

PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Clara's Place, Travel Lodge, Bedford

October 16 , 2013

PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

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| 1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber - Chairman | 11. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale - Football |
| 2. Paul Leonard, Shade - Vice Chair., Boys Bb. | 12. Brown Cutchall, Fbs. Road -Jr. High, Girls Bb. |
| 3. Larry Palmer, Retired - Treasurer, Advisor | 13. Lori Seth, Jhn. Christian - Private Schools |
| 4. Todd Beatty, McConnellsburg - Girls Soccer | 14. Jeff Batzel, Nor. Bed. - Track, A.D. Rep. |
| 5. Jim Foster, Conemaugh Twp. - Softball | 15. Shane Weyant, Chest. Ridge - School Board |
| 6. George Knisely, Chestnut Ridge - Baseball | 16. Audrey Hall, Retired - Female Officials Rep. |
| 7. Kyle Kane, Bedford - Golf | 17. Terry Diehl, Retired - Male Officials Rep. |
| 8. Jerry Shoemake, Tussey Mt. - Cross Country | 18. Tom Foor, Bedford Co. Male Parents Rep. |
| 9. Dave Koba, Con. Twp. - Boys Soccer | 19. Joe Renzi, Retired - Advisor |
| 10. Dawn Maluchnick, Nor. Star - Volleyball | Guests - Rod Brumbaugh, T.M. , Todd Bostok, Wbr. |

1. Mr. Palumbo convened the District 5 Committee meeting at 9:40 A.M..
2. Approval of the minutes of the August 6, 2013 meeting. Motion- Hall, Shoemake.
3. Approval of Treasurer's report and payment of bills. Motion-Diehl, Leonard.
 - A. Financial statements are very good. We gained 5% interest. We had an on-site audit. It went very well. Revenues and expenses are excellent. We have had audit 2 of 3 years.
 - B. The PIAA will have a 100 Year Anniversary and will honor past district chairmen at the basketball state championships. Mr. Palumbo suggested we pay for 1 night lodging at the Hershey Lodge. Audrey Hall can get PIAA room rates. Motion- Kane, Batzel.
Mr. Renzi thanked the committee.
4. Review of bank reconciliations. Motion- Knisely, Leonard.
5. Approval of Foreign Exchange Students. Motion- Maluchnick, Hall.

1. Sebastien Jere-Alvja, Belgium - Bedford	7. Christoph Samon, Germany - Somerset
2. Andrea Mori, Italy - Conemaugh Twp.	8. Frederik Z. Gildsig, Denmark - Somerset
3. Lea Alexandra Bachmann, Germany-T.M.	9. Tommaso Demozzi, Italy - Somerset
4. Antonio Quintel, Portugal - Chestnut Ridge	10. Francisco Andrales, Chile - Nor. Bedford
5. Jonathan Wisten, Sweden - Somerset	11. Gustav Kullman, Sweden - Nor. Bedford
6. Hannes Guhreke, Germany - Somerset	12. Nino Patrick Starrer, Switzerland - C. Ridge
6. Correspondence To:
 - A. Travelodge meeting dates confirmed.
 - B. Action Awards - Make sure to check trophies for accuracy.
7. Correspondence From:
 - A. Transfer attendance waiver requests. Motion- Hall, Diehl.
 - (B.) Hope For Hyndman - Rachel Ann Chalfont - Grade 8.
 - (C.) Forbes Road - Hanah Rile - Grade 10.
 - (D.) Chestnut Ridge - Katelyn Egolf - Grade 11.
 - (E.) Chestnut Ridge - Julie Egolf - Grade 10.
 - (F.) Johnstown Christian - Theodore Dugan - Grade 11.
 - (G.) Somerset - Jose Marcelo Aguago Marquez, Moved from Mexico - Grade 11.
 - H. PIAA Official Recommendations - Fall Sports Due October 11.
 1. Cross Country - None
 2. Volleyball - Four names sent.

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H. PIAA Official Recommendations (Continued.)

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3. Soccer - Officials must go where they are assigned. Fulton Country addresses with a District 3 affiliation can officiate in District 5.
4. Field Hockey is done.
5. Football - We are putting 2 crews together. We have 2 good crews. Gary Singel is evaluating the crews and he will evaluate the district championships.
6. Baseball and Softball - Some officiate both. They must choose one or the other.

I. Windber Cross Country Self Report.

1. Windber ran 5 varsity girls and 1 8th grade girl in a meet with Chestnut Ridge and Somerset. The Windber coach asked the other coaches if the 8th grade girl could run for practice and they said okay. Mark Clevenger of Chestnut Ridge called Windber and told them this was illegal under PIAA rules. Mr. Palumbo said this is illegal, but no ill intent was intended. Todd Bostock, Windber A.D., reported that the girl is no longer allowed to travel with the team and he sent out information to all coaches about athletic eligibility to make sure this does not happen again. The committee said the girl will not lose any eligibility and the coach was reprimanded and this incident will be noted in his evaluation. Motion- Weyant, Cutchall. Mr Palumbo said junior high and varsity teams can not even practice together and you must have separate coaches and practice separately.

J. Sally Sargent Report On The Cahill Hearing.

1. The report is available for review. Dave Koba thanked the committee for their time to listen and their decision. There was discussion that the Cahills did not comply with the move provision. Mr Koba said he wants nothing more to do with it. It is done and over. Mr. Palumbo said that Berlin will have to investigate it. If they are still living in Conemaugh Twp. and attending Berlin, this is not what they said was going to happen. He will be calling the Berlin Superintendent and tell them that they need to investigate and report back to the District Committee.
2. Mr Batzel then reported that two girls are living in the Northern Bedford District, but are attending school and playing basketball at Juniata Valley in District 6. They may be paying tuition at Juniata Valley. Northern Bedford never signed the report of principal to principal sign off for athletic intent. Mr Cutchall said you can not pay tuition to attend another school just to play sports there and live in another district. Mr. Palumbo said Northern Bedford could challenge this. They could appeal to the PIAA State Board.

K. Blacklick Valley - Request To Withdraw From District 6.

1. Mr. Palumbo received an e-mail dated 9-26-13. Blacklick Valley wants to withdraw from District 6 and come to District 5. They claim if they are not granted this move, they will appeal to the state. What is the committee's opinion of Blacklick Valley coming to District 5?
 1. It gives District 5 another school, which may prompt a number of other schools to apply to come to District 5.
 2. The committee members seem favorable to let Blacklick Valley to come to District 5. They would support the request.
 3. Mark Byers of the PIAA told Mr Palumbo that the state is doing the state bracketing right now which might expedite their request.
 4. Blacklick Valley plays most of their schedule in the West Pac Conference.

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L. PIAA Approval Of Johnstown Christian and Shade Boys Junior High Basketball.

M. Tussey Mountain Gym Floor.

1. Tussey Mountain had water damage to the gym floor and wanted District 5 to look at it. We referred them to a floor specialist. The floor just needs to dry out.

N. Windber/Conemaugh Twp. Football Reports. Motion to Approve- Leonard, Diehl.

1. Reports were heard from Mr. Koba and Mr. Bostock. At the 10-4-13 game it was delayed for 35 minutes because of bad weather and lightning. During the game the Windber quarterback was tackled out of bounds and slid behind the Township bench. The officiating crew from Blairsville called a late hit and threw a flag. The Township Volunteer coach knocked the ball out of the quarterback's hands and the player said an obscenity and said aren't you going to call it. During the ensuing fracas the Paint Twp. Police cuffed a Con Twp. Volunteer Assistant coach.

Mr. Koba reported that the two coaches resigned and wrote letters of apology.

Mr Palumbo stated District 5 does not have to have a hearing and can accept the action of Conemaugh Township. Approval of motion by Hall, Diehl to accept Con. Twp. action plan for the incident and if the two coaches reapply , before they are reinstated, they must submit certificates of completion of the National Federation Course In Anger Management. The Conemaugh Township Administration must present this to the District 5 Committee or there will be a hearing. Mr. Palumbo said the school could have been suspended for a year.

O. Approval of Forbes Road and Southern Fulton coop in field hockey grades 7-12 to begin in 2014.

8. New Business

A. PIAA District 8 - Football and Soccer.

1. Westinghouse may be in the AA Football playoffs for District 8. They would be the 4th seed and play the District 5 top seed. District 5 will pay \$400.00 toward their expenses and District 5 will keep the remaining gate receipts. Motion to pay the expenses-Leonard, Batzel.

2. Boys AA Soccer. - District 8 has no team. We are checking with District 9.

B. AAA District 6 Football - Somerset will play District 8. District 5 will provide officials.

C. District 5 Passes - All have received their passes.

D. Boys Playing On Girls Teams.

1. If there is no boys team, they can play on a girls team. You can not deny a boy from playing. The PIAA is contemplating that boys can play in the regular season, then if they go to the playoffs they must go to boys teams which play in the spring.

E. West Pac Football - Rockwood and Imani Christian dropped their schedules.

F. Approval of Administrative Action.

1. Meyersdale granted a forfeit in football from Ferndale. If Ferndale drops anymore games before the end of the season, the team they were to play automatically will receive a forfeit. Motion- Leonard, Weyant.

G. Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirt and or using body paint while in attendance at district and interdistrict championship contests. The entire face can not be painted.

H. School attendance figures are due October 15. Schools have a 30 day review. After that the numbers stand and no changes can be made in the brackets.

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9. Sport Reports

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A. Football

1. There will be three A games, two on Friday and one on Saturday. There will be two AA games, one on Friday and one on Saturday. We have three official crews. West Pac schedules for 2014 were discussed if Rockwood and Ferndale do not have football.

B. Golf

1. Down River wants a \$500.00 rental fee to host District 5 and District 6 golf. We would prefer a neutral site. Iron Masters would be a neutral site.

C. Girls Soccer

1. In regular season overtime, if the game is started they must play and finish.

D. Boys Soccer

1. Date change - The AA boys play on 10-26-13, a 7:00 championship game.

E. Cheerleading

1. On the PIAA web-site, 1 -15 will be small varsity, 16 - 20 will be medium varsity, and 21 and above will be large varsity. One male cheerleader on a squad will require a coed ranking, which is a single division. Do we want to send four teams to the state tournament, which is a two day tournament?

10. Other Items.

- A. The meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 will be cancelled. The meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 will be at the Travelodge, Bedford, at 9:30 A.M. , with breakfast at 8:30 A.M. Motion- Hall, Leonard.
- B. Mr. Koba requested that Conemaugh Township and Berlin would like to handle the Cahill situation themselves. Mr. Palumbo said okay.
- C. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Fisher, PIAA District 5 Secretary