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**MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2022 MEETING
@ WILKES-BARRE AREA HIGH SCHOOL**

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

- ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: John Coyle, Brian Durkin, Eric Emmerich, Joseph Farrell, Pete Jordan, Pat Patte, Jon Pollard, Jay Starnes, Mary Ruth Tanner, Ben Tolerico, and Chad Vinansky
- ITEM 3 A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 Meeting. **All Ayes.**
- ITEM 4 Frank Majikes presented the monthly Treasurer's Reports for November, 2021 and December, 2021. The November Report showed a total fund balance of \$282, 004.07. The December Report showed a total found balance of \$273,123.94. The District has a checking account in the amount of \$193,115.47; a savings account of \$67,089.16 and a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$12,919.31. A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to accept the report as presented. **All Ayes**

Frank Majikes also presented a financial summary of the Fall Sports' Championships. Total revenue from the Fall Championships was \$170,501. Total expenses from the Fall Championships was a total of \$64,055.69.

ITEM 5 **SPORTS REPORTS**

- **Football (Mike Ognosky):** The Lackawanna League and the Wyoming Valley Conference have both approved the proposed Football schedule for the next two year cycle. Thanks to the members of the District II Football Scheduling Committee who worked on that project. Representatives from both of the leagues worked diligently in creating the final schedules. Frank Majikes reported that the PIAA Football Steering Committee has recommended to the PIAA Board of Directors that the use of home sites through the quarterfinal contests of the PIAA Football

playoffs for schools that are located in PIAA Districts in the same half of the state (East and West) as well and those that are in contiguous PIAA Districts.

- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Frank Majikes reviewed the format for the 2022 District II Basketball Championships. A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the format as discussed. **All Ayes.** The format will be placed on the website and distributed to all member schools.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Frank Majikes updated the committee on an issue with District II member schools' wrestling schedules and the points allotted as well as potentially participating in more than the maximum contests allowed based on those points. He is currently working through that issue with those member schools and will report back to the Committee.
- **Officials (Jim Elliott & Maureen Williams):** Brian Durkin indicated that the Lackawanna League is sponsoring a seminar for individuals who are interested in becoming a PIAA Official. Information will be forthcoming soon and will be forwarded to all District II schools. Jim Elliott indicated the need for the PIAA to review/revisit the language used in the Supplemental Disqualification form. Chairman Majikes stated that he would discuss the concerns with the PIAA Office and possibly list it on the agenda for the next Officials' Council meeting.
- **Girls Athletics (Mary Ruth Tanner & Maureen Williams):** This is the 50th Anniversary of Title IX and the PIAA will be celebrating it with releases throughout the year. Also, the PIAA Office is in the discussion stages of "emerging" sport status for Girls' Wrestling.
- **Swimming (Fred Barletta):** A discussion was held regarding the mandate of providing a certified lifeguard on duty at all times during competitions. Fred Barletta updated the committee on the scheduling of the 2022 Championships and indicated information will be released to the schools shortly.
- **Track and Field (John Coyle):** The 2022 Track and Field Championships will be returning to Scranton High School in May.
- **Sportsmanship (Chad Vinansky):** Chairman Majikes provided the committee with a list of PIAA sports' ejections for the Fall Sports for Unsportsmanlike or Flagrant Misconduct: Cross Country (2), Field Hockey (8), Football (402), Boys Soccer (381), Girls Soccer (91), and Girls Volleyball (2).

ITEM 6

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 James Elliott, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Emma Barney, Millersburg HS to Mt. View, in accordance with Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section 4, Principal to Principal sign off, of the PIAA by-laws. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Saydie Kosmuch, Downingtown East to Wallenpaupack, in accordance with Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section 4, Principal to Principal sign off, of the PIAA by-laws. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Kevin Mulhern, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the eligibility of Diamond Thornton, Penn Wood HS to Wilkes-Barre, Area HS, in accordance with Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section 4, Principal to Principal sign off, of the PIAA by-laws. Eligibility will commence with the completion of a 21 day sit-out period **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jacob Stockton, Wilkes-Barre Area to Nanticoke Area, in accordance with Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section 4, Principal to Principal sign off, of the PIAA by-laws. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Joshua Stockton, Wilkes-Barre Area to Nanticoke Area in accordance with Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section 4, Principal to Principal sign off, of the PIAA by-laws. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Kevin Mulhern, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the eligibility of Mark Lawrence, Murrell Dobbins to Susquehanna, in accordance with Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section 4, Principal to Principal sign off, of the PIAA by-laws. Eligibility will commence following the completion of attendance of 45 school days. **All Ayes**

ITEM 7 Chairman Majikes reviewed the PIAA Classification parameters established by the PIAA for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. A copy is available on the PIAA State website.

ITEM 8 Chairman Majikes provided a list of schools who have voluntarily upgraded in a sports' classification for the next two year cycle. District II schools who have upgraded voluntarily include:

Abington Heights – Girls Swimming/Diving (AAA)
 Berwick – Field Hockey (AA), Boys Tennis (AAA)
 Crestwood – Girls Tennis (AAA), Boys Tennis (AAA)
 Greater Nanticoke – Boys & Girls Swimming/Diving (AAA)

Honesdale – Girls Basketball (AAAAA), Field Hockey (AAA)
Tunkhannock – Boys & Girls Cross Country (AAA), Girls
Swimming/Diving (AAA), Field Hockey (AAA)
Valley View – Girls Basketball (AAAAA), Girls & Boys Tennis (AAA)

- ITEM 9 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that the week of January 9-15 was Winter Sports' Officials Appreciation Week. A number of District II schools had pregame ceremonies honoring the officials for that contest and thanking them for their efforts on behalf of the student/athletes and schools in District II.
- ITEM 10 Chairman Majikes provided the members present with a breakdown of Football Disqualifications in the sport of Football from 2017 through 2021. The report details all 12 PIAA Districts and breaks it out by varsity players, junior varsity/junior high players, varsity coaches, and junior varsity/junior high coaches. For the last three years of the study it also differentiates between supplemental and total disqualifications.
- ITEM 11 A motion was made by James Elliott, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary