PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT II

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2022 MEETING
@ WILKES-BARRE AREA C & TC

Meeting was convened at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Majikes

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Majikes began the meeting with a moment of silence for Fred Barletta's mother who recently passed.

ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: Fred Barletta, Ron Collins, Robert Croop, John Haas, Peter Jordan, Kevin Mulhern, Jon Pollard, Mary Ruth Tanner, Ben Tolerico, and Chad Vinansky

ITEM 3 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 Meeting. **All Ayes.**

ITEM 4 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Report ending November 30, 2022. The current total fund balance as of that date is $414,315.58. The District has a checking account in the amount of $334,290.46; a savings account of $67,095.75; and, a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of $12,928.37. A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to accept the report as presented. **All Ayes**

Pat also reviewed the final financial report for the Fall sports' championships. The District received a total revenue of $154,435.55 for the fall championships and incurred total expenses in the amount of $68,346.51. That resulted in a net gain of $86,089.04.

ITEM 5 SPORTS REPORTS

- **Baseball (Frank Majikes):** Chairman Majikes informed the Committee that there has been continued discussion with PNC Field regarding the spring Baseball Championships. Those discussions are on going and he will have additional information at a future meeting. That information will be also distributed to both Conferences – WVW and LIAA.
- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Chairman Majikes provided members present with information regarding the number of

qualifiers in boys and girls basketball from District II for the PIAA State Championships. That information is also available to member schools as it was sent out earlier to all Athletic Directors.

- **Competitive Spirit (Hal Gabriel):** Competitive Spirit Chairman Hal Gabriel informed the group that the 2022 District II Competitive Spirit Championships recently held at Wilkes-Barre Area High School were a success and he wished good luck to our four squads that will be moving on to the PIAA State Championships in January – Hazleton Area, Delaware Valley, Crestwood and Pittston Area.
- **Cross Country (Chad Vinansky):** Chairman Majikes reported that the District is in the final stages of setting the 2023 Championships at the Wyoming County Fair Grounds. There are a few minor logistical issues that need to be resolved in order to finalize the venue.
- **Vollelyball (Maureen Williams):** Congratulations to this year's District Champions – Blue Ridge (A), Lake-Lehman (AA), Berwick (AAA), and Delaware Valley (AAAA). Also, thanks to North Pocono and PSU-Wilkes-Barre for hosting championship doubleheaders.
- **Field Hockey (Hal Gabriel):** Chairman Majikes reported on the new venue for the PIAA State Championships at Cumberland Valley. The final rounds of Fall Championships in a number of sports were played at that site this year and the PIAA was very pleased with the results.
- **Officials (Maureen Williams & James Elliot):** PIAA Winter Officials' Appreciation Week will be held the week of January 8th across the state of Pennsylvania.

ITEM 6 Chairman Majikes reviewed the minutes of the most recent PIAA State Board of Directors meeting held on December 7, 2022. A summary of the Board of Directors Actions from the meeting can be found on the District II website under "NEWS".

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 Brian Durkin, seconded by James Elliott, to approve the immediate eligibility of Lucas Longo, Smithtown East to Wallenpaupack. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Al-Quoron Michel, Wyoming Area to Hanover Area. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ajmaani Carter, Tuscarora (FLA) to Wilkes-Barre Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Cameron Cole, Scranton Prep to West Scranton. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Carmrin Burgette-Shovlin, Scranton to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by James Elliott, to approve the immediate eligibility of Cheyenne Zyskowski, Wilkes-Barre Area to Hanover Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Xavier Shapiro, Milton Hershey to Honesdale. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Harshal Patel, Abington Heights to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Haylee Makarewicz, Wyoming Area to Lake-Lehman. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by James Elliott, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Lael Hayward, Community School of Social Justice (NY) to Hanover Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of William Hobart, Susquehanna Community to Blue Ridge. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ezekiel Headley, Milton Hershey to Hazleton Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Cadence Miller, Independence (NM) to Western Wayne. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Naiomy Garcia, Bound Brook (NJ) to Wilkes-Barre Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gianluca Argenio, Scranton Prep to Wyoming Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by James Elliott, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Marques Ferrara, Hillsborough (FLA) to Wilkes-Barre Area. **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 Eric Emmerich, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kalin Saunders, Life Center Academy (NJ) to Wyoming Valley West. Kalia will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Basketball for the 2022-2023 season. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Antonio Tavarez, Maxwell to Hazleton Area. Antonio will not be eligible for post season in the sport of Basketball for the 2022-2023 season. **All Ayes**

ITEM 9 The following Foreign Exchange eligibility requests were acted upon by the District II Committee:

- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Lea Benattia, Denmark to Hanover Area, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Max Jardon, Belgium to Wyoming Area, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Suditi Dhanecha, India to Wyoming Area, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10 Chairman Majikes is currently working with two Junior High Schools as they attempt to establish cooperative agreements programs with District II member schools. There are a number of issues to be resolved prior to those agreements coming to the District II Committee for approval.

ITEM 11 A lengthy discussion was held regarding unsportsmanlike incidents in Boys Soccer in the past year involving District II schools. Officials' Representative, James Elliott, asked that the state office provide additional guidelines and clarifications to all officials regarding exactly what constitutes the upgrading of an unsportsmanlike act to an increased level of suspensions. In his discussions with officials, he feels there is a lack of understanding regarding this issue.

ITEM 12 Chairman Majikes informed the District II Committee of the ongoing investigation by the PIAA State Office regarding incidents that occurred in social media following two state championship football contests.

ITEM 13 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that he is still awaiting more information from member schools and officials regarding an unsporting incident that occurred during the recently conducted District II Field Hockey Championships. He will report back to the committee at a future meeting

ITEM 14 A motion was made by James Elliott, seconded by Brian Durkin, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary