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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 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: John Coyle, Peter Jordan, and Ben Tolerico
- ITEM 3 Chairman Majikes welcomed to the committee David Elliott, the new PIAA Male Officials' Representative.
- ITEM 4 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023 Meeting. **All Ayes.**
- ITEM 5 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Report ending August 31, 2023. There is currently \$141,595.22 in our checking account and a total of \$307,944.98 in various money market and Certificate of Deposit accounts. The total fund balance as of August 31, 2023 is \$449,545.20. A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Hal Gabriel, 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 thanked fellow committee member, Eric Emmerich, for his work with Randy White, Wyoming County Fair Grounds, in preparation for this year's Cross Country Championships. Chad reported that there was interest among the Athletic Directors in holding a B race during the Championships. Following discussion, a motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Pat Patte, that a B race would not be added to the current program of races for the Championships. **All Ayes.** There was also a discussion regarding the potential charging spectators for admission to the race.

Following that discussion, a motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Jay Starnes, to continue the practice of “free admission” for spectators at this year’s championships. **All Ayes.** Chad informed the committee that the format is currently being reviewed by the committee and will be made available at the completion of that review.

- **Competitive Spirit (Hal Gabriel):** Hal announced that the Competitive Spirit Championships will be held on Sunday, December 17th at the Wilkes-Barre Area High School at NOON.
- **Tennis (John Coyle):** All is set for the upcoming Championships beginning the with Team Quarterfinals on Monday, October 2nd.
- **Field Hockey (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel reviewed the District Field Hockey Championship Format with the committee and a motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the format as presented. **All Ayes**
- **Football (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky explained that the District Football Championship format has been distributed and all is set for this year’s championships.
- **Golf (Ben Tolerico):** Frank Majikes reported that the league qualifiers have been played and all is set for the District Individual and Team Championships.
- **Volleyball (Maureen Williams):** Maureen Williams presented the format for the 2023 District II Volleyball Championships. A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the format as presented. **All Ayes**
- **Soccer (Brian Durkin):** Brian Durkin discussed the soccer championships and will have a format ready for presentation to the Athletic Directors in the upcoming week. That format will then be distributed and placed on the webpage. A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve that format as discussed. **All Ayes**
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay Starnes announced that the PIAA has set the first Girls regional dates. Coaches should be aware that the Girls Regional dates will coincide with the Boys regional dates – if you have one coach that is coaching both squads they need to be aware that those events will be at different locations and will require a coach at each site. Also, in counting your ”events” toward the PIAA maximum for wrestling, be aware that if you have a girl on the boys team who then goes out during the season and participates in a girls only tournament, those participation points will be counted toward your boys total.

ITEM 7

Chairman Majikes provided a copy of the “2023-2024 PIAA Constitution and By-Laws” to each member as well as a PIAA Events Calendar.

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 Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jaiden Keller, Scranton Prep to Carbondale. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Johnley Jean, Pocono Mountain East to Dunmore. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by David Elliott, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Chrisley Jean, Pocono Mountain East to Dunmore. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Aurora Deem, Hanover Area to Dallas. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Conner Wilkes, Crestwood to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tayvion McGloton, Carbondale Area to Mid Valley. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Wyatt Fofi, Lakeland to Dunmore. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Chad Vinansky, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Christoper Isernia, North Pocono, with no exclusions **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Andrew Bentz, Immaculate Conception to Gregory the Great. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Chad Vinansky, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Colin Mortenson, Wilkes-Barre Area to Holy Redeemer. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Robert Croop, to approve the immediate eligibility of Brady Pica, Riverside to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of William Seele, West Liberty to Gregory the Great. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jon Pollard seconded by David Elliott, to approve the immediate eligibility of Justin Kowalik, Catalyst Preparatory Academy to Wallenpaupack. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Nadia Navarro, Tri Boro Christian to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ava Woodruff, Wyoming Valley West to Hanover Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Katharine Wood, Lackawanna Trail to Tunkhannock. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Lily Ratchford, Susquehanna Prep to Dallas. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tyler Bianchi, Blue Ridge to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ella Bianchi, Blue Ridge to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by David Elliott, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Juelz Strickland, Wilkes-Barre Area to Hanover Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Max Jackson, Wilkes-Barre Area to Riverside. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sarah Hunter, Canaan Christian Academy to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sawyer Taylor, Owego Free Academy to Scranton Prep **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gavin Kareha, Scranton Prep to Abington Heights. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Michael Sembrol, Tunkhannock to Riverside. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Peyton Graboske, Western Wayne to Holy Cross. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sarah Lytle, Wyoming Seminary to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jesus Diaz, D. R. School to Hazleton Area. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ian Durnien, Western Wayne to Hanover Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Alexis Medley, Mason Middle School to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dae Novrocki, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Najher Santana, East Side to Wilkes-Barre 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 Dave Novrocki, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Nina Barrouck. Nina will not be eligible in the post season in the sport of Softball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Summer Larrabee, Wyoming Seminary to Scranton Prep. Sarah will not be eligible for post season in the sport of Girls Lacrosse 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 Eric Emmerich, seconded by Robert Croop, 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**
- A motion was made by David Elliott, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Mason Parker, Honesdale to Susquehanna. Mason will not be eligible for post season in sport of Football for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made Pat Patte, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sara Mikus, Abington Heights to Tunkhannock. Sara will not be eligible for post season in the sport of Girls Tennis for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sean Bankes-Pine,

Mahoning Area to Berwick. Sean will not be eligible for post season in sport of Football for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Asher Nichols, Triboro Christian to Pittston Area. Asher will not be eligible for post season in the sport of Soccer and Basketball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Max Bowen, Wyoming Valley West to Holy Redeemer. Max will not be eligible for post season in sports of Golf and Baseball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Robert Croop, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sonique Murray-Connell, Wyoming Valley West to Riverside. Sonique will not be eligible for post season in the sports of Football and Volleyball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by David Elliott, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Mason Parker, Honesdale to Susquehanna. Mason 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 Jon Pollard, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jacob Cottle, South Grand Prairie to Riverside. Jacob will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Wrestling for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Frank Hernandez, Hancock Central to Honesdale. Frank will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Football and Basketball for the 2023-2024 school year. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10 A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the eligibility of Diego Semedo, Scranton to Dunmore, following the mandatory 21 day sit out for an in-season transfer. Diego will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Football and Basketball. **All Ayes**

ITEM 11 The following Foreign Exchange eligibility requests were acted upon by the District II Committee:

- A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Botond Batyky, Hungary to Tunkhannock, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tanguy Pierre Carlos, France to Tunkhannock, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students. **All Ayes**

ITEM 12 A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Fred Barletta, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary