# PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
# DISTRICT II


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## SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 MEETING
## @ WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Meeting was convened at 4 p.m. by Chairman Frank Majikes.

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: Rodman Azar, John Coyle, Peter Jordan, Jon Pollard, Jay Starnes, Mary Ruth Tanner, Chris Thomas, Ben Tolerico, and Chad Vinansky.

ITEM 3 A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026, monthly meeting. Those minutes will now be posted to the District II website. **All Ayes**

ITEM 4 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, reviewed the August, 2026 Treasurer's Report. The August 2026 report showed a total fund balance of $497,664.17 with $31,911.22 in the checking account and the remainder in various Money Market and Certificate of Deposits. The report reflects the purchase of all the medals and plaques for the upcoming Fall Championships. A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the Treasurer's Report. **All Ayes**

ITEM 5 Chairman Majikes reviewed the First Reading of the PIAA 2026-27 and 2027-28 PIAA Winter Championship brackets and qualifiers. The first reading reflects subregional tournaments for District 2 in the following sports and with the following districts: Boys & Girls Swimming and Diving AAA (2/4), Girls Basketball A (2/11), Girls Basketball AAAAA & AAAAAA (2/4), Boys Basketball A (2/11), Boys Basketball AAAAA & AAAAAA (2,4).

ITEM 6 SPORTS REPORTS:

- **Cross Country (Chad Vinansky):** Eric Emmerich announced that the Cross Country Championships are set for the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, October 28th. The format will be announced shortly and distributed to the member schools following its approval. The PIAA State Cross Country Championships are scheduled for Saturday, November 7th.

- **Tennis (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky explained that the courts at Wilkes University are being reworked and will be unavailable for the Girls Tennis Championships. The AAA portion of the Singles' and Doubles' tournament (first day only) will now be at North Pocono. A big thanks to Ron Collins and North Pocono for helping out in this situation.
- **Football (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky announced that the 5A Football subregional with Districts 6/9 is now finalized. We will hold a District Championship in the first week of the playoffs involving our top 2 teams as will Districts 6/9. The two winners will then meet the second week for the right to participate in the PIAA Championships. That game will be held in District 2 the first year and District 6/9 the second year.
- **Soccer (Brian Durkin):** Brian Durkin presented the Soccer format for review and discussion. Following that discussion, a motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the format as submitted. **All Ayes.** Fred Barletta, WVC Athletic Director representative, presented for discussion the potential of playing the Soccer Championship contests on a neutral site. Following discussion, a motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Ron Collins, to maintain the District Championship games at the home site of the higher seed. **12 Ayes, 1 No.** The format will now be distributed to the schools and placed on the website.
- **Volleyball (Maureen Williams):** Maureen Williams presented the Girls Volleyball format for review and discussion. Following that discussion, a motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the format as submitted. **All Ayes.** The format will now be distributed to the schools and placed on the website.
- **Athletic Directors/Leagues/Conferences:** Brian Durkin, LIAA Athletic Director Representative, discussed the potential of providing a stipend for Assignors in various sports for providing their services in the assigning of the District post season in those sports. Following discussion, Chairman Majikes asked that a potential recommendation to that affect be prepared for the next meeting for consideration. Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, will oversee that process.

ITEM 7 The following motions were made granting the following students **IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY IN BOTH THE REGULAR SEASON AND POST SEASON** in accordance with Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section VI of the PIAA By-Laws, Principal to Principal Sign off:

- A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Abigail Lilly, Bangor to Valley View. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Caidrian James Blanco, Wilson Area HS to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kashius Lee Warren, Wyoming Area to Wilkes-Barre Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Timothy Dow, Crestwood to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Aidan Pastora, Scranton Prep to West Scranton. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Levi Conti, Carbondale to West Scranton. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Alilyonna Faith May, Northwest Area to Lake-Lehman. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Joshua Kingston, Mt. Carmel Area to Berwick. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Julian Bowman, Scranton to Riverside. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Caden Hoban, Crestwood to Wyoming Seminary. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ethan Baulo, Ryle HS to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Rocco Spinelli, Delaware Valley to Holy Cross. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Chase Pane, North Pocono to Wyoming Seminary. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tavius Ray Bannister, St. Johns HS to North Pocono**. All Ayes**

ITEM 8 The following motions were made granting the following students **IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY IN THE REGULAR SEASON BUT NOT IN THE POST-SEASON** in accordance with Article VI, Transfers,

Residence, and Recruiting, Section VI of the PIAA By-Laws, Principal to Principal Sign off:

- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Britton Millard, Susquehanna Valley (NY) to Blue Ridge. Britton will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Volleyball for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Joseph Mushow, Holy Cross to Carbondale. Joseph will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Football and Track/Field for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Hayden Harris, Pittston Area to Riverside. Hayden will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Wrestling for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Mara Grace Makarczyk, Holy Redeemer to Lake-Lehman. Mara will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Volleyball and Basketball for the 2026-2027 school year.
- A motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kamryn VanDewark, Lackawanna Trail to Mt. View. Kamryn will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Basketball for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Meyer Duncanson, Campion College Prep to Crestwood. Meyer will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Soccer for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Omare Otway-Kellom, Wilkes-Barre Area to Wyoming Valley West. Omare will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Football for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**

ITEM 9 The following motions were made granting the following students **IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY IN BOTH THE REGULAR SEASON AND POST SEASON,** in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students, International Students, and Foreign Students of the PIAA By-Laws:

- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Samuele Medici, Italy to Berwick. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Carlotta Sophie Schmitz-Schunken, Germany to Delaware Valley. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sergio Monllor Gonzalez, Spain to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Karolina Hollerova, Czech Republic to Crestwood. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Daniel Rodriguez, Colombia to Wallenpaupack. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Yao Xioa, Italy to Crestwood. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10 Chairman Majikes reviewed the out of season rules and regulations as a recent concern was brought to his office. A reminder that member schools are not allowed to provide uniforms, etc. for such events – there can not be any school sanctioned affiliations. Organizations have taken to utilizing graphics depicting players in school uniforms, etc. Please be sure to caution your coaches and remind them of the out of season rules and regulations.

ITEM 11 The Committee discussed the School Sponsored Sports Academy now being offered by Wilkes-Barre Area School District and the potential eligibility concerns that could be generated.

ITEM 12 Chairman Majikes brought the Committee up to date regarding the ejection of a member school coach from a Girls' Volleyball contest. The ejection occurred at the conclusion of the contest while teams were shaking hands. The matter is currently in the hands of the PIAA State Office for determination of penalties. It is a good reminder to all schools that the authority of the officials is maintained until they leave the playing premises and not at the conclusion of the contest.

ITEM 13 Chairman Majikes distributed copies of the 2026-2027 PIAA Constitution and By-Laws as well as a PIAA Championship Calendar to all members present at today's meeting.

ITEM 14 Chairman Majikes distributed a copy of our existing sub-regional formats for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. A copy of those formats is available on our webpage.

ITEM 15 Chairman Majikes informed the Committee that a cooperative sponsorship in Boys' Volleyball between Dallas (host) and Lake-Lehman has been submitted to the PIAA State Office for their consideration.

ITEM 16 A motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Ron Collins, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Ognosky*

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District II Secretary