

DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2006
RIDGWAY, PA

On February 15, 2006, the District 9 Committee met at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The following members were present: Ed Babcock, Mike Brown, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Tony Flint, Denny Geitner, Jerry Linsenbiger, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Dave Stanley, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tom Wagner, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

At 1:00 PM Chairman Manners called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2006 meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCES:

A motion was made by Mike Brown and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the treasure's report. The motion carried.

The financial report from the team wrestling tournament was given.

A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Ed Babcock to sell the district track and field implements to Coudersport Area High School. Their bid for the implements was \$189.00. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Dr. Joseph Carrico, Principal of West Forest High School, requesting that the district committee approve a cooperative sports agreement for girls' softball with North Clarion High School. A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Ed Babcock to approve the cooperative agreement. The motion carried.

The following balls have been adopted as the "official ball" for PIAA Championship events:

Tennis - Wilson T 1001 – Outdoor
Wilson T 1003 – Indoor

Volleyball - Baden Perfection VX5E – Girls
Baden Lexum 15-OCM – Boys

Football - Wilson - GST F 1003

Basketball - Baden – Perfection Elite BX6E – Girls
Baden – Perfection Elite BX7E – Boys

Baseball - Wilson – A1010BPRORPEN

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The chairman's update has been e-mailed to district schools. All championship brackets of fall, winter, and spring competition are on a first reading basis.

The date for the annual principals' meeting, election, and banquet has been changed to Thursday, April 6, 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Mike Brown to explore the cost of developing a

record of the District 9 Championship history. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Bob Wicker to grant athletic eligibility to Steven G. Forrest, a student transferring from Carlton Comprehensive High School in Canada to St. Marys Area High School. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Randy Cathcart to grant athletic eligibility to Alan J. Kandare, a student transferring from Marion Center High School to Bradford Area High School. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to grant athletic eligibility to Erica Anderson, a student transferring from St. Marys Area High School to Elk County Catholic High School. The motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to grant athletic eligibility to Man Luo, a foreign exchange student attending Elk County Catholic High School. The motion carried.

A request by the Allegany Mountain Basketball League to conduct the league's boys and girls championship games was approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Ed Babcock to increase the number of plaques presented for team wrestling to twenty-four plaques. The motion carried.

The District 9 Policy Manual has been e-mailed to District 9 schools and is on the District 9 website.

Order sheets for winter sports merchandise as been sent to schools.

Discussion was held concerning officials who are officiating varsity contest at schools in the community they live or have had previous close relations at the school they have been contracted to officiate. Also, there is a concern about the assignment of games by officials who are not a league or conference assignor or are not recognized as a school district officials' assignor.

A list of the District 9 disqualifications for unsportsmanlike conduct was given to committee members.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

The golf steering committee will meet prior to the March meeting to discuss the qualifying format for the District 9 team golf championships.

The football committee will meet prior to the March meeting to recommend the method of seeding for the 2006 – 2007 playoff games.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Tony Flint to accept the 2005 – 2006 District 9 basketball playoff brackets. The motion carried.

Swimming and diving information has been mailed to schools and can be found on the District 9 website.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on March 8, 2006 at 1:00 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Tom Wagner to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary