

# PIAA DISTRICT FIVE

## PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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### PIAA District 5 Committee Members Present

1. Paul Leonard, Shade - Chairman, Boys Bball.
2. Jeff Batzel, Nor. Bed. - Vice Chr,AD Rep,Track
3. Richard Fisher, Retired - Secretary, Advisor
4. Larry Palmer, Retired - Treasurer, Advisor
5. Kyle Kane, Bedford - Golf
6. Jerry Shoemake, Tussey Mt. - Cross Country
7. Meredith Hendershot, So. Fulton - Girls Soc.
8. Jim Foster, Conemaugh Twp. - Boys Soccer
9. Thad Kiesnowski, North Star - Volleyball
10. Scott Shirley, Somerset - Cheerleading
11. Brian Thompson, Berlin Brothersvalley - Softball
12. Kathy Keafer, Jhn. Christian - Private School
13. Brown Cutchall, Fbs. Rd. - Jr. High, Girls Bb.
14. Mark Kudlawiec, Chestnut Rdg. - Supt. Rep.
15. Ralph Scott, Nor. Bed. - School Board Rep.
16. Audrey Hall, Retired - Female Off., Girls Ath.
17. Terry Diehl, Retired - Male Officials Rep.
18. Shelly McMullen, Fulton Co. - Female Parents
19. Joe Kimmel, Somerset Co. - Male Parents
20. Virgil Palumbo, Retired - Advisor
21. Joe Renzi, Retired - Advisor

Guests - Rod Brumbaugh, Tussey Mt. , Lance McGough, Con. Twp., Scott Close, Somerset,  
Joe Smorto, Windber

### A. PIAA District 5 Summer In-Service

1. Chairman Paul Leonard opened the in-service at 9:30 AM by welcoming district principals and athletic directors. He then introduced the new District 5 Committee Members to the group.
2. District 5 informational items were presented and school board passes to events were given to the schools.
3. The District 5 Online Handbook and the district website for the 2015-2016 school year were discussed by the chairman. He reviewed the playoffs and the financial reporting procedures.
4. Dr. Robert Lombardi, PIAA Executive Director, discussed PIAA issues with the group.
5. Audrey Hall, District 5 Sportsmanship Chairman, presented PIAA sportsmanship awards for the 2014-2015 school year. She was assisted by Dr. Lombardi.
  - a. Junior High School, Middle School - Berlin Brothersvalley Area School District.
  - b. Senior High School - Everett Area School District
6. A retiring committee member, Lori Seth , Johnstown Christian School, was presented with a plaque by Chairman Leonard. Lori was unable to attend.
7. Retiring District 5 Chairman, Virgil Palumbo, was honored by the committee.
  - a. Ralph DeMarco gave an amusing and emotional talk about Virgil.
  - b. Jeff Batzel presented a \$300.00 Marriott Gift Card to Virgil from the District Committee.
  - c. Brown Cutchall spoke about the wonderful years working with Virgil on the committee.
  - d. Paul Leonard presented a dozen bobble-head figurines of Virgil for his family.
  - e. Audrey Hall and Dr. Lombardi presented a beautiful plaque.
  - f. Virgil gave a wonderful response of thanks and closing remarks to the group for the gifts. His wife and granddaughter were very thankful to the committee.
8. The group enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch at 11:45 AM.

### B. District 5 Committee Meeting.

1. Mr. Leonard opened the District 5 Committee meeting at 12:50 PM.
2. Approval of the Secretary's minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting. Motion-Kiesnowski, Kane.
3. Approval of Treasurer's report. Motion-Diehl, Scott.

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### B District 5 Committee Meeting.

4. Approval of the following payment of bills. Motion-Kiesnowski, Diehl.
  - a. Cummings Trophies and Engravings - Retirement Gifts.
  - b. Cummings Trophies and Engravings - Committee Clothing.
  - c. PIAA District 5 School Dues for 2015-2016 - \$15,125.00.
  - d. Eddy's Engraving - Retirement Gifts.
  - e. Action Awards - District 5 Fall Championship Awards.
  - f. Jeff Batzel - Retirement Gift Reimbursement.
5. Approval of the review of Bank Reconciliations for May, June, July. Motion- Hall, Kane.
6. Correspondence From:
  - a. End of Berlin and Shanksville Softball Co-op for 2015-2016. Motion-Kane, Batzel.
  - b. Approval of Bedford and Everett Boys and Girls Cross Country Co-op for grades 9-12 for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion-Cutchall, Scott
  - c. Approval of Everett and Bedford Rifle Co-op for grades 9-12 for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion-Foster, Shirley.
  - d. Turkeyfoot desires to start a Boys and Girls Cross Country Team for 2015-2016 for grades 9-12. They will be contacting schools.
  - e. Windber is in the middle of renovation and may not be able to host the 2016 district wrestling tournament. We may need a new site for one year.
7. Correspondence To:
  - a. All information for the District 5 Handbook and Website is ready and on the web. This includes meeting dates, committee assignments, district playoff packets, action awards, and PIAA information.
  - b. Hope for Hyndman is the only district 5 school that does not have Middle School/Junior High School membership in the PIAA. They are taking steps to join.
8. Discussion Items:
  - a. The 2015-2016 PIAA football brackets will be set up with the following districts. The PIAA AA bracket will be districts 5/8/9. The district 5/8 winner will play at the site of the district 9 winner. The AAA bracket will be districts 5/6/8/9.
  - b. District 5 sport chairmen need to review their PIAA brackets and to secure appropriate host sites.
  - c. The PIAA will levy a fine of \$100.00 per season for member schools that do not submit their certificates of eligibility within 14 days of their first contest, effective immediately. Schools must get their eligibility lists on the PIAA website.
  - d. The PIAA is considering 4 or 6 classifications for football. The PIAA Football Steering Committee is meeting on September 16 to discuss the different formats. No decisions have been made.
  - e. Approval of 2015-2016 wrestling stipends to be changed in the handbook for district officials for the tournaments. The individual district tournament stipend will be raised from \$290.00 to \$300.00. The team tournament stipend will be raised from \$70.00 to \$75.00 per match. Motion-Scott, Kiesnowski.
  - f. Approval to order 12 new district briefcases from the PIAA supplier for new committee members and for replacements. Motion-Hall, Kudlawiec. ( continue )

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- g. All district schools and game managers must know that starting with the 2015-2016 school year that absolutely no cash payments for PIAA Inter-District Playoff Games can be made. All payments must be with checks through the PIAA. This includes any and all game workers.**

**9. School Transfers.**

- a. Approval of the following transfer students. Motion-Foster, Kimmel**  
**(1.) Hunter Thomas - Grade 12 - Windber to Johnstown Christian**  
**(2.) Emily McKinney - Grade 9 - Graham, M.S. to Shade**

**10. Foreign Exchange Students.**

- a. No foreign exchange students have been received yet.**

**11. Sports Reports.**

- a. Golf - The district meet will be held in Somerset County, the Windber Country Club.**  
**b. Wrestling - A doctor should be present at all times during the tournaments.**

**12 Meeting adjourned at 2:00. Motion-Diehl, Shoemake.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Richard W. Fisher*

**Richard W. Fisher, PIAA District 5 Secretary**