

PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Clara's Place, Travel Lodge, Bedford

April 2, 2014

PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

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| 1. Virgil Palumbo, Windber - Chairman | 10. John Wiltrout, Meyersdale - Football |
| 2. Paul Leonard, Shade - Vice Chair., Boys Bb. | 11. Brown Cutchall, Fbs. Rd. - Girls Basketball |
| 3. Larry Palmer, Retired - Treasurer, Advisor | 12. Lori Seth, John. Christian - Private Schools |
| 4. Richard Fisher, Retired - Secretary, Advisor | 13. Jeff Batzel, Nor. Bedford - Track, A.D. Rep. |
| 5. Todd Beatty, McConnellsburg - Girls Soccer | 14. Shane Weyant, Chest. Ridge - School Board |
| 6. Jim Foster, Conemaugh Twp. - Softball | 15. Audrey Hall, Retired - Female Officials Rep. |
| 7. George Knisely, Chestnut Ridge - Baseball | 16. Anita Gibbons, Som. Co. - Female Parents |
| 8. Kyle Kane, Bedford - Golf | 17. Tom Foor, Bedford Co. - Male Parents Rep. |
| 9. Jerry Shoemake, Tussey Mt. - Cross Country | 18. Joe Renzi. Retired - Advisor |

1. 10:00 AM - Program with PIAA Officials, District 5 Principals, and Athletic Directors.

- a. Mr. Palumbo, District 5 Chairman, welcomed the group and introduced the District 5 Committee members. He introduced T.J. Kakabar, new superintendent at Conemaugh Twp., Erich May, new principal at Hope For Hyndman, and Jeff Kimmel, new Athletic Director at Hope For Hyndman.
- b. Mark Byers of the PIAA Staff discussed new Bylaw Changes, Policies, Rules, and Regulations.
- c. Dr. Bob Lombardi, PIAA Executive Director, discussed three very important current issues with the group. They are the Regular Season Football Regulations, the new PIAA Mixed Gender Participation Rules, and the April 1 PIAA meeting with the Pennsylvania State Legislature on Private and Charter Schools Athletic Issues. The hearing did not produce any results. There was much discussion on the situation. The PIAA needs help on where we are going.
- d. Mr. Palumbo discussed several issues with the group, including district dues, district cheerleading championship dates, PIAA playoff brackets, and eligibility.
- e. The PIAA conducted a logo contest for its 100th Anniversary. James Crowder, student of McConnellsburg High School, placed second. Principal Todd Beatty presented him a plaque from District 5 along with PIAA Executive Director Dr. Lombardi.
- f. The District 5 Athletic Directors presented \$1,000.00 scholarships to District 5 athletes.
 - a. Bailey Beegle - Everett Area High School
 - b. McKenzie Feather - Chestnut Ridge High School
 - c. Gavin Berkley - Meyersdale Area High School
 - d. Blake Over - Northern Bedford County High School
- g. Mr. Palumbo gave closing remarks and the group then enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

1. Mr. Palumbo convened the District 5 Committee meeting at 1:20 PM.
2. Approval of the minutes of the February 5, 2014 meeting. Motion - Hall, Knisely
3. Approval of Treasurer's report and payment of bills. Motion - Batzel, Weyant
 - a. Lodging expenses at the PIAA 100th Anniversary Celebration for ex chairman Jack Dickey and Joe Renzi previously approved.
 - b. Monthly Reconciliation Forms for February and March approved. Motion - Hall, Cutchall
 - c. Purchase of District 5 Playoff tickets and bags approved. Motion - Kane. Shoemake

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4. Election Of Officers For 2014 - 2015 School Year

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- a. Chairman - Virgil Palumbo elected. Motion - Hall, Foster
- b. Vice-Chairman - Paul Leonard elected. Motion - Gibbons, Seth
- c. Secretary - Richard Fisher elected. Motion - Palumbo, Hall
- d. Treasurer - Larry Palmer elected. Motion - Batzel, Leonard

5. Correspondence To:

- a. Action Awards - All awards for spring sports are in. Chairmen take with them.
- b. PIAA Basketball and Wrestling Official assignments. All are in.
- c. AA Football - District 8 (Westinghouse) will come to District 5 and compete with Bedford and Chestnut Ridge for the District 5 Championship. The winner will then play in a sub-regional against the winner of the four District 9 AA schools.

6. Correspondence From:

- a. The District 8 AA Boys and Girls Basketball teams from Westinghouse will play the District 5 winners in play-in games. If both district 5 winners are from Somerset Co., the games will be at Somerset High School. If both district 5 winners are from Bedford Co., the games will be at Bedford High School. If the district 5 winners are split from counties, the games will be at Somerset High School.
- b. Letters were received from Conemaugh Twp. and Berlin concerning the residency of the Cahill family. The principals investigated this and determined that the Cahill family was definitely living in Berlin. This resolves the situation and it is settled. It was also discovered that Taylor Cahill was running in the Conemaugh Twp. school hallways with a Conemaugh Twp. volunteer wrestling coach. Conemaugh Twp. has suspended the coach. Motion by committee to accept the schools action. Motion - Leonard, Weyant
- c. Dawn Maluchnick submitted her resignation from the District 5 Committee effective April 2, 2014. Motion to accept - Hall, Knisely. The Somerset County selection to be her replacement is Thad Kiesnowski, Middle School Principal at North Star. Motion to accept - Shoemake, Wiltrout
- d. The situation that developed between Tussey Mountain and North Catholic concerning their PIAA football game has been settled by mail between the two schools.

7. New Business

- a. RGM Blitz wishes to tape delay some of our district events. Discussion to establish a fee for the broadcasts. It was determined to set the fee the same as our established radio fees. The 1st and 2nd round fee is \$50.00, consolation and finals fee is \$75.00. Motion - Wiltrout, Weyant
- b. The West Pac League wants to establish a Football Championship Week on the 10th playing date of the season. After the 9th week they will rank their teams and have a five game series at the highest ranked sites. They are all class A schools They want the committee to include the five games in the district rankings. The committee will accept their request. Motion - Batzel, Cutchall
- c. Foreign Exchange Student - Kaho Mori Kawa - Japan to Bedford High School. Motion to accept - Hall, Foster
- d. Transfer Students - Motion to accept - Leonard, Cutchall
 - (1.) Jerica Hardy - 9 - Northern Bedford from Central
 - (2.) Robert Brant 11 - 10 - Hope For Hyndman from S Garrett
 - (3.) Jocelyn M. Brant -9- Hope For Hyndman from Fort Hill
 - (4.) Lindsay Shroyer -10 - Hope For Hyndman from Alleghany

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7. New Business (continued)

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- e. All district sport chairmen are to get their individual sport packets for 2014-2015 to Paul Leonard as well as handbook changes as soon as possible.
- f. The committee voted to continue paying all District 5 school dues to the PIAA for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion - Hall, Knisely. The dues will be increasing.

8. Discussion Items

- a. The June meeting at Windber High School may or may not be held depending on our progress with district fees and the handbook at the May meeting.
- b. Spring sport ticket packets and awards are ready for the sport chairmen.
- c. Cheerleading Championships.

(1.) The site will be at Chestnut Ridge High School in November or December. The date to be determined by the Sideling Hill dates.

(2.) The PIAA State Spirit Cheer championships on January 23, 24 will include 130 total teams at Hershey. The state committee is planning to again have only one classification, but the cheerleaders wish to have two classes of competition based on enrollment. This is being worked on. The present system is not fair to small schools.

- d. A letter of complaint was received stating that their was two different styles in district 5 officiating, especially in basketball. A lengthy discussion of our officials, evaluations, and coaches input into the selection of officials was held. The outcome was to set up a meeting of all district sport chapter officers to discuss recruitment of new officials, training, and mentoring. They are to study the evaluation process and also discuss what coaches want. Audrey Hall and Terry Diehl are to set up and to lead this meeting. Also Paul Leonard is to research the possible development of a District 5 monkey website to be used.
- e. Mr. Palumbo gave an update on the desire of Blacklick Valley to leave District 6 and to join District 5. District 6 said no so Blacklick appealed to the PIAA. The PIAA vote was 23 yes and 8 no, just failing to pass by the 3/4 vote needed. Mr Palumbo called them and told them they never applied directly to us and if they did this, they could probably get back on the PIAA agenda. We have not heard anything from them at this time.
- f. The PIAA has selected Richland High School in Johnstown as the site for the state volleyball championships for the next four years.
- g. Football contact will be limited to 90 minutes per week. Heat Acclimatization is 3 days.
 - (1.) Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 - (2.) Or Thursday, Friday, Saturday
 - (3.) Or first three days of preseason camp
- h. Mr. Palumbo received letters from the Joe Kimmel family thanking the committee for the \$50.00 contribution due to the loss of his brother and from the Forbes Road School District thanking the committee for the \$50,00 contribution due to the loss of Brown Cutchall's mother. Brown gave a sincere thank you to the committee for our thoughts and to committee members who stepped in for him during his time of loss.

9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 4:07. Motion - Kane, Shoemake

Respectfully submitted,
Richard W. Fisher, PIAA District 5 Secretary

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