

# **SECTION VI**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 3.1 **CARRIED** May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 4.2 **CARRIED** Timm Slade as the proxy for Section VI at the NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee Meetings
- 5.2 **CARRIED** Combining of Schools applications (a) through (c)
- 5.3 **CARRIED** Senior All Star applications (a) and (b)
- 6.1.1 **CARRIED** Treasurer's report as presented

# SECTION VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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## MINUTES

**Executive Committee:** (\*indicates present)

B. Banker, President\*  
A. Gens, President Elect\*  
J. Rabey, Past President\*  
M. Wendt, Superintendents' Representative\*  
J. Spanbauer, Principals' Representative\*  
J. Graczyk, Boys Representative\*  
M. Fallacaro, G. Representative\*  
T. Slade, Executive Director\*  
D. Scholla, Treasurer\*

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** B. Banker [bbanker@ktufsd.org](mailto:bbanker@ktufsd.org)  
Commenced: 12:35pm
- 3.0 **MINUTES** B. Banker [bbanker@ktufsd.org](mailto:bbanker@ktufsd.org)  
3.1 ***Motion to approve the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes***  
***CARRIED***  
***Wendt/Spanbauer***
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)  
4.1 **WNYSO Contract**  
The arbitration report is anticipated to be received by the Section before the end of next week. Once received, the Section VI Negotiations Committee will convene to review the rulings.
- 4.2 **Section VI Proxy**  
***Motion to approve Timm Slade as the proxy for Section VI at the NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings***  
***CARRIED***  
***Rabey/Graczyk***
- 4.3 **Athletic Director Workshop**  
Reminder – The mandatory athletic director workshop is scheduled for Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Erie 1 BOCES.
- 4.4 **Report – USA Football Clinic**  
On June 8<sup>th</sup> 2015, Section VI sponsored a “Heads Up Player Safety Coach” Football Clinic for all area high school football programs. The clinic was held at Buffalo State College. The focus of the program is to create a safer game by further educating coaches in the areas of concussion awareness, heat & hydration, proper equipment fitting, and the “Heads Up” tackling / blocking techniques. Over 80 local high school coaches volunteered their time to become trained as a Player Safety Coach for their program. Each coach attended the all-day clinic and now has the capability to train all coaches, players, and parents in their respective schools in an effort to create a better and safer game for all.

#### 4.5 Report – FBI Captains Leadership Seminar

To develop future leaders, the Buffalo Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) partnered with Section VI, NYSPHSAA, the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB), and Erie Community College (ECC) to deliver the inaugural Captains Leadership Seminar (CLS). The purpose of the program is to establish a foundation for the leadership development of current high school student-athletes for their use today and in future collegiate and vocational endeavors. The CLS took place on Friday, May 22, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Erie County Community College South Campus. Each high school was asked to select one male and female scholar-athlete, who currently demonstrates leadership qualities at school and in their community, to attend the CLS.

At the request of the Section VI Sportsmanship Chairmen, J. Graczyk and D. Ames, the CLS and Section VI's student-athlete sportsmanship recognition will become a joint venture.

#### 4.6 Baseball/Softball Proposal

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee is recommending all adult Baseball and Softball coaches wear a hard shell helmet while coaching 1st and 3rd base for the 2016 season. This proposal will be an action item at the July 2015 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.

An email vote, of athletic council members, will be conducted June 19<sup>th</sup> in order to give direction to the Section VI Central Committee Representatives for the July 2015 NYSPHSAA meeting.

#### 4.7 Cross Country Pilot Program Proposal

The following was approved at the May 1st, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

*Section III shall be permitted to adopt a two-year pilot program in modified cross-country that will permit modified cross-country runners to wear spiked running shoes. With section/league approval, other sections may participate in this pilot program. Each section/league participating will be required to provide injury data after the 2015 and 2016 modified cross-country seasons.*

An email vote, of athletic council members, will be conducted June 19<sup>th</sup>, in order to give direction to the Section VI Central Committee Representatives for the July 2015 NYSPHSAA meeting.

#### 4.8 Injury Management Bid

Only 1 injury management bid was submitted for the 15-16 school year. Concern was expressed as the proposal was a significant increase from last year. T. Slade is continuing to investigate other options.

#### 4.9 Dismissal of Article 78 Proceeding

The State of New York Supreme Court held the Transfer Rule has a rational basis. The Court found the decision to eliminate the educational waiver has a rational basis because the NYSPHSAA has determined the educational waiver has been misused to circumvent the Transfer Rule and its removal is the best way to deter athletically motivated transfers. The Court also upheld the requirement that parents be "legally" separated and the requirement that parents demonstrate an intent to remain so indefinitely on the basis that it is a rational response to parents' efforts to circumvent the Transfer Rule.

### 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade

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#### 5.1 Combining of Schools Ad Hoc Committee

At the March 25<sup>th</sup>, Section VI Athletic Council meeting, the council recommended that the Section VI Combining of Schools Ad Hoc Committee reconvene to further define/redefine "dominant" teams. J. Rabey, Chairman, will schedule a summer meeting and plans to report at the September 2016 athletic council meeting.

#### 5.2 **Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications (a) through (c)**

- a) Catt-Little Valley with Salamanca for Boys Soccer, Varsity
- b) Brocton with Westfield for Boys & Girls Track, Varsity
- c) Ellicottville with Franklinville for Boys & Girls Cross Country, Varsity

**CARRIED**

**Spanbauer/Wendt**

### 5.3 **Motion to approve Senior All Star applications (a) and (b)**

- a) Boys Lacrosse, 2015 Exceptional Senior Lacrosse Game, 6/10/15, at Williamsville South, co-sponsored by Section VI/ECIC Class B (pre-approved T. Slade)
- b) Girls Lacrosse, Senior All Star Contest, 6/9/15, at Hamburg HS, co-sponsored by Section VI/Hamburg HS (pre-approved T. Slade)

**CARRIED**

**Fallacaro/Rabey**

## 6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 6.1 Finance Committee

D. Scholla

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#### 6.1.1 Treasurer's Report

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

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Fallacaro**

During the upcoming summer months, T. Slade, Executive Director, and D. Scholla, Treasurer, plan to meet with Section VI neutral venue representatives (Buffalo State, JCC, ECC, and Ralph Wilson Stadium) and some member schools to discuss rental fees.

### 6.6 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

#### a) Superintendent

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*Nothing to report*

#### b) Principal

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*Nothing to report*

#### c) Boys Rep

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#### Girls Rep

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#### 6.6.1 Boys Lacrosse

Note: Boys Lacrosse changing to 4 classes will be a discussion item at the July 2015 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.

### 6.10 Sportsmanship

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#### 6.10.1 Section VI Recognition Dinner

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Section VI Recognition Dinner is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at The Columns Banquets in Elma, NY. Once the candidates are finalized, invitations will be sent via the Section VI office.

### 6.15 Hall of Fame

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#### 6.15.1 2015 Section VI Hall of Fame Update

The 2015 Section VI Hall of Fame nominations process closed June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Extension of this deadline is being reviewed. Hall of fame committee members may assist in generating nominations until the submitted number of nominations reaches the original expectation of the committee. In conjunction, the committee will continue to encourage representatives from member schools to participate in the process.

## 11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Girls Basketball & Softball

Girls Basketball and Softball traditionally split classifications. The chairmen have indicated that they do not wish to split classifications for 15-16. According to the Section VI Constitution, sport chairs are responsible for dividing schools by population for classification. Populations are defined for each sport by existing classification guidelines. The Section VI Sectional Intersectional Committee is scheduled to meet with the chairmen to discuss impending concerns.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn*

**CARRIED**

*Rabey/Fallacaro*