

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

1. Approved the Minutes of the January 26, 2022, meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Held an executive session to discuss active litigation.
3. Conducted two Appeal hearings;
  - Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board voted to sustain the District VII decision regarding Butler High School and its participation through PIAA District X in regular and post-season football playoffs.
  - Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board voted to deny the request from Souderton High School to suspend the application of the PIAA By-Law setting a time limit on submission of post-season waiver requests.
4. Addressed the following recommendations, reports, and updates from the Executive Director:
  - The District Annual Meeting schedule is currently being prepared;
  - Unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the February 21, 2022 PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee meeting, which included:
    - Adding into Section 1 of the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Examination form (CIPPE) a space for an email address, effective immediately.
  - Unanimously approved the site selection of the PIAA Fall Championships for 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025, as follows:

**Cross Country:** Parkview CC Course, Hershey PA  
**Field Hockey:** Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA  
**Football:** Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA  
**Soccer:** Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA  
**Individual & Team Tennis:** Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey, PA  
**Volleyball:** Cumberland Valley High School, Mechanicsburg, PA
  - Unanimously approved upholding the Board decision regarding the classification of Wilmington High School's football team rejected the school's request to change its enrollment classification;
  - Discussed whether there is a need to develop a position statement on "Service Dogs." The Board will revisit this topic at the March meeting;
  - Unanimously approved the PIAA unaudited financial statements for the months ending November 30, and December 31, 2021;
  - **On a third and final reading basis**, unanimously voted to modify Article VI, Transfers Residence, and Recruiting, Subsection C,3., of the Bylaws to address revision to the timing of submissions of requests for post season ineligibility waivers;
  - On a **first reading basis**, unanimously voted to modify Article III, Attendance, Section 10., Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport B.3 Modification of Termination of Agreements, Interpretation, of the By-Laws to add the word "modify";
  - Approved a motion to **suspend protocol** and to modify Article XVI, Season and Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations of the By-Laws, to extend the Regular Season deadline in winter sports to March 5, 2022, with no team permitted to exceed the maximum number of Regular Season Contests;
  - On a **third and final reading basis, effective immediately**, unanimously voted to modify Sections VII and VIII of the Procedural Standards for Regional Panels and District Committees to clarify the process for deliberations and decisions following an eligibility hearing;

- On a **third and final reading basis, effective immediately**, unanimously voted to adopt an interpretation of Article VII, Powers and Duties of Board of Directors, Section 1., H , of the Constitution to make clear that routine and administrative District Committee decisions are not subject to appeal to, and review by, the Board of Directors;
  - Approved a motion to **suspend protocol, and effective immediately**, unanimously voted to modify an existing interpretation of Article VII, of the Constitution to add Regional Panels to the language;
  - On a **first reading basis**, unanimously voted to remove an outdated Interpretation of Article VII and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution;
5. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:
- Provided information regarding PIAA's initiative of Title IX's 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary;
  - Approved the minutes and recommendations from the January 31, 2022 PIAA Basketball Steering Committee meeting;
  - Received an update on the PIAA Basketball Championships scheduled for March 24, 25 and 26, 2022, at the GIANT Center in Hershey, PA.
6. Accepted the following report from the Assistant Executive Director:
- Received a report on the Spring Sports Rules Interpretation Meetings;
  - Received an update on the Officials' Virtual Convention for Spring Sports, which is currently being held;
  - Discussed the final PIAA Sports' Officials' Appreciation Week:
    - Spring Sports' April 3- 9, 2022.
7. Accepted the following reports from the Associate Executive Director:
- Received a review of the PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships;
  - Received an update on the NFHS Student Leadership information, to be held July 18-20, 2022. The application is posted to the PIAA website;
  - Reviewed an update on the upcoming PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships to be held March 16-19, 2022, at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA;
  - Unanimously approved the request for Coventry Christian School to transfer from PIAA District I to District III, per agreement by both Districts.
8. Accepted the following reports from the Chief Operating Officer:
- On a **third and final reading basis**, unanimously approved the Emerging Sport Program Application for the sport of Girls' wrestling from the Pennsylvania Girls Wrestling Task Force;
  - Received a review of the PIAA Team Wrestling Championships;
  - Received an update on the PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships to be held, March 10, 11 and 12, 2022 at the GIANT Center, in Hershey, PA;
  - Unanimously voted to approve, on a **first reading basis**, the Proposed Number of Entries (Qualifiers) and Brackets (Pairings) by District or by Region for the 2022-23 & 2023-24 PIAA Championships;
  - Discussion was held regarding whether to limit the number of qualifiers per district to no more than 20% of the total teams in the bracket. No action was taken, but discussion regarding the number of qualifiers will be re-visited at the March Board of Directors' Meeting.
9. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year (**will not** affect classification size of Teams):

**District III** – Camp Hill High School and Harrisburg Academy (softball and boys' and girls' track and field);

**District V** – Berlin Brothers Valley Middle and Shanksville Stonycreek (boys' and girls' track and field);

**District V** – Shanksville Stonycreek and Shade Junior (baseball and softball);

**District VII** – Beaver and Midland Middle Schools (baseball and softball);

**District IX** – Allegheny Clarion and Union High Schools (baseball);

**District IX & X** – Sheffield and Warren Area (softball);

**District X** – Franklin Area and Rocky Grove Junior High (softball);

**District X** – Oil City Middle and Venango Catholic (softball).

10. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2022-2023** school year (**will not** affect classification size of Teams):

**District II** – Berwick Area and Millville High Schools (girls' volleyball).

11. Approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022** school year:

**District IX** – Sheffield and Abraxas Arlene Lissner (softball);

**District XII** –Philadelphia Academy Charter and George (boys' and girls' bowling).

12. Approved the following member school application(s), effective **July 1, 2022**:

**District III** – Hinkletown Mennonite High School (upon District III approval);

**District VI** – Arrows Christian Academy Middle School;

**District XII** – Philadelphia Electrical & Technology Charter High School.

13. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2021-2022**  
**(For previous co-ops as presented, co-ops are in effect but needed formal action of the Board of Directors to confirm these:**

**(2018-2019)**

**District III** - Oley Valley and Brandywine Heights and Kutztown Area High Schools (boys' and girls' bowling);

**District III & V**– James Buchanan, McConnellsburg and Fannett Metal High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming and diving);

**District XII** – Academy at Palumbo, Creative and Performing and Constitution High Schools (boys' track and field);

**District XII** – Benjamin Franklin High School, Philadelphia Mr. Hawkins Military and Science Lead Academies (boys' track and field);

**District XII** – Constitution High, Academy at Palumbo, Parkway Center City Middle, Creative Performing, Science Leadership and GAMP High Schools (boys' golf);

**District XII** – George Washington and Benjamin Rush Art Academy, Philadelphia Academy Charter, Swenson Arts & Tech and MaST Charter High Schools (boys' lacrosse, football, and wrestling);

**District XII** – GAMP, South Philadelphia, and Furness (boys' tennis);

**(2019-2020)**

**District XII** – Constitution, Academy at Palumbo, and Parkway CC High Schools (girls' soccer);

**(2020-2021)**

**District XII** – Academy at Palumbo, Creative and Performing, GW Carver and Constitution High Schools (football);

**District XII** – Academy at Palumbo, Parkway CC Middle, Creative and Performing, Science Leadership Academy Bodine HS International, and Constitution High Schools (wrestling).

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022,  
2:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE PIAA OFFICE**