

DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018

The District 9 Committee held the January 9, 2018 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Melissa DeMatteis, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Peter Grecco, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, Dave Osborne, John Sherry, Matt, Splain, John Stoughton, Aaron Straub, Terry Straub, Bob Tonkin, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting were Scott Daum and Tim Walter.

The District 9 Committee welcomed Mrs. Melissa DeMatteis as the new Female Parents Representative

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Mike Erickson to approve the minutes of the November meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bud Brennen to approve the November, December, and January treasurer's reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

Financial report for the District 9 Spirit Competition event was presented.

The committee to evaluate the fee structure for certified athletic trainers met. The committee will meet with various organizations that have contracts with the certified athletic trainers that are used at District 9 events. The meeting will be at 1:00 following the March 6, 2018 committee meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from a Curwensville Area High School football coach disputing the language he used at the conclusion of the "A" championship football game. The language in question was directed at an official. The disputed language was reported on the official's disqualification report. The letter from the coach was sent to the PIAA office.

A letter was received concerning an incident between a basketball official and a fan at an Austin Area High School basketball game. When the fan was escorted from the gym for unacceptable behavior, the official made a comment to the fan. The officials' representatives will remind officials not to make comments to people attending games.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES:

The next PIAA Board of Directors Meeting will be on January 24, 2018 at the PIAA office at 4:00 PM.

A summary of the last PIAA Board of Directors meeting was emailed to District 9 schools and can be found on the PIAA website.

The committee discussed: an “open” gym policy, a 21 days period of ineligibility period for student who transfer during an athletic season, and date cooperative sports agreement are due at the PIAA office.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

A list of approved transfers has been sent to principals by Chairman Manners.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUESTS:

A list of approved foreign exchange students has been sent to principals by Chairman Manners.

HEARINGS:

None

LEGAL MATTERS:

There is no updated information concerning the injuries a woman received from a fall at a football playoff game at DuBois Area High School.

OTHER:

Discussion was held concerning the reasons why the date for District 9 Competitive Spirit Competition could not be changed. The date entries due to the PIAA office, inability to secure four certified judges, other scheduled athletic events, etc. were all part of the reasons not to postpone the event.

Bud Brennen was re-elected as the District 9 Male Officials’ Representative.

The renovation status of Tippin Gym at Clarion University was discussed.

An update was given concerning an incident that occurred at an inter-district soccer match. The incident was report to the PIAA and a letter concerning the conduct of the Seton Lasalle soccer coach was mail from the PIAA to the District 9 chairman the administration at Seton Lasalle High School.

DuBois Catholic High School reported a number of transfer requests were not submitted to the District 9 Committee. A motion was made by Aaron Straub and seconded by Randy Cathcart that the DuBois Catholic High School administration be present at the next District 9 Committee meeting to present a plan to prevent a similar incident from occurring again. The motion carried unanimously.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

BASEBALL:

In "A" baseball the District 10 will declare a champion. The District 10 champion will play the third place District 9 team . The winner will enter the PIAA tournament.

TRACK and FIELD:

A tentative time schedule for the combined "AA" and "AAA" was presented to the committee

WRESTLING:

Information for the team and individual tournaments has been email to schools.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:50.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary