

PIAA DISTRICT 5

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Arena, Bedford

August 5, 2009

PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber -Chairman
2. Joe Kimmel, Ch. Ridge-Vice Chr., Wres.
3. Dick Fisher, Retired - Secretary
4. Todd Beatty, McConnellsburg- Softball
5. Jonathan Donelson, Everett - Tennis
6. Wayne Sherlock, Nor.Bed.- Cr. Country
7. Dawn Maluchnick,North Star-Volleyball
8. Tom Vent, Berlin Brothers. - Football
9. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale-Girls Soccer
10. Brown Cutchall, Forbes Road-Golf, Jr.High
11. Lori Seth, J. Christian - Private Schools
12. Jeff Batzel, Nor. Bedford - Track, A.D. Rep.
13. Ralph DeMarco, Windber - Tennis, A.D. Rep.
14. Chris Cronrath, Nor. Bedford - School Board
15. Audrey Hall, Retired - Female Officials Rep.
16. Terry Diehl, Retired - Male Officials Rep.
17. Joe Hollenshead, Fulton County-Male Parent
18. Paul Leonard, Shade - Technology, Website

Chairman Palumbo opened the meeting with District Principals and Athletic Directors at 10:05. Brad Cashman, PIAA Executive Director was in attendance for the meeting.

1. Mr. Palumbo introduced the District Five Committee members.
2. Mr. Cashman discussed all new PIAA Constitution Amendments and Bylaw changes.
3. Terry Diehl was recognized for receiving a watch at the State Officials Convention for 35 years of PIAA officiating.
4. Audrey Hall, Sportsmanship Chairman, presented sportsmanship banners to the following District Five schools:
 - a. Junior High School - Windber
 - b. Senior High School - Shade
5. Mr. Palumbo discussed the financial difficulties at the district and state levels and advised the schools that the committee may not be able to pay state dues in the year 2010-2011 as we have done for many years.
6. Paul Leonard explained the District Five website and all of it's information.
7. The group enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon at 1:00.

1. The District Five Committee meeting was convened at 1:55.
2. Approval of the May 6, 2009 minutes. Motion- Cronrath, Batzel
3. There was no Treasurer's report. Mr Palmer not present due to travel.
4. The following new District Five Committee members were approved. Motion-Hall, DeMarco
 - a. Lori Seth, Johnstown Christian - Private Schools Rep.
 - b. Jonathan Donelson, Everett - Bedford County Principal
 - c. Wayne Sherlock, Northern Bedford - Bedford County Principal
 - d. Joe Hollenshead, Fulton County - Male Parents Rep.
5. Correspondence From:
 - a. PIAA Steering Committee positions and District Chairmanships were set.
 - b. The committee received a resignation from Mike Panek, Tussey Mt., who has moved to a position as West Branch Superintendent.
 - c. Rockwood and Turkeyfoot want to have junior high coops. Both schools must have Junior High membership in the PIAA.
 - d. Greg Biller of the PIAA tells us that the PIAA and the districts have to have a state audit for 2008-2009. We will be involved in the statewide audit.
 - e. All awards are ordered for the 2009-2010 school year district championships.
 - f. All school coops for 2009-2010 are set.

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6. Discussion Items.

- a. Wendy Melius of Bedford County was to become the new female parents rep. Some discrepancy was discussed concerning the position. Mr. Fisher will research past district minutes to determine when we began the parent rep positions and when we established the rotation system. He will report the information at the next meeting.
 - b. Mr Palumbo presented a report on the state football classifications. In May the PIAA voted to do more study on the 6 class proposal. In June the PIAA voted 15-13 to stay with 4 classes.
 - c. Discussion concerning a football coop between James Buchanan , Southern Fulton, and McConnellsburg. We have a problem with no record of a coop application among these schools and a coop between two districts.
 - d. Approval of administrative action to approve the Rockwood Junior High as a PIAA member school. Motion- Kimmel, Wiltrout
 - e. Due to financial situations, the committee may have to take a hard look at the dues payment for district schools for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - f. The softball pitching distance will increase from 40 to 43 feet for the season of 2011. This is a new National Federation and PIAA rule that becomes effective at that time. The pitching rubber will be moved back three feet.
 - g. Girls Soccer will no longer have two separate state championships. The East will go to the fall championships in the 2010 season.
 - h. The AA football game with District 8 will be on a Saturday afternoon at District 8.
7. A new state rule will take effect that alumni games must be counted in your total number of games. We must count these as games. Our district handbook states that alumni games are classified as exhibition games for ranking purposes. The motion was passed that any exhibition games will not be counted for district rankings in our playoffs, as is stated in our handbook. Motion - Batzel, DeMarco.
8. Approval of foreign exchange student - Dragana Drobnjak, Montenegro - Windber High
Motion - DeMarco, Batzel
9. Approval of transfer student - Alexander Bookheimer, Forbes Road. Motion-Cutshall, Cronrath.
10. Chris Cronrath was retained by the PSBA as the District 5 School Board Rep. for a new term.
11. Meeting adjourned at 3:00. Motion - Beatty, Vent

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Fisher

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