PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT II

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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 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: Rod Azar, John Coyle, Brian Durkin, Peter Jordan, Pat Patte, Jay Starnes, Chris Thomas, and Chad Vinansky.

ITEM 3 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2025 monthly meeting. Those minutes will now be posted to the District II website. **All Ayes**

ITEM 4 Frank Majikes presented the Treasurer Reports for the months of July, 2025 and August, 2025. As of August 30, 2025 the Total Fund Balance was $524,973.26. This included $116,824.27 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 Hal Gabriel, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. **All Ayes**

ITEM 5 Chairman Majikes led a discussion regarding the process of eliminating a cooperative sponsorship between PIAA member schools. Chairman Majikes emphasized that cooperative agreements can only be terminated with the approval of both of the schools involved. Also, given appropriate circumstances, the PIAA State Board of Directors has the authority to dissolve a cooperative agreement. The local District Committees do not have that authority.

ITEM 6 SPORTS REPORTS:

- **Cross Country (Chad Vinansky & Eric Emmerich):** In Chad's absence, Frank Majikes reviewed the format for the Cross Country Championships. Following the revision of a number of items, a motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the Cross Country format. **13 Ayes, 1 Nay**
- **Competitive Sphavet (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel informed the committee that the date for the 2025 District II Competitive Spirit

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

- **Football (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky reviewed the first half of the 2025 football season and the current status of the playoffs. Emphasis was placed on the A subregional championship with District XI. The top four teams make the championships and, if two teams are from each district, II and XI will hold their own District Championships in Week 11. If three of the teams are from one district, the regular semifinal format will be followed.
- **Girls Tennis (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky reported that all is set at both Kirby Park and Wilkes University for the upcoming District playoffs.
- **Golf (Ben Tolerico):** Ben Tolerico reviewed the results of the recently completed Girls Team Championships as well as reviewing the upcoming dates for the remainder of the Championships.
- **Officials (Maureen Williams & Chris Thomas);** Maureen Williams again emphasized the importance of providing a safe environment for PIAA officials at your school events. She cited an incident in a recent contest involving District II member schools in which an official was verbally abused by a fan as they left the facility to drive home following the contest. These types of actions are not tolerable and can be prevented by a concerted effort on the part of the home school to provide adequate security for officials until they are off the premises.

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 Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Rachel Patackas, West Scranton to Scranton. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the immediate eligibility of Lila Frounfelker, West Scranton to Scranton. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gage Roberts, Western Wayne to Wyoming Seminary. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Giovanna Aiello, Scranton Prep to Wyoming Seminary. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Tamir Popovich, Wyoming Area to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sloane Dougherty, Lake-Lehman to Wyoming Seminary. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kaelen Dougherty, Lake-Lehman to Wyoming Seminary. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ashkay Narayanashetty, Crestwood to MMI. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ava Luciano, Scranton to Mid Valley. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Angel Luis Mercado, Danbury (Conn) to Hazleton Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Molly Pokrinchak, Holy Redeemer to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Carly Ann Post, Marian Catholic to Berwick. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Praise Nti, Westmont-Hilltop to Abington Heights. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sydney Shnipes, Scranton Prep to Holy Cross. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by John Haas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Stephen Serge, Scranton Prep to Lakeland. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Omare Otway Kellom, Hanover Area to Wilkes-Barre Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jonathan Otway Kellom, Hanover Area to Wilkes-Barre Area. Jonathan was also granted a waiver for post-season eligibility. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the immediate eligibility of Timothy Naylor, Lackawanna Trail to Lakeland. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Markus Ngongo, West Scranton to Riverside. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Oliver Swingle, Valley View to Scranton Prep. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Haas, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the eligibility of Madeline Slocum, Abington Heights to Scranton, following the mandatory 21 day sit out required for an in-season transfer. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the eligibility of Kamryn Field, Scranton to Mid Valley, following the mandatory 21 day sit out required for an in-season transfer. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the eligibility of Szymon Barszcz, St. Mary's to Gregory the Great, following the mandatory 21 day sit out for an in-season transfer. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the eligibility of Dylan Rodriquez, West Scranton to Riverside, following the mandatory 21 day sit out for an in-season transfer. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the eligibility of Benjamin Levan, Scranton Prep to Abington Heights, following the mandatory 21 day sit out for an in-season transfer. **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 Hal Gabriel, seconded by Jon Pollard, to approve the immediate eligibility of Emily Carone, Marian Catholic to Holy Redeemer. Emily 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 Dave Novrocki, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jacob Fine, Western Wayne to Honesdale. Jacob will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Baseball for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kori Ortiz, Scranton Prep to Scranton. Kori 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 John Haas, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jameson Harris, Dallas to Holy Redeemer. 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 Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Pater Mariano, Marian Catholic to Hazleton Area. Peter will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Baseball for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the immediate eligibility of Dominic Salvo, Scranton Prep to Pittston Area. Dominic 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 Tim Hopkins, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jordan Mirigliani, Wyoming Valley West to Holy Redeemer. Jordan will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Volleyball and Soccer 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 Khary Douglan, West Scranton to Dallas. Khary 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 Ron Collins, seconded by Fred Barletta, 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 Dave Novrocki, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ruben Gonzalez Bonahcea, Spain to Elk Lake, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students, of the PIAA By-Laws. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10 A motion was made by Maureen Williams, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jorge Retana, Spain to Berwick, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students, of the PIAA By-Laws. **All Ayes**

ITEM 11 A motion was made by Ben Tolerico, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Clara Marie Aurelia Walther, Germany to Mid Valley, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students, of the PIAA By-Laws. **All Ayes**

ITEM 12 A motion was made by Jon Pollard, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Martin Vinces, Ecuador to Tunkhannock, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students, of the PIAA By-Laws. **All Ayes**

ITEM 13 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 Legal Counsel to enter the consent order to be submitted to the Court regarding the Religious Rights Foundation of Pennsylvania.
- The Board approved, on a second reading, to modify Article III, Section 6, Charter School, Cyber Charter School, and Private Faith Based School Students, and add to the Glossary, a definition of a Private Pennsylvania Faith Based School.
- The Board tabled a motion to implement a shot clock for boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball contests, beginning the 2028-2029 school year, in order to reconvene the Basketball Steering Committee for further discussion before the October Board of Directors' Meeting.
- The Board received an update on PIAA SCENE for the 2025-2026 school year, and the request for new content from member schools.
- The Board was informed of the newly selected Track and Field and Cross Country Statewide Rules Interpreter, Vince Wojnar of District II.
- The Board received an update from the Girls' Flag Football Steering Committee.
- The Board approved the request for Termination of Sponsorship of a Sport effective beginning the 2026-2027 school year in the sports of Girls Soccer between Blue Ridge and Susquehanna.
- The Board approved the Member Application, effective beginning of 2025-2026 school year from High Point Classical Academy of District II.

ITEM 14 Chairman Majikes informed the committee of a request from a member school to the PIAA State Office to ask if the PIAA Board of Directors would possibly suspend a by-law on behalf of one of their student-athletes and allow him to participate in a competition sponsored by Louisville Slugger. The PIAA Board of Directors next meets in October and will consider the request at that time.

ITEM 15 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that a member school has self reported the participation of an academically ineligible student-athlete in a Football Contest. Chairman Majikes informed the committee that the result of the contest will be a forfeit and the schools have been notified.

ITEM 16 Ron Collins asked the committee members if any of their schools participate in PIAA Bowling. Members responded by explaining that they do have "Club" Bowling teams that participate in a program at a local establishment that sponsors high school age leagues outside of the PIAA Winter sports' season. Ron explained that he was approached in regard to participation in that league. The PIAA does sponsor bowling and members have the ability to sponsor bowling as a winter sport. Currently, Berwick does have a PIAA bowling team.

ITEM 17 Chairman Majikes reviewed the feedback he has received regarding the recently conducted District II workshop at the Hilton in Scranton. Feedback has been very positive and member schools enjoyed the presentations and found them very informative.

ITEM 18 Chairman Majikes distributed a copy of the current PIAA Constitution and By-Laws as well as a 2025-2026 school year PIAA Calendar to members.

ITEM 19 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary