

# PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

## PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Windber High School

December 8, 2011

### PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber-Chairman
  2. Larry Palmer, Retired-Treasurer, Advisor
  3. Richard Fisher, Retired-Secretary, Adv.
  4. George Knisely, Chestnut Ridge-Baseball
  5. Jonathan Donelson, Everett-Tennis
  6. Dave Koba, Conemaugh Twp.-Boys Soccer
  7. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale-Football
  8. Jeff Batzel, Northern Bedford-Track, A.D. Rep.
  9. Ralph DeMarco, Windber-Boys Basketball
  10. Chris Cronrath, Northern Bed.-School Board
  11. Terry Diehl, Retired-Male Official's Rep.
  12. Paul Leonard, Shade Twp.-Girls Soccer, A.D.
  13. Joe Renzi, Retired-Advisor
- Guests - Rod Brumbaugh, Tussey Mountain , Brian Koontz, Everett

1. Chairman Palumbo opened the meeting at 2:15. The committee learned of the death of the stepfather of Vice Chairman Joe Kimmel. Mr. Palmer will take care condolences.
2. Approval of October 19, 2011 Secretary's minutes. Motion-Leonard, Cronrath.
3. Approval of Treasurer's report. Motion-Knisely, Diehl.
  - a. The Treasurer gave a report on the results of the fall playoffs.
  - b. Reconciliation of the Treasurer's reports. All correct. Motion-Cronrath, Beatty.
4. Correspondence From:
  - a. Letter from Best Western waiving the rental fee for District 5 Committee meetings.
  - b. Permission for Jordan Clark to Web Broadcast certain District Championship Events.
  - c. The 2012-2014 PIAA Enrollment Classifications were received and sent to all schools.
5. Correspondence To:
  - a. Correspondence with Windber School District concerning start time of the Friday sessions of the District Wrestling championships. The Superintendent gave Chairman Palumbo approval to start earlier. The District Wrestling Chairman will work out the details with the school district.
  - b. Permission to Fannett Metal to allow a female student to dive for a District 6 school. Cieera Falconi and her family moved into the district. The school board has given her permission. Motion to approve.-Knisely, Cronrath
6. Discussion Of PIAA Football Playoff System.
  - a. A lengthy discussion of the football playoff format as it affects District 5 was held by the committee. In the October meeting we supported a 15 week season with the use of one scrimmage. We thought District 6 was pushing one scrimmage, but voted for 15 weeks and two scrimmages. We also voted to play 9 regular season games.
  - b. We will have just three AA football schools: Bedford, Chestnut Ridge, and Everett. We thought Somerset might be AA, but they will be AAA. Some possibilities of working with District 8 again may be examined.
  - c. We favor the 8 team bracket in class A. We want this. District 5 would play District 3-1 in week 12 and the winner play 6-1 in week 13.
  - d. Several options were suggested by committee members.
    - (1.) We may need to pursue the formation of a District 5 Football League to help all of the district schools.
    - (2.) We may need to set up class A playoffs up on a Tuesday, Saturday, Saturday.

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- (3.) Support the 15 week season with one scrimmage in Class A and AA.**
- (4.) Support the present format of 16 weeks and two scrimmages.**
- (5.) Examine Mr. Batzel's possible plan of combining the West Pac and Inter County schedules and cross playing some dates.**
  - e. After further lengthy discussion a motion to continue supporting a 15 week season and one scrimmage in class A and AA was passed. Motion- Batzel, Cronrath.**
- 7. Approval of the following foreign exchange student. Motion-Diehl, Koba.**
  - a. Martin Marzahl, Germany - Somerset Area**
- 8. Approval of the following transfers. Motion-DeMarco, Knisely.**
  - a. Northern Bedford - Sidney Sntder-7, Kaitlyn Murr-8, Kayla Murr-11**
- 9. Sports Reports.**
  - a. Football and Fall Sports Championships - Concern over the loss of revenue in football championships and fall sports in general.**
  - b. Wrestling - Will pursue improvements in the district wrestling championships on the conduct of the tourney and the time schedule.**
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.. Motion-Cronrath, Diehl.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Richard W. Fisher, PIAA District 5 Secretary**