

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023**

1. Introduction of recently elected members of the 2023-2024 PIAA Board of Directors;
2. Conflict of Interest Statement for Board of Directors was emailed for completion;
3. Approved the appointment of the Executive, Compliance, Human Resources, Budget, Nominating, Policy Review and Strategic Planning Committees;
4. Approved the Minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors;
5. Held an executive session to discuss personnel matters and active litigation;
6. Addressed the following recommendations, reports, and updates from the Executive Director:
 - The Board unanimously approved the unaudited financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2023;
 - The Board unanimously approved the Board of Directors' action taken on June 1, 2023 to approve the 2023-2024 Budget;
 - The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee from its meeting of June 19, 2023, and took the following actions:
 - The Board approved on a **suspended protocol basis, effective July 1, 2023**, the sports of tennis, boys' wrestling, baseball, softball, soccer, field hockey, volleyball and lacrosse to be added to the Competition Formula; and on a **suspended protocol basis, effective July 1, 2023**, the following numbers of transfers per sport to be used in the Competition Formula;
Boys Wrestling – 2 or more transfers
Tennis – 1 or more transfers
Baseball – 2 or more transfers
Softball – 2 or more transfers
Soccer – 2 or more transfers
Field Hockey – 2 or more transfers
Volleyball – 2 or more transfers
Lacrosse – 2 or more transfers
 - The Board unanimously approved on a **suspended protocol basis, effective July 1, 2023**, to accept the edited changes to Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting as presented;
 - The Board unanimously approved on a **suspended protocol basis, effective July 1, 2023**, to accept proposed language for Article XII, Athletic Relations, Penalties, Section 5, A. Failure to Participate in Scheduled or Contracted Contest Forfeiture of Contests, B. Discretionary Forfeiture – INTERPRETATION, as follows:

A District Committee, after a review or investigation of an incident at a scheduled or contracted Contest, may permit a Team to reschedule or cancel a Contest if the Team does not participate in the Contest due to offensive actions or language that violates PIAA's rules relating to unsportsmanslike conduct;
 - On a **suspended protocol basis, effective July 1, 2023**, the Board unanimously approved to accept proposed language to allow for League/Conference Logos & PIAA Logo to be placed upon Member School Contest Uniforms.

- The Board received information on the 104th NFHS Summer Meeting, held June 28 thru July 1, 2023 in Seattle, Washington;
 - Sue Butz-Stavin was recognized by the Board for her induction to the NFHS Hall of Fame in the Class of 2023;
 - Dr. Robert A. Lombardi was recognized by the Board for his election as President-Elect to the NFHS Board of Directors for the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations of the PIAA Gender & Minority Equity Committee from its meeting of June 21, 2023, and took the following actions:
 - The Board unanimously approved, **effective immediately**, a motion to modernize the name of the Committee and change it to; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee.
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the PIAA Athletic Directors' Steering Committee from its meeting of June 22, 2023;
- On a **third and final reading basis, effective July 1, 2023**, the Board unanimously approved a motion to add a statement to the Competition Formula to reflect that when a Team moves up in classification pursuant to the Competition Formula, that sport classification becomes the baseline classification for that Team in that sport in the next cycle;
- The Board unanimously approved, **on a second reading basis**, an amendment to ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 3., J., Violation of NIL, of the PIAA Bylaws to add enforcement criteria for Name, Image and Likeness limitations;
- The Board unanimously approved, **on a suspended protocol basis, effective July 1, 2023**, a motion to add language to SPORTSMANSHIP AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, Section 1, Schools and Their Athletic Personnel, of the PIAA Bylaws, to address certain inappropriate conduct;
- The Board unanimously approved, **on a suspended protocol basis, effective July 1, 2023**, a motion to add language to ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 2, Suspension, of the PIAA Bylaws to include provisions of certain unacceptable conduct.
- The Happy Valley Sports & Entertainment Alliance gave a presentation to the Board on their involvement with PIAA and the boys' and girls' golf championships and the Spring Sports' Festival.

7. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:

- The Board received a review of the Boys' Team, and Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships;
- The Board received a review of the Boys' Volleyball Championships;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations of the PIAA Coaches' Advisory Committee from its meeting of June 21, 2023, and took the following actions:
 - The Board unanimously approved the election of Ronald Kanaskie as the PCA Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors for the term of July 1, 2023 thru June 30th, 2025, as well as the following officers of the PCA for the same term; George Shue, PCA Alternate Voting Representative, George Shue, PCA President, Ronald Kanaskie as PCA Vice-President, and Becky Desmond as PCA Secretary.

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the PIAA Private Schools' Steering Committee from its meeting of June 22, 2023;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the PIAA Basketball Steering Committee from its meeting of July 10, 2023.

8. Accepted the following reports from the Assistant Executive Director:

- The Board discussed the number of coaches and contestants ejected during 2022-2023 regular season and postseason Contests for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct during the spring sport season;
- The Board received an update on the 28th Annual Officials' Convention;
- The Board received an update of the special Official's Representative Election;
- The Board unanimously approved Officially Sports as the designated official supplier for officials' equipment thru June 30, 2026;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Officials' Council from its meeting of June 22, 2023, and took the following actions:
 - The Board unanimously approved to adopt the 2023 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Fall, Sports' Rules Books and Relevant State Association Adoptions and Modifications;
 - The Board unanimously approved to adopt the 2023-24 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Winter Sports' Rules Books with the exception of the new rule addressing a medical forfeiture in wrestling and Relevant State Association Adoptions and Modifications;
 - The Board unanimously approved to adopt the 2024 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Spring Sports' Rules Books and Relevant State Association Adoptions and Modifications.

9. Accepted the following reports from the Associate Executive Director:

- The Board received information on the NFHS Student Leadership Summit to be hosted in Indianapolis, IN, July 29-31, 2023;
- The Board received a review of the Softball Championships;
- The Board received a review of the Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Championships;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the PIAA Lacrosse Steering Committee from its meeting of June 21, 2023;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the PIAA Softball Steering Committee from its meeting of June 21, 2023;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Girls' Athletics Steering Committee from its meeting of June 22,, 2023:
 - The Board unanimously approved, **effective immediately**, a motion to modernize the name of the Committee and change it to; Female Athletics Committee.

- The Board unanimously approved the election of Audrey Hall as the Female Athletics' Committee Representative to the Board of Directors for the term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2025.

10. Accepted the following reports from the Chief Operating Officer:

- The Board unanimously approved **to table and refer** to the Wrestling Steering Committee a discussion of girls' wrestling qualifiers into the 2024 PIAA Wrestling Championships at the GIANT Center, scheduled for March 7-9, 2024;
- The Board received a review of the Track & Field Championships;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Track & Field Steering Committee from its meeting of June 21, 2023; and took the following actions:
 - The Board unanimously approved to adopt the 2024 proposed qualifying standards as presented.
- The Board received a review of the Baseball Championships;
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee from its meeting of June 21, 2023, and took the following actions:
 - The Board unanimously approved to change the PIAA Baseball Pitching Restriction to put a time period in the submission to MaxPreps and the recording of the maximum number of pitches for that level.
- The Board unanimously approved the minutes and recommendations from the PIAA Junior High/Middle Schools Steering Committee from its meeting of June 22, 2023, and took the following actions:
 - The Board unanimously approved to permit contests at the sub-varsity level to be played as scrimmages, if a registered official is unable to be assigned to the contest. The motion includes not permitting any team to exceed the maximum number of scrimmages and contests in any sport in electing to use this adoption.
 - The Board unanimously approved the election of Jeffrey Batzel as the Junior High/Middle School Committee Representative to the Board of Directors for the term beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2025, and to elect Corey Mosher as the Alternate to the committee for the same term.

11. A. Professional Development Sessions Reports:

1. Held a discussion on air quality.
- 2.. Held a discussion on out of season non-physical contact restriction.
3. The Board held a discussion on recruiting issues and the involvement of district committees to address these types of actions subject to review by the Board of Directors.

B. The Board unanimously approved girls' flag football as an emerging sport.

12. Approved the following Termination Request(s) Concerning Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2023-2024** school year:

District VII - Albert Gallatin and West Greene High School (boys' soccer)

District VII – Freeport Area Senior and Armstrong High Schools (girls' lacrosse)

13. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective beginning of **2023-2024** school year (the change **will not** affect classification size of Teams):

District II - West Scranton and Riverside High Schools (boys' and girls' wrestling)

District II – Riverside and Old Forge Senior High Schools (girls' soccer)

District II – Holy Redeemer and Holy Cross High Schools (boys' and girls' lacrosse)
(pending District approval)

District III - Upper Dauphin Area and Millersburg Area High Schools (boys' and girls' cross country)

District VI - Huntingdon Area and Williamsburg Senior High Schools (boys' soccer)

District VI – Juniata and East Juniata High Schools (girls' wrestling)

District VII – Jefferson Morgan, Central Greene, Mapletown Junior High Schools (girls' soccer)

District IX - Dubois Central Catholic Middle and Curwensville Junior High Schools (boys' soccer)

14. Approved the following member school applications, effective beginning of **2023-2024** school year:

District I - Upper Bucks Christian High School
(pending District approval)

Dr. Barber

District II - St. Dominic's Academy Middle School

Mr. Majikes

District III -The Paloma High School

Mr. Craig

District XI - St John Chrysostom Academy Middle and High Schools

Mr. Hartman

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE**