

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 13, 2012**

The District 9 Committee held the June 13, 2012 meeting at Aiello's Café, Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Kevin Doverspike, Tony Flint, Sandi Hanes, Dan Kysor, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Carla Smith, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Bill Vassallo, and Tim Walter.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2012 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Sandi Hanes to accept the April, May and June treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

The financial review of the spring championship contests and the Annual Principals' Meeting and Luncheon were presented.

A summary of 2011 – 2012 programs and merchandise sales will be given at the August meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from an employee at Coudersport Area High School concerning the earliest date to give fall physicals. Since consideration must be presented by the high school principal, the matter was referred back to the high school principal.

A letter was received from Mr. David McDevitt, Principal of A. C. Valley High School, concerning removing A. C. Valley High School football program from probation. A motion was made by Carla Smith and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to remove A. C. Valley High School from probation but another football rules violation will result in greater sanctions. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jonathan Songer, Head Boys' Basketball Coach at Cameron County High School, addressed the committee. At the request of the high school principal, Mr. Songer presented materials requesting an additional year of eligibility for a Cameron County High School athlete. The student-athlete is older than the PIAA permitted age limit. The PIAA Constitution does not permit the district committee to grant additional eligibility under the circumstances provided. A motion was made by Dan Kysor and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to deny the request. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

A summary of the March 23, 24, and 25, 2012 PIAA Board of Directors' meeting has been emailed to District 9 schools. Please read the following items:

Reinstatement of Saints Cosmas and Damian School – note regulations on schools to become a member of PIAA

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Sandi Hanes for the District 9 Committee to approve the reinstatement of Saints Cosmas and Damian School. The motion carried unanimously.

Competitive Spirit Competition (Cheerleading)

Wrestling – entering proper information in the Optimal Performance Calculator **Officials’ Representative** to the Board of Directors will serve a two year term rather than a one year term

Basketball Championships will be at the Giant Center, Hershey, Pa, for the next four years

Transfer Rule – please read updates

Voluntary increase in enrollment classifications and corrections of enrollment report errors – please read

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Brookville Area High School and North Clarion High School in the sport of swimming and diving pending the proper paperwork. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tim Walter to approve a cooperative sports agreement between North Clarion High School and East Forest High School in the sport of girls’ basketball pending the proper paperwork. The motion carried unanimously.

Some schools inquired about the compliance form for House Bill 1610 and if the form could be attached to the physical form. More information will be provided.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Roger Collins to combine the District 4 and District 9 “AAA” individual wrestling tournaments for the next classification cycle. The tournament will be held both years in District 9. The motion carried with Tim Walter casting a negative vote.

The conflict between Belle-Vernon High School and Punxsutawney Area High School baseball teams and coaches was discussed. This occurred during an inter-district baseball game. Since the situation occurred at an inter-district game, the PIAA has jurisdiction over the game. The outcome of the PIAA investigation will be discussed at the August committee meeting.

The change from the Annual Principals’ meeting and banquet to a luncheon was discussed. All comments supported the change. A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Aaron Straub to continue with the luncheon format. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

AUDIT:

The audit committee will meet on July 11, 2012 at 8:45 AM at Aiellos’ Café. Chairperson Susan Valentine will form the audit committee.

AWARDS

A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Bill Vassallo to

instruct the awards chairman to advertise for bids for awards. The bid will be awarded at the August meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CHEERLEADING:

A motion was made by Sandi Hanes and seconded by Tony Flint to conduct District 9 Competitive Cheerleading Competition at Dubois Area High School on December 1, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

The PIAA championship will be on February 2, 2013 at the Hershey Park Arena.

OFFICIALS:

The District 9 Committee thanked Carla Smith for her years of service on the committee. Carla did not run for re-election for the officials' representative position. Thanks for all the years of service.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

The 2011 – 2012 District 9 Sportsmanship Award will be chosen at the August meeting.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEE:

CROSS COUNTRY:

Enrollment classifications have not been passed by the Board of Directors but should be available after the July Board of Directors' meeting.

GOLF:

The 2012 – 2013 girls' golf tournament will be held at the Pinecrest Country Club (Brookville). The 2012 – 2013 boys' golf tournament will be held at the Bavarian Hills Country Club (St. Marys) on September 24 and 29, 2012.

FOOTBALL:

After the audit committee meeting, the football committee will meet. An item of discussion will be the use of schedule points in determining seeds in the various classifications.

TRACK AND FIELD:

A letter was received from the Dubois Area High School's head girls' track and field coach. He expressed a number of concerns with the site of the 2012 "AAA" championship site. The letter and site will be reviewed by the track and field chairman and committee. Additional information will be given at the August meeting.

Combining the "AA" and "AAA" meets will be evaluated.

The next District 9 committee meeting will be in St. Marys on August 16, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin, Secretary

