

PIAA DISTRICT III
COMMITTEE MEETING
Virtual-Zoom
Thursday February 18, 2021

Agenda

Call to Order-Chairman Doug Bohannon

Welcome guests and Public Comments-
Hearing Schedule-

Attendance

Committee Members: All Present

Pat Tulley____Jared Griest____ Dave Bitting____ Michael Craig____
Bill McHale__ Stephanie Deibler__ Arnie Fritzius__Greg Goldthorp_____
Dina Henry____ Branden Lippy____Stephen Lyons__ Bud Shaffner__
Adam Sheaffer____Marty Trimmer__ Cathy Wreski__ Bob Baker____ Rod Frisco____

Also Present:

John Ziegler____xx__ Jim Ellingsworth____xx____ Fred Isopi_____
Pete Fackler____ Don Seidenstricker____ Chuck Abbott____xx__
Hal Griffiths__xx__ Dave Reeder_____

Approval of agenda

Motion: **Lippy** Second: **Deibler**
Yes: No: Abstain:

Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report

Motion: **Goldthorp** Second: **Trimmer**
Yes: No: Abstain:

Eligibility Approval (attached)

Approve Principal to Principal Sign-Off, Post-Season, Foreign Exchange, Attendance, Period of Participation.

Motion: **Bitting** Second: **Craig**
Yes: No: Abstain:

Presentation and Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion: **Wreski** Second: **Griest**

Yes:

No:

Abstain

Sports Chair Reports

Fall:

Football-Ziegler

Soccer-Isopi

Field Hockey-Bitting

B. Tennis-Bohannon

Golf-Fritzius

G. Volleyball-Trimmer

Cross-Country—Griffiths

Winter:

Wrestling-Goldthorp/Craig---

Seeding meetings have all taken place and brackets have been released.

AA Regional now at CD East, AAA regional at Spring Grove

Tournament was seeded to 10 places in order to account for additional scratches

Basketball-Bitting--- Spectators and winter playoff policy

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Mask policy was reviewed and determined that District 3 will follow the PIAA mask guidelines.

Bowling-Griest--- Independent Tournament went well. District team tournament is scheduled for next week.

Competitive Spirit-Lippy

Swimming and Diving-Seidenstricker--- AAA will now take 16 swimmers, up from the original proposal of 12

Spring:

Baseball-Tulley

Softball-Deibler

Lacrosse-Abbott

Track and Field-Sheaffer

B. Volleyball-Trimner

B. Tennis-Bohannon

Other Reports

Officials-Wreski/McHale

Parents-Henry/Lyons

School Board-Shaffner

Sportsmanship-Wreski—Sportsmanship forms will be sent out soon to all athletic directors

Clothing-Rinehart

PIAA Update

1. Covid Mask Form created by the PIAA will be used for all PIAA inter-district contests this winter. It is the decision of each District if they want to use for their tournaments. (Form Attached)
 - a. Mask mandate form in inter-district play – communication so everyone knows if someone is not wearing a mask due to the exemption prior to game day.
2. Spring sports will begin March 8 with the option of schools starting March 15. If you start March 15 you will only need 10 practice days so you may begin season on time. You also have to practice 5 times before a scrimmage.
3. Team Wrestling will be on Sat. March 27 @ Cumberland Valley and not the Giant Center this year
4. PIAA Basketball Finals at the Giant Center and game times will be 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, and 7:30 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The facility will be emptied after each game – no doubleheader tickets.
5. Discussion on Football starting early – not one of the 12 districts is interested in starting the season earlier. Several Districts are interested in shortening the season from the current 16 weeks to end earlier. However, most districts want 10 regular season games and remain with the same qualifiers. So, it is impossible to end the season earlier and not change something. More discussion will come at a later date. (Most likely will not be a change for the 2021-22 season)
6. Discussion on eligibility and the clock starting in 7th grade instead of 9th grade due to so many “red shirt” issues arising from athletes taking a year off in the JH years. (More discussion to come)

Special Committee Reports

1. Programs
2. Finance Committee
3. Policy Manual
4. HR Committee
5. Website and Corporate Sponsorships

Old Business

New Business

1. Accept letter from Susquehanna Township
2. Approve termination of Co-ops as listed.

Adjournment

Motion: **Bitting**

Yes:

Second: **Henry**

No:

Abstain

Important Dates

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME and LOCATION</u> |
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| March 16 | 9:30 am. |
| April 28 | Annual Meeting- Zoom |
| June 7 | TBA |

Approve termination of Cooperative Agreements

Host School: Trinity High School **Guest School(s):** Harrisburg Academy

Sport: Football, Softball, Boys and Girls Track and Field, Wrestling

Agreement Season Start: 18/19

Requested Termination Season: 20/21

Host School: Trinity High School **Guest School(s):** Camp Hill High School, Harrisburg Academy

Sport: Girls Lacrosse and Boys Lacrosse

Agreement Season Start: 18/19

Requested Termination Season: 20/21

| Principal to Principal | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Date on Portal | Name | Grade | Sending School | Receiving School | Enrollment Date | Sport | Status | Date Letter sent |
| 1/19/2021 | Sage Hartlaub | 9 | Biglerville | Hanover | 6-Jan | Wrestling | Eligible 9th grade | 1/19/2021 |
| 1/15/2021 | Grant Ballard | 10 | Maryland | York Catholic | 12/7/2020 | Lacrosse | Eligible 10th grader | 1/19/2021 |
| 1/15/2021 | Melissa Figueroa | 10 | Scottsdale United | Linden Hall | 1/4/2021 | Basketball | Eligible 10th grader | 1/19/2021 |
| 1/19/2021 | Alayna Day | 12 | Antietam | Muhlenberg | 9/14/2020 | Basketball | Eligible must apply ps | 1/19/2021 |
| 1/19/2021 | Jalasia Hull | 11 | Steel High | Harrisburg | 8/31/2020 | Basketball | Eligible Must | 1/19/2021 |
| 1/19/2021 | Yaseir Holmes | 10 | CCA | Harrisburg | Sep-20 | xc/basketball | | 1/21/2021 |
| 1/20/2021 | Nathan M. Doyle | 11 | Wilson | Berks Catholic | 1/25/2021 | xc/basketball | Eligible, must apply ps | 1/21/2021 |
| 1/21/2021 | Loyal Riley | 10 | CD East | Harrisburg | 8/2/2020 | Basketball | Eligible 10th grade | 1/21/2021 |
| 1/18/2021 | Amani Prout | 10 | CD East | Harrisburg | 12/22/2020 | Basketball | Eligible 10th grade | 1/21/2021 |
| 1/20/2020 | John Paul Wargins | 10 | Carlisle | Trinity | 1/1/2021 | Swimming | Eligible 10th grade | 1/21/2021 |
| 1/20/2021 | Sam Striewig | 11 | Carlisle | Trinity | 7/31/2020 | Basketball/Track | Eligible, must apply ps | 1/21/2021 |
| 1/20/2021 | Zaida Witkowski | 9 | CV | Trinity | 9/1/2020 | Football/Wrestling | Eligible 9th grader | 1/21/2021 |
| 1/22/2021 | Hope Pagan | 10 | Central Dauphin | Harrisburg | 8/1/2020 | Basketball | Eligible 10th grade | 1/25/2021 |
| 1/22/2021 | Joy Pagan | 10 | Central Dauphin | Harrisburg | 8/1/2020 | Basketball | Eligible 10th grade | 1/25/2021 |
| 1/25/2021 | Connor Goehring | 10 | Schuylkill Haven | Berks Catholic | 1/25/2021 | Football | Eligible 10th grade | 1/29/2021 |
| 1/27/2021 | Neasia Bowers | 11 | Muhlenberg | Reading | 2020 | Basketball | Eligible must apply PS | 1/29/2021 |
| 1/27/2021 | Nevaeah Bowers | 12 | Muhlenberg | Reading | 2020 | Basketball | Eligible must apply PS | 1/29/2021 |
| 1/27/2021 | Dorian Smith | 9 | Bishop McDevitt | Susq. Township | 10/19/2020 | Football | Eligible | 1/29/2021 |
| 1/27/2021 | Nelson Seebold | 11 | Northern | West Perry | 8/26/2020 | Baseball | Eligible | 2/1/2021 |
| 2/4/2021 | Hayden Treaster | 10 | East Juniata | N. Lebanon | 1/8/2021 | track | Eligible | |
| 2/8/2021 | Jordan Luis Tirado | 11 | Trinity | Cedar Cliff | 1/20/2021 | Basketball | Eligible, must apply ps | |
| 2/4/2020 | Mehki Tahir Flowers | 12 | Steel-High | CD East | 1/20/2021 | BB/FB | Eligible Must apply PS | |
| Post Season | | | | | | | | |
| 1/11/2021 | Toshiro Alexis | 11 | Reading High | Muhlenberg | 9/8/2020 | Basketball | Denied-appeal hearing February 9 | |
| 1/11/2021 | Edwin Suarez | 11 | Reading High | Muhlenberg | 9/15/2020 | Basketball | Denied-appeal hearing February 9 | |
| 1/15/2021 | Nate Miller | 12 | Wyoming Seminary | Pequea Valley | 6/1/2020 | Football | Approved | 1/29/2021 |
| 1/27/2021 | Nelson Seebold | 11 | Northern | West Perry | 8/26/2020 | Baseball | Denied | 1/29/2021 |
| 1/27/2021 | Xavier Goodman | 11 | William Allen | Kutztown | 9/14/2020 | Basketball | Denied | 1/29/2021 |
| 1/29/2021 | Aron Reinhart | 11 | Muhlenberg | Berks Catholic | 1/4/2021 | BB Football | Denied | 2/1/2021 |
| 1/29/2021 | Jarret Jackson | 11 | Reading | Muhlenberg | 10/21/2020 | Basketball | Denied Appeal hearing 2-9 | 2/1/2020 |
| 2/4/2021 | Adrianna Stricek | 11 | Central Dauphin | Trinity | 7/23/2020 | Basketball | Denied | 2/5/2020 |
| 2/5/2021 | Shyanna Mayo | 11 | Muhlenberg | Governor Mifflin | Jun-20 | Basketball | Denied | |
| Hearings | | | | | | | | |
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Items presented at meeting

District III Athletic Directors:

As we are rapidly approaching the District III Basketball Playoffs, please note that all games will be played at the higher seeded school up to and including the championships.

District III would like potential host schools to ask themselves the following questions to determine if their gymnasium is suitable to host a playoff contest:

- Are you able to charge admission?
- Do you have adequate parking on site that is well lit?
- Do you have spectator seating that is ADA accessible?
- Is the length of your court more than 75'?
- Is the width of your court the optimum 50' and do your three point lines extend to the end line?
- Do you have a minimum of 3' (preference is 10") from sidelines and end lines to spectator seating and walls and supports
- Do you have a safe and secure area for visiting teams to change with accessible toilet facilities?
- Do you have a safe and secure area for officials to meet with accessible toilet facilities?

If you answer "NO" to any of these questions, please look to make arrangements at a neighboring school or contact Dave Bitting so a "neutral" site may be arranged for you to host your game.

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Thanks everyone for your cooperation and support.
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Dave Bitting, Chairman District III Basketball