

PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

Best Western, Clara's Place

October 19, 2011

PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber-Chairman
 2. Joe Kimmel-Vice Chairman, Wrestling
 3. Larry Palmer, Retired-Treasurer, Advisor
 4. Todd Beatty, McConnellsburg-Softball
 5. George Knisely, Chestnut Ridge-Baseball
 6. Jerry Shoemake, Tussey Mt-Cross Coun.
 7. Dave Koba, Con. Twp.-Boys Soccer
 8. Dawn Maluchnick, N. Star-Volleyball
 9. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale-Football
 10. Joe Renzi, Retired-Advisor
 11. Brown Cutchall, Forbes Road-Junior High Rep., Golf,Girls Bball
 12. Lori Seth, Johnstown Christian School-Private School Rep.
 13. Jeff Batzel, Northern Bedford-Track, Athletic Director Rep.
 14. Ralph DeMarco, Windber-Boys Basketball
 15. Audrey Hall,Retired-Field Hockey, Female Officials Rep.
 16. Terry Diehl, Retired-Male Officials Rep.
 17. Wendy Melius, Bedford Co. Female Parent Rep.
 18. Joe Hollenshead, Fulton Co., Male Parents Rep.
 19. Paul Leonard, Shade Twnshp.-Girls Soccer, A.D.
- Guests – Rodney Brumbaugh - Tussey Mt. A.D., Kyle Kane - Bedford, Craig Gindlesberger–Meyersdale A.D.

1. Chairman Palumbo opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Terry Diehl introduced Kyle Kane; Principal of Bedford High School
All school districts received the sports medicine handbook.
2. Approval of August 3, 2011 minutes. Motion-Diehl, Beatty
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion-Kimmel, Hall
 - a. Payment of bills; Globe Tickets – approved order – hold for now
 - b. Financial Statements for Year End June 2011 – September 2011 internal audit for the year 2010-11
Boyer and Ritter
 - c. 12 Brief Cases - \$348.00
4. Review of Bank Reconciliations. Motion-Hall, Batzel
5. Approval of Foreign Exchange Students. Motion-DeMarco, Cutchall
 - a. Laura Junqueiro, Brazil – Ch. Ridge
 - b. Maria Galilea, Chile – Bedford
 - c. Vit Bruzek, Czech Republic – Bedford
 - d. Eirik Kavli, Norway – Nor. Bedford
 - e. Sebastian Ebbers-Hidding, Germ. – Con. Twp.
 - f. Raul Lozano Lombao, Spain – Con. Twp.
 - g. Gabriel Orellana Goizueta, Spain – Tussey Mt.
 - h. Ben Jan Kryut, Germany – Tussey Mt.
 - i. Eslam Ali, Egypt – Tussey Mt.
 - j. Marcel Schnalke, Germany - Somerset
 - K. Marta Panza, Italy - Somerset
6. Correspondence To:
 - A. Forbes Road and Northern Bedford Boys Soccer Incident - After the boys soccer match there was an altercation involving approximately 20 people, including adults and coaches from both schools. (no soccer players were involved) The State Police were called and arrests were made.
 - B. Fall Sports trophies were handed out to the sports chairmen.
 - C. PIAA – Bedford requests relief for originally being a AAA classification in boys basketball due to a school closure and Bedford's enrollment decreasing, they request being classified now as a AA school, effective July 1, 2012.

D. Chestnut Ridge Varsity Football games for 2011 – Due to a restructuring with Pittsburgh City Schools some of the Pittsburgh City Schools will be available for Varsity Football Games. Chestnut Ridge was informed of this for possible football opponents.

E. Best Western waived rental fee for the District 5 Committee Meetings.

F. District 5 athletic passes – Dawn Maluchnick will check to see if Berlin will make them.

7. Correspondence From:

Transfer Attendance Waiver Requests. Motion-Beatty, Shoemake

A. Madison McFarland, Northern Bedford, Grade 12.

B. Ryan Hogue, Grade 12; Kyle Pollino, Grade 11; Robert Mills, Grade 10; Conemaugh Township

C. Joshua Corbin, Tussey Mountain, Grade 12.

D. Brianna Wright, Grade 10; Steven Memmesheimer, Grade 11, Chestnut Ridge.

E. Ryan DeMayo, Grade 8; David Felix, Grade 8; Amanda Bearer, Grade 11, Johnstown Christian School.

F. Andrew Brawner, Grade 8; Shane Almodobar, Grade 11, Windber.

G. Lake Murray, Grade 9, Turkeyfoot Valley.

H. Samantha Muchler, Grade 12, North Star.

I. Whitney Watkins, Grade 12; Merissa Gray, Grade 12, Forbes Road.

J. PIAA Officials recommended for fall sports - Audrey Hall commented evaluations and ratings are done for football, soccer, field hockey, and volleyball.

K. Bellville Mennonite School – A concerned parent wrote a letter to PIAA concerning the Forbes Road/Northern Bedford Soccer incident. Audrey Hall explained there was a soccer clinic for officials this past summer. The clinic was held to promote consistency among the officials.

8. New Business

A. District 5 Fall Sports Playoff Tickets were distributed.

B. Football 15 or 16 weeks – There was a discussion to determine if the District 5 Committee preferred a 15 or 16 week football season. District 5 supports a 15 week football scheduled with the possibility of eliminating one scrimmage. Motion-Batzel, DeMarco

C. Football AA District 6 reimbursement – No school should host a game and lose money. If District 5 hosts, \$1,000 is available to run the gate, schools share, and District 5 share will be paid to District 5. District 5 will pay the host schools expense. If we travel, District 5 will receive both the schools share and District 5's share of the gate.

D. PIAA Executive Director search – Final interviews in March 2012 in State College, PA.

E. Competitive Cheer – Will begin in 2012.

F. Report on boys soccer incident between Forbes Road and Northern Bedford - After the boys soccer match there was an altercation involving approximately 20 people, including adults and coaches from both schools. (no soccer players were involved) The State Police were called and arrests were made. There were investigations by each school and the findings were relayed to Virgil Palumbo, District 5 Chairman. The District 5 Chairman suggested the following for the next soccer match between Forbes Road and Northern Bedford:

- Play the game during the day with no fans, not open to the public.
- Inform the parents that there will be no fans allowed at the next game.
- Use 3 officials.
- Keep observers or curiosity seekers outside the gates and away from the game.
- Play the game early enough to have the game completed and the athletes back to their school so they may ride their normal bus home from school.

The recommendation was made to assist the schools involved with avoiding further problems.

A motion was made by DeMarco and seconded by Shoemake to accept the District 5 Chairman's recommendations.

Brown Cutchall, Forbes Road, reported on his investigation and the action taken by Forbes Road:

- Forbes Road Volunteer Assistant Coach – banned; pending the determination of the hearing.
- Male who started the incident was banned.
- Some Northern Bedford parents were banned.
- Forbes Road put in a “No Fan Zone” to limit fan contact.
- Forbes Road decided if a player received a yellow card, the player would sit out an entire half.
- Forbes Road agreed to close the next game to all fans.

Jeff Batzel, Northern Bedford, reported on his investigation and the action taken by Northern Bedford:

- Commended Forbes Road AD and Principal .
- Banned 3 Forbes Road parents permanently and Forbes Road Soccer Coach pending the determination of their hearings.
- Banned 2 Northern Bedford parents permanently pending the determination of their hearings.
- Played next game, Monday, October 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Only the Forbes Road and Northern Bedford Principals, AD's , and bus drivers knew about the game.
- 3 officials were used.
- Cell phones of athletes were collected at 9:00 a.m. the day of the game.
- Game was videotaped.

A motion was made and approved by Diehl and seconded by Leonard to accept the actions of Forbes Road and Northern Bedford.

9. Sports Reports

- A. Football – No report.
- B. Cross Country – 4 girls and 6 boys teams will compete in the District 5 Meet.
- C. Golf – The tournament was held on October 4, 2011. The format of the tournament changed to 5 golfers, but only score 4 golfer.
- D. Girls Tennis – No Report
- E. Girls Soccer – Playoffs are set and ready to go. No play in game.
- F. Boys Soccer – Finalizing playoffs. Semi-finals may be the same day. If this happens, the closer schools will play at 5:00 p.m. and the farther schools will play at 7:00 p.m.
- G. Volleyball – Finalizing playoffs.

10. Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m. Motion – Beatty, Leonard

Special thanks to George Knisely in taking and submitting of minutes in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Fisher, District 5 Secretary