

A letter from St. Marys Area High School concerning the District 9 Team Wrestling Tournament was given to Randy Cathcart, wrestling chairman, who will address their concerns.

A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

**THE NEXT DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 19th
AT 10:00 AT AIELLO'S CAFÉ IN RIDGWAY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin
District 9 Secretary