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**MINUTES OF FEBRUARU 1, 2023 MEETING
VIA ZOOM**

Meeting was convened at 10 a.m. by Vice Chairman Coyle.

ITEM 1 Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Vice Chairman John Coyle explained that Chairman Majikes would be absent from today's meeting due to PIAA State Office matters.

ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: Frank Majikes, Jon Pollard, Chad Vinansky. All other members attended via Zoom.

Also present: Atty. Don Rogers, District II Solicitor

ITEM 3 A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2022 Meeting. **All Ayes.**

ITEM 4 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Report ending December 31, 2022. The current total fund balance as of that date is \$376,777.89. The District has a checking account in the amount of \$171,735.03; a savings account of \$67,096.32; a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$12,929.59; and, a Community Money Market account in the amount of \$125,016.95. A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Jay Starnes, to accept the report as presented. **All Ayes**

ITEM 5 **SPORTS REPORTS**

- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Chairman Majikes had provided the Committee members with the format for this year's basketball championships. Vice Chairman Coyle reviewed the information with the group and a motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by John Coyle, to approve the format as submitted. **All Ayes** The format will be distributed today to all Athletic Directors as well as being posted to the District II Website.
- **Cross Country (Chad Vinansky):** Eric Emmerich has been in communication with the administrators at the Wyoming County Fair Grounds and they are asking that some of our local schools provide student volunteers to assist in the annual Wyoming County Fair activities held every Labor Day Weekend. Member schools,

especially those in Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties, will be contacted regarding their interest in assisting. This will be an item at future meetings.

- **Football (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky informed the group that he had brought up the concern voiced by District II regarding the fee schedule for workers at PIAA State Contests. District II fees for those services are consistently higher than that paid by the state. There was also a discussion regarding the creation of the Football Schedule for the next two year cycle. Neighboring districts have already put together that schedule and our conferences are researching that possibility as well. Mike assured the group that our schedule can be created based on the wishes of the leagues.
- **Swimming and Diving:** Fred Barletta announced that the dates and locations for the Championships have been set. The Diving Championships will be held at the Wilkes-Barre CYC on Saturday, February 25th and the Swimming Championships will be held on Friday & Saturday, March 3rd & 4th at Wilkes-Barre Area High School. The format was approved on a motion by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Pete Jordan. The format will be distributed to the Athletic Directors and placed on the webpage.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay Starnes informed the group that the Dual Team Championships are set and will begin this evening at 4 different locations. They will continue with the Consolation and Championship matches on Saturday, February 4th at Pittston Area. The format for the Individual Championships will be announced shortly following the completion of the Dual Team Championships.
- **Officials (Maureen Williams & James Elliot):** Both Maureen and Jim spoke to the rising intensity as the league seasons are rushing to a close and there is spirited competition in both leagues and all divisions. They asked for the assistance of the various School Administrations in upholding the standards of sportsmanship established by the PIAA and the addressing of unsporting acts by coaches, players, and spectators.

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 Fred Barletta, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Marcello Caminiti, Irvington (NJ) to Western Wayne. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Teagan Murphy, Scranton Prep to Western Wayne. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by James Elliott, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gianluca Argenio, Scranton Prep to Wyoming Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Alexander Loftin, Minisink Valley (NY) to Honesdale. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Pete Jordan, to approve the immediate eligibility of Taylor Burton, Crestwood. **All Ayes** Taylor had previously been ruled ineligible for post season competition in Wrestling, but additional information was provided to the Chairman and he is now eligible in the post season.

ITEM 7 Vice Chairman Coyle informed the group that the Athletic Directors have approved the proposal for the scheduling of District Championship Baseball games over the course of three days as requested by PNC Stadium Officials. The Baseball Championships are good to go for 2023.

ITEM 8 The committee reviewed and discussed ejection and suspension reports from a member school and the officials involved in the sports of Boys and Girls Basketball since our last meeting. The administration of that school was also present and provided additional information in addition to the written accounts that were made available to all committee members. After a lengthy presentation and discussion, a motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Tim Hopkins, that the reports be accepted as submitted and that no further action be required in the matter. **All Ayes**

ITEM 9 A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by John Haas, to approve a cooperative agreement in the sports of Boys and Girls Track between Berwick (District II) and Columbia-Montour Vo-Tech (District IV) effective with the 2022-23 school year.

ITEM 10 A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Kevin Mulhern, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary