

PIAA DISTRICT 5

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Arena, Bedford

April 15, 2009

PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber -Chairman
2. Joe Kimmel, Ch. Ridge-Vice Chr., Wres.
3. Larry Palmer, Retired - Treasurer
4. Dick Fisher, Retired - Secretary
5. Todd Beatty, McConnellsburg- Softball
6. George Knisely, Ch. Ridge - Baseball
7. Dave Koba, Con. Twp. - Boys Soccer
8. Dawn Maluchnick, No. Star - Volleyball
9. Max Shoemaker, Ch. Ridge-Private Schs.
10. Tom Vent, Berlin Brothersvalley - Football
11. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale - Girls Soccer
12. Brown Cutchall, Forbes Road-Golf, Jr. High
13. Jeff Batzel, Nor. Bedford - Track, A.D. Rep.
14. Ralph DeMarco, Windber - Tennis, A.D. Rep.
15. Chris Cronrath, Nor. Bedford - School Board
16. Audrey Hall, Retired - Female Officials Rep.
17. Terry Diehl, Retired - Male Officials Rep.
18. Connie Mellott, So. Fulton - Female Parents
19. Paul Leonard, Shade Twp. - Technology, Web

The annual spring meeting of District Five Schools, the District Five Committee, and the PIAA was convened at 10:00 by Virgil Palumbo, Committee Chairman. All District Five schools were present for the meeting. The PIAA was represented by Mark Byers and by Greg Biller.

1. Greg Biller introduced two PIAA amendments on Inter-District Regional Panels. The District schools passed the amendments by unanimous 38-0 votes.
 2. The PIAA and the Department of Health are partnering on a program of Tobacco Use and Health for Youth during the fall football campaign. Greg Biller and a member of the Somerset County Health Department discussed the program.
 3. Mark Byers discussed PIAA changes and bylaws taking place at the state level. The major area of discussion was the PIAA proposed change in football to a season of 15 weeks and six enrollment classifications. A third vote will be taken in May. Major discussion was heard by district schools with the result that district five schools seem to favor passage of the change. Mr Palumbo was encouraged to vote yes at the final May vote.
 4. The District 5 Athletic Director's Association presented scholarship awards of a plaque and \$750.00 to four district 5 athletes. The 2008-2009 winners are:
 - a. Jesse Smartt - Southern Fulton
 - b. Josh Krupa - Bedford
 - c. Chelsey Hollenshead - Southern Fulton
 - d. Sarah Pelesky - North Star
 5. Mr. Palumbo and Joe Kimmel, District Wrestling Chairman, presented a District 5 plaque to Nick Roberts, North Star High School, the 2009 PIAA 103 pound state wrestling champion.
 6. Mr. Palumbo introduced the PIAA District 5 Committee and then discussed some items with the district schools. The group then enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch.
1. The regular District 5 Committee meeting was convened at 1:05. Mr. Palumbo chaired.
 2. Approval of January 14, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion-Vent, Cronrath
 3. Approval of February 21, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion-Kimmel, Diehl
 4. Approval of Treasurer's report. Motion-Hall, DeMarco
 5. Election of Committee Officers For the 2009-2010 School Year. - Unanimous vote to retain present officers for 2009-2010 school year. Motion-Maluchnick, Hall
 - a. Chairman - Virgil Palumbo
 - b. Vice Chairman - Joe Kimmel
 - c. Treasurer - Larry Palmer
 - d. Secretary - Richard W. Fisher

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6. Correspondence To:

- a. The PIAA has made the requirement that each district must have a private school employee selected on the PIAA Private School Steering Committee. Lori Seth of the Johnstown Christian School will be our District 5 rep. Motion-Kimmel, Hall
- b. A report of the Tussey Mt. boys basketball coach incident at the District 5 Boys Basketball Championship was heard by the board. The Tussey Mt. School Board took action to suspend Mr. Bailey for the remainder of the basketball playoffs with the possibility of more future action. The committee is encouraging more action and is waiting for future decisions by the Tussey Mt. School Board.

7. Correspondence From:

- a. Shade and Johnstown Christian School coop in track. All paper work is in. Motion to approve-Kimmel, Maluchnick
- b. Rockwood and Turkeyfoot Valley coop in volleyball. Motion to approve-Vent, Beatty
- c. Request from Berlin girls basketball coach to investigate calling of a timeout in the playoff game with Shade. Berlin did not break huddle and Shade scored a basket. the official scorekeeper sheet shows a timeout was called. Mr.Vent will report back to his coach.

8. New Business

- a. Committee further discussed the PIAA six classification proposal in football and the impact on district 5. The proposal should help us and the committee instructed Mr. Palumbo to vote yes at the May meeting.
- b. Parent representatives for the next two years will come on the committee at the August 5 meeting. The female rep will be Wendy Melius, Tussey Mt., from Bedford County. The male rep has yet to be selected from Fulton County.
- c. Foreign exchange student approved. - Elena Iwantchak, Germany-Northern Bedford. Motion-Batzell, Cutchall
- d. The committee needs new tiebreaking wording for our handbook. A committee will do this for all sports for the May meeting and it will be distributed to all schools. The committee will be Jeff Batzel, Brown Cutchall, Ralph DeMarco, Paul Leonard.
- e. Championship packets and awards for all spring sports are ready to hand out.
- f. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 2:00, at Rizzo's in Windber.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10. Motion-DeMarco, Beatty.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard W. Fisher, PIAA District 5 Secretary