

**DISTRICT 9**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

The District 9 Committee held the November 13, 2018 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Melissa DeMatteis, Kevin Doverspike, Scott Daum, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, John Stoughton, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Scott Daum to approve the minutes of the September 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the September, October, and November treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

Financial summaries were given for all the fall sports except football.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Randy Cathcart to set the game and site managers fees at a total of \$250.00 for District 9 football games. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Scott Daum to set a fee of \$300.00 for streaming District 9 events. The motion carried unanimously.

The cost of rental fees for various venues in District 9 was discussed. If contest must be moved from a host school's venue, who should pay the rental fee? (host school or the district committee) Further discussion will be held.

When teams enter a District 9 tournament a team roster should accompany the entry form.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was received from Kane Area High School informing the committee that Kane Area High School forfeited a varsity soccer match because of an ineligible player. A motion was made by John Stoughton and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert for Kane Area High School to present a written plan to prevent ineligible athletes from participation in contests. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter of resignation from the District 9 Committee was received from Tim Walter. A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Scott Daum to accept Mr. Walter's resignation with regret. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Terry Straub to accept letters of application to fill the vacant position on the committee until December 31, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from Chris Rossetti concerning the availability for tournament information to the media and District 9 sports fans. The subject was discussed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**TRANSFER REQUESTS:**

**A complete list of all athletic transfer requests will be emailed to all District 9 principals and athletic directors. The list will include the transferring students' names.**

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED:**

**A complete list of all foreign exchange student requests will be emailed to all District 9 principals and athletic directors**

**HEARINGS:** None

**COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:**

There is a possibility of several cooperative sports agreements especially in football. If the agreements are approved, many teams may have to find games to fill the open dates in their schedules.

Melissa DeMatteis and John Stoughton are working to update the District 9 website.

A motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to add the position of superintendent representative to the district committee. The position will be selected by the District 9 superintendents for a two years term. Letters of application will be accepted until January 16, 2019. A ballot will be sent to the District 9 superintendents to vote for their representative. The motion carried unanimously

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

There will be a meeting on November 14, 2018 between the PIAA Competition Committee and the Equality Steering Committee.

There have been several concerns dealing with the recently approved transfer rules.

The next PIAA Board of Directors meeting will be on December 5, 2018 at the PIAA Office.

**SPORTS COMMITTEES:**

**BASEBALL:** The following method will be used to seed the fourth seeded team in the sub-regional baseball tournament between Districts 4, 6, and 9. The fourth seeded team will be determined with one team getting a bye, two teams will play, and the winning team will play the team with the bye. The winning team of that game will be fourth seeded team. One team will get a bye by a draw.

**FOOTBALL:** Several football related issues will be discussed at future committee meeting:

Should first round games be played on turf?

In site selection should consideration be given to the higher seeded team?

How would additional cooperative sports agreements effect league scheduling?

**BASKETBALL:** High school gyms will be used to play district tournament playoff games.

**WRESTLING:** In the District 9 wresting tournament there will be 9 AAA teams and 15 AA teams.

**COMPETITIVE SPIRIT:** Discussion was held dealing with the classification policy to determine how teams are classified. Many times, schools with lower number of students must compete with schools with higher number of students.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

The next District 9 Committee meeting will be on January 16,2019 at Aiello's Café, Ridgway at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary