

***PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT II***

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 21, 2004 MEETING
@ PITTSTON CONVENTION CENTER**

Meeting was convened at 4:25 p.m. by Chairman Majikes

ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes welcomed member schools to the meeting and quickly introduced the PIAA District II committee members as well as PIAA Associate Executive Director Dr. Robert Lombardi.

Absent, but accounted for: Dan Donovan, Honora Jankowski, Rose Marie Crotti, Jim Sabatini, Phil Cappellini, Don Kanavy

ITEM 2 Chairman Majikes gave a summation of the year's activities conducted by District II and thanked all member schools for the utilization of their facilities and services during the past year.

ITEM 3 A motion was made by Bob Coleman (AD-Scranton High School), seconded by Jim Warner (AD-Abington Heights High School) to approve the minutes of the 2003 Annual Business meeting and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. **All Ayes**

ITEM 4 Frank Victor, District II Treasurer, gave the 2004 Treasurer's Report. Our operating budget for 2003-2004 was set at

\$282,450. Our fund balance as of June 30, 2003 was \$93,229. This is an increase fund balance of \$18,150. A total of \$65,514 was refunded to District II member schools as a result of participation in boys' and girls' basketball playoffs as well as football playoffs. We currently have \$25,900 in our checking account, \$51,308 in our PIAA corporate account, \$54,430 in a Money Market account and \$10,590 in a Certificate of Deposit. Treasurer Victor also announced that he will not be recommending to the District II Committee the assessment of dues or fees on member schools for the 2004-2005 school year. Also, the reimbursements for the basketball playoffs should be in the mail to member schools by the end of next week.

A motion was made by Francis Michael (AD-Plains/Solomon Junior High School), seconded by Tim Honeywell (AD-Berwick) to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. **All Ayes**

ITEM 5 Jim Higgins presented the Credential's Report stating that there were 23 member High Schools and 31 member Junior High Schools present for the Annual Business Meeting. Chairman Majikes then instructed the Credential's Committee to distribute the amendment ballots in preparation for discussion and vote.

ITEM 6 Chairman Majikes introduced Dr. Robert Lombardi, who presented a summation of the proposed amendments prior to voting.

Annual

- 1) To amend Article IV, Dues and Enrollment Report, Section 1, Dues and Enrollment Report, of the PIAA Constitution, to provide for consistency with Article III, Attendance, Section 6, Charter School Students, and Section 7, Cyber/Charter School, Privately-Tutored, and/or Home-School Students, of the PIAA By-Laws. **45 Ayes, 2 Nays**
- 2) To amend Article IV, Dues and Enrollment Report, Section 1, Annual Dues and Enrollment Report, of the PIAA Constitution, to

provide for an appropriate penalty for member schools that fail to file the requested enrollment report by the specified deadline. **47 Ayes, 0 Nays**

3) To amend Article V, Organization and Authority, Section 1, PIAA, Inc. Districts, of the PIAA Constitution, to facilitate integration of the Public Schools in the County of Philadelphia into the PIAA governance structure by requiring that, for a period of 4 school years, beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2008, those Private Schools located in the County of Philadelphia that are members of PIAA or seek membership in PIAA shall be members of or seek membership in PIAA District 1.

47 Ayes, 0 Nays

4) To amend Article VII, Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors and Officers, Section 1-J, of the PIAA Constitution, to provide for more flexibility as to the size of a PIAA Board of Appeal. **47 Ayes, 0 Nays**

5) To amend Article VIII, District Committees, Section 3-E, of the PIAA Constitution, to make consistent the provisions of Section 3-E with the comparable provisions of Article VII, Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors and Officers, Section 1-G, of the PIAA Constitution. **47 Ayes, 0 Nays**

6) To amend Article VIII, District Committees, Section 3-I, of the PIAA Constitution, to provide for more flexibility as to the size of a PIAA District Committee Hearing Panel. **47 Ayes, 0 Nays**

ITEM 7 SPORTS REPORTS:

a) Tennis (Joe Lalli): Sports Chair Lalli announced that the boys' tennis seeding meeting would be held on May 3rd at Dunmore High School. The deadline for the submission of seeding sheets is April 30th. Any A.D. who is in need of a tennis packet should contact Joe Lalli immediately.

b) Volleyball (Maureen Williams): Sports Chair Williams announced that the district packets have been distributed.

c) Track/Field (Jim Sabatini): In Jim's absence, Jim

Higgins announced that the track/field packets are available at the registration table and that the web site for the submission of information is up and running.

d) Baseball (Frank Galicki): Sports Chair Galicki reviewed the baseball format for the spring championships. He reminded member schools that if they are not going to compete in the Open Tournament they need to contact him. He also announced that it is highly recommended by the committee that an Athletic Trainer be available at any district game and that if you need assistance in acquiring the services of a trainer to contact him. Chairman Majikes also announced that Lackawanna County Stadium is unavailable for the district championships due to a scheduling conflict with the Red Barons.

e) Softball (Bob Okrasinski): Sports Chair Okrasinski reviewed the softball format and explained that the request of the "A" schools to move to an Open Tournament will not occur in the current cycle, but will be considered for next year. Also, all schools are reminded to have their 'banned bat lists' with them per PIAA requirements.

f) Field Hockey (Dr. Tom Finan): Sports Chair Finan announced that there will be 2 additional teams in the AA tournament next year (4 to 6 teams) while AAA will remain with a four team format. He also praised the accomplishments of the two current state champions: Crestwood in AA and Wyoming Valley West in AAA.

g) Swimming (Jim Higgins): Sports Chair Higgins announced that the state meet has been moved from Penn State to Bucknell for the next 2 years. AAA meet will be held on Friday and Saturday, AA meet will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

i) Wrestling (Dan Donovan): In Dan's absence, Bill Hilburt thanked all who helped in the very successful administration of the most recent district championships.

j) Basketball (Frank Victor): Sports Chair Victor announced plan to continue the Open Tournament format for the next 2 year cycle. Chairman Majikes announced that he is very optimistic that the current bracket proposal before the State Board will pass and

‘AAAA’ schools will be receiving an additional state qualifier. The qualifiers under that proposal are as follows: AAAA (2), AAA (3), AA (3), A (2) in both boys’ and girls’.

k) Cross Country (Bill King): Sports Chair King announced that the district championships will remain at the Scranton Municipal Golf Course and that he hopes to move to the same timing machine scoring as utilized at the state championships. In addition, he announced that the state qualifiers for the next 2 years will be as follows in AA and AAA for both boys’ and girls’: AA will receive 3 team invitations as well as 15 additional individual invitations; AAA will receive 1 team invitation as well as 5 additional individual invitations.

l) Soccer (Ray Lowery): Sports Chair Lowery announced that copies of the spring championships format are available at the registration desk.

m) Eligibility (Mike Ognosky): Eligibility Chair Ognosky thanked member schools present for their timeliness in the submission of all eligibility forms and lists. If you have not yet done so, please submit your lists as quickly as possible.

n) Sportsmanship (Frank Galicki): Sportsmanship Galicki announced that the Sportsmanship Awards will not be selected until the completion of the spring sports seasons due to a change in the state selection format.

o) Football (Tom Jenkins): Sports Chair Jenkins reviewed the 2004 and 2005 state football playoff brackets. The state has reworked the brackets to reflect better balance in the number of schools in the eastern and western bracket as well as creating sub regional tournaments that eliminate travel by bracketing adjoining districts. For the next 2 years the tournament structure will be as follows:

A: sub regional with District IV – 2 teams from each district will qualify, Week 11 both districts will run a District Championship and the winners will meet in Week 12.

AA: District II will run its own 4 team district tournament in Weeks 11 and 12.

AAA: sub regional with District XI – 1 team from each district will qualify and there will be 2 wild card teams. Semifinals will be in Week 11, finals in Week 12.

AAAA: sub regional with Districts IV and XI – 1 team from II/IV will qualify, 1 team from XI, and 2 wild cards. Semifinals will be in Week 11, finals in Week 12.

Options for 2006 and 2007 are to start the football season a week early, play 10 weeks, and then run playoffs for three weeks OR start the season as we do now, play 9 games and run playoffs for three weeks. A and AAA would run a 4 team tournament, AA would run an 8 team tournament and AAAA would run an 8 team sub regional with IV and XI.

Please contact any member of the committee or Football Chairperson Tom Jenkins if you need additional information or wish to express an opinion.

ITEM 8 NEW BUSINESS

a) A motion was made by Bill Hilburt (AD-Meyers), seconded by Sandy Mackay (AD-Wyoming Valley West) to reappoint the current District II Committee for the 2004-2005 school year. **All Ayes**

b) A motion was made by Bill Hilburt (AD-Meyers), seconded by Sandy Mackay (AD-Wyoming Valley West) to reappoint the current District II Committee Officers for the 2004-2005 school year. **All Ayes**

c) Chairman Majikes reviewed the new “Revised Waiver of Transfer” form that will go into effect as of July 1, 2004. It is required that all member schools utilize the new form which adds a more prominent role by the parents. Please review the form and become

familiar with the various sections. If you need a copy contact Mike Ognosky, District II Secretary.

d) Chairman Majikes thanked the committee members for their tireless efforts over the past year and congratulated all of them on their re-election for another year.

ITEM 9 A motion was made by Bob King (AD-Hanover Area), seconded by Frank Parra (AD-Wyoming Area) to adjourn. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District 2 Secretary