

PIAA District V

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

Bedford American Legion, Bedford, PA. August 6, 2025

PIAA District V Committee Members Present

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| 1. Paul Leonard, Shade – Chairman, Boys Bball | 12. Ron Beachley, Male Officials Rep. |
| 2. Jeff Batzel, NBC – Vice Chair., Track | 13. Christina Ramsey, Female Parents Rep. - Tennis |
| 3. Brown Cutchall – Secretary | 14. Eric Zeznanski, C.R. – Principal's Rep. |
| 4. Larry Palmer, Retired – Treasurer | 15. Audrey Hall, Female Officials Rep. |
| 5. Todd Best, FM – Principal's Rep. Sportsmanship | 16. Jim Foster, CT – Boys Soccer |
| 6. Dave Burkett, Everett – Sup. Rep | 17. Scott Close, Somerset – Cross Country |
| 7. Thad Keisnowski - Wrestling | |
| 8. Craig Gindlesperger, Meyersdale -Softball | |
| 9. Scott Shirley, Somerset - Volleyball | |
| 10. Matt McCahan, TM – Girls Basketball | |
| 11. Celeste Sprankle, JCS – Private Schools Rep | |

Guests – Matt Gambita, Richard Berkley, Brooke Kurtz

At 10:07 AM Chairman Paul Leonard welcomed the Principals and Athletic Directors to the District V Summer Meeting.

Dr. Robert Lombardi gave an update on current PIAA issues for the 2025-26 school year. He focused on the upcoming of the use of the shot clock for varsity basketball in the PIAA.

Recognition of District V State Champions:

Bailey Sleek, Conemaugh Township High School, Class AA Girls High Jump State Champion presented by Jeff Batzel, District V Track and Field Chairman.

Southern Fulton High School Baseball Team, Class A PIAA Baseball Champions, presented to Head Coach Kent Hendershot by District V Baseball Chairman Eric Zeznanski.

Sportsmanship Chairman Todd Best announced the following 2024-25 District V Sportsmanship School Winners:

High School Winner – Berlin Brothers-valley High School

Junior High/Middle School Winner – Meyersdale High School

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:31.

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District V Committee Meeting

1. Chairman Paul Leonard opened the District V Committee Meeting at 12:31.
2. Approval of the Secretary's report of May 15, 2025 minutes. Motion – Kiesnowski, Burkett
3. Approval of Treasurer's report. Motion – Beachley, Gindlesperger
 - a. Reconciliation of Accounts. Motion – Hall, Beachley
4. Correspondence from:
 - a. Turkeyfoot Valley starting Boys Golf for 2025-26
 - b. Forbes Road starting Girls Varsity Volleyball for 2025-26
 - c. Forbes Road starting Middle School Volleyball for 2025-26
5. New Cooperative sports termination effective 2025-26.
 - a. Approved the termination of Fannett Metal (Host) and Forbes Road Junior High Volleyball. Motion – Batzel, Shirley
6. New Cooperative Sports approvals effective 2025-26. Motion – Shirley, Ramsey
 - a. Approved Chestnut Ridge High School (Host) and Foundations Christian Academy for competitive cheer effective 20-25-26.
 - b. Approved Rockwood Middle School and Somerset Christian School to cooperatively sponsor Junior High Volleyball effective 2025-26.
 - c. Approved Rockwood High School (Host) and Somerset Christian School to cooperatively sponsor Varsity Volleyball effective 2025-26.
7. Approval Items:

- a. Foreign Exchange Students –

SCHOOL	NAME	COUNTRY
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- b. Transfers: Motion – Kiesnowski, Foster

Name	Grade	From:	To:
Caden Abramowich	8	Shanksville	Berlin
Kaselelia Revercomb	9	Southern Huntingdon	Forbes Road
Carson Cauffeld	10	North Star	Conemaugh Twp.
Lilian Lambert	11	North Star	Berlin

8. Reports:
 - a. Football
 - b. Cross Country
 - c. Volleyball
 - d. Boys and Girls Soccer
 - e. Golf – Championship Oct. 2 at Ironmasters
 - f. Girls' Tennis
 - g. Boys Soccer – Packet Ready
 - h. Baseball – Double First Base Optional in 2026, Mandatory in 2027.
 - i. PIAA Soccer Clinic at McConnellsburg High School on Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 9AM to Noon.

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9. New Business:

- a. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9 at Chestnut Ridge Middle School at 9:30 A.M.
- b. There was a discussion on ways to increase committee revenue in the future. A list of options was suggested. These options will be sent out to committee members to think about and be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment at 2:07 Motion – Best, Zeznanski

Respectfully Submitted,

Brown Cutchall, District V Secretary

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In an effort to increase the revenue for the District V Committee the following options were suggested and will be discussed at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025:

- *Teams Must have a .500 record or better to enter the District V Playoffs.*
- *Schools will pay their own PIAA School Dues or a % thereof.*
- *Have an entry fee for teams to enter the District V Playoffs*
- *Give medals to team champions only.*
- *Give medals to players and coaches only. Any other medals will need to be purchased by the school*
- *Increase ticket prices or pass on the \$1 ticket charge to the purchaser.*
- *Have one price for tickets. ie. No Adult / Student options*
- *Increase individual championship entry fees.*
- *Any other cost saving or revenue increasing idea that you may want to bring up for discussion.*