

PIAA District V

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

Bedford County Tech Center, January 28, 2026

PIAA District V Committee Members Present

1. Paul Leonard, Shade – Chairman, Boys Bask.
2. Jeff Batzel, NBC – Vice-Chair., T&F
3. Larry Palmer – Treasurer
4. Eric Zeznanski, C.Ridge – Baseball
5. Scott Shirley, Somerset – Volleyball
6. Meredith Hendershot, S.Fulton – G Soccer
7. Dave Burkett, Everett – Superintendents Rep.
8. Scott Close, Somerset (non-voting) – XC/Golf
9. Craig Gindlesperger, Meyersdale – Softball
10. Matt Pritts, Rockwood – Sch. Board Rep.
12. Steve Slatcoff, Windber – Football
13. Tanner Prosser, Berlin – Male Parent Rep
14. Todd Best, FM – Sportsmanship
15. Audrey Hall – Female Off./Girls Athletics
16. Ralph Scott – Advisor
17. Matt McCahan, TM – Girls Bask.
18. Thad Kiesnowski, NS – Wrestling
19. Guests – Ryan Cherry – NBC
20. Guests – Matt Gombita – Meyersdale

1. Chairman Paul Leonard opened the DV Committee meeting at 9:35 a.m.
2. a. Approval of the Secretary's Report of the DV Committee meeting on Oct. 15, 2025. Motion – Shirley, Zeznanski
- b. Approval of the Secretary's Report of the DV Committee meeting on Oct. 22, 2025. Motion – Hall, Burkett
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Motion - Kiesnowski, Shirley
- a. Approval of Bank Reconciliation. Motion – McCahan, Batzel
4. Correspondence From:
- a. Chairman Leonard discussed online ticketing challenges. We now must offer cash sales and all PIAA meetings must be videotaped and livestreamed.
- b. Discussion on D5 ticket prices with new regulations regarding the \$1 ticket vendor disclosure.
- c. Approved listing online ticket prices as \$4 and \$7 for student and adult events prior to the finals and \$5 and \$9 for the finals with D5 now encompassing the \$1 Hometown Ticketing processing fee. Motion – Hendershot, Shirley
5. New Cooperative Sports approvals effective 2026-27
- a. Approval of the S. Huntingdon (host) and Fannett-Metal Junior High and Varsity Girls Wrestling cooperative agreement effective 2025-26. Motion – Burkett, Shirley
6. New Business
- a. Foreign Exchange Student Approval. Motion – Kiesnowski, Zeznanski

Name

School

Country

Saana Aina Linnea Jaervinen McConnellsburg Finland

b. Transfers Students Approval for Regular Season. Motion – Hall, Kiesnowski

Name	Grade	To	From
Marlee O'Donnell	10	Fannett-Metal	Shippensburg
Damyan Wilson	12	Forbes Road	Tussey Mountain
Camden Marx	10	Windber	Bishop McCortPost

c. Post Season Eligibility (on paper) DENIED. Motion – Batzel, Zeznanski

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Damyan Wilson	12	Forbes Road	Tussey Mountain

7. Discussion Items

- a. Shot Clock – Passed 3rd reading for 2028-29 season at the varsity level
- b. Points awarded for schools declaring up in classification – No action taken
- c. Future number of automatic qualifiers to D5 brackets for all sports –
12+ teams at start of season = 8 team bracket
8-11 teams at start of season = 6 team bracket
7 or less teams at start of season – 4 team bracket
Teams with .500 or better records will qualify and be added to the bracket
Motion – Batzel, Hendershot

8. Sports Reports

- Steve Slatcoff reported on the football steering committee meeting
- Meredith Hendershot reported on the Soccer steering committee meeting
- Scott Close reported on the Cross Country and Golf Steering committees
- Scott Shirley reported on the Volleyball Steering committee – He reviewed how six classifications will change the complexion of D5 in volleyball.
- Officials Elections – Tony Deluca will become the new Male official rep.

9. Adjournemnt at 12:07. Motion – Slatcoff, Kiesnowski