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**MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2022 MEETING
@ PATTE'S RESTAURANT**

Meeting was convened at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Majikes

- ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: John Coyle, John Haas, Peter Jordan, Jay Starnes, Ben Tolerico, and Chad Vinansky
Also present: Don Rogers, District II Solicitor
- Chairman Majikes congratulated current District II Board Member, Dr. Jon Pollard, on his recent appointment as the Superintendent of the Wyoming Area School District.
- ITEM 3 A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 Committee Meeting and the April 27, 2022 92nd Annual PIAA District II Business Meeting. **All Ayes.**
- ITEM 4 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Reports for May, 2022 and June, 2022. The May 2022 Report showed a total fund balance of \$364,744.66. The District had a checking account in the amount of \$284,724.21; a savings account of \$67,092.38; and, a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$12,928.07. The June 2022 Report showed a total fund balance of \$335,761.66. The District had a checking account in the amount of \$255,740.45; a savings account of \$67,092.93; and, a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$12,928.28. A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Jon Pollard, to accept the reports as presented. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 5 Mike Ognosky presented the 2022 District II Football Playoff schedule. The playoffs will begin on Friday, November 4th – the week after the end of the regular season conclusion on the weekend of October 28th and 29th. The District will conduct its own championships in A (2 team tournament), AA (4 team tournament), AAA (4 team tournament), AAAA (8 team tournament), and AAAAA (4 team tournament). We will also be involved in two subregional championships – A with District I on the weekend of November 11th; and, AAAAAA with Districts IV and XI with that championship scheduled on November 18th or 19th. The full playoff

schedule will be posted following a meeting of Eastern PIAA Districts involved in a variety of subregional championships in various sports. That meeting is scheduled for late July. **All Ayes**

- ITEM 6 Tim Hopkins, Lacrosse Chairperson, thanked Bill Schoen, Pat Patte, and the Lake-Lehman Athletic Department and Administration for their help with the recently conducted District II Lacrosse Championships and the PIAA Lacrosse Championships.
- ITEM 7 Maureen Williams thanked the University of Scranton, Wilkes University, and the Western Wayne School District for their assistance in hosting events in the recently conducted PIAA District II Volleyball Championships and the PIAA State Volleyball Championships.
- ITEM 8 Fred Barletta, WVC Athletic Directors' Representative, asked for clarification regarding the participation of member schools in out-of-season tournaments. Chairman Majikes explained that players may not wear school supplied uniforms.
- ITEM 9 Maureen Williams and Jim Elliott reminded PIAA officials in all sports that this year is the last in the most recent 5 year cycle in order for officials to meet their PIAA Officials' Convention mandatory attendance requirement.
- ITEM 10 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that he has received a resignation letter from Joe Farrell, Principal of Carbondale Area, from the District II Committee. A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to accept the resignation of Joe Farrell from the District II Committee, with regret. The Committee thanked Mr. Farrell for his years of service as a member of the District II Committee. **All Ayes**
- Following discussion, a motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Jon Pollard, that the Secretary send out a notice of a committee vacancy for the District II Committee, to all Principals in the Wyoming Valley Conference. This position, to be filled by a Principal from the Wyoming Valley Conference, will also be our Junior High Representative on the Committee. The Principal filling this position need not be a Principal of a Junior/Middle School in order to apply for the position. **12 Ayes, 1 Nay**
- ITEM 11 Chairman Majikes reviewed a recently released document from the PIAA State Office that reviews the expectations for Athletic Directors, Game Managers and Coaches. It has been distributed to all Athletic Directors in the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Conferences.
- ITEM 12 The Committee members were given a document that reviews the "mathematics" involved in the current District II Power Rating System. It

is complete with examples of mathematical computations for all classifications – 2 classes through 6 classes. It will be posted to our webpage.

- ITEM 13 Committee members were provided with a list of the various subregional championships for the 2022-2024 cycle. There will be a meeting involving personnel from all of the Eastern PIAA Districts involved in those subregionals later this month and that information will then be posted to the webpage.
- ITEM 14 Chairman Majikes provided all committee members with a copy of the 2022-2024 PIAA Classification parameters in all sports as well as a listing of all District II Schools in all Fall, Winter, and Spring sports. That information will be posted to the website.
- ITEM 15 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 Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Zack Cornell, Candor (NY) to Holy Cross, 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 Ron Collins, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gabrielle Kenzakoski, Wilkes-Barre Area to Wyoming Seminary, 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 immediate eligibility of Amira Pirrone, Crestwood to Holy Redeemer, 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 Pat Patte, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Zachary Cwalinski, Scranton Prep to Valley 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 Maureen Williams, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of David Jennings, Scranton Prep to Holy Cross, 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 Jon Pollard, seconded by James Elliott, to approve the immediate eligibility of Matt Hogan, Dixon HS to Abington Heights, 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 Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Michael Hughes, Abington Heights to Holy Cross, 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 Brian Durkin, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Stephanie Mildner, Mater Dei Prep to Western Wayne, 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 Jon Pollard, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jordan Andino, East Stroudsburg North to Valley View, in accordance with Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section 4, Principal to Principal sign off, of the PIAA by-laws. **All Ayes**

ITEM 16

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 Jim Elliott, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Aiden Wiest, Central Columbia to Berwick. Aiden will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Football for the 2022-2023 season. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by David Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Shane Ebert, Western Wayne to Honesdale. Shane will not be eligible in the post season in the sports of Football and Wrestling for the 2022-2023 season. **All Ayes**

ITEM 17

A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by David Novrocki, to deny the eligibility request for an extra semester of participation on behalf of one of their student athletes by a member school. **All Ayes**

ITEM 18

Chairman Majikes reviewed the summary of the most recent PIAA Board of Directors Actions from the meeting of Wednesday, July 13, 2022. A copy of that summary is posted to the webpage.

- ITEM 19 A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the termination of the cooperative sponsorship between Dallas and Holy Redeemer in the sport of Wrestling. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 20 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the termination of the cooperative sponsorship between Scranton and Mid Valley in the sport of Wrestling. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 21 Chairman Majikes distributed information to all committee members regarding the “Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL)” issue currently before the PIAA. He asked that all members review the information and be prepared to offer an opinion on the District II stance on the issue as it moves forward. It is currently at the first reading stage at the state level.
- ITEM 22 A discussion was held reviewing the recent issues regarding the Lackawanna League and its softball/baseball umpires fees and subsequent actions during the past spring season.
- ITEM 23 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Kevin Mulhern, that the current slate of officers of the PIAA District II Committee be retained for the 2022-2023 school year.

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12 Ayes, 1 Abstention

- ITEM 24 A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary