

PIAA District V

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

Bedford American Legion, Bedford PA. April 8, 2026

PIAA District V Committee Members Present

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| 1. Paul Leonard, Shade, Chairman - Boys Bball | 11. Tanner Prosser, Male Parents Rep. |
| 2. Jeff Batzel, NBC, Vice Chair. - Track | 12. Christina Ramsey, Female Parents Rep. |
| 3. Brown Cutchall, Secretary | 13. Meredith Hendershot, SF – Girls' Soccer |
| 4. Larry Palmer, Retired – Treasurer | 14. Audrey Hall, Female Officials Rep. |
| 5. Thad Kiesnowski, NS - Wrestling | 15. Matt Prittis, Rockwood – School Board Rep. |
| 6. Eric Zeznanski, CR – Principals Rep. | 16. Steve Slatcoff, Windber - Football |
| 7. Dave Burkett, Everett – Superintendent's Rep | 17. Kevin Steele, Bedford – Competitive Cheer |
| 8. Scott Shirley, Somerset - Volleyball | 18. Jim Foster, CT – Boys' Soccer |
| 9. Scott Close – Somerset, Cross Country | |
| 10. Matt McCahan, T.M. – Girl's BB | |

Guests – Ross Shiness, Bret Smith, Doug Paul, Heidi O'Neal

At 10:00 AM on April 8, 2026, Chairman Paul Leonard welcomed the Principals and Athletic Directors to the District V Annual Meeting.

Lyndsay Barna, PIAA Director of Communications and Keneen Huss, Director of Operations and Sport, spoke on current issues of the PIAA.

Larry Palmer, District V Treasurer, was recognized for 33 years of service to the District V Committee with a plaque.

Mark Byers, PIAA Executive Director, delivered remarks honoring Paul Leonard for his years of service as outgoing District V Chairman.

Chairman Leonard discussed the makeup of the District V Committee. A motion was made by Eric Zeznanski and seconded by Steve Slatcoff to approve the current makeup of the District V Committee. Motion Passed

5 Somerset County Reps., 3 Bedford County Reps., 2 Fulton/Franklin County Reps., 1 School Board Rep., 2 AD Reps., 1 Superintendent Rep., 1 Male Parent Rep., 1 Female Parent Rep., 1 Private Schools Rep., 1 Male Officials Rep., 1 Female Officials Rep.

Chairman Leonard announced that Tony DeLuca would be the new male officials' representative to the District V Committee.

2025-26 District V PIAA State Champions were recognized:

PIAA Wrestling Champions

Boys – 107 lb. Champion – Kooper Deputy – Chestnut Ridge High School

Girls – 155 lb. Champion – Violette Lasure – Chestnut Ridge High School

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148 lb. Champion – Juliet Alt – Chestnut Ridge High School

PIAA Girls' Basketball Champions

Berlin Brothersvalley Class AA (26-5)

The District V Athletic Director's Association announced their four scholarship winners and each delivered their winning speech.

Kaylee Ebersole – Northern Bedford County High School = \$1,000

Quinn Sampeer – Somerset High School = \$1,000

Jack Beaumont – Fannett Metal High School = \$1,000

Paul Hendershot – Southern Fulton = \$1,000

Chairman Leonard adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

4/8/2026 District V Committee Meeting

1. Chairman Paul Leonard opened the District V Committee Meeting at 12:30.
2. Approval of the Secretary's report of January 28, 2026 minutes. Motion – Hendershot, Batzel
3. Approval of Treasurer's report. Motion – Kiesnowski, Shirley
 - a. Approval of bank reconciliation. 1/24, 2/24, 3,24 Motion – Hall, Burkett
4. Election of Officers for 2026-2027 – The election was chaired by Paul Leonard. The following were approved:
 - a. Chairman – Jeff Batzel, Motion -Kiesnowski, close nomination- Hendershot, second -Zeznanski
 - b. Vice Chairman- Scott Shirley, Motion-Foster, close nomination-Hall, second-Burkett
 - c. Secretary – Brown Cutchall, Motion-Hall, close nomination-Steele, second-Slatcoff
 - d. Treasurer – Scott Close, Motion-Shirley, close nomination-Hall, second-Ramsey
5. Cooperative Sports approvals effective 2026--2027: Motion to approve – Hall, Shirley
 - a. Official approval of Windber Middle School (Host) and Shade Junior High School Cooperative Sports Agreement for Baseball.
6. Cooperative Sports Termination effective 2026-2027: Motion to approve all – Hendershot, Zeznanski
 - a. Official Termination of the Northern Bedford County High School and Tussey Mountain High School Cooperative Sports Agreement for Boys Varsity Cross Country.
 - b. Official Termination of the Northern Bedford County High School and Tussey Mountain High School Cooperative Sports Agreement for Girls Varsity Cross Country.
 - c. Official Termination of the Salisbury Elk-Lick High School and Turkeyfoot Valley High School Cooperative Sports Agreement for Varsity Basketball

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- 7. Correspondence from:
 - a. A lengthy discussion was held with PIAA Staff on the following pieces of legislation (HB 41 and SB 1253) currently before the Pennsylvania State Legislature

8. New Business:

- a. Foreign Exchange Students -

SCHOOL	NAME	COUNTRY
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- b. Transfers: Motion to Approve Regular Season Only – Batzel, Zeznanski

Name	Grade	From:	To:
Jordan Talasky	9	Claysburg	Northern Bedford
Mason Horner	11	Windber	North Star
Izaiah Keebaugh	9	Spring Mills	Southern Fulton (No sign-off returned)

- c. Post Season Eligibility (On Paper) Due 45 days prior to post season for the sport in question.

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9. Discussion Items:

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10. Reports:

- a. Baseball – Playoffs Finalized
- b. Softball – Spring Updates
- c. Tennis – Spring Updates
- d. Competitive Cheer -
- e. Wrestling – Steering Committee Information
- f. Track and Field – 2027 Date change – Meet on Thursday (5/20) and Rain date Friday (5/21)
- g. Basketball – Steering Committee Information

11. Other Items:

- a. Next Meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at the Chestnut Ridge Middle School.

12. Adjournment at 2:16. Motion – Kiesnowski, Shirley

Respectfully Submitted,

Brown Cutchall, District V Secretary