

PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Clara's Place, Travel Lodge, Bedford

August 5, 2014

PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

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| 1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber - Chairman | 9. Brown Cutchall, Fbs. Road - Girls Bball. |
| 2. Paul Leonard, Shade - Vice Chair., Boys Bball. | 10. Lori Seth, Jhn. Christian - Private Schools |
| 3. Larry Palmer, Retired - Treasurer, Advisor | 11. Jeff Batzel, Nor. Bedford - A.D. Rep, Track |
| 4. Richard Fisher, Retired - Secretary, Advisor | 12. Audrey Hall, Retired -Female Officials |
| 5. Jim Foster, Conemaugh Twp. - Softball | 13. Terry Diehl, Retired - Male Officials Rep. |
| 6. Kyle Kane, Bedford - Golf | 14. Anita Gibbons, Som. Co. - Female Parents |
| 7. Dave Koba, Conemaugh Twp. - Boys Soccer | 15. Tom Foor, Bedford Co. - Male Parents |
| 8. Thad Kiesnowski, North Star - Volleyball | 16. Joe Renzi, Retired - Advisor |
- Guests - Joe Kimmel, Brian Koontz, Rod Brumbaugh, T.J. Kakabar

9:30 - Mr. Palumbo began morning session with District Principals and Athletic Directors.

A. Mr. Palumbo discussed the following with the committee and honored guests.

1. District passes to superintendents and school board members.
2. Financial procedures, audits, game manager duties, financial reports, and tickets for district events.
3. New PIAA rules for boys playing on girls teams and girls on boys.
4. District competitive cheer competition.
5. The school board rep position is open on the district committee. Individuals interested must work through the state association.

6. District Football

AAA - Somerset will be competing with three schools in districts 5,8,9.

AA - Bedford, Chestnut Ridge, and Westinghouse will form a region. District 9 with four schools will form a region. The winner of Bedford and Chestnut Ridge will play Westinghouse in Pittsburgh week 12. District 9 winner will then play 5,8 winner in district 5 week 13.

7. District Basketball - District 5 will play District 8 at Bedford or Somerset, boys and girls.

B. Mark Byers and Pat Gephart of the PIAA discussed by-law changes, rules, and policies.

C. Sportsmanship Awards - Audrey Hall presented the district sportsmanship awards to the following schools with the help of Jeff Batzel, Mark Byers, and Pat Gephart.

1. Junior High, Middle School - Shanksville Stonycreek.
2. Senior High School - Fannett Metal

1. Mr. Palumbo convened the District 5 Committee meeting at 12:45.

2. Approval of the Secretary's minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting. Motion - Hall, Palumbo.

A clarification of Section 6., Article h. of the May 7, 2014 minutes was done to read : The Steering Committee updates for 2014-2015 were discussed. A discussion of district playoffs ensued. Motion approved that there must be a PIAA approved playoff or three teams to have a district champion. Motion - Batzel, Hall. We can recognize a district champion if they compete in another district, but they must win to advance. When we host the district championship, the winner will advance. Motion - Seth, Palumbo.

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3. Approval of Treasurer's report. Motion - Leonard, Diehl. Action on the following bills, funds.
 - a. Globe Tickets - \$1,101.11. Motion - Foster, Foor
 - b. PIAA District 5 State Dues for 2014-2015 - \$15,125.00. Motion - Batzel, Cutchall.
 - c. Administrative action for the request of District 5 funds from the PIAA Rainy-Day Account. Approval to take from PIAA. Motion - Kiesnowski, Hall. Approval to place the PIAA check into a mutual fund. Motion - Kiesnowski, Hall.
4. Review of Bank Reconciliation. Motion to approve - Diehl, Hall.
5. Correspondence From:
 - a. Blacklick Valley Update - Blacklick Valley sent a letter to the District 6 committee to ask for another hearing. The District 6 vote will weigh heavily on a second state vote.
 - b. Approval of dropping of Shade/Windber Coop in wrestling. Motion-Leonard, Seth. Approval of Shade/Windber/Johnstown Christian Coop in wrestling. Motion-Leonard, Seth.
 - c. Softball Officials - Two officials did not go to a state assigned game. A discussion was held concerning the responsibility of officials. The district needs to screen officials early to determine availability to do district and state games. The committee will check with Gary Singel if they knew about possible dates before we determine their status for next year.
 - d. The school board representative position is open on the committee. Shane Weyant has resigned due to business responsibilities. Candidates need to apply with the State School Board Association. They make the decision on the representative.
6. Correspondence To:
 - a. All District Handbook information is completed and is in the handbook on the website.
 - b. An anonymous letter was received concerning out of season volleyball practice being held by a district school. The PIAA was notified, the school was notified, and the coach was talked to. The situation is taken care of. No further action is necessary.
7. Discussion Items:
 - a. Mascot competition will be held at the District Cheerleading Competition. Schools will be contacted. Mascots can compete even if the schools cheer squad does not.
 - b. Shadow Officers - Mr Palumbo will be retiring from the committee at the end of this school year. He believes that shadow officers are needed to shadow the chairman and vice-chairman until election of officers for the 2015-2016 school year at the meeting of April 8, 2015. Jeff Batzel was elected to shadow the chairman and vice-chairman until the April election. Motion- Koba, Seth.
 - c. The PIAA will host a 100th Anniversary Banguet in Hershey during the state football championships. A table of 8 will cost \$1,200.00 to benefit the PIAA Foundation with additional seating of \$150.00 per person. Motion passed to buy a table. Motion-Hall, Kiesnowski. Motion passed to buy a second table if necessary. Motion-Kane, Batzel. Second table will be decided at the October meeting.
 - d. Athletic Directors may sign the athletic eligibility list if authorized by the principal.
8. Approval of Transfer Students. - Motion-Hall, Diehl.
 - a. Tristan Robert Graeff - 10 - Bedford to Hyndman
 - b. Devon Shawn Walter - 10 - Chestnut Ridge to Hyndman
 - c. Samantha Lynn Haynes - 12 - Johnstown Christian to Shade.

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9. Reports

- a **Cheerleading** - Northern Bedford will not compete at the District Championships this school year. Turkeyfoot and Shanksville will compete.
- b. **Golf** - District 5 will face District 6 the Friday after districts at District 6.
- c. **Basketball** - Discussion of the district playoffs, especially AA that has only minimum teams. What if a school drops out and does not want to compete in districts? Approval of motion that the basketball chairmen will set a cutoff date to establish if a school wishes to stay in or drop out of the district tournament. Motion- Batzel, Seth.

10. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50. Motion-Koba, Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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