

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

The District 9 Committee held the November 20, 2019 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, Randy Cathcart, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Bob Gearhart, Pete Grecco, Bill Howard, Bill Jordan, Tom Lesniewski, Dave Osborne, Randy Reitz, John Sherry, Terry Straub, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting were Kristie Bennardi, Melissa DeMatteis, and John Stoughton.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bill Howard to approve the minutes of the October 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by John Sherry to approve the October and November 2019 treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's reports are available upon written requests.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

The financial reports for District 9 cross country, soccer, tennis, volleyball, and football, tournaments were presented.

The District 9 obligation for legal fees will be paid following the Annual Principals Meeting in April.

A motion was made by Bonnie Wolbert and seconded by Pete Grecco to reimburse the district treasurer for helping to complete inter-district game reports. The motion carried unanimously.

District 6 was satisfied with fans purchasing football pre-ticket sales from Hometown Tickets.

District 9 will pay mileage for committee members who work at PIAA sponsored events.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Correspondence was received from the District 9 football rules interpreter concerning a radio station criticizing officiating during a playoff football game. The committee recommended no action be taken and the subject should be discussed between the rule interpreter and the media station that criticized the officiating.

Mr. Dan Hoffman, Principal at West Forest High School, requested a hearing concerning granting post-season eligibility for a student athlete. The hearing will be held January 14, 2020 at 9:00 at Aiello's Café.

For athletic recognition East and West Forest High Schools want to be recognized as Forest Area High School.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The PIAA Board of Directors will meet on December 4 and 5, 2019.

A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Bill Howard to approve a co-operative sport agreement between Forest Area High Schools and Abraxas High School in baseball pending the proper paperwork being submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Pete Grecco and seconded by Bill Howard to approve a co-operative sports agreement between Clarion Area High School and North Clarion High School in boys and girls track and field. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Bill Howard updated the committee on identifying officials who have 50 years of officiating service. This year officials with 50 years of service will be recognized at the Annual Luncheon.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Kevin Doverspike naming Bill Howard as the chairman of the committee to recognize officials with 50 years of service. The motion carried unanimously.

Anyone who knows an official who has served 50 years please notify Bill Howard.

A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Randy Cathcart to use the name of the host school to identify the name of an athletic team when schools participate in a co-operative sports agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bill Howard to open the parents' representatives position every two years. The motion carried unanimously.

The current term of the parents' representative will end June 30, 2020. Present, past, and new people who would like to become the District 9 Male and Female Parents Representative are welcome to apply for the position. The committee will vote on new representatives at the August meeting.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

Student #	From:	To:	Motion/Second:	Vote:
#31	C – L	Union	T. Straub/J. Sherry	approved-1 no vote
#37	Bayshore	St. Marys	B. Howard/B. Wolbert	approved-1 abstention
#38	Slippery Rock	St. Marys	B. Howard/D. Osborne	approved-1 abstention
#40	Johnsonburg	Kane	R. Cathcart/T. Straub	approved
#41	Brockway	DuBois	T. Straub/B. Howard	approved
#42	DASD Cyber	DuBois C.C.	B. Jordan/T. Straub	approved

REQUEST FOR POST SEASON PARTICIPATION:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPROVED:

None

HEARINGS:

None

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

A report was given by the seeding committee. The committee will meet prior to the January committee meeting. The District 9 Athletic Directors Association voted in favor of the district committee continuing to review the seeding process in all sports.

Red card disqualification for handballs in the box was discussed. More discussion will be held.

The District 9 Website is being updated.

Bonnie Wolbert and Bud Brennen have been re-elected to serve as District 9 officials' representatives.

A letter will be sent to Clarion Area High School to explain the use of coaches to officiate a volleyball tournament. One concern is if officials were sent contracts to officiate the tournament.

SPORTS COMMITTEES:

Please check your copy of Quick Facts for the tournament dates and information.

Football - The seeding committee will continue to evaluate the seeding power point system currently used. The number of bye dates in the district and inter-district playoff games is a concern.

Swimming and Diving - District 9 swimming and diving championship meet will be held at St. Marys Area High School.

Basketball - The basketball committee will meet following the regular committee meeting.

Competitive Spirit – In the near future tournament information will be sent to District 9 schools.

Wrestling - The sites of the District 9 Wrestling Tournaments were discussed. A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Bob Gearhart to hold the District 4 and District 9 “AAA” Tournament at Clearfield Area High School and the District 9 “AA” Tournament at Clarion University pending a satisfactory financial agreement. The motion carried with one no vote. (T. Straub)

After the completion of this year’s tournaments, the wrestling committee will evaluate future tournament sites.

Indoor and Outdoor Spectator Decorum – A copy of PIAA indoor and outdoor spectator decorum is attached.

Pep bands – A motion was made by John Sherry and seconded by Bill Howard to oppose pep bands from playing at District 9 tournament events. The motion carried with three no votes. (B. Gearhart, R. Cathcart, and M. Erickson)

The meeting adjourned at 12:35.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be January 14, 2020 at Aiello’s Café starting at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin,
District 9 Secretary

