

PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Clara's Place, Bedford

April 11, 2012

PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber-Chairman
2. Joe Kimmel - Vice Chairman, Wrestling
3. Larry Palmer, Retired-Treasurer, Advisor
4. Richard Fisher, Retired-Secretary, Advisor
5. Todd Beatty, McConnellsburg-Softball
6. George Knisely, Chestnut Ridge-Baseball
7. Dave Koba, Conemaugh Twp.-Boys Soccer
8. Dawn Maluchnick, North Star-Volleyball
9. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale-Football
10. Brown Cutchall, Fbs. Rd.-Golf, Girls Bball.
11. Lori Seth, Johnstown Christian-Private Schools
12. Jeff Batzel, Northern Bed.-A.D. Rep., Track
13. Ralph DeMarco, Windber-Boys Basketball
14. Chris Cronrath, Northern Bed.-School Board
15. Audrey Hall, Retired-Female Official's Rep.
16. Terry Diehl, Retired-Male Official's Rep.
17. Joe Hollenshead, Fulton Co.-Male Parents Rep.
18. Paul Leonard, Shade-A.D. Rep., Girls Soccer
19. Joe Renzi, Retired-Advisor

1. Mr. Palumbo opened meeting with District 5 Schools at 10:10. He introduced the District 5 Committee and expressed their fine work for the district this school year.
2. Brad Cashman, PIAA Executive Director, discussed new amendments and bylaws for the PIAA operations.
3. Mr. Palumbo presented some new district changes then he did a very informative and very amusing roast of Mr. Cashman, who will retire on July 13, 2012. Gifts were presented to him by the district.
4. The District 5 Athletic Directors Association, represented by Mark Clevenger and Craig Gindlesperger, presented scholar-athlete scholarships to the following athletes.
 - a. Caitlin Foster - Tussey Mt.
 - b. Elizabeth Snyder - Somerset
 - c. Colin Bryan - Windber
 - d. Jacob Craig - Berlin Brothersvalley
5. Joe Kimmel, District 5 Wrestling Chairman, presented a plaque to Nick Roberts, a three time state wrestling champion of North Star. Nick compiled a 146-10 career record.
6. The group then enjoyed an excellent buffet luncheon prepared by Clara's Place.

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1. The District 5 PIAA Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Palumbo at 1:20.
 2. Approval of Secretary's Minutes of January 18, 2012. Motion-DeMarco, Leonard
 3. Approval of the Treasurer's Report. Motion-Diehl, Cronrath
 - a. Reconciliation of accounts. Everything good. Motion-Hall, DeMarco
 4. Election Of Committee Officers For 2012-2013.
 - a. Chairman - Virgil Palumbo. Motion- Diehl, Hall, Motion to Close - Batzel, DeMarco
 - b. Vice-Chairman - Ralph DeMarco. Motion- Hall, Batzel
 - c. Secretary - Richard Fisher. Motion- Hall, Diehl
 - d. Treasurer - Larry Palmer. Motion- Cronrath, Cutchall
 5. Correspondence To:
 - a. Clara's Place, Best Western contract is done.
 - b. All awards are in from Action Awards.
 - c. Hope For Hyndman made a transfer request. Told them to provide more information.
 - d. Sales Tax Exemption Form received from the state. To be used for district purchases.

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6. Correspondence From:

- a. Request from Bedford and the Laurel Highlands Conference to hold a conference wrestling tournament. District 6 has approved it. No competition points to be counted. Motion to approve- Diehl, Leonard
- b. Jr. High Football Co-op - Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon. Motion-Hall ,Cronrath

7. New Business;

- a. Discussion of individual ranking for the district tennis tournaments. A win is a win. We must accept the ways leagues play their format. Some play a 3-2 format, some a 5-2 format, and some a 4-3 format. Some allow individuals to play both singles and doubles and some allow to play only one. Seed on the total record.
- b. Football - AA and AAA Playoffs.
 - (1.) AA - Bedford, Chestnut Ridge, and Everett will declare a district 5 champion on week 11. Winner will play district 8 Westinghouse on week 12. Winner plays District 9 week 13.
 - (2.) AAA - Somerset will enter a sub-regional with districts 6,8,9.
- c. Northern Bedford's football schedule will show them playing District 9 AAA Bradford, Clearfield, or Punxsutawney on the 10th date. They will play the 3rd place school.
- d. The following foreign exchange students were approved. Motion- Cronrath, Maluchnick
 - (1.) Manuela Meurer, Brazil - Northern Bedford
 - (2.) Francesea Michielon, Italy - Somerset
 - (3.) Nikita Dobravinski, Russia - Bedford
- e. The following transfer students were approved.
 - (1.) Kendra Guyer, Northern Bedford, 12, to Bedford. Motion- Hall, Maluchnick
 - (2.) Kayla Murr, Northern Bedford, 11, to Everett. Motion- Kimmel, Beatty
- f. Basketball brackets for District 5 Boys AA and Girls A are being worked out yet. In boys we will be involved with District 8 Westinghouse the next two years. 1st year - Maybe have our championship, then have 5-2 play Westinghouse. 2nd year - 5-1 plays 8-1 to get in.
- g. The District Committee will pay the PIAA School Dues for all district schools for 2012-2013. Motion- Cronrath, DeMarco.

8. Discussion Items:

- a. Cross Country will have 3 classes for 2012-2014. Everett and Southern Fulton will need to terminate their co-op by the May meeting.
- b. The Somerset County Principals have re-appointed Ralph DeMarco for the 2012-2013 school year and Fulton County/ Fannett Metal have to select a Superintendent rep.
- c. Golf and all other brackets need to be examined by sport chairmen.
- d. The date, time, and location for the June meeting will be decided at the May meeting.
- e. District 5 Handbook Updates for 2012-2014 and Individual Sports Packets for 2012-2013 will need to be worked on for the May and June meetings by the committee.
- f. The state school code will absolutely not be amended to establish boundry and non-boundry schools. This is a blow for the public schools.
- g. All schools and football coaches be aware of possible major changes maybe coming in the heat acclimation period for football.
- h. The PIAA Volleyball format is not set yet. Dawn Maluchnick and Mr. Palumbo are to vote for a format. Motion- Maluchnick, Hall
- i. All spring sports awards are here for spring sport chairmen to take.

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8. Discussion Items (continued):

- j. The PIAA Board of Directors rejected a proposal of the Executive Director that only PIAA Districts with at least 50 member senior high schools would have a voting representative on the Board of Directors. This was an attempt to have the board look at state re-districting to create probably 8 districts and to merge the smaller districts with larger districts. We would have probably merged with district 6 and would have lost our identity. This still could happen in the future.
- k. The PIAA will begin a State Cheerleading Championship in 2013. Details are still being worked on and some policy changes will still be decided. The present possible format includes the following:
 - (1.) A date of the 1st Saturday in February, a one day format.
 - (2.) Two classes of Large Varsity (17 and over members) and Small Varsity (Less than 17 members), and maybe three with a co-ed class.
 - (3.) 40 teams in each class, maybe by district allotment or maybe first come with an entry deadline.
 - (4.) An entry fee of \$100.00 for each school.

Many questions remain yet and a lot of details need to be worked out. Stay tuned.

- l. The basketball and wrestling tournament chairmen were praised for running very successful and well run tournaments.
 - j. Schools and Athletic Directors need to check the list of PIAA officials very carefully to keep aware of officials removed by PIAA action. The schools are responsible.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Fisher, PIAA District 5 Secretary