

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District 6 – October 3, 2017

Call to Order of the October 3, 2017, Meeting

Chairman Crumrine called the meeting of the District 6 Committee to order at 3:30 PM at the Altoona Area School District Board Room. Present were: Michael Cacciotti, Ralph Cecere, David Crumrine, Joe Gironda, Charles Glasser, Dave Heim, Kim Hubler, Michael Hudak, Susan Kovensky, William Marshall, James Price, Jody Rainey, Lorie Ratchford, Phil Riccio, Curt Vasas and Curtis Whitesel. Those not present were: Brian Ishler and Gary Jubas.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by James Price and Kim Hubler, the minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Kim Hubler and William Marshall the Committee unanimously approved the September 2017 Financial Report.

Sportsmanship

Please be reminded that each high school will determine a senior male and female athlete for exemplifying the highest ideals of Sportsmanship. Gold medals will be provided for those students and each participating senior high school will determine how they wish to present them. Four \$500.00 awards will be presented through a lottery of participating schools. The banquet is scheduled for April 5, 2018, at the Blair County Convention Center.

Michael Hudak and Susan Kovensky reviewed the below-listed disqualification forms.

GVSoc	Bishop McCort	coach	unsportsmanlike conduct
BVSoc	Forest Hills	player	unnecessary force
GVSoc	Greater Johnstown	player	unsportsmanlike conduct
JHFB	Altoona	player	threw a punch
VFB	Penns Manor	player	kicking an opponent
VFB	Juniata Valley	player	flagrant foul
VFB	Conemaugh	player	charged an opposing player

Eligibility Hearings

On a motion by William Marshall and Dave Heim eligibility was granted to the following students and they are eligible to participate in athletics at the school they are attending:

Hunter Guesman, transferring from Purchase Line to Richland, BB;
Matthew Essex, transferring from Forest Hills to Bellwood, BaB; and
Jada Wolf, transferring from Altoona to Bishop McCort, T. The vote was 16-0.

On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Laurie Ratchford, eligibility was granted to Devyn Myers, transferring from Bishop McCort to Westmont. Devyn is eligible to participate in athletics at Westmont contingent upon Dr. Crumrine receiving the proper paperwork. The vote was 16-0.

On a motion by James Price and Susan Kovensky, eligibility was granted to Patrick McAndrew, transferring from Bishop Guilfoyle to Penn Cambria. Patrick is eligible to participate in basketball this year and football next year. The vote was 15-0-1, William Marshall abstained.

On a motion by James Price and Curt Vasas, eligibility was granted to Sean Cruz, transferring from Katy, Texas to Bishop Guilfoyle. Sean is eligible to participate in athletics at Bishop Guilfoyle. The vote was 16-0.

Information

Chairman Crumrine received a letter from Chuck Terek, Penn Cambria athletic director requesting approval from District 6 to start a boy's junior varsity and varsity soccer team at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year and to terminate the boys' soccer co-op with Bishop Carroll effective with the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Ralph Cecere advised the Committee that Portage will be resolving their co-op with Bishop Carroll in boys' soccer in 2018-2019.

Chairman Crumrine received a letter from Stephen Puskar, Principal at Claysburg-Kimmel in response to the recent occurrence and actions taken to address the issue of an ineligible CKHS athlete participating in the varsity football game against Glendale on Saturday, September 23rd. On a motion by Susan Kovensky and William Marshall, the game will be forfeited and the Committee accepted the actions and would like to commend the athletic administration for self-reporting this incident. The vote was 16-0.

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Curtis Whitesel, the Committee voted to pay a stipend to schools who host District 6 football playoffs. The vote will be 16-0.

On a motion by Kim Hubler and Susan Kovensky, the Committee voted to admit current athletic directors to District 6 playoffs with the current year and color pass for that year. The vote was 16-0.

On a motion by Curt Vasas and William Marshall, the Committee voted to present an Athletic Administration Appreciation at the Annual District 6 meeting in April. The vote was 16-0.

Ian Magness, Superintendent, Freeport Area School District, Kelly Wesolosky, and Brian Dempsey showed a short video and slide presentation on H.O.P.E. (Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education). You can watch and share the video, and download the curriculum, or request a presentation. The website is <https://fbipghcaaa.org/hope>.

Foreign Exchange Eligibility Hearings

On a motion by Ralph Cecere and Susan Kovensky, the following student has a J1 VISA and is approved to participate in sports:

Lara Pilgram

Germany

Tyrone

The Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PIAA District 6 Committee will be held on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at the Altoona Area High School Board Room at 3:15 PM and Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Marzoni's in Greenwood, PA.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Montgomery
Secretary/Treasurer