

**PIAA District XI
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tamaqua Area Middle School
Sunday, February 16, 2014, 11:00 AM

**Hearing Motion*

1. **Palisades High School and Omar Porrata did engage in unsportsmanlike actions in direct violation of the purposes of PIAA.**

Moved: Bold

Seconded: Arnts

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstention: 1

Absent: 2

2. **The following penalties were enacted:**

- **Palisades School District's suspension of Coach Porrata for the remainder of the 2014 wrestling postseason is accepted. This suspension shall remain in effect throughout the remainder of the 2014 PIAA wrestling regular season and postseason. Any participation by him during this period will result in Palisades being removed immediately from any participation in the 2013-14 PIAA postseason competition (i.e. District XI playoffs and PIAA Inter-District playoffs).**
- **Omar Porrata is publicly censured for this unsportsmanlike conduct in the incident on January 30, 2014.**
- **Palisades School District is hereby placed on probation, said probationary period to continue until the end of the 2014-2015 school year with the condition that the Principal or his designee shall be present at all PIAA District XI playoff Contests, as required by the PIAA District XI Committee.**
- **Palisades High School is to direct Omar Porrata not to attend any PIAA District XI wrestling contests for the remainder of the 2013-14 wrestling postseason.**
- **Effective immediately and ending at the conclusion of the 2015 PIAA Wrestling Championships, no PIAA member school within District XI utilizing the services of Coach Porrata during this period shall be permitted to participate in post-season competition.**
- **Should Omar Porrata desire to coach a PIAA District XI member school after the 2014-15 season, he is required to first take and provide confirmation of successful completion of three professional development courses. The three required courses are:**
 - **NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching, 2.0, online, presented on the NFHS website, www.nfhslearn.com.**
 - **NFHS Sportsmanship, 2.0 presented on the NFHS website, www.nfhslearn.com.**
 - **ASEP Coaching Principles (in classroom format, not online format).**

Coach Porrata must submit the completed course certifications and submit them to his athletic director or principal prior to coaching any PIAA contests.

Moved: Kinder
Yes: 17

Seconded: Bold
No: 0 Abstention: 1

Absent: 2

A. Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome Guests

3. Attendance (ROLL CALL)

Meeting is called to order at 1:14 by Chairman, Mr. Hartman. Present are:

Ms. Arnts, Mr. Ascani, Mr. Bold, Mr. ~~Cooperman~~, Mr. Dimon, ~~Mr. Felty~~,
Mr. Harris, Mr. Kinder, ~~Ms. Laverdure~~, Mr. Moll, Mr. Nemes, Mr. Pensyl,
Mr. Percey, Mr. Ramella, Mr. Toth, Mr. Troxell, Mr. Welsh, Ms. Wilson,
~~Mr. Zimmerman~~ Also Present: Mr. Fisher

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Moll
Yes: 16

Seconded: Wilson
No: 0 Abstention: 0

Absent: 4

5. Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Reports, as attached, for December 3, 2013

Moved: Bold
Yes: 16

Seconded: Moll
No: 0 Abstention: 0

Absent: 4

6. Eligibility (Attached)

a. Principal to Principal Sign-Off, Foreign Exchange, Placements

Moved: Nemes
Yes: 11

Seconded: Toth
No: 5 Abstention: 0

Absent: 4

B. Finances

1. Presentation and Approval of Treasurer's Report- April

2. Fall Sports Financial Report Summary- April

C. Website

1. Statistical Update

D. Sport Reports/Handbooks

1. Baseball- Cooperman

- a. PIAA Language Will Allow for School Training
- 3. **PIAA Ball Adoption- Hartman**
 - a. Rawlings is New Vendor

F. Operations Handbook Updates:

- 1. **Financial & Reimbursement Policy Language Draft- Hartman**
 - a. Evaluate Rough Proposal to Discuss in April

G. Special Committee Reports

- 1. **Sportsmanship - Arnts**
 - a. Form Distribution
 - b. Leagues Should Nominate Schools
- 2. **Budget/Finance- Moll**
- 3. **By-Laws/Policy- Hartman**
- 4. **Merchandise/Marketing- Moll**
- 5. **Nominations/Election- Nemes**
 - a. Nominations Needed for April Meeting
- 6. **Officials- Welsh & Wilson**

H. Old Business

- 1. **Procedure for Stopping DXI Play for Student Milestones- Harris**
- 2. **Committee Composition- Hartman**
 - a. Ballots Being Distributed to HS & MS

I. New Business:

- 1. **Program Issues- Moll**
 - a. Distributed to Pigtail Sites & Basketball Chairs
- 2. **Annual Meeting Discussion- Hartman**
- 3. **Pre-Game Meeting Participation Requirement- Hartman**
- 4. **Chairman will offer courtesy of the floor for public comment.**
- 5. **Communications/Notes for the Board/Committee Member Input**

- a. Arnts (Female Sports as Endorsed by LVC)
- b. Bold (School Boards)
- c. Cooperman (LVC)
- d. Dimon (SL)
- e. Farnan (CL)
- f. Felty (Jr. High as Endorsed by SL)
- g. Harris (ADs Rep)
- h. Hartman (LVC)
- i. Kinder (SL)
- j. Laverdure (Superintendent as Endorsed by MVC)
- k. Moll (CL)
- l. Nemes (Private Schools)
- m. Pensyl (MVC)
- n. Percey (AD President)
- o. Ramella (LVC)
- p. Toth (SL)
- q. Troxell (Parent Rep as Endorsed by CL)
- r. Welsh (Male Officials)
- s. Wilson (Female Officials)
- t. Zimmerman (CL)

J. Upcoming Date(s) to Remember

1. **April 23, 2014 Committee Meeting @ Mahoning Valley Country Club 11:00 AM**

K. Adjournment:

1. **Motion to Adjourn**

- a. Moved: Moll Seconded: Toth
 Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstention: 0 Absent: 4

L. Attachments: