



## **ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

**September 14, 2016**

### **Highlights**

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** May 18, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.1 **CARRIED:** City Honors Girls Volleyball 2016 independent schedule
- 4.4 **CARRIED:** Mark Ward as Section VI proxy to NYSPHSAA
- 4.5 **CARRIED:** City Honors Girls Swimming 2016 independent schedule
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- 6.14.2 **CARRIED:** Doug Ames as the Unified Sports Chairman
- 6.14.3 **CARRIED:** Jeff Rabey as Superintendents' Representative
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Winter 2016-2017 pre-season reports, with the exception of Indoor Track

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**ATTENDANCE (\* present)**

<b>Executive Committee</b>		<b>Committee Chairpersons</b>		<b>Sportschairs</b>
President	Al Gens*	Chemical Awareness	Dave Hack	
President-Elect	Adam Stoltman*	Extended Eligibility	Timm Slade*	
Superintendents' Rep.	Jeff Rabey*	Finance	Steve Penhollow*	
Principals' Rep.	Jim Spanbauer*	Boys' Modified	Matt Libroch*	<b>Guests</b>
Boys' Rep.	Jim Graczyk*	Girls' Modified	Katie McGowan	M. LaMorticella
Girls' Rep.	Marisa Fallacaro*	Nominations	Adam Stoltman*	
Past President	Brett Banker*	NYSAAA	Brett Banker*	
Executive Director	Timm Slade*	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro*	
Treasurer	Don Scholla*	Safety	Brian Wild*	
		Sectional Intersectional	Timm Slade*	
		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames*/Jim Graczyk*	
		Transfer	Timm Slade*	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan*	
		Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey*	

<b>League</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>BUFFALO</b>		
Superintendents Rep./AD	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson*	TBA
Principals' Rep.	Dave Thomas Jr.	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Andrea Norton, City Honors	TBA
Boys' Rep.	TBA	TBA
<b>CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Steve Penhollow, Falconer*	TBA
Principals' Rep.	Mike Cipolla, Southwestern	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Paul Ksionzyk, Olean	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys' Rep.	Rick DeKay, Retired*	Mel Swanson, Sherman
<b>ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Sandy Anzalone, Eden*	Jeff Rabey, Depew
Principals' Rep.	Scott Zipp, Cheektowaga	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls' Rep.	Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home*	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Boys' Rep.	Greg Kaszubski, Clarence*	Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East
<b>NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port*	Cynthia Bianco, Niagara Falls
Principals' Rep.	Chris Ginestre, Hoover Middle*	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Jon Roth, Grand Island*	TBA
Boys' Rep.	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport*	Jon Roth, Grand Island
<b>NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Mike Baumann, Newfane*	Mark Kruzynski, Medina
Principals' Rep.	Joe Lucenti, Akron*	Steve Dimitroff, Akron
Girls' Rep.	Jeff Roth, Wilson*	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys' Rep.	Doug Ames, Newfane*	Dave Carson, Barker
<b>SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)</b>		
Erie 1 BOCES	Jon MacSwan, Cleveland Hill	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	Maureen Donahue	TBA
ON BOCES	Michelle Bradley, Lockport*	TBA
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville*	TBA

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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced: 11:35am

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Moment of Silence – Jeff Evoy

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## 2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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### 2.1 Luncheon Sponsor – Trophys Trophys

### 2.2 Spring 2016 Individual State Champions

- a) Track & Field, Sweet Home, Division I, Pentathlon, Tiana Luton, represented by Athletic Director Chris DeMarco
- b) Track & Field, Lancaster, Division I, 1600 Meter Run, Steve Neumaier, represented by Athletic Director Brian Wild and Superintendent Dr. Michael Vallely
- c) Track & Field, Lancaster, Division I, Shot Put, Colin Blair, represented by Athletic Director Brian Wild and Superintendent Dr. Michael Vallely
- d) Track & Field, Starpoint, Division I, Discus, Sam Wray (unable to attend)
- e) Track & Field, Holland, Division II, 400 Intermediate Hurdles, Zachary Jones (unable to attend)
- f) Track & Field, East Aurora, Division II, 3000 Meter Run, Sophia Tasselmyer, represented by Coach Walt McLaughlin and Athletic Director Matt Librock
- g) Track & Field, Tapestry, Division II, 200 Meter Dash, Nia Stevens and Athletic Director Marc LaMorticella
- h) Track & Field, Tapestry, Division II, 4 x 100 Meter Relay, Nia Stevens, Taylor Hunter, Kim Bostic, Esquisite Dunnigan, and Athletic Director Marc LaMorticella
- i) Track & Field, Lew-Port, Division II, Pole Vault, Sean Foley (unable to attend)
- j) Track & Field, Depew, Division II, Long Jump, Samantha Spinella, Superintendent Jeff Rabey, and Athletic Director Brian Wilson
- k) Track & Field, Allegany-Limestone, Division I, 800 Meter Run, Owen Barber and Coach Wilber

### 2.3 Schools of Distinction

- a) Clarence – Represented by Dr. Geoffrey Hicks, Superintendent, Kenneth Smith, High School Principal, Greg Kaszubski, Athletic Director, and Student Athletes Lauren Cullinan and Brett Naylor
- b) Lancaster – Represented by Dr. Michael Vallely, Superintendent, Brian Wild, Athletic Director, and Student Athletes Kelly Fellner and Connor Carrow
- c) Newfane – Represented by Michael Baumann, Superintendent, Dan Bedette, Acting High School Principal, Doug Ames, Athletic Director, and Athletes Derick Dietrich and Caitlyn Chuno
- d) Williamsville North – Represented by Gary Collichio, High School Principal, Steve Ferenczy, Athletic Director, Anthony Maniscalco (Football and Basketball), and Mary Francis Gage (Cross Country and Outdoor Track & Field)

### 2.4 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Coach of the Year

- a) Matt Chimera, Softball, Kenmore West (accompanied by Brett Banker, Athletic Director)
- b) John Faller, Boys Lacrosse, Sweet Home (accompanied by Anthony Day, Superintendent, and Chris DeMarco, Athletic Director)

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- **Pitch Counts:**  
The NFHS has directed all State Associations to develop pitch count regulations and have them in place for the 2017 spring season. The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee has drafted pitch count regulations and will discuss this proposal at the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Executive Committee meeting, with potential "action" occurring at the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. A draft proposal was provided to the Section Executive Directors on September 8, 2016.
- **Modified Practice Requirements:**  
There have been changes made to the minimum number of modified practices needed to participate. The modified committee made these changes for numerous reasons. First, the Modified Committee wanted the modified practice minimums to mirror the high school chart, with minimum number of practices for the team and individual. Secondly, the Committee wanted to lower the minimum number of practices to allow student-athletes to play in games earlier in the season, while allowing the schedule to be more spread out across the season giving coaches more time for instruction during the season. All of the changes can be found in the Handbook on [nysphsaa.org](http://nysphsaa.org).
- **Touchdowns Against Cancer:**  
This fall, many NYSPHSAA schools have been asked to participate in a national fundraising event during the month of September to raise funds for St. Jude to help fight childhood cancer; the program is called Touchdowns Against Cancer. High school football fans can pledge a donation toward every touchdown their team scores during the last three weeks in September. The issue with this fundraiser is that the NYSPHSAA Handbook's definition of Conducting Contest (item #4) reads: "4. Donations may not be made based on the outcome of student performance." NYSPHSAA supports efforts to raise money for St. Jude and other causes; however, "donations based upon the outcome of student performance" (i.e. touchdowns scored) is not permitted within the NYSPHSAA rules. At this time, the membership of the Association has not expressed any interest in revising or amending this longstanding regulation. The purpose of this regulation is to avoid student-athletes, coaches, and teams being focused on running up the score during a game in an effort to increase donations for their selected cause.
- **Drone Policy**  
NYSPHSAA's legal counsel, Renee James, is in the process of "drafting" a Drone Policy to be discussed at the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. Drones are becoming more widely used throughout the country. Several state associations have adopted drone policies for all sports.
- **Hazing Prevention Course**  
With the understanding that NYSPHSAA schools are being approached by many hazing and bullying speakers, presenters and companies, NYSPHSAA is entering into an agreement with an online Hazing Prevention company as a service to the membership. Schools will be able to purchase this online curriculum for \$100 per year. More information will be provided later this fall with a potential release of this program in January 2017.
- **Championship Philosophy Committee**  
The Championship Philosophy Committee will meet, via teleconference, at 1pm today to discuss the following proposals: Expansion of the Bowling state championship into 2 divisions, Girls Golf recognizing team state champions, Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving recognizing team state champions, and establishing a Wrestling 2 division dual meet state championship. After review by the Championship Philosophy Committee, the proposals will then be reviewed by the Championship Advisory Committee at the September 28, 2016 meeting and final action will be taken at the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. If approved, the proposals will be implemented beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.
- **NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award Program Changes**  
The following revisions to the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Award Program were approved at the July 2016 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting:
  1. Modify criteria associated with being a Scholar Athlete Team to include 75% of the roster
  2. Teams who receive a 90.00 or above Grade Point Average (GPA) will receive a Scholar Athlete Team Award certificate. Only individuals who receive a 90.00 or above will receive a pin.
  3. If a team did not qualify for the Scholar Athlete Team award, individuals with a 90.00 or above GPA are eligible to receive a Scholar Athlete pin.
  4. Accept both weighted and unweighted grades
  5. Sports recognized by their respective Sections will be considered for the award (i.e. Girls Ice Hockey, Badminton, Fencing, Rifle, etc.)
  6. Revise the submission process associated with recognizing Scholar Athlete teams (a draft was included

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In the meeting packet)

7. Continue the School of Distinction program by awarding schools who have 100% of their teams achieving a team average of 90.00 with a School of Distinction Award
8. Implement the School of Excellence program by awarding schools who have 75% of their teams achieving a team average of 90.00 or above with the School of Excellence Award.
9. Eliminate the practice of awarding "Scholar Athlete Team State Champion" due to membership concerns with disparities between weighted and unweighted grades

### 3.0 MINUTES

A. Gens

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- 3.1 ***Motion to approve of the May 18th, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***

**CARRIED**

***Rabey/Fallacaro***

### 4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

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- 4.1 City Honors Girls Volleyball

***Motion to approve the 2016 City Honors Girls Volleyball independent schedule***

**CARRIED**

***Ames/Ward***

- 4.2 Section VI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

The 2016 Hall of Fame Golf Tournament was successful in terms of generating revenue to help support the 2016 Hall of Fame induction ceremony. As such, the Section plans to move forward with scheduling the 2017 Hall of Fame Golf Tournament.

- 4.3 NYSPHSAA Classification Meeting

T. Slade attended the July 18, 2016 classification meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY. The meeting was held to discuss concerns with non-public schools' classifications. Non-public schools' classifications does not become an issue for Section VI until the regional championship level. An ad hoc committee was established to address non-public school participation within the NYSPHSAA. Two sub-set groups of this committee will each research one of 2 possible concepts:

1. The creation of a statewide committee to review and ultimately approve the sectional placements. This committee would provide a second set of eyes and also a possible review board if another section was concerned with a section's placement of one of their schools.
2. The feasibility of creating a parallel section or the creation of additional sections consisting of the non-public schools.

- 4.4 NYSPHSAA Section VI Proxy

***Motion to approve Mark Ward as the Section VI proxy to the NYSPHSAA***

**CARRIED**

***Graczyk/Ames***

- 4.5 City Honors Girls Swimming

***Motion to approve the City Honors Girls Swimming 2016 independent schedule***

**CARRIED**

***Lloyd/Roth***

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## 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade  
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### 5.1 **Motion to Approve Combining of Schools applications, numbers 1 through 14**

1. Swim Girls, **Frewsburg**, Falconer, JV & V, 2016-17, (approved by email)
2. Baseball, **Ellicottville**, West Valley, V, JV, Mod, 2016-17 \*Pending League approval
3. Golf Boys, **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, V, 2016-17
4. Golf Boys, **Ellicottville**, West Valley, V, 2016-17 \*Pending League approval
5. Softball, **Ellicottville**, West Valley, V, JV, Mod, 2016-17 \*Pending League approval
6. Track & Field, Boys and Girls, **Westfield**, Brocton, V, 2016-17
7. Soccer Boys, **MEC**, Bennett, V 2016-17 \*Pending Paperwork
8. Soccer Girls, **MEC**, Bennett, V 2016-17 \*Pending Paperwork
9. Volleyball Girls, **MEC**, Bennett, V 2016-17 \*Pending Paperwork
10. Swimming Boys, **MEC**, Bennett, V 2016-17 \*Pending Paperwork
11. Tennis, **MEC**, Bennett, V, 2016-17 \*Pending Paperwork
12. Track & Field, **MEC**, Bennett, V, 2016-17 \*Pending Paperwork
13. Alpine Skiing, **Williamsville South**, Williamsville North, Williamsville East, V 2016-2017
14. Track & Field, Boys & Girls, **Franklinville**, Ellicottville, West Valley, all levels, 2016-2017 (pending paperwork)

**CARRIED**

**Rabey/DeKay**

### 5.2 **Motion to approve Outside Agency applications, (a) through (e)**

- a) Mike Blest Cross Country 9/24/16 Akron Falls Park, co-sponsor WNY T&F Officials and Lockport High School
- b) Cheerleading, Fall Fest Cheer Competition, 10/23/2016 at NCCC, Niagara Cheer Productions & Grand Island High School
- c) Cheerleading, UB Spirit Challenge, 11/6/2016, SUNY -UB- Alumni Arena, UB Cheer & Williamsville East HS
- d) NEYSA- Cheer Competition, 10/9/16 at Niagara Wheatfield HS \*Pending insurance
- e) Hot Cheer Championship, 10/30/16 at North Tonawanda HS by Elite Heat All Stars \*Pending signatures

**CARRIED**

**Ginestre/DeMarco**

## 6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

J. Rabey

The Combining of Schools Committee met in July 2016 to review the spring 2016 combined schools end of season reports. The Committee supports the continuation of these combined teams for the spring of 2017.

**Motion to approve November 30 as the annual deadline for all fall sports combined schools end of season reports and any combined schools applications for the following fall season.**

**CARRIED**

**Rabey/Lucenti**

The Combining of Schools Committee will meet December 15, 2016 to review the fall end of season reports and the applications to combine for the following fall. Notification of denials, if any, will be sent before the end of December. Appeals must be submitted prior to the January 18, 2017 Athletic Council meeting.

### 6.2 Finance Committee

D. Scholla

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#### 6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

**Motion to receive the treasurer's report as presented**

**CARRIED**

**Ames/Penhollow**

#### 6.2.2 Section VI 2015-2016 Audit Update

The Bonadio Group conducted their field week for the annual audit during the week of August 22, 2016. Updates will be given when available.

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### 6.2.3 Workers Compensation (Officials) Update

On behalf of Section VI, The NYSPHSAA attorney is in the process of drafting a letter to contest sports officials' workers' compensation fees.

### 6.2.4 Section VI Championship Venue Bid Process

Currently, Section VI sports chairmen are responsible to secure sectional championship venues. The finance committee is in the process of investigating a sectional championship venue bidding process. This process would assist the Section to continue to be financially prudent and provide hosting opportunities for member schools.

## 6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

*T. Slade*

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### 6.3.1 Volleyball Warm-Up Sessions

Concussions have occurred during volleyball serving warm-ups when the opposing team is present on the other side of the net.

***Motion to approve B. Wild, Safety Chairman, to request that the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee review Volleyball warm-up times and procedures***

***CARRIED***

***Rabey/Fallacaro***

### 6.3.2 Sports Season Calendar

The Section VI 2016-2017 Sports Season Calendar is posted on the Section VI website under the Athletic Director's Tool Kit. This document was requested to be provided annually as a resource tool. This item no longer needs Section VI Athletic Council approval due to the NYSPHSAA approved standard calendar of weeks.

Reminder: The modified practice requirements have changed (approved at the July 2016 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting) and are reflected on the Section VI Sports Season Calendar.

### 6.3.3 WeatherBug Update

At the July 2016 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting, WeatherBug was adopted as the official source for NYSPHSAA member schools to obtain the current heat index and wind chill readings. Since WeatherBug's inception, a number of issues and concerns have been presented. T. Slade, Executive Director, will address these concerns with T. Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director. Updates will be given when available.

Note: Member schools that do not have a WeatherBug station on site must use the closest WeatherBug station for temperature readings.

## 6.4 Safety

*Nothing to report*

*Brian Wild*

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## 6.5 Modified Report

*K. McGowan/M. Librock*

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- 3 Point Shot in Boys and Girls Basketball

The Committee will review the results of the survey (1,471 responses) sent to all member schools, athletic directors, coaches and PE teachers at next week's Modified Committee meeting. Depending on the results of the survey, the Committee may make a recommendation to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee at the October 2016 meeting to approve the use of the 3 point shot in Boys and Girls Modified Basketball with Section/League approval.

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- **Modified Sports Minimum Number of Practices**  
Changes to the minimum number of practices required for all modified sports became effective with the beginning of the fall 2016 season.
- **Modified Football Rule Changes**  
With section/league approval, the two year modified football pilot program rule changes were adopted and became effective with the beginning of the fall 2016 season.
- **Modified Football Game Schedule**  
The 11-Man and 8-Man Football Game Condition #2: "These games shall be scheduled with no more than one game per week." was revised and approved to "These games shall be scheduled with no more than three games in 14 days."
- **Soccer Goalie Jersey Number**  
Extension of the waiver of the Modified Soccer Game Rule #12 (NFHS regulation requiring the boys' and girls' soccer goalie uniform jersey shall be numbered) was approved until the 2017-2018 season.
- **Modified Winter and Spring Start Dates**  
The modified winter and spring start date revisions (winter - week #20 and spring – week 37) were approved.

#### 6.6 Policy

*Nothing to report*

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#### 6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

##### a) Superintendent

*Nothing to report*

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##### b) Principal

*Nothing to report*

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##### c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

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- **Wrestling 2 Division Dual Meet State Championship**  
The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee is proposing a 2 division dual meet state championship, effective January 2018 and to be conducted during week #30. Each section would determine their representative teams.

***Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the wrestling dual meet state championship proposal, but express concerns regarding the criteria of the team selection process.***

***CARRIED***

***Lucenti/Penhollow***

- **State Title Proposals**
  1. **Girls' and Boys' Swimming & Diving Team State Championship Title**  
The following proposal from the NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Committees is a discussion item for the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

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*Allow our coaches and schools the opportunity to crown a state champion at the state meet. This would then allow New York to participate in the David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award presented by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association each year.*

Concern was expressed regarding the focus on the coaches' awards within the rationale of the proposal.

***Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to not support the Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving team state championship title proposal***

***CARRIED***

***Ward/Casseri***

2. Girls Golf – Expand State Title to Include Teams (Implementation for 2018)

The following proposal from the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Committee is a discussion item for the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

*To invite and include sectional high school team champions to the NYSPHSAA Championship. They would represent their high school team.*

The proposal stems from the fact that teams compete in all Sectional Tournaments for a team title, but do not have the opportunity to win a team championship with their teammates at the State Tournament.

Winning teams already send 3 individuals on average to the State Championships. If approved, there will be 1-2 more competitors for each section participating in the State Championships, which will result in 12-20 more athletes competing.

***Motion to direct, J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the Girls Golf state title to include teams and to request clarification regarding the criteria***

***CARRIED***

***Ames/Rabey***

3. Boys' & Girls' Bowling

The following proposal submitted by the NYSPHSAA Bowling Committee is an action item for the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

*To expand the State Championships by splitting the existing School Team Division into Division 1 and Division 2. The initial Division 1 enrollment number will be 600 and above.*

The rationale for this proposal is to provide Division II teams with an opportunity to advance to the state championship. Total participation in the State Tournament is presently less than 5% (B/G combined, based on data provided in 2015) and heavily skewed towards schools with enrollment greater than 600. Currently, 55% of all participating schools have enrollment less than 600, but approximately 75%-80% of all qualifying teams come from schools with enrollment greater than 600. It is important to note, approval of this proposal will increase state championship costs.

***Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the Girls and Boys Bowling State Championship Tournament split division proposal***

***CARRIED***

***DeMarco/Spanbauer***

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- Cheerleading Video Replay – Safety/Deduction  
The following proposal is a discussion item for the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

*To allow the use of the video replay at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships to review safety and deduction points during a routine*

The rationale in making this proposal stems from judges concerns of accurate point and safety deductions. Varsity Media provides the capability to review a third party video in order to review all deductions, including safety violations.

***Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative to not support the cheerleading video reply proposal***

***CARRIED***

***Lucenti/Ginestre***

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

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- Cheerleading  
*Nothing to report*

6.8 Extended Eligibility

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6.8.1 Case 185, Orchard Park, Baseball

Case 185 was approved as the student-athlete met the extended eligibility requirements.

6.8.2 Case 186, Orchard Park, Football

Case 186 was denied as the student-athlete did not meet the extended eligibility requirements. An appeal was issued to the New York State Education Commissioner. The Commissioner granted a stay, thus allowing the student-athlete to participate in football while the appeal is being processed.

6.8.3 NYSPHSAA Policy / Concerns Regarding Legislature Involvement

As a result of Case 186's ruling by the NYSED Commissioner, the NYSPHSAA is addressing concerns regarding the extent of involvement of NYS Legislature in the NYSPHSAA.

6.9 Chemical Awareness

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*Nothing to report*

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

T. Slade

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*Reports were emailed*

6.11 Sportsmanship

J. Graczyk/D. Ames

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6.11.1 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Dinner Review

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Section VI Recognition Dinner was held Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at The Columns Banquets. Nine honorees and 18 coaches were recognized for their commitment to student-athletes and service to Section VI.

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6.12 Veterans

J. Trampert  
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6.12.1 Veterans Dinner Review

*No report*

6.13 Mixed Competition

J. Spanbauer  
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*Nothing to report*

6.14 Nominations

A. Stoltman  
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6.14.1 Tim Menges and Nathan Bourke as the Boys Swimming Co-Chairmen

6.14.2 Doug Ames as the Unified Sports Chairman

6.14.3 Jeff Rabey as Superintendents' Representative

**Motion to approve agenda items 6.14.1, 6.14.2, and 6.14.3**

**CARRIED**

**DeKay/DeMarco**

6.15 Corporate Partners

T. Slade  
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a) \$42,862 Spalding  
\$8,000 Time Warner Cable (Section VI)  
\$5,572 Time Warner Cable (NYSPHSAA)  
\$4,946 Spalding product credit  
Total \$61,380

b) G&G Fitness \$2500

c) Legend Equities \$2500 (in the process of securing sponsorship)

6.16 Hall of Fame

J. Dunnigan/B.Banker  
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6.16.1 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Update

The Section VI Hall of Fame Committee selected 16 candidates for the Class of 2016. The induction ceremony will be held Friday, December 9, 2016 at The Columns Banquets.

7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete

G. Kaszubski  
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*Nothing to report*

7.2 Charter Schools

T. Slade  
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*Nothing to report*

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8.0 **STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Outdoor Track and Field Paul Ksionzyk/Walt McLaughlin [State Report June 2016](#)

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.2 NYSAAA Report

*Nothing to report*

T. Slade  
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10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

10.1 Winter 2016-2017 Pre-Season Reports

***Motion to approve the winter 2016-2017 pre-season reports with the exception of Indoor Track***

***CARRIED***

***DeKay/Rabey***

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 Football Championship Admission Fees

Beginning in 2016, The Buffalo Bills will charge a \$10 admission fee at the gate for Section VI football championships held at New Era Field. As a result, pre-sale tickets purchased at participating school districts will be \$7.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Section VI Wrestling 2 Division Dual Meet Championship

In preparation of anticipated approval of the Wrestling 2 division dual meet state championship proposal, Section VI plans to offer a dual meet tournament beginning with the 2016-2017 season (scheduled for January 21, 2017). The Section VI Wrestling Committee is working on issues regarding the large school and small school team selection process. The proposed criteria for the team selection process will be an action item at the November 16, 2016 Athletic Council meeting.

12.2 Website Requirements and Protocol

A reminder was given regarding website requirements for the following fall sports: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, and Girls Field Hockey

Section VI Policy 212.6 states: Any school that has not submitted adequate information to the sport chair in time for the seeding meeting will be excluded from the sectional tournament. It is mandatory that each school must complete website requirements in specific time frames as outlined in the sport specific handbook, throughout the season and prior to the seeding meeting.

At the January 20, 2016 Athletic Council meeting, the following protocol was approved and instituted:

6.3.2 Sport Specific Websites

*Motion to institute the following protocol when contest results (needed for seeding purposes) are not entered on sport specific websites: The sport chairman will contact the athletic director, giving 48 hours, from the time of contact, to enter the contest results. If the results are not entered within that time frame, T. Slade, Executive Director, will contact both the athletic director and superintendent giving 48 hours, from the time of contact, to fulfill the website requirement otherwise their school's team will not be able to participate in post season play.*

***CARRIED***

***Bradley/Swanson***

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13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 Adjournment  
***Motion to adjourn***  
**CARRIED**  
***Lucenti/Rabey***

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley  
Recording Secretary

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