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**MINUTES OF 96th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 15, 2026 MEETING
SCRANTON HILTON INN**

Chairman Majikes called the 96th Annual Business Meeting for 2025-2026 school year to order at 8:30 a.m.

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes welcomed each representative from the member schools and introduced District II Committee Member Fred Barletta who offered an opening prayer and delivered the Necrology honoring those associated with District II who passed away in the previous year.

Chairman Majikes also welcomed Keenan Huss, Director of Operations and Sport of the PIAA, representing the PIAA State Office at today's meeting.

He followed by having each member of the District II Committee introduce themselves to the group.

ITEM 2 A motion was made by Jeff Shook (AD- Lake-Lehman), seconded by Joe Pizano (AD – Wyoming Area), to approve the minutes of the 95th Annual Business meeting as presented by Mike Ognosky, District II Secretary. Copies of those minutes were posted for review on the District II website and sent to all member schools prior to the meeting. **All Ayes**

Mike Ognosky then addressed the group in honoring Joe Gilhool, who will be leaving his long time position as Athletic Director of Montrose at the end of this school year, following three decades of service in that position.

ITEM 3 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, gave the District II Treasurer's Report for the year ending June 30, 2025 and copies were provided to each school indicating that the Total Expenses in the 2024-2025 operating year were \$360,565.08; and Total Revenues for the same period of time were \$368,169.90 – indicating a net gain in operations of \$7,604.82. A motion was made by Jeff Shook (AD – Lake-Lehman), seconded by Ron Hummer (AD – Hanover Area), to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. **All Ayes**

ITEM 4 Following Pat's presentation, Frank Majikes presented the Credential's Report indicating that all Senior High Schools and Junior High Schools were represented at today's meeting with the exception of one member school. He thanked all the schools for their patience and diligence exhibited throughout the 2025-2026 school year.

ITEM 5 Vice Chairman John Coyle congratulated the 2025-2026 District II competitors and teams who were State Champions:

- Cole Powell (Scranton Prep – Coach Christi Dorece), the 2025 Boys AA Individual Golf Champion.
- Scranton Prep (Coach Christi Dorece), the 2025 Boys Golf AA Team Champion.
- Cara Evans (Montrose – Coach Teri Evans), the 2025 Girls Tennis Singles AA State Champion.
- Scranton Prep (Coach Kendra Croker Brunner), the 2025 Girls Tennis AA Team Champion.
- Lily Lengyel-Emma Cuck (Scranton Prep – Coach Kendra Croker Brunner), the 2025 Girls Tennis Doubles AA State Champions.
- Elk Lake (Coach Will Squier), the 2025 Boys Cross Country A Team Champions.
- Abington Heights (Coach Frank Dyska), the 2025 Boys Soccer AAA Team Champions.
- Kyle Kozloski-Chase Newhart-Jaden Balstrusaitis- Aidan Mislevy (Tunkhannock – Coach Tim Mislevy), the 2026 Boys Swimming AA 200 Yard Freestyle Relay State Champions.
- Samuell Guzman (Hazleton Area- Coach Dustin Hausherr), the 2025 Boys Track and Field AAA Javelin State Champion.
- Valley View (Coach Mia Wascura), the 2025 Softball AAAA Team Champions.

ITEM 6 Chairman Majikes introduced Keenan M. Huss, Director of Operations and Sport of the PIAA, who discussed the following points – all of the information was contained in a handout that was provided to each member school in attendance:

- Absent a Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement, students enrolled in an Alternative School, Magnet School, and Career and Technology and/or Vocational School that does not offer a particular interscholastic sport(s) are eligible to participate in that sport(s) at the school which they would otherwise attend, in the public school district of their residences, provided that the students meet all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, school verified evidence of full time attendance, enrollment, and completion of the CIPPE. This does not guarantee that student

a position of the team in that sport(s), but does grant their eligibility to try out.

- Absent a Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement, students enrolled in a Charter, Cyber Charter, Private School, or Private Faith Based School that does not offer a particular interscholastic sport(s) are eligible to participate in that sport(s) at the school which they would otherwise attend, in the public school district of their residences, provided that the students meet all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, school verified evidence of full time attendance, enrollment, and completion of the CIPPE. This does not guarantee that student a position of the team in that sport(s), but does grant their eligibility to try out.
- The Board passed, effective immediately, to amend the definition of Open Gyms, to permit students eligible to participate for a team, the opportunity to participate in Open Gyms.
- The Board passed, on a first reading basis, an amendment to Article VI, Section 10, Feeder Schools for Private Schools, and the Definition of Feeder School to add an approved procedure and clarifying language before the District Committee and Board to Feeder School lists submitted on behalf of member private senior high schools.
- The Board emphasized the need of schools involved in due process hearings to submit appropriate required paperwork for that hearing in order to not rely on “hearsay” as a primary item for the appeal. An Appeal should not be based only on hearsay and a school should be prepared to offer all evidence at the initial District level hearing.
- The Board announced the Fall Championship Sites for 2026-2029 as follows:
 - ✓ Golf: Penn State University Golf Courses, State College
 - ✓ Girls Tennis: Team and Singles and Doubles at Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey
 - ✓ Cross Country: Big Spring School District, Newville
 - ✓ Field Hockey: Cumberland Valley HS , Mechanicsburg
 - ✓ Girls Volleyball: St. Francis University, Loretto
 - ✓ Soccer: Highmark Stadium, Pittsburgh
 - ✓ Football: Cumberland Valley HS, Mechanicsburg
- The Board announced the following Winter Championship Dates:
 - ✓ Competitive Spirit: January 8 & 9, 2027
 - ✓ Team Wrestling: February 12 & 13, 2027
 - ✓ Individual Wrestling: March 11,12 & 13, 2027
 - ✓ Swimming & Diving: March 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2027
 - ✓ Basketball: March 18, 19 & 20, 2027
- The Board announced that there is currently an opening for the Statewide Rules Interpreter Position in the sport of Girls Lacrosse.

- Brackets & Qualifiers, accepted on a first reading, are now available on the PIAA Website for Fall Sports. Reminder, this is passed on a first reading only and may have changes as it progresses through approval process.
- The Principal of a member school may authorize, in writing, the use of an insulin pump/CGM upon receipt of a written statement from a physician, which the doctor prescribes or requires the use of an insulin pump/CGM.
- The National Student Leadership Summit will be held from July 16-19 in Indianapolis and Pennsylvania may send 16 students and 4 chaperones. Member schools must apply by April 17th at www.piaa.org.
- The PIAA is proud to announce that Amanda Dempsey (Dunmore High School) and Nick Borak (Valley View High School) have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships sponsored by the PHEA and PIAA Scholarship Program.
- A discussion was held regarding the proposed legislation and the separation of Private and Public Schools for state championship competition. The PIAA feels strongly that the legislation will be challenged in court. There are three potential solutions: (1) to stay as is; (2) separate public and private schools for state competitions in selected sports; or, (3) separate public and private schools for state competitions in all sports.
- A discussion was held regarding the procedure that requires offering of District and State Championship tickets that allow for pre-sale on line prior to the event, but must also now include the offering of cash gate sales.

- ITEM 7 Chairman Majikes informed member schools that the scholar-athlete plaques are available at today's meeting. Also, plaques acknowledging the various championship coaches are also available today. Member schools are asked to pick them up prior to leaving.
- ITEM 8 Chairman Majikes thanked Mary Ruth Tanner and Maureen Williams, both members of our District II Committee, for their service and dedication while currently serving on the PIAA Board of Directors. Mary Ruth and Maureen, along with Chairman Majikes, give District II three votes on the PIAA Board of Directors.
- ITEM 9 Chairman Majikes called upon Bill Schoen (former District II Committee Member) to conduct the Election of Committee members for the 2026-2027 academic year.

A motion was made by Joe Farrell (Principal-Carbondale Area), seconded by Joe Struckus (AD-Pittston Area), to maintain the current slate of committee members. **All Ayes**

The current committee members will be retained.

ITEM 10 Fred Barletta offered the Bendiction.

ITEM 11 A motion was made by Tom Novakowski (AD – Mid Valley), seconded by Dan Digwood (AD – Riverside), to adjourn the 96th Annual District II Business Meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky, District II Secretary