

**DISTRICT 9  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 2013**

The District 9 Committee held the October 23, 2013, meeting at Aiello's Café Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Scott Daum, Kevin Doverspike, Sandi Hanes, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Matt Splain, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Bill Vassallo, Tim Walter and Bonnie Wolbert.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the minutes from the September 18, 21013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Tim Walter to accept the September and October treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts payable were reviewed.

The official audit report was presented by Audit Chairperson, Susan Valentine. The committee found no inconsistencies in the audit. A motion was made by Sandi Hanes and seconded by Randy Cathcart to accept the audit committee's report. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Bill Howard to pay mileage for school employees who help with the audit and pay non-school employees a thirty-five dollar fee. The motion carried with one no vote. (Randy Cathcart)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was received from William Jordan, Principal at A. C. Valley High School, concerning a junior high school student from a non-PIAA who school participated in a junior high school golf match. A. C. Valley High School forfeited the match and will institute a plan to insure the situation does not occur again. A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Bill Howard to request a representative from A. C. Valley High School attend the December 4, 2013 District 9 Committee meeting and explain the plan to insure the situation does not occur again. The motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:**

Discussion was held concerning the passage of a second reading by the PIAA Board of Directors 2013 that mandates all coaches, paid and non-paid, pass a certified coaching course/courses. The policy takes effect on July 1, 2016. A motion was made by Bill Vassallo and seconded by Bill Howard to request that the Board of Directors table any action until PSADA meets. The motion carried unanimously.

The PIAA has established three committees to discuss long range plans. The committees are Finance, Championships and Competition, and Operations. The committees met for the first time on October 3, 2013.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bill Vassallo to accept a cooperative sports agreement between Ridgway Area High School and Johnsonburg Area High

School in baseball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to accept a cooperative sports agreement between Kane Area High School and East Forest High School in junior high and varsity wrestling pending the proper paperwork. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Susan Valentine to request a representative from Smethport Area High School attend the December 4, 2013 District 9 Committee meeting and explain the plan to insure the participation of a junior high school student on a varsity athletic team does not occur again. The motion carried unanimously.

The number of transfer and foreign exchange students were reviewed.

A proposed athletic trainers' fee schedule for district events was received. A motion was made by Scott Daum and seconded by Susan Valentine to table the proposal until the December meeting.

Reviewed District 9 and PIAA policies for fans conduct at events. The policy is listed below:

**BANNERS, SIGNS, NOISEMAKERS, LISTENING DEVICES, AND TEAM BOX DECORUM**

The presence and/or the use of balloons, whistles, and/or portable listening devices (without earphones) are PROHIBITED! The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from their cheerleaders and/or the spectators from their school and community. The use of pom-poms by cheerleaders and small portable listening devices with earphones is permitted. **Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirts and/or using body paint while in attendance at District and Inter-District Championship Contests. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall announce and publicize these regulations.**

The principal, athletic director, coaches, team physician, team trainer, players in uniform, managers, ball holders, and statisticians will be the only persons permitted in the team box.

PIAA fall sports steering committee will meet on December 5, 2013.

Discussed the result of an appeal hearing involving Washington High School student. The PIAA Constitution states under Article 8 Sections 3, 4, and 5 additional semester/s can be granted to a student. One or two semesters may be granted but not a part of a semester.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:**

**SPORTSMANSHIP:**

The number of athletes and coaches disqualified was presented.

**SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:**

**CROSS COUNTRY, TENNIS, GOLF, and VOLLEYBALL:**

Updates concerning the various tournaments were presented.

**FOOTBALL:**

Two items were discussed: the "AAA" point system and schools cancelling the last game of the season. When schools cancel a game or games, the cancelation has an effect on the teams

that qualify for the playoffs and the order of seeding. Both items will be discussed at the December committee meeting.

**CHEERLEADING:**

District 9 Cheerleading competition will be held at Dubois Area High School on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The PIAA has increased the number of team qualifiers from 96 to 120 teams. District 9 will increase the number of qualifying teams to nine.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Randy Cathcart to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on December 4, 2013 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,  
District 9 Secretary