

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District 6 – August 1, 2018

Call to Order of the August 1, 2018, Meeting

Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District 6 Committee to order at 9:35 a.m. at the Ebensburg Country Club.

Present were: Brandon Bailey, Joe Gironda, Charles Glasser, Kim Hubler, Michael Hudak, Matthew Jioio, Kenneth Kerchenske, Susan Kovensky, William Marshall, Jacquelyn Mento (*Recording Secretary*), James Price, Jody Rainey, Lori Ratchford, Phil Riccio, and Curt Whitesel. Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, Sherry Montgomery, and Curt Vasas were not present.

Others present were: Bonnie Kidd, Chris Mangus, Patrick Shirt, and Dave Templeton

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by James Price and Kim Hubler, the minutes from the June 13, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Susan Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved the June 2018 Financial Report.

On a motion by James Price and Joe Gironda, the Committee granted Altoona's eligibility request Brendan Kuhns, extra year eligibility. The vote was 13-0-1.

Eligibility Hearings

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Susan Kovensky, eligibility was granted to the following students. Due to scheduled hearings, and the existence of Principal sign-offs avowing that no athletic intent existed by both sending and receiving schools, the following eligibility requests were discussed, then grouped together for one motion: Isaac Thornton, Grade 10, transferring from Conemaugh Valley to Bishop McCort, Basketball, Hockey; Danielle Cramer, Grade 11, transferring from Westmont Hilltop to Bishop McCort, Cheer, Dance; Bailey Shriver, 9th Grade, transferring from Richland to Bishop McCort, Basketball, Volleyball; Elizah Wilson, Grade 10, transferring from Altoona Area to Bishop Guilfoyle, Volleyball, Basketball, Track; Brady Bithell, Grade 11, transferring from Tussey Mountain to Bishop Guilfoyle, Football, Basketball, Track; Brayden Meloy, Grade 10, transferring from Altoona Area to Bishop Guilfoyle, Football, Track; Jayce Heiting, Grade 9, transferring from Altoona Area to Bishop Guilfoyle, Basketball; Luca Seeley, Grade 10, transferring from Bellville Mennonite to Mifflin County, Soccer, Basketball; Ethan Kauffman, Grade 11, transferring from Saint Joseph's to Mifflin County, Soccer, Cross Country, Wrestling; Todd Renninger, Grade 10, transferring from Mount Union to Mifflin County, Basketball, Baseball; Austin Gilkerson, Grade 11, transferring from Northern Cambria to Cambria Heights, No Sports; Caleb Henry, Grade 10, transferring from Centre County Christian Academy to Saint Joseph, Soccer; Tyler Stoltzfus, Grade 11, transferring from Mifflinburg Area to Saint Joseph, Wrestling; Zachary Rosenberger, Grade 12, transferring from Grace Prep to Saint Joseph, Football, Wrestling; Patrick McAndrew, Grade 11, transferring from Penn Cambria to Bishop Carroll, Football, Track; Bellefonte and St. Joes out of a state/country transfers; Austin Duncan, Grade 9, transferring from Divine Mercy to Westmont Hilltop Basketball; Madison Kelly, Grade 10, transferring from North Star to Westmont Hilltop, Volleyball; Christian Seda, Grade 11, transferring from Arizona to Westmont Hilltop, Football, Basketball, Track; Stephen Vivis, Grade 11, transferring from Portage to Richland, Cross Country; Jaclyn Instone, Grade 9, transferring from Bishop McCort to Richland; Lindsay Weaver, Grade 8,

transferring from Divine Mercy to Richland, Soccer; Luke Thompson, Grade 10, transferring from Lower Dauphin to Huntingdon Area, Golf, Basketball, Lacrosse; Julia Thompson, Grade 11, transferring from Lower Dauphin to Huntingdon Area, Tennis

On a motion by Susan Kovensky and Kim Hubler, the Committee unanimously approved Grace Prep's withdrawal from PIAA.

On a motion by Lori Ratchford and Kim Hubler, unanimously approved St. Joe's to initiate a program Boys/Girls Varsity Soccer effective immediately.

On a motion by Kenneth Kerchenske and Jody Rainey, the Committee unanimously granted Portage Area to add a Junior High Cross Country and Claysburg Kimmel to Co-op boys and girls Junior High Soccer with Chestnut Ridge.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Lori Ratchford, the Committee unanimously agreed that in the matter of recruiting allegations made against the Bishop McCort athletic program, District 6 considers this matter closed. Bishop McCort provided a detailed summary and explanation of the actions of their employees named in Mr. Andrews letter. The students and parents named in Mr. Andrews letter were contacted and none wished to make any comments to our Committee. Therefore, the District 6 Committee considers Mr. Andrews accusations unfounded.

On a motion by Michael Hudak and Charles Glasser, the Committee appointed Rudy McCarthy to serve a three term as the Male Parent Representative. The vote was 13-0-1.

Informational Items

Kim Hubler will fill Ralph Cecere's vacancy at the executive meeting.

Background clearances will be needed for ALL District 6 Committee members who are not involved in public schools or officiating.

Possibility of doing away with presale tickets and using Ticket Tap, an electronic ticket online ordering system.

There is a possibility that District 6 may have to contribute to PIAA litigation costs.

New Transfer Rule will be effective August 6, 2018. The new rule will only affect 10th, 11th, and 12th graders.

D6 Pitch Count Manager – someone will be paid to count pitches at districts, not regular season games.

Eligibility Web Portal will be active 2018/19 and Training videos on line by July 1

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, Brandon Bailey moved and Curt Whitesel seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Time was 11:30 AM.

The Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PIAA District 6 Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, in the Library of the Penn Cambria High School starting at 3:30 PM.