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**MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022 MEETING
VIA ZOOM**

Meeting was convened at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Majikes

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A moment of silence was held for Mike Ognosky's mother, who recently passed.

ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: John Coyle, Joseph Farrell, Kevin Mulhern, and Jon Pollard.

ITEM 3 Pat Patte presented the monthly Treasurer's Reports for February, 2022. The February Report showed a total fund balance of \$332,335.71. The District has a checking account in the amount of \$252,318.42; a savings account of \$67,090.69 and, a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$12,961.60. A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to accept the report as presented. **All Ayes**

ITEM 4 **SPORTS REPORTS**

- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Frank Majikes provided a recap of the recently conducted Basketball Championships at Mohegan Sun Arena. He complimented the Arena staff on their efforts as well as the deportment of the teams that competed for the various championships. He also reported that a number of our teams moved deep into the PIAA State Championships highlighted by the Dallas (AAAA) boys, Holy Redeemer (AAA) boys and Old Forge (AA) boys who all advanced to the Eastern finals in their classifications.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay praised Wilkes-Barre Area as a great venue for the recently conducted Wrestling Championships. He thanked the personnel at the school for their efforts in helping to conduct a smooth championship day for spectators and participants. He informed the committee that two District II Wrestlers – Jaden Pepe (Wyoming Area – AA 120 pounds) and Zach Jacaruso (Delaware Valley – AAA 113 pounds)- were the PIAA State Champions in their respective weight classes.

- **Swimming (Fred Barletta):** Fred echoed the thoughts of Jay Starnes in praising Wilkes-Barre Area as a host for the recently conducted Swim Championships. A discussion was held regarding the costs of the tournament and the Committee requested that Chairman Majikes meet with Wilkes-Barre Area School District officials in order to discuss those fees and to report back to the committee.
- **Officials (Jim Elliott & Maureen Williams):** Maureen Williams and Jim Elliott reported to the committee that District II Officials advanced and participated in all three winter PIAA Championship Finals – Basketball (Gabby Hempsey, Rod Williams, and Mike Heise), Wrestling (Joe Ross, Chris Lewis, Corey Hanson, and Bob Kuhl), and Swimming (NinaLeigh Wozniak). Congratulations to all of those officials who had the honor of working at the PIAA State Championship venues.

ITEM 5

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 Maureen Williams, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Katherine Mena, Nanticoke to Wyoming Valley West, 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 Dave Novrocki, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Brady Fallon, Holy Redeemer to Hanover 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 Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Zachary Yenchko, Home School to MMI, 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 Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Zoey Zimorowicz, West Scranton to Riverside 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 Chad Vinansky, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Max Rosler, Scranton Prep to Carbondale, in accordance with Article VI, Transfers,

Residence, and Recruiting, Section 4, Principal to Principal sign off, of the PIAA by-laws. **All Ayes**

ITEM 6 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 Ben Tolerico, seconded by James Elliott, to approve the immediate eligibility of Levi Monero, Pottsgrove to Tunkhannock. Levi will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Track and Field for the 2021-2022 season. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Karley Lockard, Tunkhannock to Scranton Prep. Karley will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Field Hockey for the 2022-2023 season. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Peter Jordan, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Benjamin Ziegler, Crestwood to Wyoming Seminary. Benjamin will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Tennis for the 2021-2022 season. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kevin Whelan, Holy Cross to Scranton. Kevin will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Football for the 2022-2023 season. **All Ayes**

ITEM 7 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that there will be a sub-regional eligibility hearing with District XI regarding the eligibility of a transfer request from Tamaqua (District XI) to Hazleton Area (District II). He canvassed committee members regarding their ability to attend the meeting and will get back to those available with a time and date in the very near future.

ITEM 8 Chairman Majikes informed the Committee that the Annual District II Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at the East Mountain Inn in Wilkes-Barre. This is a change in venue as Arcaro & Genel's in Old Forge is not available due to Covid restrictions at that venue. Registration will be at 8 a.m. with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. to be followed by the Business Meeting at 9 a.m. Information and registration forms will be sent to member schools in the near future.

ITEM 9 A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve a cooperative agreement between Hanover Area and Nanticoke in the sport of Tennis. Hanover Area will be the host school. **All Ayes**

- ITEM 10 A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve PIAA Junior High Membership for Nativity Miguel School of Scranton. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 11 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to forward a communication from the Chairman to deny a request by Holy Redeemer in consideration to grant a fifth year of eligibility for three current seniors. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 12 As requested by the Committee at the February meeting, Chairman Majikes reported back to the group regarding the utilization of stand-by officials at District Championship games in all sports. Chairman Majikes reported that the only sport in which any District utilizes stand-by officials is Field Hockey. Jim Elliott spoke in support of utilizing a stand-by at the Mohegan Sun Arena in the sport of Basketball as all the championship games are played at one venue and that during the last three years the need for a stand-by would have been important due to injury or circumstance. Committee members had questions regarding the logistics of the position – fee, who would serve in that role, how would that person be selected, and what would be the role and responsibility of the position entail.
- A motion was made by Jim Elliott, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the use of a stand-by official in the sport of Basketball commencing with the 2023 Championships. **Motion Failed 12-2**
- ITEM 13 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that he will be scheduling a hearing regarding the incident at the 2021 District II Golf Championships. He has attempted to get this meeting scheduled on three other occasions but was unable to get a workable date with the member school involved.
- ITEM 14 A motion was made by Jim Elliott, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

NEXT MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary