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**JUNE 23, 2026 MEETING
@ PATTE'S RESTAURANT**

Meeting was convened at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Frank Majikes.

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ITEM 2 Absent but accounted for: Fred Barletta, Ron Collins, Brian Durkin, John Haas, Tim Hopkins, Peter Jordan, Jon Pollard, Jay Starnes, Mary Ruth Tanner, Chad Vinansky, and Maureen Williams.

Chairman Majikes thanked Mary Ruth Tanner and Maureen Williams for their service on the PIAA State Board of Directors for the past term. He also announced that Ben Tolerico has been selected as the PIAA State Board of Directors Private School Representative for the upcoming term. Congratulations to Ben!

ITEM 3 A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2026 monthly meeting. Those minutes will now be posted to the District II website. Due to the Spring Championship schedules at both the District and State levels there was not a monthly meeting scheduled in the month of May. **All Ayes**

ITEM 4 Pat Patte, District II Treasurer, reviewed both the April 2026 and May 2026 Monthly Treasurer Reports. The April 2026 report showed a total fund balance of \$533,453.74 with \$73,204.19 in the checking account and the remainder in various Money Market and Certificate of Deposits. The May 2026 report reflected a total fund balance of \$506,789.14 with \$46,246.32 and the remainder in various Money Market and Certificate of Deposits. A motion was made by Dave Novrocki, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the Treasurer's Report. **All Ayes**

ITEM 5 Chairman Majikes reviewed the final ticket sales report for the 2025-2026 championships. Total Fall tickets sold were 15,627; Total Winter tickets sold were 17,137; and, Total Spring tickets sold were 7,482. This includes both presale and gate sale tickets. Our total ticket sales for the 2025-2026 was 40,246. This does not include those tickets sold at the Mohegan Sun Arena for the Basketball Championships.

ITEM 6

SPORTS REPORTS:

- **Softball (Pat Patte):** Pat Patte congratulated the Valley View Lady Cougars, the back-to-back state PIAA Softball Champion for this year.
- **Track and Field (John Coyle):** Chairman Majikes reviewed an email received praising the District II Track Committee for their outstanding efforts in managing the recently completed District II Track and Field Championships. The correspondence specifically thanked Ted Anderson, Athletic Director at Scranton High School, and the Site Manager for the Championships, as well as the District II Track and Field Championship Committee consisting of John Coyle, Matt Nonnenberg, Ben Tolerico, and Chad Vinansky. Chairman Majikes announced that the PIAA has approved the use of head gear, in accordance with PIAA standards, in Track and Field and Cross Country beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Also, the PIAA Board of Directors approved a structural change in the 32000 relay beginning with next year's Track and Field Championships limiting the field to 15 qualifiers.
- **Tennis (Mike Ognosky):** With the state implementation of the "coaching on the fly" rules beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, the PIAA will be sending out a memorandum outlining the appropriate procedures associated with the rule prior to the beginning of the Girls' Tennis season in the Fall.
- **Competitive Spirit (Hal Gabriel):** Hal Gabriel announced that the District II Competitive Spirit Championships have been scheduled for Sunday, December 6th at Wilkes-Barre Area High School. Weather date will be Sunday, December 13th.
- **Soccer (Brian Durkin):** Frank Majikes announced that there will be a two day seminar as part of the 2026 Officials' Convention explaining and reviewing the new change in the soccer officiating system that will be implemented in the upcoming season. There will also be interpretation meetings across the state as well covering this subject.
- **Private Schools (Ben Tolerico):** Ben Tolerico informed the group that the current status of House Bill 41 (separate championships for public and non-public schools) is currently in committee in the State Senate, having previously been passed by the State House.

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 Rod Azar, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the immediate eligibility of Emma Ey, Wallenpaupack to Wyoming Seminary. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Coyle, seconded by Chris Thomas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Chloe Fiske, Dalls to Wyoming Seminary. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Pat Patte, to approve the immediate eligibility of Dominic Lingle, Wyoming Valley West to Wyoming Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jaiden Perdomo, Willam Tennent to Hanover Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Chris Thomas, to approve the immediate eligibility of Holden Schaeffer, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel to North Pocono. **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 Pat Patte, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Elizabeth Van Kuyk, Wyoming Valley West to Wyoming Seminary. Elizabeth will not be eligible for the post season in the sports of Field Hockey and Swimming for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**

ITEM 9

Chairman Majikes reviewed the summary of the PIAA State Board of Directors' actoins from the Wednesday, May 14, 2026 meeting. The summary is available for review on the PIAA State website at www.piaa.org. Among the actions taken of interest were the following:

- The Board approved, on a second reading basis, the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Fall Sports Maximum Number of Qualifiers and Brackets for the Fall Sports. The third, and final, reading will be on July 15th.
- The Board announced that the 2026 Officials' Convention will be held on August 7th and 8th at the Harrisburg Hilton.
- The Board approved the results of the election of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 school year as follows: Frank Majikes (President), Chris Venna (Vice President), and Jason Olexa (Treasurer). Congratulations, Frank!

- The Board denied the request to advance the start of the 2026 Winter Sport season as it relates to Basketball, due to the championships begin held one week earlier to avoid the 2027 Easter holiday.

- ITEM 10 Chairman Majikes reviewed a correspondence he received from District II School Board Representative, Rod Azar, outlining concerns relative to the lenient policies in place regarding athletes competing in travel sports and their high school sport at the same time. This is particularly concerning in the spring when “travel” Baseball and Softball run into conflicts with student-athletes competing in the PIAA State Championships and making a deep run in the state playoffs. In the discussion that followed, that concern was echoed by other committee members present as well. Currently, schools are permitted to have their own internal procedures regarding those conflicts, but there are not PIAA procedures governing it. In the discussion, Rod explained that Ohio has implemented a procedure that prohibits their student-athletes from practicing and/or participating for a travel team during the same season (in the same sport). For example, a softball player may not play on a travel team during the high school sports’ season. Rod requested that the PIAA review their current procedures regarding this matter.
- ITEM 11 Chairman Majikes reviewed an incident at a recent Baseball contest that resulted in a double forfeit for the teams involved.
- ITEM 12 Chairman Majikes reviewed the response from a member school, regarding an action plan, in reference to allegations of a potential requirement violation, that was submitted at the direction of the District Committee. Committee members were provided with the plan submitted to Chairman Majikes. Following a review of the plan, a motion was made by John Coyle, seconded by Chris Thomas, to accept the plan as submitted. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 13 A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Rod Azar, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary