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**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING
@ SCRANTON HIGH SCHOOL**

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: Robert Croop, Brian Durkin, David Elliott, John Haas, Pat Patte, Mary Ruth Tanner, and Chad Vinansky
- ITEM 3 A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 Meeting. **All Ayes.**
- ITEM 4 Frank Majikes presented the monthly Treasurer's Report ending November 30, 2023. There is currently \$202,050.86 in our checking account and a total of \$309,178.22 in various money market and Certificate of Deposit accounts. The total fund balance as of October 30, 2023 is \$511,229.08. Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, also provided a report of revenue and expenses for the 2023 Fall Championship season. The ticket sales and broadcast revenues totaled \$131,428.08 while the District expenses incurred totaled \$72,312.25. A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the report as presented. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 5 Mike Ognosky provided a report on ticket sales for all of those Fall championship events in which tickets were sold. Total ticket sales for each sport were as follows:
- Boys Soccer 1436
Girls Soccer 1061
Girls Volleyball 1643
Field Hockey 932
Football 15,059
Competitive Spirit 408
- Total Ticket Sales for Fall Championships 20,538

ITEM 6

SPORTS REPORTS

- **Competitive Spirit (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel congratulated the top 4 finishers in the recently conducted 2023 District II Competitive Spirit Championships. District Champion Hazleton Area will now compete in the PIAA State Championships in January in Hershey along with Wallenpaupack (2nd Place), Delaware Valley (3rd Place) and Wyoming Area (4th Place). Congratulations to all and best of luck in the State Championships.
- **Golf (Ben Tolerico):** Ben Tolerico led a discussion regarding the format, fees, and locations for future District II Golf Championships. Discussion also included the medals ceremony following each of the championship events in Golf and the number of medals to be distributed. Ben will update the District II Golf Committee regarding the discussion and potential changes in the format for the future.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay Starnes updated the committee regarding the number of qualifiers for District II in the regional events in Boys & Girls Wrestling. District II will have 3 qualifiers in AA Girls Wrestling (there is only one classification) and 4 qualifiers in both AAA & AA Boys Wrestling.
- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Frank Majikes reviewed the schedule for the Arena for the 2024 Basketball Championships as discussed by the committee at the November meeting –

Sunday, February 25th –

- 1 p.m. AA Girls
- 3 p.m. AAAA Boys
- 5 p.m. AAA Girls
- 7 p.m. AAAAAA Boys

Monday, February 26th –

- 2 p.m. A Boys
- 4 p.m. AAAA Girls
- 6 p.m. AAAAAA Girls
- 8 p.m. AA Boys

Thursday, February 29th –

- 2 p.m. A Girls
- 4 p.m. AAA Boys
- 6 p.m. AAAAAA Girls
- 8 p.m. AAAAAA Boys

Rain Date for Sunday & Monday will be Tuesday, February 27th
Rain Date for Thursday, February 29th will be Sunday, March 3rd

- **Volleyball:** Maureen Williams led a discussion regarding the scheduling of the Boys Volleyball Championships in the Spring. After a lengthy discussion, the committee recommended that the Championships be scheduled following the timelines and procedures currently utilized.
- **Athletic Directors:** Fred Barletta (WVC Athletic Directors' Representative) brought to the attention of the committee the 2024-2025 schedules in all three sports seasons. The PIAA State Board of Directors approved starting the Fall 2024-2025 season a week earlier. The Fall season includes the scheduling of two Football games in the month of August (weekend of the 23rd and 30th). Winter sports play begins on November 29th and the Spring season play begins on March 21st. These are earlier dates than in the past few years.

ITEM 7

Chairman Majikes updated with the committee regarding the appeals' letter provided by the PIAA State Office involving the appeal of a District II eligibility hearing result that was overturned at the state level.

ITEM 8

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 Rodman Azur, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Donye Matthews, Pittston Area to Wilkes-Barre Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Coyle, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Alanna Harris, Wilkes-Barre Area to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gavin Skelton, Carbondale Area to Honesdale. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Peter Jordan, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gavin Harris, Scranton to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Linanis Santiago, Immanuel Christian to Hazleton Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Alaina Scassellati, Valley View to Holy Cross. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Rodman Azar, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sara Shook, Wallenpaupack to Western Wayne. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ware Stuckey, Norman High School to Wallenpaupack. **All Ayes (Correction to October minutes).**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Zoe Stuckey, Norman High School to Wallenpaupack. **All Ayes**

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 John Coyle, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jaxson Barbalich, High Point (NJ) to Delaware Valley. Jaxson will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Basketball and Lacrosse for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the immediate eligibility of Michel Al-Quron, Hanover Area to Nanticoke. Michel will be ineligible for post season in the sport of Track for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Johnathan Levine, East Stroudsburg to Scranton. Johnathan will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Basketball and Track for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Nyailah Bishop, Wilkes-Barre Area to Hanover Area. Nyailah will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Basketball for the 2023-2024 season. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Rodman Azar, to approve the immediate eligibility of Luis Guzman Nunez, Dominican Republic to Hazleton Area. Luis will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Basketball for the 2023-2024 season. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10

Chairman Majikes reviewed the District II schools that were granted voluntary upgrades, as requested, in various sports for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 cycle. The list includes the following schools and sports:

Abington Heights - Boys Volleyball – AAA
Crestwood – Boys Tennis – AAA
Pittston Area – Girls Soccer – AAAA
Tunkhannock – Girls Swimming – AAA
Valley View – Girls & Boys Tennis – AAA
Honesdale – Field Hockey – AAA

ITEM 11 Chairman Majikes provided the committee with the final disqualification numbers for the Fall Sports Season for District II –

Field Hockey – Total DQ’s – 3 (1 Coach) Total Supplemental – 1(1 Coach)
Football – Total DQ’s – 10 (1 Coach) Total Supplemental – 10 (1 Coach)
Boys Soccer – Total DQ’s – 34 (6 Coaches) Total Supplemental – 22 (4 Coaches)
Girls Soccer- Total DQ’s – 2 (0 Coaches) Total Supplemental – 0
Girls Volleyball – 0

ITEM 12 Chairman Majikes reviewed the summary of the PIAA Board of Directors meeting held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. The only item specific to District II was the termination of the cooperative sponsorship agreement between Mt. View and Montrose in the sport of Football. The complete summary of the December PIAA Board meeting can be found on the District II website and the PIAA website.

ITEM 13 A motion was made by Rodman Azar, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary