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**MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2025 MEETING  
@ PATTE'S RESTAURANT**

Meeting was convened at 4 p.m. by Chairman Majikes.

- ITEM 1      Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.
- ITEM 2      Absent but accounted for: Rod Azar, Fred Barletta, John Coyle, Tim Hopkins, Peter Jordan, Jon Pollard, Jay Starnes, and Chad Vinansky.
- ITEM 3      A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2025 monthly meeting. Those minutes will now be posted to the District II website. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 4      Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the Treasurer Reports for the months of May, 2025 and June, 2025. As of June 30, 2025 the Total Fund Balance was \$590,661.02. This included \$145,7437.73 in our cheking account with the remaining balance located in various CD's and Money Market accounts. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the Treasurer Report as submitted. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 5      Chairman Majikes provided an update to the committee members present regarding the ongoing matter regarding potential recruiting violations by a District II member school. Chairman Majikes distributed information to the committee members on the matter, including communications from the School District and Article XVI-a. Interscholastic Athletics Accountability of Chapter 1 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code. Based on those documents, the investigation of the matter will be closed and considered completed and no further action can be taken.
- ITEM 6      SPORTS REPORTS:
- **Cross Country (Chad Vinansky & Eric Emmerich):** Eric reported that the 2025 District II Cross Country Championships will continue at the Wyoming Valley Fairgrounds. Information to follow regarding the particulars of the Championships.
  - **Competitive Spirit (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel informed the committee that the date for the 2025 District II Competitive Spirit

Championships has now been set for Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Wilkes-Barre Area. In case of inclement weather, Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> has been set as the make up date. Information will be forthcoming to member schools.

- **Field Hockey (Hal Gabriel):** The format for the 2025 District II Field Hockey Championships has been posted to the website and distributed to the Athletic Directors.
- **Football (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky presented the format for the 2025 District II Football Championships. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by John Haas, to approve the format. **All Ayes.** The information will be posted to the website and distributed to the Athletic Directors.
- **Girls Tennis (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky presented the format for the 2025 Tennis Girls' Championships. Following discussion, a motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Chris Thomas, to approve the format. **All Ayes.** The information will be posted to the website and distributed to the Athletic Directors.
- **Golf (Ben Tolerico):** Ben Tolerico presented the format for the 2025 District II Golf Championships. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the format. During discussion, Ben explained that the Boys' team championship competition will now include 6 golfers per team with the top 4 being scored for the championship. That format will be utilized in both the District and Subregional Championships. **All Ayes.** The information will be posted to the website and distributed to the Athletic Directors.
- **Girls Volleyball (Maureen Williams):** Maureen Williams presented the format for the 2025 District II Volleyball Girls' Championships. Following discussion, a motion was made by Chris Thomas, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the format. **All Ayes.** The information will be posted to the website and distributed to the Athletic Directors.
- **Officials (Maureen Williams & Chris Thomas):** Maureen Williams reported that one of the major discussion items at this year's PIAA Spring Officials' Workshop was the lack of security at game events during the past school year. All schools are strongly encouraged to review their procedures when hosting a PIAA interscholastic event in all sports. The deportment of spectators, coaches, and players needs to be improved in order to provide the appropriate atmosphere for a PIAA sponsored sports' event. She also explained that District VI has provided a comprehensive packet of expectations for Principals, Athletic Directors and School Security and the roles they play in ensuring a safe environment for spectators, officials and contestants. She

provided the Chairman with a copy of that information and it will be distributed to our member schools.

Chris Thomas congratulated Jennifer Everett of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of PIAA Basketball Officials on her selection as the 2025 Chapter Secretary of the Year by the PIAA at their most recent PIAA Officials' Convention. Congratulations to Jen!

Three District II officials received a watch in recognition of 30 years of service in PIAA. Honored were Louise Cicerchia, Tom Melushkey, and Rochelle Speier.

ITEM 7

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 Brian Durkin, seconded by Chris Thomas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Clavo Slater, Chenango Valley (NY) to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ethan Gould, Chenango Valley (NY) to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Corrina Chesna, Abington Heights to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Joseph Whelan, Scranton to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Carson Eveland, Blue Springs to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gabriel Benyo, Riverside to Hazleton Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jacob Benyo, Riverside to Hazleton Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Aidan Hughes, Abington Heights to Holy Cross. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Chris Thomas, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Malique Campbell, Hanover Area to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Carly Post, Marian Catholic to Berwick. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Oliver Swingle, Valley View to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**

ITEM 8

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 Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tyler Herbert, Hanover Area to Crestwood. Tyler will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Football for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Henry Wolff, Osceola (Fla) to North Pocono. Henry will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Football and Baseball for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Noah Council, Wyoming Valley West to Holy Redeemer. Noah will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Football and Track & Field for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Emma Kovolenus, Lakeland to Holy Cross. Emma will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Cross Country, Basketball and Track & Field for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Chris Thomas, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jameson Manning, Purchase Line to Hazleton Area. Jameson will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Football for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the immediate eligibility of Dominic Catrone, Marian Catholic to Hazleton Area. Dominic will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Basketball for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Cole Ricko, Wyoming Area to Holy Redeemer. Cole will not be eligible for

the post season in the sports of Basketball and Baseball for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Malice Blackwell, Dunmore to Holy Cross. Malice will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Basketball and Track & Field for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ethan Aftewicz, Wyoming Seminary to Pittston Area. Ethan will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Wrestling for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**

ITEM 9        A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Frederik Lauemoller, Denmark to Western Wayne, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students, of the PIAA By-Laws. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10       Congratulations to Jan Price, the newly appointed District II Volleyball Rules Interpreter.

ITEM 11       Chairman Majikes reviewed the most recent actions of the PIAA State Board of Directors. Included in the discussion were the following items –

- The Board approved, on a first reading, the implementation of a shot clock for boys and girls varsity and junior varsity basketball contests, for the subsequent cycle beginning the 2028-2029 school year.
- The Board approved to remand back to the Basketball Steering Committee the shot clock for further discussion.
- The Board approved to remand back to the Tennis Steering Committee the discussion of the 10 point match tiebreaker in place of a full third set during the quarterfinals of the Team Championships.
- The Board unanimously approved to remand back to the Tennis Steering Committee “Coaching on the Fly” for clarification.
- The Board, by a vote of 21-10, voted against the implementation of a shot clock pilot program in Lacrosse for the 2025-2026 school year.
- The Board unanimously approved to list the boys’ and girls’ lacrosse state quarterfinals as Friday/ Saturday for the second round based on site availability.
- The Board approved a policy of the PIAA Rules and Regulations to prohibit host sites from charging a sitting fee to media to cover PIAA Contests, effective immediately.

- The Board approved permitting a league/conference to establish time or inning limits for an sub-varsity softball contest.
- The Board approved a change to the structure of the officials' meetings to require an official attending a virtual meeting via Zoom or other remote application to have their device camera operating in order to receive credit for the meeting.
- The Board approved the creation of a new PIAA Flag Football Steering Committee.
- The Board remanded the Strategic Planning Committee to review the potential of increasing the number of contests in a season for all sports.
- The Board approved a modification of the rule that will permit a time limit for those contests played in a community/public park that prohibit an inning from starting after a predetermined time, all levels of competition.
- The Board unanimously approved to cap the final section of the 800 M run and 4X800 M relay to 12 qualifiers, and 15 qualifiers in the 1600 M run.
- The Board unanimously approved the 2025-2026 Track and Field standards.
- The Board accepted the Track and Field Para/Wheelchair verification form.

- ITEM 12      The PIAA Board of Directors, working with the PIAA Football Steering Committee, have provided a "Table of State Association Adoptions" for Girls' Flag Football.
- ITEM 13      Chairman Majikes informed the committee that District II now has a new PIAA Junior High Member – High Point Classical Academy in Larksville.
- ITEM 14      Chairman Majikes informed the committee that plans are in preparation for a District II In-Service Workshop on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 for all member schools with details to follow. Tentatively scheduled are presentations by Hometown Ticketing, Digital Scoreboard, Big Teams and Schedule Star, and a PIAA Staff Member. It will be a morning meeting at a site to be announced.
- ITEM 15      Chairman Majikes provided the committee with a copy of the recent changes made to the CIPPE certification form. Section 2: Certification of Parent/Guardian will now require a signature following each section of that form. That was not previously mandated.
- ITEM 16      A motion was made by Chris Thomas, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to retain the current officers of the PIAA District II Committee for the 2025-2026 school year –

Chairman Frank Majikes  
Vice Chairman John Coyle  
Secretary/Web Master Mike Ognosky  
Treasurer Pat Patte

**All Ayes**

ITEM 17      A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to adjourn  
the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***Mike Ognosky***

Mike Ognosky  
District II Secretary