

SECTION VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

September 19TH, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to the following award winners!

NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Award:

Albion, Hamburg, Newfane, Starpoint, Williamsville East, and Wilson High Schools

NYS Sportsmanship Promotion Award:

Alden & Newfane High Schools

Approved Items:

- 4.5 **APPROVED** Brian Lombardo from Sweet Home as the new Section VI Girls Indoor Track Chairman
- 5.1 **APPROVED** Combining Schools requests for 2012-2013
- 5.2 **APPROVED** Senior All Star Contests
- 5.4 **APPROVED** Friends & Neighbors applications:
 - a) New Life Christian
 - b) Elmwood Franklin
 - c) Southern Tier Catholic
 - d) Archbishop Walsh
- 6.1a **APPROVED** Section VI Budget: \$1500 line item for NYSAAA
- 6.1b **APPROVED** 5 year, \$15,000 annual sponsorship agreement with Spaulding
- 6.2a **APPROVED** 2013-2014 Sports Season Calendar
- 6.2b **APPROVED** Alpine Skiing as a Section VI sport
- 6.2c **APPROVED** Bowling Proposal
- 6.2d **APPROVED** Update of Section VI Policy Manual to indicate that once final venues are approved there are to be no changes, with the exception of weather or emergency events
- 6.2e **APPROVED** 2012 Post Season Spring Reports
- 6.2f **APPROVED** 2012-2013 Pre-Season Winter Reports
- 12.1 **APPROVED** 2013-2014 Section VI Meeting Dates
- 12.2 **APPROVED** Mark DiFilippo (Niagara Wheatfield) as the Section VI interim Treasurer effective September 19TH, 2012 through May 1st, 2013

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Roll Call (* indicates attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	* Jeff Rabey
President-Elect	* Brett Banker
Supt Rep/Past Pres.	* Mike Wendt
Principals Rep	* Jim Spanbauer
Boys Rep	* Don Scholla
Girls Rep	* Cindy Bullis
Executive Director	* Timm Slade
Admin. Assistants	* P. Turski/B.Fadeley
Treasurer	* Loren Ratajczak
Parliamentarian	Ron Black

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chem. Awareness	Matt McKenna
Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli
Finance	* Loren Ratajczak
Modified (Boys)	Adam Stoltman
Modified (Girls)	* Katie McGowan
NYSAAA	* Brett Banker
Policy Handbook	* Cindy Bullis
Safety	Fred Thornley
Sect./Intersectional	* Timm Slade
Sportsmanship	TBA
Transfer Chairman	Ron Black
Veterans	Jim Trampert

SPORTCHAIRS

GUESTS

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

Superintendents Rep/AD	* Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	TBA
Principals Rep	Kevin Eberle, Intl Prep	TBA
Girls Rep	* Andrea Norton, City Honors	TBA
Boys Rep	* David Thomas Jr., Intl Prep	Mark Mondanaro, Emerson

CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep	* Steve Penhollow, Falconer	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
Principals Rep	* Jud Foy, Cassadaga Valley	Al Gens, Dunkirk
Girls Rep	* Paul Ksionzyk, Olean	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys Rep	* Rick DeKay, Retired	Mel Swanson, Sherman

ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)

Superintendents Rep	* Dr. Whitney Vantine, Tonawanda	Matt McGarrity, Orchard Park
Principals Rep	* Mike Gallagher, Hamburg	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls Rep	* Marisa Fallacaro, Eden	Bobbi Meyer, JFK
Boys Rep	* Jim Graczyk, Pioneer	Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)

Superintendents Rep	Bob Christmann, Grand Island	Chris Roser, Lew-Port
Principals Rep	* Paul Casseri, Lew-Port	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport
Girls Rep	* Jon Roth, Grand Island	Scott Townsend, Lew-Port
Boys Rep	* Patrick Burke, Lockport	Jon Roth, Grand Island

NIAGARA ORLEANS (NO)

Superintendents Rep	* Kevin MacDonald, Roy-Hart	Michael Bonnewell, Albion
Principals Rep	* Mark Kruzynski, Medina	Leslie Stauss, Albion
Girls Rep	* Joel Reed, Charter School for Applied Tech.	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys Rep	* Dave Carson, Barker	Doug Ames, Newfane

Superintendent Representation by BOCES

Erie 1 BOCES	Mark Mondanaro, Ken-Ton	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	John O'Connor, Forestville	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
ON BOCES	* Jeff Evoy, Medina	TBA
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville	TBA

SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

September 19th, 2012

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- Award winners were announced and congratulated by President Jeff Rabey.
- 2.1 Executive Director Timm Slade presented the NYS Sportsmanship Promotion Awards for Section VI to representatives from the respective schools: Alden High School and Newfane High School
- 2.2 Executive Director Timm Slade presented the NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Awards to representatives from the respective schools: Albion, Hamburg, Newfane, Starpoint, Williamsville East, and Wilson
Congratulations to all award recipients!
- 3.0 ***Motion: To approve the minutes from the May 16th, 2012 athletic council meeting as submitted.***
CARRIED *Wendt/Foy*
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 Officials Coordination
- a) A pilot program for payment of officials for Buffalo Public schools via Erie 1 BOCES/Section VI is currently under review. T. Slade, A. Lloyd, the Erie 1 BOCES Representative, and the Buffalo Public schools' business agent are scheduled to meet to examine the particulars. Implementation is expected at some time in the near future.
- 4.2 The Trophy's Trophy's awards bid (\$18,076.75) was accepted. The bid process has proven to be cost effective – Section VI is purchasing more awards/plaques and incurring approximately \$5000 less in expenses, prior to the bid process.
- 4.3 Travel Bid: Grand Tours (\$14,066) and Bedore Tours (\$13,775) were the accepted bids for a total cost of \$27,841. Travel costs are expected to increase, in part from the site change for girls swimming from ECC to Ithaca.
- 4.4 Section VI received \$19,000 in sponsorship funds for 2011-2012. Approximately \$1000 is allocated for the athletic council meeting luncheons and the remaining funds were added to the benefits to districts account.
- 4.5 Appointments:
- a) Girls Indoor Track Chairman: Brian Lombardo (Sweet Home), nominated by the nominations committee
- Motion: To approve Brian Lombardo from Sweet Home as the Section VI Girls Indoor Track Chairman***
CARRIED *Graczyk/Gallagher*
- 4.6 Sportsmanship Chairperson:
- D. Beetow (Iroquois) has stepped down from the position. Any nominations must be submitted to the nominations committee, which in turn, will be reviewed and submitted at the athletic council meeting for approval.
- Boys Basketball Assistant Chairperson:
- A. Monaco (Williamsville South) has resigned from the position. J. Walker (NFL) expressed interest in assisting L. Jones (Depew) for the upcoming winter season. If J. Walker accepts, recommendation for approval will be requested at the October 17th, 2012 executive committee meeting. The Section will incur the cost of an assistant chairperson's stipend.
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1 ***Motion: To approve the following requests for Combining Schools***
CARRIED *Vantine/Bullis*
- a) Silver Creek with Dunkirk for Girls Swimming
- b) Williamsville East, North, & South as Williamsville for Girls Ice Hockey
- c) Holland with Pioneer for Boys Swimming
- d) West Seneca East & West as West Seneca for Girls Ice Hockey
- e) West Seneca East & West as West Seneca for Girls Modified Field Hockey
- f) Westfield and Chautauqua Lake with Ripley for Wrestling
- g) Frontier with Orchard Park as Frontier/Orchard Park for Girls Ice Hockey
- h) Pine Valley with Cattaraugus Little Valley for Wrestling
- i) Amherst with Sweet Home as Amherst/Sweet Home for Girls Ice Hockey

- j) Olean with Allegany-Limestone for Indoor Track (pending paperwork)
- k) Silver Creek with Dunkirk for Wrestling
- l) Pine Valley with Frewsburg for Boys Swimming
- m) Sherman with Clymer for Bowling

Note: Timelines regarding submission of requests for approval of combining of schools will be flexible depending on the sport involved. As a result, T. Slade has been permitted to approve applications for combining of schools outside of the agreed upon deadline, and in turn, those requests will be retroactively approved at the subsequent executive committee or athletic council meeting.

5.2 **Motion: To approve the following Senior All-Star Contests**

CARRIED Wendt/MacDonald:

- a) Chautauqua County boys and girls soccer, at Jamestown Athletic Complex, co-sponsored by Jamestown City Schools and the Chautauqua County varsity soccer coaches
- b) Cattaraugus County girls soccer at Portville Central, November 5th, 2012, sponsored by Olean Sports Locker

5.3 Outside Agency

Representatives are asked to remind their schools to submit applications for outside agency contests. If there is any question of what constitutes an outside agency contest– contact the Section VI office for clarification.

T. Slade has been permitted to approve applications for outside agency contests outside of the agreed upon deadline, and in turn, those requests will be retroactively approved at the subsequent executive committee or athletic council meeting.

5.4 **Motion: To approve Friends and Neighbor applications for the following schools**

CARRIED Foy/Wendt

- a) New Life Christian
- b) Elmwood Franklin
- c) Southern Tier Catholic
- d) Archbishop Walsh

5.5 Communications from NYSPHSAA: See 6.6c

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Finance Committee: [September Report/ Minutes](#) L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was submitted.

- a) **Motion: To approve a \$1500 line item in the Section VI budget designated for the NYSAAA for the purpose of staff development and conference gifts.**

CARRIED Wendt/Graczyk

The Section office was looking to facilitate staff development. The monies remunerated will allow staff development to be offered via the NYSAAA.

- b) **Motion: To approve the 5 year, \$15,000 annual sponsorship proposal from Spaulding**

CARRIED Vantine/Penhollow

In addition to the \$15,000 annual cash agreement, Spaulding's proposal includes: providing balls (volleyball, football, and baseball) to be used at Section VI championships and funds for chairpersons to use at their discretion. Spaulding was informed that member schools would not be required to buy or use their balls, but their product will be recommended by the Section. Monies received will go directly into the benefits to districts fund. T. Slade to inform member schools on particulars regarding the sports' balls.

- c) Benefits to Districts Update:

Over \$90,000 was spent in 2011-2012 to send Section VI athletes to state championships.

Note: The Benefits to Districts Account will increase by approximately \$30,000 for 2012-2013 because of the swim championships venue (Ithaca). As a result, the Section office is requesting to ear-mark those funds immediately for the 2013-2014 school year.

This is the second year of the 2-year pilot program and final year of payment for individual sports, consequently, the Section office would like to review additional opportunities to assist schools with the payment of those athletes participating in state championships.

- 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional: [September Report/Minutes](#) T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
 Committee Recommendations requiring approval:
- a) **Motion: To approve the proposed 2013-2014 sports season calendar**
CARRIED Graczyk/Carson
 Note: Football will start on the same date as all other sports due to the scheduling of the state championships.
 - b) **Motion to approve alpine skiing as a Section VI sport**
CARRIED Wendt/Vantine
 A number of member schools, Ellicottville in particular, have expressed interest in creating an alpine skiing program. A review of a possible program’s sustainability has been conducted over the past eight months. The state chairman has been contacted for further input and feasibility. As a result, it is recommended to move forward with the request. The program will initiate immediately. It is envisioned that a combined team participate in the initial stages of the program. The only cost to the Section will be a fee for a chairman – similar to that of girls ice hockey.
 - c) **Motion: To approve the bowling proposal submitted by chairman D. Kaplan**
CARRIED Burke/Roth
 The proposal allows for a more equitable procedure for teams to qualify for sectionals. More specifically, the bowling committee will adjust the qualifying requirements for sub .500 teams – teams will still be ranked, but they will be ranked according to quality points.
 - d) **Motion: To approve altering the Section VI Policy Manual to indicate that once final venues are approved - they are final with the exception of weather or emergency events**
CARRIED Wendt/Scholla
 Concern was expressed due to the contradictory language between the Section VI Policy Manual and the handbooks. Wording with regards to time-rescheduling will not be added; chairmen are already cognizant of the need to schedule around SAT’s, etc.
 - e) **Motion: To approve the post season spring reports as submitted** **CARRIED Scholla/Bullis**
 - f) **Motion: To accept the pre-season winter reports as submitted** **CARRIED MacDonald/Wendt**
- 6.3 Safety F.Thornley fthornley@eastauroraschools.org NO REPORT
- 6.4 Modified A.Stoltman(B) astoltman@aldenschools.org NO REPORT
 K.McGowan(G) kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org
- 6.5 Policy C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org NO REPORT
- 6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee
- a) Superintendent M. Wendt mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org NO REPORT
 - b) Principal J. Spanbauer jdunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us NO REPORT
 - c) Boys Rep D. Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org
 Girls Rep C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org
 - Introduction of Robert Zayas as the new NYSPHSAA Executive Director
 - The state does not recognize cheerleading as a sport, but is scheduled to host an East & West competition
 - JV Pilot Program → Defeated, only Section VI and one other section expressed interest
 - Combining of schools formula regarding classification numbers - where 100% of the host (larger) school and 50% of the combining school is totaled – was not voted on. A committee of superintendents was established to look into this matter and report back at the December meeting.
 - d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees:
 - Cheerleading M. Ziegler mziegler@lancaster.wnyric.org NO REPORT
 - Strategic Planning C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org NO REPORT
- 6.7 Extended Eligibility G. Baldelli balduche@aol.com NO REPORT
- 6.8 Chemical Awareness M. McKenna mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org NO REPORT
- 6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black hronblack@hotmail.com NO REPORT
- 6.10 Sportsmanship TBA dbeetow@iroquoiscsd.org NO REPORT
- 6.11 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert jtramOPspt@aol.com NO REPORT
- 6.12 Mixed Competition J. Spanbauer jspanbauer@nfschools.net NO REPORT

7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G.Kaszubski gkaszubski@clar.wnyric.org
 NO REPORT

7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
 Recently, it was brought to the Section VI office's attention that Buffalo Academy of Science did not have a chief medical officer. As a result, BASCS's boys' soccer season was cancelled. T. Slade to meet with the charter schools' representative to review the state rules and regulations as set forth by the Commissioner of Education.

8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1	Bowling	John Seeley/Dan Kaplan	NO REPORT
8.2	B. Basketball	Larry Jones/Al Monaco	NO REPORT
8.3	C. Country	M. Janisch/J. Zubler	NO REPORT
8.4	Indoor Track	P. Szymanski/TBA	NO REPORT
8.5	Ice Hockey	M. DiFilippo	NO REPORT

9.0 GUEST REPORTS:

9.1	NYSPHSAA: NO REPORT		
9.2	NYSAAA	B. Banker	bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us NO REPORT

10.0 **FALL SPORTS REPORTS:** No reports due Pre-Season (Mar) Post-Season (Jan)
WINTER SPORTS REPORTS: **PRE-SEASON REPORTS** Reports were accepted see 6.2f
SPRING SPORTS **POST SEASON REPORTS** Reports were accepted see 6.2e

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**
 NO REPORT

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 **Motion: To approve the 2013-2014 Section VI meeting dates**
CARRIED MacDonald/Reed

- Sectional/Finance (Thurs. 9am Teleconference): Sept. 12th, Oct. 24th, Jan. 2nd, Feb. 27th, Apr. 24th
- Finance (Thurs. 12pm Teleconference): Sept. 12th, Oct. 24th (@ Section VI), Jan. 2nd, Feb. 27th, Apr. 24th
- Athletic Council (Wed): Sept. 18th, Nov. 27th, Jan. 15th, Mar. 19th, May 14th
- Executive Committee (Wed.): Above dates plus (Teleconference) Oct. 16th, December 18th, Feb. 12th, Apr. 16th, June 18th

12.2 Section VI Treasurer Position:

Motion: To approve M. DiFilippo as Section VI interim treasurer, effective September 19th, 2012 through May 1st 2013

CARRIED Ksionzyk/Scholla

L. Ratajczak has informed Section VI of his impending retirement. The executive committee would like to recommend M. DiFilippo (Niagara Wheatfield) as interim treasurer as the office transitions from L. Ratajczak's departure. The position will be cost neutral (salary for both individuals will not exceed a combined \$20,000, which is the treasurer's current compensation). The interim position term will begin September 19th, 2012 and end May 1st 2013. At which time, the position will be posted and applications will be accepted for approval of a permanent replacement. T. Slade spoke with BOCES regarding the particulars of the position. T. Slade to update the members as more information becomes available.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT **Wendt/Spanbauer**

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Fadeley, Administrative Assistant