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**MINUTES OF 92nd ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 27, 2022 MEETING
WILKES-BARRE HOLIDAY INN**

Chairman Majikes called the 92nd Annual Business Meeting for 2021-2022 school year to order at 9 a.m.

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes welcomed each representative from the member schools and introduced District II Committee Member Fred Barletta who offered an opening prayer and delivered the Necrology honoring those associated with District II who passed away in the previous year. In addition,

Chairman Majikes also welcomed the following members of the PIAA State Office: Bob Lombardi and Melissa Mertz and thanked them for their attendance at today's meeting.

He followed by having each member of the District II Committee introduce themselves to the group.

ITEM 2 A motion was made by Chris Ross (AD- Delaware Valley), seconded by Tom Smith (AD-West Scranton), to approve the minutes of the 91st Annual Business meeting as presented by Mike Ognosky, District II Secretary. Copies of those minutes were posted for review on the District II website and sent to all member schools prior to the meeting. **All Ayes**

ITEM 3 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, gave the 2020-2021 Treasurer's Report and copies were forwarded to each school indicating that the Total Expenses in the 2020-2021 operating year were \$191,189.96; and Total Revenues for the same period of time were \$120,969.90 – indicating a deficit in operations of \$70,220.06. A motion was made by Jeff Shook (AD - Lake-Lehman), seconded by Ken Janiszewski (AD - Tunkhannock), to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. **All Ayes**

ITEM 4 Following Pat's presentation, Frank Majikes emphasized the loss of revenue that was caused by the pandemic. The District lost a number of opportunities as it had to either eliminate or drastically reduce the amount of spectators who could attend events. He thanked all the schools for their patience and diligence exhibited throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

ITEM 5 Vice Chairman John Coyle congratulated the 2021-2022 District II competitors and teams who were State Champions:

- Wyoming Seminary (Coach Karen Klassner), the 2021 Field Hockey A State Champion.
- Wyoming Seminary (Coach Raphael Cooper), the 2021 Girls Tennis Team AA State Champion.
- Jaden Pepe (Wyoming Area- Coach Steve Mytych, Sr.), Wrestling AA 120 pound State Champion.
- Zach Jacaruso (Delaware Valley – Coach Lou DeLauro), Wrestling AAA 113 pound State Champion.
- Justice Shoats (Holy Redeemer – Coach Kevin Walters), Track & Field Boys AA Long Jump State Champion.
- Abbey Hengst (Hazleton Area – Coach Mark Otterbine), Track & Field Girls AAA Javelin State Champion.

ITEM 6 Chairman Frank Majikes noted that all District II schools, with the exception of Scranton Prep and Crestwood, had attendees at today's Business Meeting. He also congratulated Joe Gilhool (AD – Montrose) on being selected as the Pennsylvania Region II Athletic Director of the Year.

ITEM 7 Chairman Majikes introduced Melissa Mertz, Associate Executive Director of the PIAA, who discussed the following points:

- Thanked everyone for their efforts this year. The PIAA Office appreciates your willingness to host inter-district contests and the support you offer the PIAA.
- Reviewed the 2022-23 mandatory practice changes to 10 days. You must have 5 days of practice prior to your first scrimmage and scrimmages may be held throughout the regular sport season. The first start date for 2022-23 is Friday, August 26th with the exception of Golf, start date of August 11th. Football specific changes include: No change for the 5 days of heat acclimatization; the first scrimmage after 10 dates of practice (including 5 heat acc. Days) which is no earlier than the Saturday of first pad practices; Week "0" is the third Friday after the start of heat acclimatization, and, Junior High Football may start on first fall practice day and must have 3 weeks prior to first contest.
- Football uniform reminder – the jersey of the home team shall be a dark color that clearly contrasts to white. Effective 2024, the entire body of the number shall be a single solid color that contrasts with the body color of the jersey.
- Competition formula for football – identified 5 schools to move up in class, 3 schools won their appeals and 2 schools moved up one classification. May be some changes forthcoming in the formula

that may include all team sports; will be discussed further with the Board of Directors.

- The following sites have been selected as host sites for the PIAA Championships following the RFP process and with a four year commitment: Girls and Boys Golf (Penn State Golf Courses); Girls Tennis (Hershey Racquet Club); Girls & Boys Cross Country (Parkview Cross Country Course in Hershey); Girls Volleyball, Field Hockey, Boys and Girls Soccer and Football (Cumberland Valley High School). RFP's for Spring Sports will be issued in May, including RFP's for web streaming and broadcasting.
- The number of qualifiers and pairings for the next two year cycle is currently in a second reading with the 3rd, and final, reading scheduled for the May PIAA Board of Directors meeting. That second reading information is currently on the PIAA State Website.
- A survey is being sent out to all schools and registered basketball officials regarding a basketball shot clock. A discussion was held in the Basketball steering committee and items discussed included the cost of equipment, levels of play, time of play, timing of implementation, training of operators & cost, and scoring table space. If accepted, implementation is proposed for the next cycle.
- This year the PIAA is celebrating the 50th year of Title IX and the 100th year of the PIAA basketball championships at this year's championships. The PIAA will continue to recognize the pioneers of Title IX throughout the remainder of the spring and fall sports seasons of 2022.
- Girls Wrestling has been approved as an emerging sport by the Board of Directors. Recently, 288 girls wrestled in the OPC Girls' State Championship tournament in March.
- Name, Images & Likeness – Pennsylvania has state law SB 381 to address this with college students only. The PIAA Board of Directors will discuss this issue in July and is monitoring the experiences in the states of New York, New Jersey, and Ohio (voting in May) since they adopted the NIL policy earlier this year.

ITEM 8

Bob Lombardi, Executive Director the PIAA, reviewed the following:

- Thanked Frank Majikes, current President of the PIAA Board of Directors and District II Chairman, for his continued service in his capacity of President. He emphasized to the members present the quality of Frank's work in that capacity.
- Reviewed the Post Season Ineligibility Waiver Provision in the PIAA By-Laws. The three key components are as follows:

- (1) if a student in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade transfers before the student was eligible to participate in either at least 50 % of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests, or at least 50 % of the total number of games on the student's previous team's schedule in that sport, the student is ineligible for participation in the postseason (District championship and thereafter) in that same sport, for the current school year;
- (2) if a student in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade transfers after the student was eligible to participate in either at least 50 % of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests, or at least 50 % of the total number of games on the student's previous team's schedule in that sport, the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, is ineligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year, including post-season for this year only;
- (3) if a student in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade transfers after the student was eligible to participate in either at least 75 % of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests, or at least 75 % of the total number of games on the student's previous team's schedule in that sport, the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, is ineligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year, and is further ineligible for participation in the post-season, of the subsequent school year.

- Updated glossary definitions:

Date of Transfer – the earliest of the first day the student practices with a Team at a new school; the student attends classes at a new school, the student, through the student's school, has requested a determination of eligibility at a new school; or, the student enrolls or registers at a new school and is no longer in attendance at their previous school.

Open Gym – an event/activity whereby a PIAA member school makes available the use of its gymnasium and/or other athletic facilities to all students enrolled in their school district, and are no longer in attendance at their previous school.

Practice – an athletic event within the defined season established for each sport, involving one PIAA member school at which no other school is present.

- Thanked everyone for their cooperation with electronic ticketing for all PIAA championship events through the services of Hometown Ticketing. It allows for better monitoring of sales, auditing and accounting safety as no cash is involved.
- Announced that the Sports Officials’ Appreciation Weeks met with much success throughout the state. We need to keep up recruiting efforts in seeking new officials in all sports.
- Baseball/Softball contests at the sub-varsity level may be played as scrimmages if the assignor confirms to the schools that no umpires are available. (this season only)
- The Track & Field Championships are back to a two day event with some timed finals for distance events on the first day. Registration will be Thursday and there will be no Thursday practice allowed on site as the facilities will be closed.
- The PIAA is looking for student nominees to attend the Student Leadership Summit to be held in Indianapolis from July 18-20.

ITEM 9 A number of questions were asked at this point by those in attendance –

- A question was asked regarding the webstreaming of playoff games and Frank Majikes responded that NFHS will allow member schools to continue to webstream at their home sites into the playoffs.
- A question was asked regarding the recent eligibility hearing in District 1 that allowed a 5th year of eligibility to a student-athlete. Bob Lombardi responded that the student was granted an extra semester of eligibility following a hearing of the District 1 Committee based on the circumstances of the case in accordance with PIAA By-Laws.
- A question was asked regarding the apparent difference of treatment of transfers in eligibility cases by the District XII Committee. Bob Lombardi responded that the District XII hearings follow the same PIAA Rules & Regulations and PIAA By-Laws governing hearings that are followed throughout the state by the other 11 PIAA District Committees.

ITEM 10 Sports Reports were presented by the various committee members who serve as Sports Chairpersons’ for the District II Championships. All formats for the spring sports’ championships have been placed on the District II website with the exception of Baseball and Softball, which will be uploaded shortly. Athletic Directors were advised that the last day for games to count in the power rankings in Baseball and Softball will be

Saturday, May 21st. Frank Majikes asked member schools to send him potential conflicts in dates and the reasons, (i.e., graduation dates, etc.) for the upcoming Baseball and Softball Championships.

- ITEM 11 Chairman Majikes informed member schools that the scholar-athlete plaques are available at today's meeting. Also, plaques acknowledging the various championship coaches are also available today. Member schools are asked to pick them up prior to leaving.
- ITEM 12 Chairman Majikes called upon Mark Finan (AD- Dunmore) to conduct the Election of Committee members for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- A motion was made by Mike Namey (AD-Wilkes-Barre Area), seconded by Randy Hanyon (AD-Abington Heights), to maintain the current slate of committee members. **All Ayes**
- The current committee members will be retained.**
- ITEM 13 A motion was made by Chris Killiany (AD – Valley View), seconded by Joe Pizano (AD - Wyoming Area), to adjourn the 92nd Annual District II Business Meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky, District II Secretary