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**MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2023 MEETING  
@ WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

Meeting was convened at 4:15 p.m. by Chairman Majikes.

- ITEM 1        Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.
- ITEM 2        Absent but accounted for: James Elliott, Hal Gabriel, Jon Pollard, Mary Ruth Tanner, Ben Tolerico, and Chad Vinansky.

Also present: Atty. Don Rogers, District II Solicitor

- ITEM 3        A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 Meeting. **All Ayes.**

- ITEM 4        Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Reports for January, February, and March 2023. The Total Fund Balance for each is as follows –

January, 20223	\$376,857.61
February, 2023	\$451,538.60
March, 2023	\$426,692.92

This includes all revenue and expenses as of March 31, 2023 with the exception of those relating to the Basketball Championships at the Mohegan Sun Arena. They are in the process of being finalized. Pat also provided each member with a travel voucher sheet for the 2022-2023 year and asked that they be completed and submitted prior to the Annual Business Meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by John Coyle, to approve the report as submitted. **All Ayes**

- ITEM 5        SPORTS REPORTS

- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Chairman Majikes reviewed the 2023 District II Basketball Championships conducted at the Mohegan Sun Arena. A few items will be addressed for the 2024 Championships including parking in the rear (team) entrance to the

building and the flow of traffic through that area during the three days. Also, issues regarding floor access for members of the media (including photographers, etc) will be addressed as well.

- **Swimming and Diving:** Fred Barletta reviewed the 2023 Swimming Championships held at Wilkes-Barre Area High School. An issue that needs further discussion is the limited number of tickets available for sale to the public and how those tickets should be distributed and made available to the public. Swim venues have limited seating that is not sufficient to address the total demand for tickets. Streaming of the live event worked very well.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay Starnes explained that Girls Wrestling Championships will need to be addressed in the near future as the growth of that sport has been tremendous in the last few years. There are a number of options that are available in scheduling those championships and they will need to be reviewed prior to a final decision regarding scheduling of the championships in Girls' Wrestling.
- **Track and Field (John Coyle):** John Coyle distributed and reviewed the format for the 2023 District II Track and Field Championships. A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the format as presented. It will be distributed to member schools and placed on the website. **All Ayes**
- **Volleyball (Maureen Williams):** Maureen Williams distributed and reviewed the format for the 2023 District II Boys Volleyball Championships. A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the format as presented. It will be distributed to member schools and placed on the website. **All Ayes**
- **Baseball (Frank Majikes):** Frank Majikes reviewed the schedule for the championships at PNC Field for the 2023 District II Baseball Championships. The 5A championship will be played on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the 1A, 2A, and 6A championships on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and the 3A and 4A championships on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. He is in the process of finalizing the format and it will be distributed to member schools and placed on the website when completed.
- **Softball (Pat Patte):** Pat Patte reviewed the Softball championship dates and ensured that they will not be in conflict with the Baseball schedule at PNC Field. That format will be finalized and distributed to the member schools.
- **Lacrosse (Tim Hopkins):** Tim Hopkins reviewed the proposed schedule for both the AA and AAA Boys & Girls Lacrosse Championships. The format is being finalized and will be distributed to member schools shortly.
- **Officials (Maureen Williams & James Elliot):** Maureen Williams, Female Officials' Representative, thanked all of the

District II Schools that honored PIAA Officials in all of the Spring Sports during the recently completed Spring Sports Officials Recognition Week. Also, a reminder that the 2024 PIAA Officials/Convention is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg and online registration is now open and available.

ITEM 6

At 5 p.m. the Committee conducted an eligibility Hearing. At the request of the member school, the committee entered into a closed session in order to conduct the hearing requested by a member school in consideration of an additional year of eligibility for a student-athlete in accordance with Article VIII, Period of Participation, Section VI (B). Following the hearing and the subsequent deliberation, the committee returned from the closed session at 5:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Robert Croop, to deny the request in accordance with the appropriate PIAA By-Laws. **All Ayes**

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 Maureen Williams, seconded by Jay Starnes to approve the immediate eligibility of Gavin Brady, Wyoming Area to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Alexander Hadden, Wallenpaupack to Honesdale. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Peter Jordan, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Luke Nicolai, Holy Redeemer to Dallas. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Christian Stevens, Dallas to Tunkhannock. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by John Coyle, to approve the immediate eligibility Onisty Hall, Central Columbia to Berwick. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Christian Oquendo, Wilkes-Barre Area to Holy Redeemer.
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tristan Clark, Corian to Dallas.

ITEM 8

The following motions were made granting the following students **ELIGIBILITY IN BOTH THE REGULAR SEASON AND POST-SEASON FOLLOWING A 20 DAY RULE SIT OUT FOR IN-SEASON TRANSFER** 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 Jay Starnes, to approve the eligibility of Lillian Russin, Wyoming Area to Holy Redeemer, following the 20 day rule for Track and Field.
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the eligibility of Taniya Cage, Scranton to Wyoming Area, following the 20 day rule for Track and Field.

ITEM 9

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 Isabelle Carlin, Crestwood to Holy Redeemer. Isabelle will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Track and Field for the 2022-2023 season. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Peter Jordan, to approve the immediate eligibility of Anya Grzesek, Dallas to Holy Redeemer. Anya will not be eligible for post season in the sport of Girls Lacrosse for the 2022-2023 season. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10

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

- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Silvia Flores, Spain to Dallas, 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 Viola Gebert, Germany to Dallas, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Greta Di Giovanni, Italy to

Wyoming Valley West, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students. **All Ayes**

- ITEM 11 Chairman Majikes reviewed the summary of the PIAA Board of Directors Meeting of Wednesday, March 22, 2023. The minutes of that meeting are available on the District II webpage under “NEWS”.
- ITEM 12 A number of District II Schools have not completed the required information and paperwork as a result of a disqualification of a player or coach during the 2022-2023 sports seasons. Chad Vinansky, Eligibility Chair, has contacted those schools and is requesting that they complete the required paperwork as soon as possible.
- ITEM 13 Chairman Majikes reviewed an incident at the Friday, March 17, 2023 PIAA Inter-District Girls Basketball Contest. He has been in communication with the member school, as well as the host of the event, and reviewed that information with the committee members present at today’s meeting. He will have updates at subsequent meetings.
- ITEM 14 The 2023 District II Annual Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Scranton Hilton Inn. Information will be distributed shortly to member schools regarding that meeting.
- ITEM 15 With the current vacancy on the District II Committee PSBA Representative, Chairman Majikes explained the process in the filling of that position. The Pennsylvania School Boards’ Association (PSBA) will reach out and ask for interested candidates. PSBA then handles the selection process and will provide the PIAA with the selected representative.
- ITEM 10 A motion was made by Pete Jordan, seconded by Jay Starnes, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Ognosky*

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District II Secretary