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**MARCH 30, 2026 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: Rod Azar, John Haas, Peter Jordan, Pat Patte, and Jon Pollard.
- ITEM 3 A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026 monthly meeting. Those minutes will now be posted to the District II website. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 4 Frank Majikes presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2026. As of February 28, 2026, the Total Fund Balance was \$576,270.39. This included \$166,723.82 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 Fred Barletta, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 5 Chairman Majikes distributed a copy of the proposed number of entries (qualifiers) and Brackets (pairings), by District or by Region, for the 2026 & 2027 Fall PIAA Championships. They were approved on an initial first reading on March 18, 2026 and will now proceed through a second and third reading prior to final approval.
- ITEM 6 SPORTS REPORTS:
- **Cross Country (Chad Vinansky):** Chairman Majikes provided Chad Vinansky with a number of recommendations to be considered for the 2026 District II Cross Country Championships to be held at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds. Those recommendations will be reviewed by the District II Cross Country Committee.
 - **Basketball (Frank Majikes):** Frank Majikes thanked everyone for their assistance at the 2026 District II Basketball Championships conducted at the Mohegan Sun Arena. A discussion was held

regarding the area reserved for the Media and changes will be considered for the 2027 Championships.

- **Swimming and Diving (Fred Barletta):** Fred Barletta reviewed the recently conducted Swimming and Diving Championships and thanked the Wyoming Valley CYC for a great job of hosting the entire event.
- **Wrestling (Jay Starnes):** Jay Starnes thanked Scrnton High School for hosting the AAA Team Championships on short notice and the Athletic Administration at Wilkes-Barre Area High School for the great job they did in hosting the Individual Championships.
- **Girls Tennis (Mike Ognosky):** Mike Ognosky presented the format for the 2026 Tennis Boys' Championships. Following discussion, a motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the format as presented. **All Ayes.** The format will be distributed to the Athletic Directors and placed on the District II website.
- **Lacrosse (Tim Hopkins):** Tim Hopkins presented the format for the 2026 Lacrosse Championships. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the format as submitted. **All Ayes.** The format will be distributed to the Athletic Directors and placed on the District II website.
- **Volleyball (Maureen Williams):** Maureen Williams presented the format for the 2026 Volleyball Boys' Championships. Following discussion, a motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the format as submitted. **All Ayes.** The format will be distributed to the Athletic Directors and placed on the District II website.
- **Track and Field (John Coyle):** John Coyle presented the format for the 2026 Track and Field Championships. Following discussion, a motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the format as submitted. **All Ayes.** The format will distributed to the Athletic Directors and placed on the District II website.
- **Baseball (Frank Majikes):** Frank Majikes informed the Committee that PNC Field will not be available for the 2026 District II Baseball Championships. All District II Championship games will be played on neutral fields as assigned by the District II Baseball Committee.
- **Maureen Williams (Officials):** Maureen Williams reminded everyone that the Spring Officials' Appreciation week will be held from April 5/11. Chairman Majikes congratulated two District II Basketball Officiating crews who worked PIAA State Championship games recently. Bruce Weinstock, Jason McDermott, and Mike Burnside worked the 6A Boys'

Championship. Kim Reuther, Tony DeMaranville, and Jeff Shook worked the 2A Girls game. Congratulatoins!

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 Deztini Boyd, West Scranton to Scranton. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Ron Collins, seconded by Chad Vinansky, to approve the immediate eligibility of Aiden Bush, Blue Ridge to Susquehanna. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by John Coyle, seconded by Ben Tolerico, to approve the immediate eligibility of Makayla Caban, West High School to Wilkes-Barre Area. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Brian Durkin, seconded by Mary Ruth Tanner, to approve the immediate eligibility of Carson Eveland, Blue Spring (Colo) to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Lakeb Eveland, Blue Spring (Colo) to North Pocono. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Hal Gabriel, seconded by Matt Nonnenberg, to approve the immediate eligibility of Ricario Taveras, Muhlenberg to Wyoming Valley West. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Tim Hopkins, seconded by Dave Novrocki, to approve the immediate eligibility of Matthew VanWhy, Holy Redeemer to Hanover 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 Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Fred Barletta, to approve the immediate eligibility of Jeff Keisall, Holy Redeemer to Hanover Area. Jeff 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 Dave Novrocki, seconded by Ron Collins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Aaron Montaro, North Brunswick (NJ) to Riverside. Aaron will not be eligible for the

post season in the sport of Basketball for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**

- A motion was made by Jay Starnes, seconded by John Coyle, to approve the immediate eligibility of Cason Petrak, Montrose to Tunkhannock. Cason 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 Mary Ruth Tanner, seconded by Brian Durkin, to approve the immediate eligibility of Kendrick Ross, Troy to Montrose. Kendrick will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Track and Field 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 Lukas Runde, Dallas to Holy Redeemer. Lukas will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Tennis for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Chad Vinansky, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Sydney Sapulak, Holy Redeemer to Hanover Area. Sydney will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Soccer for the 2026-2027 school year. **All Ayes**
- A motion was made by Matt Nonnenberg, seconded by Tim Hopkins, to approve the immediate eligibility of Chase Binker, Holy Redeemer to Wilkes-Barre Area. Chase will not be eligible for the post season in the sport of Baseball for the 2025-2026 school year. **All Ayes**

ITEM 9 A motion was made by Fred Barletta, seconded by Hal Gabriel, to approve the immediate eligibility of Peter Liepach, Germany to Lake-Lehman, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students, of the PIAA By-Laws. **All Ayes**

ITEM 10 A motion was made by Eric Emmerich, seconded by Jay Starnes, to approve the immediate eligibility of Gabriele Blasi, Italy to Montrose, in accordance with Article VII, Foreign Exchange Students, of the PIAA By-Laws. **All Ayes**

ITEM 11 Chairman Majikes reviewed the summary of the PIAA Board of Directors' actions from the meeting of Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Among the motions approved at that meeting included the approval of a cooperative agreement between North Pocono and Dunmore, effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year in boys' and girls' swimming and diving. It also included a motion approving the termination of the cooperative agreement in boys' and girls' golf between Blue Ridge and Susquehanna Community, effective the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. A complete summary of actions can be found on the PIAA State website.

- ITEM 12 Chairman Majikes reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting to be held at the Scranton Hilton on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.
- ITEM 13 Chairman Majikes announced that the applications for the 2026 National Student Leadership Summit have been posted. Applications will be accepted through April 17th. National Student Leadership Summit application information for student ambassadors and adult ambassadors is also included in the PIAA April Newsletter.
- ITEM 14 Chairman Majikes distributed a copy of a letter from Dr. Christopher Gatto, Old Forge Superintendent, to both Mark Byers and Frank Majikes, outlining his concerns, on behalf of Old Forge School District, regarding the current PIAA method of constructing their state playoff structure in regard to public and private schools. Mr. Majikes informed the committee that there is currently proposed legislation, House Bill 41, regarding this matter. He reminded committee members that the current state playoff structure regarding public and private schools is as a result of state legislative action in 1972.
- ITEM 15 A motion was made by Chad Vinansky, seconded by Eric Emmerich, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary