PIAA DISTRICT III

COMMITTEE MEETING

Lower Dauphin Admin. Bldg

Thursday, February 17 11:30

# A. Agenda

1. Call to Order- 11:45
2. Welcome Guests
3. Hearing schedule

No hearings scheduled

1. Attendance

 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

 Pat Tulley­\_\_x\_\_ Jennifer Bleecker\_\_\_x\_\_ Dave Bitting\_\_\_\_\_ Michael Craig\_\_x\_\_\_

Bill McHale\_\_x\_­­ Stephanie Deibler\_\_x\_\_ Arnie Fritzius\_x\_\_\_Greg Goldthorp\_\_\_x\_

Dina Henry\_\_\_x\_\_ Branden Lippy\_\_\_\_x\_\_Stephen Lyons\_\_\_\_ Cynthia Eby\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_

Adam Sheaffer\_\_\_x\_\_Marty Trimmer\_\_\_x\_ Cathy Wreski\_\_\_x\_

 Rod Frisco­­­\_\_\_x\_ Dave Reeder\_\_x\_\_\_Steve Navaroli\_\_\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_

Also Present: John Ziegler\_\_\_x\_\_\_\_ Jim Ellingsworth\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fred Isopi\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Don Seidenstricker\_\_\_\_x\_\_\_ Chuck Abbott\_\_\_\_x\_\_

1. Approval of Agenda

 Moved: Adam Seconded: Greg

 Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Absent:

**Executive Session**



1. Approval of Minutes/Secretary’s Reports (sent via email)

 Moved: Mike Seconded: Dina

 Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Eligibility (Attached)
2. Approve Principal to Principal Sign-Off, Post-Season, Foreign Exchange, Attendance, Period of Participation

 Moved: Mike Seconded: Dave

 Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_\_

# B. Finances

1. Presentation and Approval of Treasurer’s Report

 Moved: Jennifer Seconded: Branden

 Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_\_

 Team Wrestling made a profit of $2500 from the previous years. Less attendance but one price ticket and less expenses created the increase in revenue.

 Continue to use the on-line reports for all District contests.

 Instituting Arbiter pay for Basketball season and maybe some spring sports

# C. Sports Chair Reports

 **Fall:**

 Football-Ziegler All footballs have been distributed. Ask PIAA if this is a value to schools

 Soccer-Isopi

 Field Hockey-Bitting Field hockey will be given on 90 second timeout per game

 Tennis-Bohannon

 Golf-Fritzius

 G. Volleyball-Trimmer--

 Cross-Country—

 **Winter:**

 Wrestling-Goldthorp/Craig---

 Basketball-Bitting---

 Basketball playoff brackets are official and the tournament starts on Monday.

complaints playing on President’s Day – Committee agreed to keep playing on this date.

No comp tickets – reach out to the school and provide names

Thursday, March 3 and Saturday March 5 6 Finals Games @ Giant Center

 Bowling-(vacant)--

 Competitive Spirit-Lippy—

 Swimming and Diving-Seidenstricker---

 Spring:

Baseball- Tulley---- 2A play-off dates will be May 20, 23 and 26. Our runner up will play the District IX runner up in a state play-in game on June 1.

 Softball-Deibler----

 Lacrosse-Abbott----

 Track and Field-

 B. Volleyball----

 B. Tennis-Bohannon--

 Other:

 Female Officials Rep: Cathy Wreski-Discussion on Sportsmanship awards and number of medals

 Male officials Rep: Bill McHale-Discussion on observers and observers fees for District 3. There was no support to do that currently

 School Board Rep: Cindy Eby

*PIAA Update*

*Updates from the PIAA board and Strategic Planning (Bo, Pat and Dave)*

**Important reminder**

All requests for waivers must be submitted no later than thirty days prior to the beginning of a District's postseason tournament for the sport in question. PIAA Districts may expand this time requirement to an earlier time. Requests for waivers for students transferring within thirty days prior to the tournament may be considered if a hearing can be timely arranged.

HEARINGS ON COMPETITION FORMULA CLASSIFICATIONS

1. Following an appeal hearing held at the request of Aliquippa Senior High School requesting waiver from the Competition Formula, based on the testimony and evidence presented, to allow Aliquippa Senior High School’s football team to remain in 4A for the next enrollment cycle.

2. Following an appeal hearing held at the request of Wyomissing Area High School seeking waiver from the Competition Formula, based on the testimony and evidence presented to allow Wyomissing Area High School’s football team to remain in 3A for the next enrollment cycle.

3. Unanimously approved the recommendation of the Executive Director to approve the site selection of the Penn State Blue and White Golf Courses for PIAA Golf Championships for 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025.

4. Tennis Steering Committee meeting, and took the following actions: Unanimously approved adding language for the Girls’ Team Tennis Championships rules to address the tie breaker for when a tie occurs, and establishing criteria for deciding how the tie would be resolved (1) games won, then (2) sets won)

APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT FOR 2021-22, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021, (will not affect classification size of Team(s)

District III – Bishop McDevitt to add Middletown, Steelton, and Covenant Christian (boys’ lacrosse (modification))

District III – Modification/Ratification-Spring Grove Area to add York Suburban (boys’ bowling)

APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT FOR 2022-23, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022 (will not affect classification size of Team(s)

District III – Annville Cleona and New Covenant Christian High Schools (football, baseball, and boys’ and girls’ track & field)

District III – New Covenant Christian and Annville Cleona High Schools (boys’ and girls’ volleyball)

District III – Lancaster Catholic and Janus School (football and girls’ soccer) District VII – Northgate and Avonworth High School (boys’ golf)

# D. Special Committee Reports

1. Programs-
2. Finance committee report-No Report
3. Policy Manual- Updated and posted on the website
4. HR Committee Report—Motion to remove interim tag from Dave Reeder as treasurer. Seconded by Mike Craig.

Motion passes

*E. Old Business*

1. Update on website—No report
2. Update on use of Arbiter—Are we doing spring sports?
3. Bowling chair-Jennifer Bleeckler is now the chair.

# F. New Business

1. Approval of co-ops as listed below

Termination Request

 **Host School:** Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School **Guest School(s):** West Shore Christian Academy

**Sport:** Boys Volleyball **Agreement Season Start:** 21/22

**Host School:** Camp Hill High School **Sport(s):** Boys and Girls Track and Field/Softball

**Start Season:**21/22**End Season:** Until terminated **Coop Guest Schools:** Harrisburg Academy

**Host School:** New Covenant Christian School **Sport(s):** Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball **Start Season:**

22/23**End Season:** Until terminated **Coop Guest Schools:** Annville-Cleona High School

 Motion: Pat Second: Marty

1. Basketball officials getting free admission at all D3 Contests-Tabled until later date
2. Appeal process for disqualification (see below) Will move on to PIAA Board by Bo, Pat and Dave
3. District One Committee formally approved Coventry Christian’s request to leave District One membership. Coventry Christian is requesting to be part of District 3. They are not geographically in District 3 Motion to accept Pat: Second Dave

Donation to Wendell Hower designated charity on behalf of D3-$500.

Motion: Cathy Second: Arnie

# G Upcoming Date(s) to Remember

Tuesday March 22nd—In person. PIAA meeting. 10:00. (lunch will be provided)

 Tuesday April 26 @ Eden Resort@ 8:30 am (Annual Meeting)

 Monday, June 6 – In person @ 9 am PIAA.

# H. Adjournment

 1. Motion to Adjourn

 Moved: Greg Seconded: Stephanie

 Yes: \_\_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal to Principal

Date on Portal Name Grade Sending School Receiving School Enrollment Sport

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| 12/21/2021 | Declan Raniowski | 11 | Trinity | Mechanicsburg | summer 21 | Swimming | Eligible, must apply ps |
| 12/20/2021 | Jahvar Hammond | 11 | Garden Spot | McCaskey | 9/10/2021 | Basketball | Eligible, must apply ps |
| 1/11/2021 | Robert Cael Rossi | 10 | Bishop McDevitt | Lower Dauphin | 1/4/2022 | Soccer/Wrestling | Eligible for Wrestling, ineligible for soccer |
| 1/27/2022 | Stefano Billis | 11 | Stone Independent | Lanc. Catholic | 8/19/2021 | Tennis | Eligible, must apply ps |
| 1/27/2021 | Landon Blauch | 9 | Palmyra | Bishop McDevitt | 1/18/2022 | Wrestling | Eligible Reminder 21 day sit out |
| 2/3/2022 | Keira Devor | 11 | York County Tech School | Central York High School | 11/4/21 | Softball | Eligible must apply ps |
| 2/8/2022 | Chance Sweeney | 10 | Middletown | Bishop McDevitt | 1/3/22 | Wrestling/BB | Eligible 10th grade |
| 2/9/2022 | Nolan Pritchard | 11 | Bishop McDevitt | Susquehanna Township | 11-2021 | Baseball | Eligible must apply ps |
| 2/11/2022 | Gavin Wall | 12 | Cumberland Valley | Trinity | 8-30-21 | Baseball | In eligible- CV did not sign off |

January 13, 2022

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi

PIAA Executive Director

550 Gettysburg Rd

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Re: PIAA Bylaw Article XIII, Section 8F-1

Dr. Lombardi,

Please accept this as a formal request for review and application of PIAA Bylaw Article XXI, Section 8,

Letter F-1 – Misidentification of a person, following disqualification from a contest.

On January 11, 2022, Gabe Smeltz (#32), a Garden Spot student-athlete, was disqualified from a JV

Basketball game against Lancaster Catholic with 3:56 remaining in the contest. Per the official’s

reasoning on the report, the student-athlete “shoved an opponent during a dead ball in retaliation from

being shoved first”. This can be disputed by viewing the attached video clip. The student-athlete (#32)

committed a foul during the play in question and was shoved by the opponent in retaliation. Another

Garden Spot student-athlete stepped in front of that opposing player, and Gabe then pushed his own

teammate out of the way to prevent any further escalation of the matter. His action should be commended

for trying to prevent any other altercation from occurring, but instead, he is being penalized due to lack of

an official appeal process. As the school officials appointed to oversee Athletics in our district, we

support our student-athlete in this matter and request an immediate review.

While the official can only report what he thought he saw, video evidence clearly disputes that and shows

that our student-athlete was misidentified. We are asking for you to overturn this mandatory 1-game

suspension per the bylaw referenced above.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.