PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT II

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NOVEMBER 24, 2025 MEETING
@ WILKES-BARRE AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Meeting was convened at 4:15 p.m. by Chairman Frank Majikes.

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: Eric Emmerich, Dr. John Haas, Peter Jordan, Chris Thomas, Ben Tolerico and Chad Vinansky.

ITEM 3 This meeting began with a moment of silence for Pat Patte, Sr., father of our Treasurer, Pat Patte, and a long time friend of PIAA District II.

ITEM 4 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2025 monthly meeting. Those minutes will now be posted to the District II website. **All Ayes**

ITEM 5 Pat Patte presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2025. As of October 29, 2025, the Total Fund Balance was $516,926.26. This included $108,339.89 in our checking account with the remaining balance located in various CD's and Money Market accounts. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. **All Ayes**

ITEM 6 SPORTS REPORTS:

- **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 14th at Wilkes-Barre Area. In case of inclement weather, Sunday, December 21st has been set as the make up date. As of today, there are 9 schools registered to participate in the competition. Information has been distributed to member schools and all are urged to please complete the registration materials as soon as possible.
- **Football (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky thanked all of the committee members for their assistance as game management at the recently conducted Football Championships. The competition

was excellent and a number of our schools advanced in the PIAA State Championships.

- **Girls Tennis (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky congratulated Scranton Prep (Doubles) and Montrose (Singles) on their 2025 PIAA State AA Team Championship. District II had a PIAA State Champion in all 3 levels of competition – Team, Singles and Doubles.
- **Soccer (Brian Durkin):** Brian Durkin congratulated Abington Heights, the 2025 PIAA Soccer Boys AAA State Champions.
- **Cross Country (Chad Vinansky):** Frank Majikes congratulated Elk Lake, the 2025 PIAA Cross Country Boys A State Champions.
- **Swimming and Diving (Fred Barletta):** Fred Barletta shared with the committee that the Swim Committee is currently reviewing the particulars regarding the Swim Championships and the format will be announced shortly. He discussed a number of scenarios regarding locations and dates with the committee and will have a format ready for presentation at a future meeting.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay Starnes reviewed the format for the 2026 District II Wrestling Championships with the committee. Following discussion, a motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the format as presented. It will now be distributed to the Athletic Directors and placed on the website.
- **Athletic Directors (Brian Durkin and Fred Barletta):** Brian Durkin reviewed the events of the recently conducted October LIAA meeting and informed the committee that an 8-6-6 Divisional setup has been approved for Football. Fred Barletta explained that the WVC was in the final stages of establishing divisions in Football as well, and should have that information available following the Thanksgiving break.

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 Rodman Azar, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Luis Arias Rosario, Dominican Republic to Dunmore. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Diego Arias Rosario, Dominican Republic to Dunmore. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Coyle, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Arcides Arias Rosario, Dominican Republic to Dunmore. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Logan Segui, Pennsylvania Charter School to Tunkhannock. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Coyle, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Luis Pizarro Cruz, Wilkes-Barre Area to Valley View. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jaquell Nyeem Smith, Wilkes-Barre Area to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jailah Gil, Crestwood to Hazleton Area. **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 Jon Pollard, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Neveah Derrick, Wilkes-Barre Area to Wyoming Valley West. Neveah 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 Maureen Williams, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sloane Leffler, Pittston Area to Wyoming Seminary. Sloane will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Volleyball and Track and Field for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tavion Gonzalez, West Scranton to Riverside. Tavion 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 Rodman Azar, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Noah Council, Holy Redeemer to Wyoming Valley West. Noah will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Football for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sean Fairweather, Scranton Prep to Scranton. Sean will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Football for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Thomas Passmore, Holy

Cross to Scranton. Thomas will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Football for the 2026-2027 school year.

ITEM 9 The following motions were made granting the following students **IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY AS FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS** in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students, of the PIAA By-Laws:

- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ruben Montanari, Italy to Crestwood. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Silvia Lai Li, Spain to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Julia Carl, Germany to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10 Chairman Majikes reviewed with the committee the responses submitted by two member schools regarding an incident during a Girls' Soccer Playoff game. Following the review of the responses, a motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the actions of each administration and to thank them for their efforts. **All Ayes**

ITEM 11 Chairman Majikes informed the Committee that Dr. Lombardi will be retiring as Director of the PIAA State Office as of January 1, 2026. Following discussion, a motion was made by Pat Patte, seconded by John Coyle, to approve a retirement gift for Dr. Lombardi and to thank him for his excellent leadership of the organization under his tenure.

ITEM 12 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that Valley View will now be sponsoring a Junior High and Varsity Girls' Wrestling program.

ITEM 13 Chairman Majikes reviewed with the committee a request he received as the President of the PIAA State Committee to have that committee take action and not schedule any contests on Halloween evening. A discussion was held by the PIAA State Committee and no action was taken on the request.

ITEM 14 Chairman Majikes provided each member with the 2026-27 and 2027-28 Enrollment Parameters for each sport. Member schools have also received this information and are reminded that any school that wishes to voluntarily move up in classification in a specific sport must request in writing to do so by December 1, 2025. That request is to be made to the attention of Mark Byers at mbyers@piaa.org.

ITEM 15 Chairman Majikes informed the members that Mt. View (Baseball) and Pittston Area (Girls Volleyball & Softball) have already submitted requests to move up a classification.

ITEM 16 A motion was made by John Coyle, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary