

# PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

## PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Clara's Place, Travel Lodge, Bedford

August 6, 2013

### PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

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| 1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber - Chairman           | 10. Lori Seth, John. Christian - Private Schools |
| 2. Paul Leonard, Shade - Vice Chair., Boys Bb.  | 11. Jeff Batzel, Nor. Bed. - A.D. Rep., Track    |
| 3. Larry Palmer, Retired - Treasurer, Advisor   | 12. Mark Loucks, Forbes Road - Supt. Rep.        |
| 4. Richard Fisher, Retired - Secretary, Advisor | 13. Shane Weyant, Ch. Rdg. - School Board Rep.   |
| 5. Jim Foster, Conemaugh Twp. - Softball        | 14. Audrey Hall, Retired - Female Officials Rep. |
| 6. Dave Koba, Conemaugh Twp. Boys Soccer        | 15. Terry Diehl, Retired - Male Officials Rep.   |
| 7. Dawn Maluchnick, North Star - Volleyball     | 16. Anita Gibbons, Som. Co. - Female Parents     |
| 8. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale - Football         | 17. Tom Foor, Bedford Co. Male Parents Rep.      |
| 9. Brown Cutchall, Fbs. Road - Girls Basketball | 18. Joe Renzi, Retired - Advisor                 |

The day began with Bedford County Principals and Athletic Directors enjoying a 7:30 A.M. breakfast with the committee. At 8:30 Greg Caprara of Stat Easy gave a presentation to the group. Stat Easy is an integrated stats and video software program for schools, teams, and for families. The program will be available for district schools. They wish to partner with District 5 and can be available free for district schools. For information schools can call Mr. Caprara at 724-987-8400. Mr. Palumbo then chaired the following program.

1. Mr. Palumbo introduced new members on the district committee and then discussed district playoff procedures with principals and athletic directors.
  2. Dr. Robert Lombardi, PIAA Executive Director, discussed changes and additions to the PIAA Constitution and Bylaws. He explained the new football pre-season heat program. He also explained the LRG Program, where schools can receive a percentage of sales by vendors of school name items.
  3. Audrey Hall presented Sportsmanship Banners to the following schools for the year.
    - a. Junior High - Meyersdale Area
    - b. Senior High - Everett Area
  4. Mr. Palumbo went over district policies with schools, focusing on complimentary tickets to schools, game manager responsibilities at district events, the district 5 website, district forms, and packets.
  5. Mr. Palumbo presented the following awards to district committee members and to a district athlete.
    - a. Zack Pressel of Northern Bedford was presented a plaque for his achievement as PIAA State AA High Jump Champion.
    - b. Chris Cronrath was presented a plaque for his six years of service as the School Board representative on the district committee.
    - c. Ralph DeMarco was presented a plaque for his many years of dedicated service to the district committee.
  6. The group then enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the Clara's Place Restaurant.
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1. Mr. Palumbo convened the District 5 Committee Meeting at 12:45. He welcomed the following new members to the committee:
    - a. Mark Loucks, Forbes Road - Superintendent's Rep.
    - b. Shane Weyant, Chestnut Ridge - PSBA School Board Rep.

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c. James Foster, Conemaugh Twp. - Somerset Co. Principal's Rep.

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2. Approval of the minutes of the May 8, 2013 meeting. Motion-Leonard, Foster.
3. Approval of the Treasurer's report and bill payments. Motion- Diehl, Hall.
  - a. Payment to District IX of \$134.25 for volleyball playoff. Motion-Maluchnick, Seth.
  - b. Approval to order a dozen brief cases from FX Screen Printing. Motion-Hall, Diehl.
  - c. Approval for payment to a stenographer for a hearing. Motion-Leonard, Diehl.
  - d. Approval of payment of \$13,450.00 for PIAA School Dues for all PIAA District 5 Schools. Motion- Maluchnick, Weyant.
4. Approval of review of Bank Reconciliation. Motion- Hall, Batzel.
5. Correspondence From:
  - a. Summary of PIAA July, 2013 meeting.
  - b. Cross Country - Shanksville, one student. Rockwood, one student with Somerset.
  - c. Approval of Shade/Johnstown Christian Basketball coop, grades 9 -12. Motion-Leonard, Seth.
  - d. Approval of Fannett Metal/Southern Huntington Boys Soccer Co-ed 7- 12. Motion-Batzel, Diehl.
  - e. Approval of Fannett Metal for Middle School PIAA membership. Motion- Hall, Weyant.
  - f. Transfer waiver forms received from Berlin and Conemaugh Twp.
6. Correspondence To:
  - a. Paul Leonard sent out a list of all School Co-ops for 2012-2014 to schools on the web.
  - b. Summer Meeting / Handbooks are on the website.
  - c. All awards for the year are in to Action Awards.
  - d. Meeting dates for 2013-2014 are set at Travel Lodge and Rizzo's with meal information.
  - e. PIAA state official assignments for baseball and softball will be four man crews.
  - f. Hearing letters sent to Berlin and Conemaugh Twp.
7. Discussion Items:
  - a. There will be six teams in the 2014 district cheerleading contest. There will also be a mascot contest.
  - b. District 5 passes were distributed to school superintendents and board members. A discussion of district event comp tickets was also held. District schools are to be more in control of issued complimentary tickets.
  - c. A discussion of district 5 track records was held. Presently, our only district records are records set at the district track championship meet. Should these be the only official records or should we have records set at any district schools events? This will be difficult with the different track situations and different track timing systems. More thought and discussion is necessary on this.
  - d. Beginning in 2016 all state coaches will be required to take a Coaching Education Course. Education courses are available through the NFHS and PSADA. Jeff Batzel is qualified to teach the NFHS course. The committee will be working on a plan to train all district 5 coaches, including volunteers.
  - e. Tie breaking system for 8th place games. The committee decided if two or more are tied for 8th, a playoff game will be held, irregardless of record. The handbook wording; " If schools with records have less than a .500 record and are tied for the last slot on the playoff bracket and have the same rating points, playoff games will be scheduled at neutral sites in all sports except football." Motion- Batzel, Hall.

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**7. Discussion Items - continued.**

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- f. The West Pac and Heritage Conferences will continue football relations.
- g. No body painting and must have shirts on for all district and interdistrict playoff games.

**8. Approval Items:**

**a. Transfers: Motion- Weyant, Diehl.**

- (1.) Dalton Lee Lowery - 10 - Hope For Hyndman.
- (2.) Dylan Scott Martz - 12 - Hope For Hyndman.
- (3.) Shane M. Smith - 11 - Shade.

**b. Foreign Exchange Students: Motion- Leonard, Diehl.**

- (1.) Conemaugh Twp. - Nicol Ekert - From Germany.

**9. Transfer Eligibility Hearing.**

From 3:00 until 6:10 the district committee conducted a hearing concerning the transfer of Taylor Cahill and Toby Cahill from the Conemaugh Twp. School District to the Berlin Brothers-Valley School District. The committee heard testimony and questioning from both school districts. The committee thoroughly questioned each school and then discussed the situation.

After much discussion, at 6:10 Terry Diehl made the motion that Taylor Cahill and Toby Cahill requests for athletic eligibility transfers from the Conemaugh Twp. School District to the Berlin Brothersvalley School District be granted. The motion was seconded by Lori Seth. By a committee vote of 10 -1 the transfer requests were approved and granted immediately. Both schools were praised by Chairman Palumbo for the conduct of the hearing.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15. Motion- Leonard, Diehl.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Fisher, PIAA District 5 Secretary