

## DISTRICT 9 COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 10, 2020

The District 9 Committee held the June 10, 2020 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron Straub. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Bill Howard, Bill Jordan, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. Attending the meeting virtually: Kristie Bennardi, Dr. Randy Cathcart, Melissa DeMatteis, Kevin Doverspike, Dr. Thomas Lesnieski, Dave Osborne, John Stoughton, and Terry Straub. Not attending the meeting was Bob Gearhart.

Mr. Mark Byers, Chief Operating Officer of the PIAA, presented an update on many PIAA issues. Many District 9 Athletic Directors participated in a question and answer period with Mr. Byers.

The District Committee would like to thank Mark and all the Athletic Directors who participated.

Mr. Byers conducted the election for District 9 officers for the 2020 – 2021 schools year.

Chairman – Aaron Straub

Vice-Chairman – Kevin Doverspike

Secretary/Treasurer - Bob Tonkin

The committee went into executive session. The committee returned to public session at 11:35. No decisions were made.

The following were elected to serve on the District 9 Committee for the 2020 – 2021 school year: Randy Cathcart, Mike Erickson, Pete Grecco, Misty Hartle, Bill Howard, Bill Jordan, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Stoughton, Aaron Straub, and Terry Straub.

A motion was made by Mike Erickson and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the minutes of the April 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the April, May, and June treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

**The annual District 9 Audit Meeting will be on Monday July 13, 2020 at 9:00 at the Showers Field Complex in Dubois. Any person interested helping with the audit meeting please contact Mike Erickson, Audit Chairman, or Bob Tonkin, Treasurer.**

### COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Mr. Jeff Kuleck, Volleyball coach at University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, concerning the PIAA 10 day sit-out period. Copies were given to the committee for review.

A letter as received from Michael E. Jewart, Esquire, concerning numerous District 9 and PIAA issues. The concerns will be discussed at future District 9 meetings.

The committee reviewed the monthly transfer report from DuBois Catholic High School.

### CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

A review of the May 20, 2020 PIAA Board of Directors meeting was presented to District 9 committee. Copies have been sent to all District 9 schools.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2020.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**TRANSFERS:** none

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT REQUESTS:** none

**HEARINGS:** none

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bill Jordan to approve the co-operative sports agreement between Brockway Area High School and DuBois Catholic High School in girls' soccer. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Bill Jordan to approve the co-operative sports agreement between Oil City Area High School and Cranberry High School in competitive spirit. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the co-operative sports agreement between Port Allegany High School and Smethport Area High School in junior high school wrestling. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion as made by Bill Howard and seconded by Mike Erickson to remove DuBois Catholic High School from probation. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion as made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Bill Howard to hire Tom Elling as the District 9 webmaster for the 2020 – 2021 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Bonnie Wolbert, Sportsmanship Chairperson, will present the names of schools eligible to receive the 2019 – 2020 District 9 Sportsmanhip Awards. The winners will be named at the August meeting.

The Parent Representative position was discussed along with correspondence that was received pertaining to that position. The parents representative nominating committee that was established at the April 1st meeting met three times and did not have a nominating report

A committee to review the positions of female and male parents' representatives was established. Serving on the committee are Bill Jordan, Bill Howard, and Pete Grecco. Also, additional guidance will be sought by the District Chairman concerning the position.

**SPORTS COMMITTEES:**

**COMPETITIVE SPIRIT:** Competitive Spirit Championships will be held on January 29 and 30, 2021. The tentative date for the District 9 Championships is January 16, 2021.

**WRESTLING:** The PIAA Board of Directors is considering reducing the number of weight classes from 14 to 13. This proposal is on a second reading.

**SEEDING COMMITTEE:** After the Board of Directors approves the 2020 – 2021 brackets the seeding committee will meet.

**The next District 9 Committee meeting will be a virtual meeting on June 22, 2020. The starting time will be 9:00 AM.**

**The 2019 – 2020 District 9 Audit Meeting will be held on Monday July 13th at 9:00 AM at the Showers Field Complex in Dubois.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:05

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary