

PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Clara's Place, Travel Lodge, Bedford - April 8, 2015

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PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

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| 1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber - Chairman | 10. Dave Koba, Con. Twp. - Boys Soccer |
| 2. Paul Leonard, Shade - Vice Chair., Boys Bball. | 11. Thad Kiesnowski, North Star - Volleyball |
| 3. Larry Palmer, Retired - Treasurer, Advisor | 12. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale - Football |
| 4. Richard Fisher, Retired - Secretary, Advisor | 13. Lori Seth, Jhn. Christian- Private Schools |
| 5. Todd Beatty, McConnellsburg - Girls Soccer | 14. Jeff Batzel, Nor. Bedford -Track, A.D. Rep |
| 6. Jim Foster, Conemaugh Twp. - Softball | 15. Audrey Hall, Retired - Female Officials |
| 7. George Knisely, Chestnut Ridge - Baseball | 16. Terry Diehl, Retired - Male Officials Rep. |
| 8. Kyle Kane, Bedford - Golf | 17. Anita Gibbons, Som. Co - Female Parents |
| 9. Jerry Shoemake, Tussey Mt. - Cross Country | 18. Tom Foor, Bedford County - Male Parents |

1. 10:00 AM - Mr. Palumbo convened the meeting with District Principals and Athletic Directors.
2. Dr. Bob Lombardi, PIAA Executive Director, and Greg Biller, PIAA Director of Financial Affairs, discussed the following talking points and By-Law changes.
 - a. Cause games (Ex. : Cancer) - Do not violate NFHS uniform codes.
 - b. Football - Proposals and Timeline - BOD May meeting.
 - c. By-Law Changes:
 - (1.) Junior High language modernized,
 - (2.) Code of Ethics - Changes to Sportsmanlike and Unsportsmanlike Conduct.
 - (3.) Wrestling - Multiple Dual Events - 2 per season, not tri-meets or quad meets.
 - d. Volleyball - Libero Uniform - Solid color (2016) ; view PPT on VB page of PIAA website.
 - e. PIAA Website - www.piaa.org - New launch, July 1, 2015.
 - f. Coach Education - July 1, 2016 to 2018 - Two courses, all coaches must complete.
 - g. Eligibility Lists - 1st year - Possible fines for non-compliance or no championship play.
 - h. Heat Acclimatization - 5 days, may start as early as August 10th.. Individual players - minimum 3 consecutive days.
 - i. Special Olympics Unified Games - Bocce Tournament at 2015 PIAA BB Championships. Possible events for the Track and Field Championships.
 - j. Emergency Action Plan - Use of AED's - Template will be distributed to schools.
3. Mr. Palumbo, who is retiring from the District Committee, gave comments and thanks on his career with the PIAA and the committee. Dr. Lombardi and Mr. Biller presented gifts to Virgil.
4. Awards Presented.
 - a. District Athletic Director Scholarship Awards-\$1,000.00. Planning to award 6 next year.
 - (1.) Sandra Wentz - Windber
 - (2.) Emily Finnegan - Chestnut Ridge
 - (3.) Paul Tretter - North Star
 - (4.) Shane Ickes - Somerset
 - b. Mr. Kimmel, District Wrestling Chairman, presented an award plaque to Jonathan Gabriel, Bedford, for his state championship in wrestling. Coach and parent present.
 - c. Dr. Lombardi presented awards to Herb Moore for his 50 years as a PIAA official.
 - d. Mr. Palumbo presented a plaque award to Dave Koba, Conemaugh Township, on his retirement from education and many years on the District Five Committee.
5. The group of over 70 enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by the District Five Committee.

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1. Mr. Palumbo opened the District 5 Committee meeting at 1:10.
2. Approval of Secretary's minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting. Motion- Kiesnowski, Hall.
3. Approval of Treasurer's report and payment of bills. Motion- Diehl, Beatty.
 - a. Payment of PIAA member school dues for 2015-2016 approved. Motion- Hall, Foster.
 - b. Approval of Reconciliation of Accounts. All good. Motion- Kane, Knisely.
 - c. Audit report at cost of \$1,600.00 and Audit Action Plan approved. Motion- Hall, Knisely.
4. Audit Action Plan - 2015
 - a. Bank and Investment Reconciliation - District 5 Treasurer will make arrangements with PIAA for an inservice to comply with accounting codes in relationship with Great Plains. District 5 will have a detailed review of bank reconciliation and treasurer's report in relationship with Great Plains.
 - b. Segregation of Duties Within the Financial Reporting Process. - Effective July 1, 2015 a plan will be developed to add additional signatures on checks.
 - c. Evaluation of Investments. - PIAA is going to review their investment policy. District 5 will meet the standards of the policy. We also have received advice from Mr. Freeman not to make any changes at this time.
5. Correspondence To:
 - a. Member schools - Spring meeting.
 - b. District 5 Athletic Director's - Scholarship winners.
 - c. PIAA - Basketball, Wrestling, Track officials recommendations.
 - d. Bedford High School - State Wrestling Champion award presentation.
 - e. Rizzo's Restaurant - Cancellation of wrestling dinner, weather conditions.
6. Correspondence From:
 - a. District 8 AA Boys/Girls Basketball. Would not participate in the playoffs.
 - b. Turkeyfoot Valley Wrestling co-op approval. Will be delayed, possibly to August.
 - c. Approval of Rockwood/Turkeyfoot Valley Boys and Girls Junior High Track and Field co-op effective July 1, 2015. Motion- Hall, Seth.
 - d. Approval of Berlin/Rockwood co-op for 7-12 football. Motion- Kiesnowski, Diehl.
7. Election of District Committee Officers for 2015 - 2016.

Mr. Palumbo discussed the committee decision last year to establish a shadow plan to plan for his retirement this year. Following our plan he made the motion for the chairman and the vice-chairman and was seconded by Hall. Approved.

 - a. Chairman - Paul Leonard
 - b. Vice-Chairman - Jeff Batzel
 - c. Secretary - Richard Fisher - Motion by Knisely, Batzel. Approved
 - d. Treasurer - Larry Palmer - Motion by Diehl, Wiltrout. Approved

Approval to retain Virgil Palumbo on the District 5 Committee as an advisor. Motion- Hall, Diehl
8. New Business
 - a. Approval of Transfer - Allison Heck, Grade 9 - From Central H.S. to Northern Bedford. Motion-Batzel, Beatty.
9. Discussion Items.
 - a. All sport chairmen are to have their packets ready for the May 5 meeting. If this is done we may not need to have the June meeting. Decision will be made at the May meeting.

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9. Discussion Items. (Continued)

- b. The following new District 5 Committee members will take office on July 1, 2015.
- (1.) Brian Thompson, Berlin Brothersvalley - Somerset Co. Principal Rep.
 - (2.) Scott Shirley, Somerset - Somerset Co. Principal Rep.
 - (3.) Mark Kudlawiec, Chestnut Ridge - Bedford Co.- Superintendents Rep.- 3 Years.
 - (4.) Joe Kimmel - Somerset Co. - Male Parent Rep. - 3 Years.
 - (5.) To Be Named - Fulton Co. - Female Parent Rep. - 3 Years.

Approved - Motion- Foster, Kiesnowski.

- c. Football contact limited to 90 minutes per week. Heat acclimatization (5 consecutive days for team, 5 days for individual, but 3 days must be consecutive if they are absent.)
- d. Soccer overtime, 3rd reading - Only 3 against on a district survey. Vote in favor.
- e. Individual sport packets, 2015-2016 playoff dates, handbook changes - To be in for the May 5 meeting.

10. Reports

- a. Baseball, Softball - AA Baseball, only 3 schools, will compete in District 6 playoffs. In 2016 Class A baseball will have 2 seeds in state playoffs. Discussion of the new Iron Horse facility for possible playoffs.
- b. Track - A timing devise was approved two years ago for possible purchase. Jeff says it is now needed for district meet. The cost is \$ 439.50. The district will pay half and Northern Bedford will pay half, \$ 219.75 each. Approved. Motion-Batzel, Diehl. The date for the District meet is May 13 with the 15th, 16th as raindates.
- c. Basketball - In 2016 Class A the boys will not have a 5-3 seed. The girls will have it.

11. Motion for adjournment at 2:30. Motion- Kiesnowski, Knisely.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Fisher, PIAA District 5 Secretary