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**MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2023 MEETING
@ WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

Meeting was convened at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Majikes.

- ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: Brian Durkin, David Elliott, Tim Hopkins, Jon Pollard, Jay Starnes, Mary Ruth Tanner, Ben Tolerico
- ITEM 3 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that David Elliott will be the new PIAA Male Officials' Representative on the District II Committee having been elected by his fellow District II Officials in the recently completed election.
- ITEM 4 A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by John Haas, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Meeting. **All Ayes.**
- ITEM 5 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Report for June, 2023. There is currently \$161,414.81 in our checking account and a total of \$307,133.37 in various money market and Certificate of Deposit accounts. The total fund balance as of June 30, 2023 is \$468,548.18. A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the report as presented. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 6 SPORTS REPORTS
- **Golf (Ben Tolerico):** In Ben's absence, Frank Majikes presented the 2023 District II Golf Championship Information to the Committee. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the format as presented. It will be distributed to the Athletic Directors and placed on the webpage.
 - **Tennis (John Coyle):** The format for the 2023 District II Girls Tennis Championships was presented. Following discussion, a motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by David Novrocki, to approve the format as presented. It will be distributed to the Athletic Directors and placed on the webpage.

- **Officials (Maureen Williams & David Elliott):** Maureen Williams informed the committee that a number of District II Officials will be presenting at the upcoming PIAA Officials' Convention in Harrisburg and asked if the District does anything in assisting those officials with expenses. Chairman Majikes informed the committee that our current policy is to pay the registration fees as well as travel and hotel expenses for those officials.
- **Sportsmanship (Chad Vinansky):** Chad Vinansky reviewed the disqualification numbers for District II in the Spring Sports. Total disqualifications were as follows: Baseball (5 players and 14 coaches); Boys Lacrosse (2 players and 2 coaches); Girls Lacrosse (1 player); Softball (1 Coach); Of the total of 25 disqualifications in District II, 14 were supplemental in nature.

ITEM 7

John Haas discussed the current procedure in awarding District II Championships in those situations in which a non-District II team is the subregional champion. No action was taken by the committee at this time.

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 Fred Barletta, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Byron Axtell, Lackawanna Trail to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Christopher Beavers, Pittston Area to Wyoming Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Brielle Crowell, James O'Neill HS (NY) to Abington Heights. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Coyle, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kiera Crowell, James O'Neill HS (NY) to Abington Heights. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Peter Jordan, to approve the immediate eligibility of Olivia Davis, Hanover Area to Holy Redeemer. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabirel, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kaleb Pagnotti, North Pocono to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Peter Jordan, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jonathan Perez, Scranton Cyber Academy to Scranton HS. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Shawn Rowell, Dunmore to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Robert Croop, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sara Shook, Wallenpaupack to Western Wayne. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Chad Vinansky, seconded by John Coyle, to approve the immediate eligibility of Alexis Yuhas, Wyoming Area to Holy Redeemer. **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 Maureen Williams, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Andrew Cisney, Pittston Area to Holy Redeemer. Andrew will not be eligible in the post season in the sports of Basketball and Baseball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of David Popson, Hanover Area to Holy Redeemer. David will not be eligible for post season in the sports of Basketball and Track for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by John Coyle, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ella Salak, North Pocono to Scranton Prep. Ella will not be eligible for post season in the sports of Girls Tennis and Softball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Anna Scanlon, Wyoming Sem to Holy Redeemer. Anna will not be eligible for post season in the sport of Soccer for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Brayden Sock, Hanover Area to Holy Redeemer. Brayden will not be eligible for post season in sport of Basketball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**

- ITEM 10 Chairman Majikes reviewed the summary of the Wednesday, July 17, 2023 PIAA Board of Directors' Meeting. That summary is available on the District II webpage.
- ITEM 11 A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve a request for cooperative sponsorship between Riverside and Old Forge in sport of Girls Soccer. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 12 A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve a request for cooperative sponsorship between Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross in the sports of Boys and Girls Lacrosse.. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 13 A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve a request for cooperative sponsorship between West Scranton and Riverside in the sports of Boys and Girls Wrestling. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 14 A motion was made by Chad Vinansky, seconded by Peter Jordan, to approve a request for a cooperative sponsorship between North Pocono and Dunmore in the sport of Junior High Wrestling. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 15 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that Home Town Ticketing has approached the District regarding their interest in their new automated social media feature powered by BoxOut. There was no action taken at this time and it will continue as a discussion item at a future meeting.
- ITEM 16 Chairman Majikes presented the schedule of meetings for the 2023-2024 school year. Meetings will be typically held on the third Wednesday of each month unless rescheduling is required to do other scheduling conflicts..
- ITEM 17 Chairman Majikes reviewed a communication from the PIAA regarding the utilization of the PIAA logo by member schools. The handout reviewed what is acceptable in utilizing the current logos and what is unacceptable. The "PIAA Brand Style Guide" is available on the PIAA State website.
- ITEM 18 Chairman Majikes reminded committee members that they should refrain from the use of their cellphones and/or laptops during the course of any executive session of the committee.
- ITEM 19 There was a discussion by the committee regarding the awarding of plaques to District II Champions. A number of districts have begun to award items other than plaques. The committee directed the Chairman to contact Honor Awards regarding the potential for other items rather than plaques.

ITEM 20 A motion was made by John Coyle, seconded by Erich Emmerich, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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