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**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 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: Rodman Azar, John Coyle, Brian Durkin, David Elliott, John Haas, Tim Hopkins, Jon Pollard, Jay Starnes, and Maureen Williams
- ITEM 3 Chairman Majikes informed the committee members present that, in addition to the regular meeting, the committee will be conducting two eligibility hearings.
- ITEM 4 A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023 Meeting. **All Ayes.**
- ITEM 5 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Report ending September 30, 2023. There is currently \$141,595.22 in our checking account and a total of \$308,353.48 in various money market and Certificate of Deposit accounts. The total fund balance as of September 30, 2023 is \$449,948.70. A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the report as presented. **All Ayes**

Pat Patte also provided each member present with the PIAA 2023-24 Payment Rates for game workers as well as a copy of the current PIAA District II Game Manager packet to be utilized by all game managers when working the upcoming Fall District playoffs.

ITEM 6 **SPORTS REPORTS**

- **Cross Country (Chad Vinansky):** Chad Vinansky reported that all is set for next week's District II Cross Country Championships. He thanked Eric Emmerich for all of his work with the leadership at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds in preparation for the event.
- **Golf (Ben Tolerico):** Ben Tolerico presented the financial report from the recently completed District II Golf Championships. The

report included a summary of income and expenses from the Team and Individual Championships and resulted in a net income of \$635.13. Congratulations to the six District II Golfers who medaled at the State Championships including Nick Werner (Wyoming Sem), Cael Ropietsi (Lake-Lehman), Michael Lugiano (Lake-Lehman), Michael Maslanka (Riverside), Gavin June (Lackawanna Trail), and Gwen Powell (North Pocono). Special congratulations to Nick Werner, the 2023 PIAA State Golf AA Individual Champion!

- **Field Hockey (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel reported that all is set for the 2023 District II Field Hockey Championships.
- **Football (Mike Ognosky):** The committee held a discussion regarding the shortage of officials in the last two weekends. The assignors have had to be very creative in covering games including asking schools to move contests to an earlier time on Friday, or to Thursday's or Saturday's in order to provide for a minimum of 6 officials at a contest.
- **Girls Tennis (John Coyle):** The recently completed Tennis Championships were very successful and teams and individuals will be moving on to PIAA State competition early next week. Special thanks to both Kings College and Wilkes University in hosting the championships.

ITEM 7

Chairman Majikes provided a copy of the "2023-2024 PIAA Constitution and By-Laws" as well as a PIAA Events Calendar to those members who were unable to attend the September meeting.

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 Eric Emmerich, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Destiny Sanjurjo, East Stroudsburg South to Berwick. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Pete Jordan, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kaydence Suarez, to Wilkes-Barre Area to Valley View. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Alshareef Davis-Millirons, Wilkes-Barre Area to Nanticoke. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by BenTolerico, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Camron Yachymiak, Susquehanna Community to Valley View. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Natasha Corba, Lake-Lehman to Wyoming Seminary. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the immediate eligibility of Summer Rose Larabee, to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jaiden Keller, Scranton to Carbondale. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tomas Humberto, Argentina to Old Forge. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of William Garcia Mejia, Honduras to Old Forge. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Chad Vinansky, seconded by Pete Jordan, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jandry Miguel Vega Macias, Ecuador to Old Forge. **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 Ron Collins, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sonique Murray-Connell, Wyoming Valley West to Riverside. Sonique will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Football and Boys' Volleyball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gage Martinez, West Scranton to Mid Valley. Gage will be ineligible for post season in the sport of Football for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Peter Jordan, seconded by Robert Croop, to approve the immediate eligibility of Cullen Moran, Holy Cross to Scranton. Cullen will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Golf and Boys' Basketball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Brayden Moran, Holy Cross to Scranton. Braden will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Boys' Basketball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sara Mikas,

Abington Heights to Tunkhannock. Sara will not be eligible in the post season in the sports of Girls' Tennis and Girls' Basketball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Logan Smith, to Chichester to Lake-Lehman. Logan will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Baseball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jacob Ramos, Dunmore to Valley View. Jacob will not be eligible for post season in the sport of Football for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ware Stuckey, Norman to Wallenpaupack. Ware will not be eligible for post season in the sport of Swimming for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10 A discussion was held regarding the medal awards' ceremony following the completion of a team championship event. After discussion, the group decided that the ceremony should remain as is. The medals will be given to the coach for distribution to the team.

ITEM 11 Chairman Majikes reviewed the summary of the October 11, 2023 PIAA Board of Directors meeting. A copy can be found on the District II webpage. Included in that summary was the approval of a Cooperative Sponsorship between Wayne Highlands Middle School and St. Dominic's Academy Middle School in the sports of Baseball, Boys & Girls Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Boys & Girls Soccer, Softball, and Boys' Wrestling.

ITEM 12 Chairman Majikes discussed with the committee members present the recent resignation of PIAA Associate Executive Director Melissa Mertz. The resignation is effective as of December 31, 2023. Melissa worked for the PIAA for 25 years, with 12 of those years in the position of Associate Executive Director. The position has been posted explaining the job description and the application process to be followed. All applicants must apply by November 3, 2023.

ITEM 13 A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary