

# PIAA DISTRICT 5

## PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Rizzos, Windber

October 21, 2009

### PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber – Chairman
2. Joe Kimmel, Ch. Ridge-Vice Chr., Wres.
3. Larry Palmer, Retired-Adv, Treasurer
4. Todd Beatty, McConnellsburg-Softball
5. George Knisely, Ch. Ridge-Baseball
6. Jonathan Donelson, Everett – Tennis
7. Wayne Sherlock, Nr. Bed.– Cr. Country
8. Dave Koba, Con. Twp. – Boys Soccer
9. Dawn Maluchnick, No. Star-Vball-Girls
10. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale – Girls Soc.
11. Brown, Cutchall, Forbes Rd.-Golf, Jr. Hi.
12. Lori Seth, J. Christian – Private Schools
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. Wendy Melius, Bedford Cty. Female Parents Rep.
19. Joe Renzi, Retired - Advisor
20. Paul Leonard, Shade Twp. Tech. Chr., Website
21. Mark Clevenger, C.R. Ath. Director, Guest

1. Chairman Palumbo opened the meeting with district principals and athletic directors at 2:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Palumbo discussed several items from the August 5, 2009 minutes. One issue in particular was the financial concerns and revenues. It seems that every district across the state is experiencing financial issues. Approval of the minutes for the August 5, 2009 meeting. Motion made by Chris Cronrath, seconded Audrey Hall.
3. Approval of parents' representative (Wendy Melius). Motion was made by Wayne Sherlock, seconded by Chris Cronrath. Handout – Formation of the Parent Representatives. The District 5 handbook page will need to reflect the information included in the handbook.
4. Approval of the treasurer's report. Motion by Jeff Batzel, Terry Diehl.
  - a. Due to financial issues some discussion was generated about ways to save money. One item discussed was the number of umpires needed for softball and baseball regular, playoff and championship games. Last season softball used one less umpire which generated approximately \$800.00 in savings. This topic will need to be discussed further.
  - b. Larry Palmer discussed the audit report process. A formal audit was done about ~~two~~<sup>ten</sup> years ago. The district will need to complete a formal audit this year.
  - c. Other discussion was generated concerning the cost of the number of balls given for each sport during playoffs and championships. Also, in some sports the paid ticket sales' revenues versus the cost of the ticket taker.
5. Approval of foreign exchange students. Motion Audrey Hall, Todd Beatty. Motion to approve Virgil Palumbo, District 5 Chairman, empowering him to approve foreign exchange students throughout the year between meetings. Motion Audrey Hall, Terry Diehl.
6. Correspondence to:
  - a. District 6 request for District 5 participation in District 6 playoffs 2009-10.
    1. Girls volleyball – Bedford – Chestnut Ridge
    2. Girls field hockey – Forbes Road
    3. Boys soccer – Bedford
    4. Boys Basketball – Bedford
  - b. Action awards
  - c. Meeting dates have been set at Rizzo's and The Arena restaurants.
  - d. Approval to accept the action toward Dave Bailey by the Tussey Mountain School District. Motion Chris Cronrath, Terry Diehl – 1 abstention Wendy Melius.
  - e. PIAA official suspension. Virgil Palumbo reported information concerning a suspended official. District 5 athletic directors were advised not to use this official pending the outcome of the hearing.
  - f. Newly registered officials. Virgil Palumbo will keep the District 5 athletic directors updated as new officials are added to the list.
7. Correspondence from:

- a. Approval for transfer attendance waiver request – North Star - Dana Nemchik (11). Motion George Knisely, Terry Diehl.
  - b. Approval for transfer review Conemaugh Township – Kaitlyn Gorgone (10) and Blakin A. Geisel (11). Motion – Christ Cronrath, Jeff Batzel.
  - c. Approval for transfer review - North Star – Trevor Scott Holiday (10). Motion – Todd Beatty, Brown Cutchall.
  - d. Approval for Johnstown Christian School – Sophie Dickson (11). Motion – Todd Beatty, Dawn Maluchnick.
  - e. District 8 football “AA” November 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Couples Stadium.
8. New Business:
- b. Player/coach disqualifications.  
District 5 committee and athletic directors want a summary only of any disqualified coaches or players (sport, school, opponent, official).
  - a. Chestnut Ridge High School – self report – Cross Country. Chestnut Ridge’s cross country coach utilized a junior high athlete in a varsity event under an assumed name and registration number. Approval to accept Chestnut Ridge’s action concerning the coach as sufficient for this incident. Motion – Wayne Sherlock, Dawn Maluchnick.  
\*Virgil Palumbo noted the Chestnut Ridge administration should be commended for their swift immediate action.
  - d. Approval to dissolve football coop. James Buchanan/Southern Fulton/McConnellsburg. Note – any players currently playing will be permitted to play as long as they are eligible under the preexisting coop agreement. No new players will be accepted under the coop agreement. Motion Chris Cronrath, Terry Diehl.
  - e. Team I.P. breach of contract with PIAA Team IP did not fulfill the agreement of the contract.
  - f. Wrestling mats – from Windber. Windber gave wrestling mats to Shade for practice mats. There was discussion to recondition these mats with the District 5 logo for championship use. Virgil Palumbo will look for sponsorship to cover the cost of reconditioning.
  - g. Ticket packets and medals.  
All playoff packets have been distributed. Game managers and athletic directors can get playoff and championship forms on the District 5 website.
  - h. H1N1 flu. Any school who closes due to the flu and cannot reschedule a game due to a related cancellation will consider this, no contest not a forfeit.  
\*Prior to a no contest decision every effort between both schools must be made to make up the game. If a school does not have enough players to play a game then they can postpone, but cannot cancel if the school is in session.
9. Reports
- a. Football
    1. Chain Crews. District 5 committee discussed this issue and prefers local chain crews rather than officials’ chain crews.
10. Other Items
- a. Sportsmanship awards. Virgil Palumbo suggested Audrey Hall edit the form adding a column for disqualifications. The committees will discuss utilizing a point system at the next meeting.
  - b. A motion to approve playing the Double A football championship game on Thursday night. Motion Joe Kimmel, Jeff Batzel.
  - c. Audrey Hall stated August 31, 2009 a soccer officials’ clinic was held at McConnellsburg. Thirty-one officials attended.
11. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Motion – Ralph DeMarco, Jeff Batzel.

*Richard W. Fisher, Secretary*