

PIAA District V

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

Chestnut Ridge Middle School, October 15, 2025

PIAA District V Committee Members Present

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| 1. Paul Leonard, Shade – Chairman, Boys Bball | 12. Steve Slatcoff, Windber - Football |
| 2. Jeff Batzel, NBC – Vice Chair., Track | 13. Tanner Prosser, Berlin – Male Parents Rep. |
| 3. Brown Cutchall – Secretary | 14. Todd Best, FM – Sportsmanship |
| 4. Larry Palmer - Treasurer | 15. Audrey Hall, Female Officials Rep. Girls Athletics |
| 5. Eric Zeznanski – CR, Baseball | 16. Celeste Sprankle, JCS - Private Schools Rep. |
| 6. Ron Beachley, Male Officials Rep. | 17. Thad Kiesnowski, NS – Wrestling |
| 7. Jim Foster, CT – Boys Soccer | 18. Ralph Scott, Advisor |
| 8. Kevin Steele, Bedford – Principals Rep. | 19. David Burkett – Superintendent Rep. |
| 9. Scott Shirley, Somerset – Volleyball | |
| 10. Matt McCahan, TM – Girls Bball | |
| 11. Meredith Hendershot, SF – Girls Soccer | |
| 12. Guests - Ross Shinenew | |

1. Chairman Paul Leonard opened the District V Committee Meeting at 9:37.
2. Approval of the Secretary's report of the District V Committee Meeting on September 15, 2025. Motion – Foster, Beachley
3. Approval of Treasurer's report. Motion – Slatcoff, Hall
 - a. Approval of Bank Reconciliation. Motion – Hall, Beachley
 - b. A list of outstanding checks was presented to the committee by Mr. Palmer, Treasurer.
4. Correspondence From:
 - a. Chairman Leonard made the committee aware of a letter from a concerned parent in reference to a high school football game. A discussion was held and no action was taken.
 - b. A letter of concern was presented about varsity coaches that also officiate the same sport that they coach. The Officials Representatives will address the situation with the various soccer chapters in the district.
 - c. A letter from concerned Parents and Administrators from the Everett Area School District in reference to following the PIAA By-laws about a coach ejection. A letter was sent by the PIAA Executive Director Dr. Robert Lombardi to Everett. Everett will send a response to the incident to the District V Committee.
5. New Cooperative Sports approvals effective 2025-26.
 - a. Tabled Rockwood Junior School and Somerset Christian School for Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Softball.
 - b. Tabled Rockwood High School and Somerset Christian School for Boys Basketball and Softball. Motion – Kiesnowski, Zeznanski for both a and b.
 - c. Approved Southern Huntingdon Junior High School and Fannett Metal Junior High School for Girls Wrestling. Motion – Beachley, Burkett
6. New Cooperative Sports Terminations effective 2025--26.
7. New Cooperative Sports approvals effective 2026-2027
8. Discussion Items:

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- a. Approved that member schools sponsoring a team in a sport, which participates in at least 50% of the maximum permitted number of regular season contests in the sport, is entitled to a minimum of 1 entry (qualifier) per enrollment classification, to the PIAA Inter-District Championship in that sport. Motion – Batzel, Beachley
- b. Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at Bedford County Technical School at 9:30 A.M.
- c. Approved payment of District V Athletic Directors Association Scholarship meals and allow DV Athletic Association donations at championship events. Motion – Shirley, Foster
- d. Approved permission for the District V Athletic Directors Association to sell tee shirts at District V wrestling and volleyball championships. Motion – Shirley, Hall

9. Transfers: Approved: Motion –

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Name	Grade	To	From:
Bella Broxterman	9	Rockwood	Mount Pleasant -Prosser, McCahan
Gracie Bolen	11	Shade	Frazier – Kiesnowski, Shirley
Isaiah Anderson	10	Tussey Mt.	Southern Huntingdon – Hall, Burkett
Audra Handke	11	Berlin	Peters Twp. Cyber School – Shirley, Kiesnowski
Approved for the regular season only:			
Gabriella Cluck (Eligible)	12	Fannett Metal	Shippensburg (11 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain) Foster, Hall
Riley Bernash (Ineligible)	11	Chestnut Ridge	Corinth H.S. NY (7 yes, 7 no, 1 abstain) Beachley, Slatcoff
Katelyn Laws (Eligible)	12	McConnellsburg	Meyersdale- No participation in any sport.
Braelynn A. Shives (Eligible)	12	McConnellsburg	Southern Fulton (10 yes, 4 no, 1 abstain) Batzel, Shirley
Aurda Handke (Eligible)	11	Berlin	Peters Twp. Cyber School -Shirley, Kiesnowski
Gracie Bolen (Eligible)	11	Shade	Frazier – Batzel, Burkett

Post Season Eligibility (on paper) due 30 days prior to the post season for the sport in question.

Parenthesis indicates Online Vote

Foreign Exchange Students Approved: Motion – Batzel, Shirley

School	Name	Country
Rockwood	Chaeyoung Park	South Korea

10. Reports –

- a. Basketball – Shot Clock 2028-29, 3rd reading in Dec.
- b. Soccer – Size of field
- c. Officials – Officials Rep Election, Discussion of appreciation items.

11. Other Business: PIAA Press Release coming

12. Adjournment at 12:07. Motion – Steele, Slatcoff

Respectfully Submitted,

Brown Cutchall, District V Secretary