

PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
DISTRICT II

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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 MEETING  
@ WILKES-BARRE AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

Meeting was convened at 4:20 p.m. by Chairman Majikes

- ITEM 1 Chairman Majikes called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.  
Absent, but accounted for: Frank Galicki, William King, Rose Marie Crotti  
District II Solicitor Present: Donald Rogers  
Consultants Present: Phil Latinski, Marty Lawler  
Press Present: John Erzar, Steve Sembrat  
Visitors Present: Dr. Jack Lussi (Principal, Pittston Area High School)
- ITEM 2 Congratulations to Bill King and his wife on the recent birth of their daughter. Also, congratulations to Frank Galicki on being named the Assistant Superintendent of the Dallas Area School District and to Rose Marie Crotti on her recent appointment as an administrator in the Dunmore School District.
- ITEM 3 A motion was made by Bob Okrasinski, seconded by Ray Lowery, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2004 meeting. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 4 Dr. Jack Lussi, on behalf of the Pittston Area School District, presented a review of the procedures and practices that the Pittston Area School District has put in place in order to prevent any further concerns related to the eligibility of their athletes and recruitment concerns by individuals outside of the employee of the Pittston Area School District. Items addressed included: (1) Policies and procedures Pittston Area has put in place in order to verify the residency of students; (2) Policies and procedures Pittston Area has put in place in determining the eligibility of transfer students to the district; (3) Policies and procedures Pittston Area has put in place in limiting access to sidelines, weight rooms and other athletic facilities to non-district employees; and, (4) Actions Pittston Area has taken in dealing with the actions of Willie Smith that have been brought to the attention of the PIAA District II Committee on prior occasions.

Following questions by committee members, a motion was made by Tom Finan, seconded by Tom Jenkins, to accept the report as delivered with the

understanding that any variations in the procedures as outlined before the committee will require Pittston Area to appear before the committee for possible sanctions. **All Ayes**

ITEM 5 Frank Victor presented the Treasurer's Report. The closing balance from last year (as of July 1, 2004) showed a total balance of \$126,074.09 – that is a \$32,844.99 increase from the prior year. He also reported a current fund balance (as of September 15, 2004) of \$120,104.96 – including total certificates of deposit of \$62,819.14 and a total savings and checking account total of \$57,285.82.

A motion was made by Jim Sabatini, seconded by Joe Lalli, to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. **All Ayes**

ITEM 6 Chairman Majikes reminded all of the sports chairpersons to get information to the webpage regarding their sports. Information can be sent to either Mike Ognosky or the webmaster at his address in order to get it on your individual sports' page.

ITEM 7 **SPORTS REPORTS:**

a.) Football (Tom Jenkins): The seeding meeting for the district playoffs will be held at the Victoria Inn in Pittston on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon. All member schools should have received a letter (to the principal) regarding the playoff format. If you have not received a letter please contact Tom Jenkins. Frank Majikes and Tom Jenkins will also be at the October 13<sup>th</sup> LIAA meeting to discuss any questions or concerns regarding football. He also reported that the first reading for the early start in football has passed at the most recent PIAA Board of Directors meeting.

b.) Volleyball (Maureen Williams): There are currently 7 A, 17 AA and 3 AAA girls programs in District II. Abington Heights has made a request to move up in classification from AA to AAA effective immediately. Chairman Majikes will confer with Abington Heights' officials and then discuss this request with the District II officers. Maureen will have the Volleyball district tournament format at the October meeting.

c.) Soccer (Ray Lowery): Seeding meeting for the district soccer playoffs will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Wyoming Valley West High School. Ray presented the District Soccer playoff format to the committee for approval. A motion was made by Mike Costanza, seconded by Maureen Williams, to approve the soccer format as submitted. **All Ayes**  
A copy of the format is available on the district web page on the soccer page.

d.) Field Hockey (Tom Finan): The seeding meeting for the district field hockey playoffs will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Patte's in Wilkes-Barre. Tom presented the District Field Hockey playoff format to the committee for approval. A motion was made by Dan Donovan,

seconded by Mike Ognosky, to approve the field hockey playoff format at submitted. **All Ayes**

A copy of the format is available on the district web page on the field hockey page.

e.) Cross Country (Bill King): The dates for the district championships were announced as follows: Junior High @ McDade Park on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>; Varsity @ Scranton Municipal Golf Course on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and the State Meet will be held on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

f.) Golf (Marty Lawler): Marty announced that the Golf district format will be available to member schools shortly.

ITEM 8 Chairman Majikes updated the committee on the fact that a letter was sent by the District Secretary, Mike Ognosky, to Wyoming Valley West informing the administration of the two game suspension to be imposed on a member of the girls' basketball team at the beginning of the 2004-05 season. The committee is awaiting a response from Wyoming Valley West High School.

ITEM 9 Chairman Majikes reported that his office has received 13 notifications of player suspensions at this point of the 2004 fall sports season. As the District Chairperson he receives notification of all game suspensions.

ITEM 10 Chairman Majikes updated the committee as to the status of the awarding the district medals and plaques contracts per the recent bid process. An independent agent, a company that did not present a bid, reviewed the specifications of the bid as well as the bids as submitted, and found that Honor Awards did not meet the specifications for the medals and Scholar of the Year plaques.  
A motion was made by Tom Finan, seconded by Ray Lowery, to award a one year contract to Superior Trophy for the district medals and Scholar of the Year plaques, and to award a one year contract to Honor Award for the Team Championship plaques. **All Ayes**

ITEM 11 Chairman Majikes announced that there will be two vacancies on the district committee with the departure of Marty Lawler (retired Superintendent at Carbondale Area) and Honora Jankowski (parent representative). Any principal from an LIAA member school interested in filling Mr. Lawler's position should contact Frank Majikes at the Wilkes-Barre Vo-Tech no later than October 31, 2004. The committee presently has two parent representatives on the committee and will discuss the possible replacement for Honora at a later meeting.

ITEM 12 The PIAA State Office has asked local districts to solicit opinions from member schools regarding the implementation of Competitive Cheerleading. This will be discussed at the next Wyoming Valley

Conference Athletic Director's meeting as well as the LIAA Fall meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

ITEM 13 Chairman Majikes presented a request from Abington Heights to move their classifications in Boys and Girls Volleyball (AA to AAA) and Girls Basketball (AAA to AAAA). After discussion, the motion was tabled until Chairman Majikes can bring the committee additional information regarding the request from officials at Abington Heights.

ITEM 14 Chairman Majikes asked the officials' representatives (Joe Lalli and Maureen Williams) to prepare officials lists in the various fall district sports for submission to the PIAA State Office for approval.

ITEM 15 A motion was made by Tom Jenkins, seconded by Dan Donovan, to grant eligibility to the following foreign exchange students, in accordance with Article VII of the PIAA By-Laws:

a.) Johanna Jacobi	From Germany	To Lakeland
b.) Chanwichit Tanasriwanta	From Thailand	To Tunkhannock
c.) Martin Straczkiwicz	From Poland	To Tunkhannock
d.) Corvin Hurtienne	From Germany	To Hanover Area

**All Ayes**

ITEM 16 A motion was made by Phil Cappellini, seconded by Maureen Williams, to grant eligibility to the following transfer students, in accordance with Article VIII, Section 8 of the PIAA By-Laws:

a.) Kristina Gaetano	From Crestwood	To Bishop Hoban
b.) Katie Fisher	From Hanover Area	To Bishop Hoban
c.) Lisa Sinclair	From Bishop Hafey	To Bishop Hoban
d.) Shaun Harris	From Wyoming Sem	To Bishop Hoban
e.) Shawn Palmiter	From West Scranton	To Carbondale
f.) Patrick Bunton	From WVW	To Bishop Hoban
g.) Karl Merkel	From Bishop Hannan	To Seton Catholic
h.) James Schall	From Wyoming Sem	To Bishop Hoban
i.) Emily Popson	From Scranton Prep	To Bishop Hoban
j.) Kimberly Suchocki	From Coughlin	To Bishop Hoban
k.) Danielle Corgan	From Dallas	To Bishop Hoban
l.) Vanessa Jean Mosa	From WVW	To Wyoming Sem

**All Ayes**

ITEM 17 Chairman Majikes informed the committee that the Fell Charter School in Simpson, Pa. has made application to the District II Committee for membership in the PIAA. They would like to compete in Boys

Basketball, Baseball and Softball. Please be reminded that as member schools the Charter Law allows for students in Charter Schools to participate in interscholastic athletics at their home school of membership unless their Charter School sponsors that sport.

- ITEM 18 Chairman Majikes reminded the committee that he is in the process of revising the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. Meetings had originally be scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month – they will be moved to either the first or third Wednesday of each month.
- ITEM 19 Chairman Majikes reminded committee members that their ‘profiles’ are due to him if they are to meet the state deadline for submission for the program.
- ITEM 20 A motion was made by Ray Lowery, seconded by Jim Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Ognosky*

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District II Secretary