

**PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director**  
**Regular Meeting of PIAA District VI – February 5, 2020**

**Call to Order** of the February 5, 2020, Meeting Chairman Marshall called the meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 3:30 p.m. at Penn Cambria High School.

**Present were** Brandon Bailey, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Michael Hudak, Matthew Jioio, Ken Kerchenske, Susan Kovensky, Jarrod Lewis, William Marshall, Rudy McCarthy, Jacquelyn Mento (Recording Secretary), Sherry Montgomery, Jody Rainey, Lorie Ratchford, Phil Riccio, and Curt Whitesel. Michael Cacciotti, Joe Gironda, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, and Curt Vasas were not present.

**Others present were** Matt Hauger, Steve Clawson, and Travis Robison.

**Public Comments** - There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Michael Hudak and Ken Kerchenske, the minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Financial Reports**

On a motion by Curt Whitesel and Sue Kovensky, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI Monthly Financial Report.

**Old Business**

Mike Hudak informed the Committee that Windber Country Club will be hosting Golf Championships again.

The Committee discussed several strategies on handling coach and player disqualifications and will be discussed again at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**New Business**

Representatives from Ferndale Area School District addressed the Committee's concerns on unsportsmanlike conduct with boys' basketball and the actions that were taken to resolve these issues.

**Review of Disqualifications** – Mike Hudak informed the Committee on basketball and wrestling disqualifications.

**Eligibility Transfers**

**Eligibility was granted** to the following students. Due to scheduled hearings and the existence of Principal signoffs avowing that no athletic intent existed by both sending and receiving schools:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Gr.</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>	<b>Motion</b>
Lakia Kriamakbar	10	Washington to Ferndale	Basketball	Riccio, Jioio
LaToya Meekins	7	Johnstown to Bishop McCort	None	Riccio, Jioio
Phillip Allen	11	Bellefonte to Saint Joseph	None	Riccio, Jioio
Evan Roach	10	St Mary's to Saint Joseph	Football	Riccio, Jioio
Carter Sheehan	8	Hollidaysburg to Bishop Guilfoyle	None	Riccio, Jioio

\* – Executive Committee tentative approval

**Deemed ineligible for post season play:** No students were deemed ineligible for post season play.

**Foreign exchange eligibility was granted** to the following students. Due to scheduled hearings, and the existence of Principal signoffs avowing that no athletic intent existed by both sending and receiving schools:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>	<b>Motion</b>
Marco Koval	Slovakia, Johnstown HS	Track	Lewis, Cecere
Pedro Ferras	Brazil, Johnstown HS	Track	Lewis, Cecere

Phil Riccio updated the Committee on the wrestling team tournaments and the upcoming individual tournaments.

### **Attendance Waivers:**

On a motion by Jody Rainey and Sue Kovensky, the committee unanimously approved an attendance waiver for student-athlete, Bishop Carroll, 11th grade, basketball, based on Article III, Section 3, Letter E of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws.

On a motion by Phil Riccio and Ralph Cecere, the committee unanimously approved an attendance waiver for student-athlete, Bishop Carroll, 9th grade, softball, soccer, and golf, based on Article III, Section 3, Letter E of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws.

On a motion by Brandon Bailey and Jody Rainey, the committee unanimously approved termination of Juniata and East Juniata Girls Rifle Co-Op.

On a motion by Mike Hudak and Sue Kovensky, the committee unanimously approved Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon Boys Soccer Co-Op.

William Marshall informed the Committee on recent media concerns on fees, sites, and live streaming.

### **Individual Sports Reports**

Curt Whitesel updated the Committee on the upcoming swimming championships that will be held on February 28 and February 29, 2020 at Penn State University and diving championships that will be held on February 27, 2020 at State College Area High School.

### **Communications**

The Mandatory PIAA District Six Principal and Athletic Director Annual Dinner meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Blair County Convention Center at 6:00 PM. Reservation forms will be sent along with Ballots.

- a. Any senior high principal or athletic director interested in serving on the PIAA Committee should have a recommendation letter submitted, on school letterhead, so their names can be placed on the ballots, to Jackie Mento at 201 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Cresson PA by March 2, 2020. If you are elected to sit on the District 6 Committee your term will start on July 1, 2020.
  - i. Senior High Representatives. This appointment is for one year and candidates are reappointed each year by the schools in District 6.
  - ii. Athletic Director Representative. This appointment is for two years.
- b. 2019-2020 Sportsmanship Awards: The District 6 Committee is requesting that each member school submit the name of one male and one female senior athlete who exemplify outstanding sportsmanship. Schools will be provided with medals at the mandatory spring meeting and may choose to present the awards as they deem appropriate. All students recommended will receive a \$200.00 dollar "Dean Rossi Scholarship" during the spring meeting at the Blair County Convention Center. Please send the names of the athletes by email to jrainey@homercenter.org, no later than March 20, 2020.

The Committee also discussed the inter-district passes that were sent out previously that will take the place of the state playoff tickets that are normally sent to committee members.

### **The Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the PIAA District 6 Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Penn Cambria High School Library at 3:30 PM.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, Curt Whitesel moved, and Mike Hudak seconded, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m.