

**PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT II**

Frank Majikes, Chairman
Wilkes Barre C & TC
P. O. Box 1699
Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18705
570-822-4131

John Coyle, Vice Chairman
Scranton High School
63 Munchak Way
Scranton PA 18850
570-575-5351

Mike Ognosky, Secretary
544 School Road
New Milford PA 18834
607-237-9263

Pat Patte, Treasurer
Hazleton Area SD
1601 West 23rd Street
Hazleton PA 18202
570-459-3221

**MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 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: Fred Barletta, Robert Croop, John Haas, Tim Hopkins, Peter Jordan, Jon Pollard, Chad Vinansky, and Maureen Williams.
- Also present: Rodman Azar
- ITEM 3 Chairman Majikes introduced Rodman Azar, member of the School Board in the Abington Heights School District. Rodman will become the PSBA Representative on the District II Committee on July 1, 2023.
- ITEM 4 A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 Meeting. **All Ayes.**
- ITEM 5 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Reports for April, 2023 and May, 2023. The Total Fund Balance for each is as follows –

April, 2023	\$407,435.55
May, 2023	\$386,189.32

This includes all revenue and expenses as of May 31, 2023 with the exception of a minimal number of expenses not yet processed for the 2023 Spring Championships.

Pat also reviewed our total ticket sales through Hometown Ticketing for the 2022-2023 Championships. District II processed a total of 56,039 tickets for the year through Hometown. He concluded the report with a summary of Revenue and Expenses for the 2022-2023 Championship seasons.

A motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. **All Ayes**

ITEM 6 SPORTS REPORTS

- **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Chairman Majikes announced that he is currently working with the Arena personnel in arranging the dates for the 2024 District II Basketball Championships.
- **Competitive Spirit (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel announced that the 2023 District II Competitive Spirit Championships will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at the Wilkes-Barre Area High School at Noon. More information will be forthcoming at future meetings.
- **Football (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky announced that the scheduling process for the 2024-2025 Football season has already begun. Member schools have submitted to the Football Scheduling Committee their non-league District II schedules.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay Starnes explained that the planning for the 2024 Wrestling Girls' Championships is continuing throughout the states. Chairman Majikes provided the committee with the list of those PIAA schools that have announced they will be sponsoring Girls' Wrestling. That list (as of 2/16/23) includes the following District II schools: Delaware Valley, Western Wayne, Hanover Area, Honesdale, Greater Nanticoke, Wallenpaupack, Montrose, Wilkes-Barre Area, Hazleton Area and Mid Valley.
- **Baseball (Frank Majikes):** Frank Majikes has provided the tentative dates to PNC Stadium Officials for the 2023-2024 District II Baseball Championships. Rail Rider officials' will now communicate those dates to the AAA schedule makers in hopes that the stadium will be available for the championships

ITEM 7 Chairman Majikes reviewed the schedule for the upcoming PIAA Spring Workshops. Track, Lacrosse, Baseball and Softball Workshops will be on Wednesday, June 21; and, Junior High, Private Schools, Girls Athletics, Officials' Council, and Athletic Directors will be on Thursday, June 22.

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 Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Jay Starnes to approve the immediate eligibility of Evangeline Johnson, Wilkes-Barre Area to Wyoming Area. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Trustin Johnson, Wilkes-Barre Area to Wyoming Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Alexander Mena, Sam Fels High School to Hazleton Area. **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 Eric Emmerich, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Patrick Whelan, Scranton Prep to Scranton. Patrick will not be eligible in the post season in the sports of Football and Wrestling for the 2023-2024 season. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10 Chairman Majikes reviewed the summary of the Wednesday, May 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 Dave Novrocki, to approve the request by St. Dominic's Academy (Honesdale) for District II Junior High membership. **All Ayes**

ITEM 12 A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve a request for cooperative sponsorship between Honesdale and St. Dominic's Academy in the sports of Boys' and Girls' Cross Country. **All Ayes**

ITEM 13 A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve a request for cooperative sponsorship between West Scranton and Riverside in the sport of Wrestling. **All Ayes**

ITEM 14 Chairman Majikes provided the committee with a complete listing of the current cooperative sponsorships involving District II schools.

ITEM 15 Chairman Majikes reviewed the recent supplemental ejections of Head Coaches in the sport of Baseball. Following discussion, the committee requested that a hearing before the District II Committee be required in one of the instances. Chairman Majikes will make those arrangements for a future hearing. The Committee also recommended that a meeting of the District II Athletic Directors be scheduled in order to review the procedures regarding ejections and the follow up school response

procedure regarding those instances. The PIAA regards sportsmanship on the part of coaches, student-athletes and spectators as paramount and feels that needs to be communicated to our member schools.

- ITEM 16 Chairman Majikes reviewed an incident between member schools regarding the utilization of an ineligible player in the sport of Boys' Lacrosse and the school's self-reporting of that incident resulting in a forfeit of the contest.
- ITEM 17 Chairman Majikes reviewed a media posting issue that occurred in the sport of Softball between two member schools and the follow up to that incident.
- ITEM 18 A motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Jay Starnes, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

Mike Ognosky
District II Secretary