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**MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2025 MEETING  
@ WIKES-BARRE AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

Meeting was convened at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Majikes.

- ITEM 1      Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- ITEM 2      Absent but accounted for: Rodman Azar, Ron Collins, John Coyle, Peter Jordan, Jon Pollard, Jay Starnes, Chris Thomas, Ben Tolerico, Chad Vinansky, and Maureen Williams.
- ITEM 3      A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting. Those minutes will now be posted to the District II website. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 4      Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, presented the monthly Treasurer's Report ending March 31, 2025. There is currently \$148,901.52 in our checking account and a total of \$359,402 in various money market and Certificate of Deposit accounts. The total fund balance as of March 31, 2025 is \$508,303.52. A motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 5      A discussion was led by Pat Patte on the possibility of issuing a single check to District member schools as payment for hosting a playoff game and then having the school then paying their staff members from that payment. After discussion, committee members recommended that a study be conducted on the practices other PIAA Districts currently utilize in handling that situation. Chairman Majikes and Pat Patte will report back to the committee on the findings of that study.
- ITEM 6      SPORTS REPORTS:
- **Cross Country (Chad Vinansky & Eric Emmerich):** Eric Emmerich reported to the group that he is in the process of contacting the Wyoming County Fairgrounds in the hopes of finalizing the plans for next year's Cross Country Championships.
  - **Baseball (Frank Majikes):** Given the recent weather, the playoff schedule for Baseball will be revamped in order to address the situation. There is a possibility that we will have to forego the

Championships being held at PNC Field due to a necessary changing in the dates of the preliminary rounds.

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 Fred Barletta, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Selah Combs, Maniton Springs (Col) to Western Wayne. Selah had previously been ruled ineligible for post season in Track and Field, but will now be eligible for post season based on the submission of the required documentation. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Zachary Coons, Holy Redeemer to Crestwood. Zachary had previously been ruled ineligible for post season in Volleyball, but will now be eligible for post season based on the submission of the required documentation. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the eligibility of Keirstyn Yannone, Susquehanna Community to Dunmore beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Keirstyn will not be eligible for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. **All Ayes (Tim Hopkins abstain)**
- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the eligibility of Weston Yannone, Susquehanna Community to Dunmore beginning with the 2026-2026 school year including post season eligibility due to required documentation. Weston will not be eligible for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. **All Ayes (Tim Hopkins abstain)**

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 Brian Durkin, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kali Miller, Tunkhannock to Lackawanna Trail. Kali will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Field Hockey for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**

- ITEM 9            Chairman Majikes announced he has received notification that Rod Azar has been re-appointed for another two year term on the committee as the PSBA Representative. Congratulations Rod!
- ITEM 10           After a review of information received pertaining to an issue at a regular season basketball game involving two District II member schools, a motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to accept and approve the reports as submitted by both schools with no further action required. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 11           Chairman Majikes reported to the committee that a survey will be sent to all member schools from the PIAA Office regarding the utilization of a shot clock in Basketball and encouraged all schools to respond to that survey. The last time such a survey was completed was in 2020..
- ITEM 12           Chairman Majikes distributed copies of letters sent to area legislators composed by District II Committee member, Mary Ruth Tanner, regarding House Bill 685 indicating a change at PIAA events requiring the acceptance of cash for admission. The District II Committee feels strongly this would be a step backwards for a number of reasons and encourages member schools to contact their legislators in opposition to this House Bill. Thanks to Mary Ruth Tanner for her efforts on behalf of the committee!
- ITEM 13           Chairman Majikes led a discussion on the recently conducted Annual Business Meeting and thanked the committee members for their attendance and contributions. All felt the meeting was very positive.
- ITEM 14           Chairman Majikes distributed a social media posting regarding contacting student athletes for enrollment purposes. A discussion was held and no further action was required at this time.
- ITEM 17           A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Ognosky*

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District II Secretary