

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 17, 2022**

The District 9 Committee met on February 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Scott Daum, Shawn Deemer, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Anita Orton, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Aaron Straub, Terry Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. The following members joined the meeting remotely Dr. Bill Jordan and Dr. Thomas Lesniewski

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the January and February 2022 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to accept the District 9 accounts receivable and payable reports. The motion carried unanimously.

HomeTown Ticketing chairperson, Dr. Bill Jordan, reviewed the use of HomeTown Ticketing with the committee.

Summaries of the Competitive Spirit and Team Wrestling Championships receipts, expenses, profits, and cost to the district committee were presented. A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded and seconded by John Sherry to accept the reports. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Mike Erickson to permit the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference and the Allegany Mountain League to hold championship contests. The motion carried unanimously.

The chairperson of each fall sports reviewed their sports' steering committee meeting. At many steering committee meetings increasing the penalty for disqualification of players and/or coaches was discussed.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

A summary of the January 26, 2022 and February 2, 2022 Board of Directors meetings were reviewed. Summaries have been emailed to District 9 schools and can be found on the PIAA website.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meetings will be on February 23, 2022 and March 23, 2022.

Chairman Straub updated the committee on the hearings that dealt with classification upgrades for football. The competition formula will be discussed at future committee meetings.

**COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Oil City Area High School, host school, and Venango Catholic High School, sending school, in junior high school softball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Misty Hartle to approve a cooperative sports agreement between A C Valley High School, host school, and Union High School, sending school, in senior high school baseball. The motion carried unanimously.

Misty Hartle informed the committee about the potential cooperative sports agreement request between Forest Area Schools and North Clarion High School in baseball. The committee will review the request at the March 9, 2022 committee meeting.

A request to the Board of Directors by Kane Area High School to terminate the cooperative sports agreement with East Forest High School in varsity football after the October 1st deadline was denied.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**TRANSFER REQUESTS: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR)**

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>
#21	Bradford	Otto-Eldred	D.Osborne/S.Deemer M.Erickson- abstention	Approve

**POST SEASON REQUEST: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR) NONE**

<u>Student #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Approve/Deny</u>

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS: (FOR 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR) NONE**

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**HEARINGS: NONE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:**

North Clarion High School presented a plan addressing an unsportsmanlike incident that occurred between a basketball coach and an official. A motion was by Bill Howard and seconded by Bud Brennen to accept the plan presented by North Clarion High School. The motion carried with two abstentions, Bonnie Wolbert and Scott Daum.

Brookville Area High School received a letter from Mr. Patrick Gebhart, Assistant Executive Director, concerning an unsportsmanlike comment in a newspaper article criticizing an official’s call in a basketball game. A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Mike Erickson to accept the action taken by the Brookville Area High School administration concerning the issue. The motion carried unanimously.

Bradford Area High School asked the committee to grant weight assessment relief for a wrestler who was given incorrect information dealing with the weight descent program by a former Bradford Area High School wrestling coach. A motion was made

by Terry Straub and seconded by Bill Howard to grant the request. The motion carried with two abstentions. (Mike Erickson and Pete Grecco)

Clarion Area High School informed the committee that two wrestlers received forfeits when they had not been medically cleared to wrestle. Clarion Area High School forfeited the bouts and have taken appropriate steps to make sure the incident does not occur again.

The number of disqualifications for unsportsmanlike conduct was updated.

### **SPORTS COMMITTEES:**

**GOLF:** PIAA championship golf finals will be held at Penn State for the next four years.

**VOLLEYBALL:** The team bench rule will be the same as the past season.

**COMPETITIVE SPIRIT:** Congratulation to Elk Country Catholic for their second-place finish and Moniteau High School for their third-place finish at the PIAA State Competitive Spirit finals.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The tentative date for the Annual District 9 Principals' Meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the Red Fern Inn in St. Marys. When the date is finalized, more information will be emailed to District 9 principals and athletic directors.

Information for the eleven elected positions on the District 9 Committee will be sent to member schools soon.

The competition formula will be reviewed by the PIAA Staff and Board of Directors.

The contract with Clarion University for use of the university's facilities has been reviewed and approved by the PIAA legal team and Clarion University.

Any questions dealing with the procedure for forfeits can be found in the PIAA Handbook under Rules and Regulations.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Dave Osborne to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be held at Fox's Pizza Den in Ridgway on March 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tonkin  
District 9 Secretary

