

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2006**

The District 9 Committee held the August 16, 2006 meeting at Gunner's Restaurant in St. Marys, PA. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Ed Babcock, Mike Brown, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Denny Geitner, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Cindy Wagner, Tom Wagner, and Bob Wicker.

A hearing was held concerning the transfer of a student to Elk County Catholic High School from St. Marys Area High School. A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Susan Valentine to deny the student athletic eligibility for one year in the sports he participated in the previous year. The motion carried by a nine to two vote with one abstention.

A hearing was held concerning the transfer of a student to Elk County Catholic High School from St. Marys Area High School. A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Susan Valentine to grant athletic eligibility to Elena Reed. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Manners recognized Cindy Wagner for becoming the female parents' representative to the PIAA Board of Directors and Denny Geitner for becoming the officials' representative to the PIAA Board of Directors.

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

**FINANCE:**

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

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Susan Valentine to discuss a position of assistant treasure at the September meeting. The motion carried.

The spring entry fees and spring merchandise purchases were reviewed.

Susan Valentine, chairperson of the audit committee, reported that Jeff Kepler, Kane Area High School Principal, and Matt Splain, Otto-Elderred High School Principal, audited the District 9 financial records for the 2005 – 2006 year and found the books were in order.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

"Quick Facts" for the 2006-2007 school year will be e-mailed to schools following the September District 9 meeting.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Susan Valentine to approve the meeting dates for 2006-2007 school year. The motion carried.

The agendas for the Board of Directors meeting can be found on the PIAA website.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

1. Cross country championships will be held in Hershey for the next two years.
2. Approved: Competition with New York schools that use 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their varsity rosters. However, PIAA member schools are not allowed to use 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for varsity competition.

3. When schools dissolve a co-op sports agreement, athletes of the cooperating school can be “grandfathered” and will be permitted to participate throughout the period of their athletic eligibility.
4. The new PIAA website should be operating in September.
5. There will be a new health form by 2008.
6. There is a possibility of holding regional parents’ representatives meetings.
7. Passed (1<sup>st</sup> reading) expanding the number of baseball and softball games to 24 competitions.
8. Passed (1<sup>st</sup> reading) changing the order of tennis to schedule the singles and doubles championships one week before the team tennis championships.
9. “Liberero” in volleyball will be on a trial basis in the serving rotation.
10. There will be no 2006-2007 PIAA handbooks printed.

Minutes of the PIAA Board of Directors meeting are located on the PIAA website.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Ed Babcock stating that when a school makes a mistake entering a team or an individual for district championship competition the school must explain how they will prevent a mistake from happening in the future. The school will be subject to being placed on probation. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Bob Wicker and seconded by Denny Geitner stating that a committee member is required to notify the district chairman or secretary 48 hours prior to the meeting if he or she will not attend. The motion carried.

At the Girls’ Athletics steering committee meeting there was a great amount of discussion concerning boys participating on girls teams.

At the PIAA Officials’ Convention the following District 9 officials were recognized for 35 years of service:

- Denny Geitner
- Sharon
- Bill Howard
- Keith Miller

A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to award the 2005-2006 District 9 and PIAA Sportsmanship Awards to Dubois Area High School and Northern Potter High School. The motion carried with two abstentions.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS:**

The district committee has approved the following foreign exchange students:

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| Miguel Angel Carroll         | Curwensville Area high School |
| Eun Seong Kim                | St. Marys Area High School    |
| Nadejda Sergheeva            | St. Marys Area High School    |
| Kassius Pellegrino Fernandes | St. Marys Area High School    |
| Mona Vom Endt                | St. Marys Area High School    |
| Juan Pablo Isaza             | Clarion-Limestone High School |
| Caroline Olsson              | Cranberry Area High School    |
| Antonio Caceres              | Venango Catholic High School  |
| Qoumy Husein                 | Brockway Area High School     |
| Muhammad Mehdi Rahmati       | Kane Area High School         |

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Andrea Duque  
Marianne Beer  
Henriette Raab  
Maria Gericke  
Sylvia Guzik

Elk County Catholic High School  
Venango Catholic High School  
Brockway Area High School  
Cranberry Area High School  
St. Marys Area High School  
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**TRANSFERS:**

The district committee has approved the following transfers:

Glenn Richard Eshbach	St. Marys Area High School from Elk Couth Catholic H. S.
Adam Wayne Bennett	Dubois Area High School from Curwensville Area H. S.
Brandon James Lougee	Dubois Area High School from Ridgway Area H. S.
Calvin L. Shaw	Dubois Area High School from State College Area H. S.

The district committee has approved the following transfers pending the proper paper work being submitted:

Cody Allen Rosenhoover	Johnsonburg Area High School from St. Marys Area H. S.
Andrew E, Kowalski	Johnsonburg Area High School from San Francisco, CA
Richard Terry Hammond	Otto-Eldred High School from Bradford Area H. S.
Robert W. Stobert	Karns City High School from Apollo Ridge H. S.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on September 20, 2006 at 10:00 at Aiello's Café, Ridgway, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,  
District 9 Secretary