



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**September 14, 2016**

### **Highlights**

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** May 18, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes

### **Action Items for the Athletic Council**

- 3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the May 18, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the City Honors Girls Volleyball 2016 independent schedule
- 4.4 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Mark Ward as Section VI proxy to NYSPHSAA
- 4.5 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the City Honors Girls Swimming 2016 independent schedule
- 5.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools applications
- 5.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency applications
- 6.3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of a request to the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee to review Volleyball warm-up times and procedures
- 6.14.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Tim Menges and Nathan Bourke as the Boys Swimming Co-Chairmen
- 6.14.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Doug Ames as the Unified Sports Chairman
- 6.14.3 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Jeff Rabey as Superintendents' Representative
- 10.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Winter 2016-2017 Pre-Season Reports

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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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Commenced: 9:37am

## 3.0 MINUTES

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### 3.1 **Motion to approve the May 18th, 2016 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes**

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Rabey**

## 4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

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### 4.1 City Honors Girls Volleyball 2016 Independent Schedule

Approval of the City Honors Girls Volleyball 2016 independent schedule will be sought at the following athletic council meeting.

### 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 do 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 Mark Ward as Section VI Proxy to NYSPHSAA

Approval of Mark Ward as Section VI proxy to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee will be sought at the following athletic council meeting.

### 4.5 City Honors Girls Swimming 2016 Independent Schedule

Approval of the City Honors Girls Swimming 2016 independent schedule will be sought at the following athletic council meeting.

## 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

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### 5.1 Approval of combining of schools applications, numbers 1 through 14, will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

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

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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)

- 5.2 Approval of Outside Agency applications, (a) through (e), will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.
- 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

## 6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

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It was recommended to make November 30 the annual deadline for submission of fall combined schools end of season reports and combined schools applications (for the following fall season). The Combining of Schools Committee will meet December 15 to review both the end of season reports and applications for combining. Notification of any application denials will be given by the end of December. Appeals are due before the January 18, 2016 Athletic Council meeting.

### 6.2 Finance Committee

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#### 6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

No issues or concerns were presented.

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

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

#### 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.

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## 6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

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### 6.3.1 Boys and Girls Volleyball Warm-Up Process

B. Wild, Safety Chairman, will submit concern regarding potential concussions during volleyball warm-up sessions to the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee. The concern stems from the opposing teams' presence on the court during volleyball serving practice.

### 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.

## 6.7 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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### 1. Direction for the Boys and Girls Representatives regarding the following items will be sought at the Athletic Council meeting

- 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. In preparation of anticipated approval of this 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.
- 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:

*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.*

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

2. Girls Golf – Expand State Title to Include Teams

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.*

This 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.

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.

- Cheerleading Video Replay

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.

2. Cheer Music

All recordings used in cheer routines should be properly licensed. Member schools should maintain confirmation of any of the licenses obtained for the music. The NYSPHSAA has developed guidelines to assist member schools with compliance to the copyright regulations that arise with the use of music for cheer routines and performances. NYSPHSAA cheerleading music guidelines are posted on the Cheerleading page of the Section VI website.

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### 3. NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award Program Changes

The following revisions to the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Award Program were approved at the July 2016 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 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

#### 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.

#### 6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

*Reports were emailed*

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#### 6.11 Sportsmanship

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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.

#### 6.12 Veterans

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##### 6.12.1 Veterans Dinner Review

J. Trampert to report at the athletic council meeting.

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6.14 Nominations

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Agenda items 6.14.1, 6.14.2, and 6.14.3 will be action items at the following athletic council meeting.

- 6.14.1 Approval of Tim Menges and Nathan Bourke as the Boys Swimming Co-Chairmen
- 6.14.2 Approval of Doug Ames as the Unified Sports Chairman
- 6.14.3 Approval of Jeff Rabey as Superintendents' Representative

6.15 Corporate Partners

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The following list delineates the sponsorships secured by Section VI.

- 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

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- 6.16.1 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hall of Fame, Update  
J. Dunnigan, Hall of Fame Chairman, to report at the following Athletic Council meeting.

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSAAA

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The first NYSAAA meeting of the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled following today's athletic council meeting.

10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

10.1 Winter 2016-2017 Pre-Season Reports

Approval of Winter 2016-2017 Pre-Season Reports, with the exception of Indoor Track, will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 Football Championship Admission Fees

Beginning with the 2016 season, 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**

*Nothing to report*

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13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**  
*Motion to adjourn*  
**CARRIED**  
*Rabey/Fallacaro*

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley  
Recording Secretary

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