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**MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2005 MEETING
@ WILKES-BARRE 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: Dan Donovan, Joe Lalli, Jim Sabatini, Frank Galicki, Maureen Williams, Mike Costanza
Advisor Present: Phil Latinski, Don Rogers (District II Solicitor)
- ITEM 2 A motion was made by Ray Lowery, seconded by Bob Okrasinski, to approve the minutes of the February, 2005 meeting. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 3 Frank Victor presented the treasurer's report which reflects a current fund balance of \$156,712.78. Frank noted that the winter playoff information is not yet included in the report but will be available at the April meeting. A motion was made by Tom Jenkins, seconded by Tony Rusnak, to approve the report as submitted. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 4 Chairman Majikes presented to the committee a summary report of the student residency concern addressed last meeting. He reported that a letter was sent to both the school and the individual who brought forth the concern outlining the district committee's response.
- ITEM 5 Chairman Majikes shared with the committee safety changes for Field Hockey that were approved at the January National Federation of State High School Associations Field Hockey Rules Committee meeting. The changes include establishing a maximum height of grass on fields of 1 ½ inches and reducing the bow of the stick to not exceed 25 millimeters and a weight of 23 ounces.
- ITEM 6 A motion was made by Ross Scarantino, seconded by Tom Finan, to approve the eligibility of Alyson C. McRipley, from Wyoming Seminary to Dallas, in accordance with Article VI, Section 8, Transfers and Residence, of the PIAA By-Laws. **All Ayes**
- ITEM 7 Chairman Majikes reviewed the Winter Workshop scheduled established by the PIAA State Office. All of the meetings will be held on Wednesday,

March 30th at the following times: Basketball (10 a.m.), Swimming and Diving (Noon), Wrestling (2 p.m.).

ITEM 8 SPORTS REPORTS

a.) Basketball (Frank Victor): Chairman Victor thanked the committee members for their assistance in putting together a very successful district championship playoffs in both girls and boys basketball. We have a number of teams still alive in the state playoffs as the teams move into this weekend's state quarterfinals: Boys A (Bishop O'Reilly), Boys AA (Bishop Hoban), Girls AAA (North Pocono, Nanticoke and Scranton Prep). Congratulations and good luck!

b.) Swimming (Jim Higgins): Chairman Higgins expressed his satisfaction with the district playoffs. He explained that everything went very well. Also, there have been snags with the software program utilized at the state office for the seeding and placement of the state meet. He thanked the district schools for their patience and perseverance in working through those problems.

c.) Wrestling (Dan Donovan): Chairman Majikes explained that two issues have been raised at the regional meets: (1) schools that arrive late for the weigh-ins came very close to jeopardizing their participation in the regionals. Please be mindful of the weigh-in scheduled times and plan your arrival time accordingly in the future; (2) there was a concern at the junior high meet regarding an injury that the committee is researching.

d.) Track and Field (Jim Sabatini): In Jim's absence, Bill King stated that everything is a go with Scranton Memorial Stadium for the upcoming district meets in the spring.

e.) Soccer (Ray Lowery): Chairman Lowery explained that preliminary meetings have been held in order to set up the girls' soccer tournament for the spring. A final format will be presented in April.

f.) Baseball/Softball (Frank Majikes/Bob Okrasinski): A meeting of the Baseball/Softball committees was held and a decision was made that this year's tournaments in all classifications will be open tournaments. All games, with the exception of the finals, will be played on the home field of the higher seeded team. After a discussion, a motion was made by Frank Victor, seconded by Mike Ognosky, that the home team will be responsible for the paying of all umpires through the semifinal rounds of the tournaments. **All Ayes**

The committee also gave the approval to schedule the baseball finals at Lackawanna County Stadium on June 1st and 2nd. The stadium will be open and available on those dates. If there should be inclement weather that forces the finals off of June 1st and 2nd the finals will be moved from the stadium and to alternative sites established by the baseball committee.

ITEM 9 The Annual Banquet and Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at the Pittston Convention Center. Invitations will be sent out to

the principals next week and will be due back to Frank Victor no later than April 15th. Schools are reminded that they will receive one complimentary dinner for each membership they have. For example, Montrose has a High School and Junior High School membership in the PIAA – they will receive two complimentary dinners.

ITEM 10 At 4:55 p.m. the committee moved to a closed session for the purpose of conducting an eligibility hearing regarding Robert West, a 12th grade student at Meyers High School.

The committee returned from the clear session at 5:42 p.m. and at the time a motion was made by Tom Finan, seconded by Frank Victor, to grant an additional semester of eligibility to Robert West for the second semester of the 2004-05 school year in accordance with Article 8, Period of Participation, of the PIAA By-Laws and Regulations. **All Ayes (Frank Majikes abstained, Bob Okrasinski, Principal of Meyers High School, did not participate in either the deliberation or vote)**

ITEM 11 A motion was made by Phil Cappellini, seconded by Don Kanavy, to adjourn the meeting. **All Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ognosky

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District II Secretary

NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE WILKES-BARRE AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH AT 4:15 P.M.