

PIAA District V

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

Bedford County Technical Center, September 23, 2026

PIAA District V Committee Members Present

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| 1. Jeff Batzel, NBC – Chairman-Track | 12. Steve Slatcoff, Windber - Football |
| 2. Scott Shirley, Somerset-Vice Chair-Volleyball | 13. Tanner Prosser, Berlin – Male Parents Rep. |
| 3. Brown Cutchall – Secretary | 14. Todd Best, FM – Sportsmanship |
| 4. Scott Close, Somerset- Treasurer | 15. Ken Welsh, CF - Tennis |
| 5. Heidi O’Neal, FR-Female Parents Rep –CC | 16. Craig Gindlesperger, Meyersdale - Softball |
| 6. Tony DeLuca, Male Officials Rep. | 17. Thad Kiesnowski, NS – Wrestling |
| 7. Jim Foster, CT – Boys Soccer | 18. Ryan Cherry, NBC – Awards Chairman |
| 8. Kevin Steele, Bedford – Principals Rep. | 19. Celeste Sprankle, JCS – Private Schools Rep. |
| 9. Paul Leonard, Shade – AD Rep. | 20. Audrey Hall - Girls Athletic Rep. |
| 10. Matt McCann, TM – Girls Bball | 21. Ralph Scott - Advisor |
| 11. Matt Prittis, School Board Rep. | |

Guests - Matt Gombita, Ross Shiness, Mark Ott

1. Chairman Batzel opened the District V Committee Meeting at 9:30.
2. Approval of the Secretary’s report of the District V Committee Meeting on August 13, 2026, and September 8, 2026. Motion – Kiesnowski, Slatcoff - Unanimous
3. Approval of Treasurer’s report. Motion – Foster, Gindlesperger - Unanimous
 - a. Approval of Bank Reconciliation. Motion – Slatcoff, Foster - Unanimous
4. Correspondence From:
5. New Cooperative Sports Terminations effective 2025-26.
6. New Cooperative Sports approvals effective 2025-26.
7. New Cooperative Sports approvals effective 2026-2027.
8. Discussion Items:
 - a. Discussion on the Handbook Forfeiture Policy. Motion to table. Best, Burkett – Unanimous
 - b. Approval to allot \$800 for each season for officials’ recognition. Motion-Kiesnowski, Prosser- Unanimous
 - c. Football Forfeitures – Approved that Tussey Mt., Northern Bedford, and North Star would be awarded a forfeit win for their games against Hancock, Everett, and Windber respectively. Everett also forfeited a second game against River High School in Ohio. The teams that forfeited will receive a loss. Motion – Gindlesperger, DeLuca – Unanimous
 - d. Baseball update on Article 13 Section C. No Action Taken
 - e. Awards Chairman Ryan Cherry gave an update on the distribution of awards.
 - f. Sportsmanship Chairman Todd Best gave an update on schools that vote for themselves.
9. Transfers: Approved:
 - a.

Name	Grade	To	From:
Jariah Mack*	11	Chestnut Ridge	Johnstown, Reg. Season Only Motion- Kiesnowski, Prosser -Unanimous
Bella Broadwater	10	Salisbury	Allegany (MD), Motion – Leonard, Slatcoff – Unanimous
Daylynn Gochnour	9	NBC	Williamsburg, Motion- Gindlesperger, Steele – Unanimous

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Jae' Siaughn Garland	8	Everett	Southern Fulton, Motion -Hall, Best – Unanimous
Ronald Kitzmiller	9	Everett	Scott Co. KY, Motion – DeLuca, McCann- Unanimous
Jaxon Hampton	10	Tussey Mt.	Penn Cambria, Motion – Kiesnowski, Foster – Unanimous
Bennett Krotzer	10	Somerset	Bishop McCort, Motion – Slatcoff, Sprankle – Unanimous
Stihl Price	9	Bedford	Mifflinburg, Motion – Gindlesperger, Slatcoff - Unanimous

*Not eligible for post season in football pending possible waiver request.

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

Name	Grade	To	From
Chris Ebersole	11	McConnellsburg	Southern Fulton, Motion to approve – Prosser, Best - Unanimous

- c. Foreign Exchange Students Approved:

School	Name	Country
Rockwood	Mariata Ata	Kiribati, Motion- Kiesnowski, Foster - Unanimous

10. Reports –

- a. Competitive Cheer – No squads this year
- b. Golf – Championship, October 6, at Iron Masters
- c. Soccer – Officials pay will be based on the PIAA fee structure used in the past
- d. Cross Country- Championship Meet, October 27 at the Bedford County Technical Center

11. Other Items:

- a. Approved an \$1800 stipend for webpage. Motion- Foster, Leonard- Unanimous
- b. The appeal hearing that was held on September, 8, 2026, was denied. It will be appealed to the PIAA Board of Directors.

12. Adjournment at 11:34. Motion – Hall, Shirley- Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Brown Cutchall, District V Secretary