

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES January 20, 2016

# Highlights

# To Be Considered for the Agenda

5.1 **DEFEATED:** Combining of Schools Application – Bennett with MEC, Baseball, Varsity, 2016

# **Action Items**

- 3.1 CARRIED: November 18, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.2 CARRIED: Proposed 2016-2017 North/South timelines for schedules/assignment of officials
- 5.1 CARRIED: Combining of schools applications 1 through 3
- 6.2.1 CARRIED: Treasurer's report as presented
- 6.2.2 CARRIED: 2016-2017 Section VI proposed budget
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- 6.3.3 **CARRIED:** Secure a new venue when a host school's team is playing in the finals (if possible)
- 6.12.1 CARRIED: Veteran eligibility to include retired athletic directors and individuals who were former members of Section VI committees
- 6.14.1 CARRIED: Spring sports chairs candidates for the 2016-2019 term with the exception of Boys Tennis: Baseball- Jim Conley, Boys Golf – Nate Leary, Girls Golf – Rick Wargala, Boys Lacrosse – Ed Greenway, Girls Lacrosse – Rick Schmitt, Softball – Jay Hall, Boys Track – Paul Ksionzyk Girls Track – Walt McLaughlin
- 10.1 CARRIED: Fall 2015 post season reports Please follow us on Twitter @ Section VI

## ATTENDANCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS		SPORTCHAIRS
President	*Brett Banker	Chemical Awareness	*Dave Hack	
President-Elect	*Al Gens	Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli	
Superintendents' Rep.	*Mike Wendt	Finance	*Steve Penhollow	
Principals' Rep.	*Jim Spanbauer	Boys' Modified	*Matt Librock	GUESTS
Boys' Rep.	*Jim Graczyk	Girls' Modified	*Katie McGowan	M. LaMorticella
Girls' Rep.	Marisa Fallacaro	Nominations	*Al Gens	
Past President	*Jeff Rabey	NYSAAA	*Brett Banker	
Executive Director	*Timm Slade	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro	
Treasurer	*Don Scholla	Safety	TBA	
		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	

LEAGUE	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
BUFFALO		
Superintendents Rep./AD	*Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	TBA
Principals' Rep.	Dave Thomas Jr.	TBA
Girls' Rep.	*Andrea Norton, City Honors	TBA
Boys' Rep.	ТВА	TBA
CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAU	JGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)	
Superintendents' Rep.	*Steve Penhollow, Falconer	TBA
Principals' Rep.	Mike Cipolla, Southwestern	ТВА
Girls' Rep.	*Paul Ksionzyk, Olean	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys' Rep.	Rick DeKay, Retired	*Mel Swanson, Sherman
ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHO	DLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)	
Superintendents' Rep.	*Sandy Anzalone, Eden	ТВА
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
NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAC	GUE (NFL)	
Superintendents' Rep.	*Teresa Lawrence, Grand Island	Cynthia Bianco, Niagara Falls
Principals' Rep.	*Chris Ginestre, Hoover Middle	TBA
Girls' Rep.	*Jon Roth, Grand Island	Scott Townsend, Lew-Port
Boys' Rep.	*Scott Townsend, Lew-Port	*Jon Roth, Grand Island
NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAG	GUE (NO)	
Superintendents' Rep.	*Jeff Evoy, Medina	Michael Bonnewell, Albion
Principals' Rep.	Joe Lucenti, Akron	ТВА
Girls' Rep.	*Joel Reed, CSAT	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys' Rep.	*Doug Ames, Newfane	TBA
SUPERINTENDENT REPRE	ESENTATION (BOCES)	
Erie 1 BOCES	*Adam Stoltman, Alden	ТВА
Erie 2 BOCES	*Maureen Donahue, Southwestern	ТВА
ON BOCES	*Michelle Bradley, Lockport	ТВА
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville	ТВА

\*Indicates present

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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced 11:50am

- 1.1 Pledge of allegiance
- 1.2 Agenda Items to be Considered

#### Motion to add combining of schools application – Bennett with MEC, Baseball, Varsity, 2016 DEFEATED Reed/Evoy

## 2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Luncheon Sponsor Trophys Trophys
- 2.2 Athletic Council New Members Scott Zipp (Cheektowaga) was introduced as the new ECIC Principals' Representative.
- 2.3 State Champions
  - a) Eden Girls Volleyball, Class C represented Sandy Anzalone, Superintendent, Stephen Pierce, Coach, and Student-Athletes Sam Burgio, Sarah Hooper, and Carly DiNardo,
  - b) Portville Girls Volleyball, Class D represented by Beth Colligan, Athletic Director, Kelly Unverdorben, Coach, Lydia Lukomski, Cammie McCracken, and Emily Losinger
  - c) East Aurora Boys & Girls Cross Country, Class C represented by Fred Thornley, Athletic Director, Walt McLaughlin, Coach, and Team Captains Kenny Vasbinder, Sophia Tasselmyer, Matt McLaughlin, Fiona Daniue, TJ Murray, and Maisy Webster
  - d) South Park Football, Class A represented by Aubrey Lloyd, Athletic Director, and Tim Delany, Coach
- 2.3 State Scholar Athlete Team Awards
  - a) Lake Shore Boys Volleyball represented by James Przepasniak, Superintendent, Daryl Besant, Athletic Director, John Coyle, Varsity Volleyball Coach, Bill Anderson, JV Volleyball Coach, Josh Gregory (media), and Student-Athletes Jared Himes and Kyle Wishman
  - b) Lockport Girls Volleyball represented by Michelle Bradley, Superintendent, Frank Movalli, Principal, and Student-Athletes Alexis Gault and Kathryn Krchniak

## 3.0 MINUTES

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3.1 Motion to approve the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes CARRIED Wendt/Roth

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### 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### 4.1 Safety Chairman Vacancy

Current Safety Chairman, Fred Thornley, is scheduled to retire from his athletic director position at East Aurora on March 17, 2016. Representatives were asked to share this information with their respective leagues. Applications can be found on the Bulletin Board section of the website.

#### 4.2 2016-2017 Proposed North/South Timelines *Motion to approve the proposed 2016-2017 North/South timelines for schedules/assignment of officials CARRIED Kaszubski/Reed*

#### 4.3 BPS Request for Objective Review Update On December 3, 2015, Section VI received the following letter from Aubrey Lloyd, Director of Athletics for Buffalo Public Schools:

On behalf of the Buffalo Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Kriner A. Cash, and Bennett High School parents and community members, please accept this letter as a formal request for an objective review of the Bennett High School vs. Maple Grove Class C Championship Football game that occurred on November 9, 2015 at Ralph Wilson Stadium. This request is being made to determine if the officiating substantially contributed to the outcome of the game.

As was decided by the Executive Committee, Section VI replied to A. Lloyd indicating that the request will be formally referred to the Southwestern Chapter NYS Association of Certified Football Officials Inc. and the WNY Chapter of NYS Association of Certified Football Officials Inc. On January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, T. Slade held a meeting with the representatives from both officials' organizations to inform them of the request and the Section's response.

It was decided that representatives of both football officials groups would review the tape of the Class C Championship Football game, Bennett vs. Maple Grove, held at Ralph Wilson Stadium, November 9, 2015. A report, indicating the individuals who conducted the objective review, will be submitted by January 22, 2016 to T. Slade. P. Trzybinski volunteered to be the lead representative in conducting the objective review of the tape and responsible for the submission of the report to T. Slade.

## 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 Combining of Schools Applications
  - Motion to approve combining of schools applications 1 through 3

1. 2015-16 Boys Tennis West Seneca West with WS East Varsity (signed by league, pending BOE 1/11/16)

- 2. 2015-16 Boys Tennis Varsity Jamestown with Falconer
- 3. 2015-16 Girls Lacrosse Mod. Silver Creek with Gowanda

CARRIED

Rabey/Spanbauer

## 6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Combining of Schools Committee
  - 6.1.1 Fall 2015 End of Season Reports

The Combining of Schools Committee met Thursday, January 14, 2016 to review the end of season reports. The committee recommends to decline future potential requests for combination of the following teams:

 Maple Grove/Chautauqua Lake in Football, 2016-2017 The recommendation for declination is based on dominance. Combining will be considered, however, if moved up a classification.

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- Olmsted/Alt Ed./Bennett in Football, 2016-2017 The recommendation for declination is based on dominance. Combining will be considered, however, if moved up a classification.
- IPrep/DaVinci/Lafayette/East/Performing Arts/Riverside in Football, 2016-2017 The recommendation for declination is based on the previously approved criteria. The present combination exceeds the maximum number of schools (4) allowed to combine.

Dependent upon formal requests to combine of the aforementioned and the subsequent declinations of those applications, host schools may submit an appeal to the Section VI Executive Committee.

T. Slade is scheduled to meet with representatives from the schools involved in the declination for future potential request of combination.

With the consideration for the time frame constraints on the creation of the football schedule, applications for the aforementioned potential 2016 combinations will need to be submitted by the end of January. This time frame also provides opportunity to file an appeal before the February Executive Committee meeting.

#### 6.2 Finance Committee

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### 6.2.1 Treasurer's Report Motion to receive the treasurer's report as presented CARRIED Townsend/Stoltman

- 6.2.2 2016-2017 Section VI Proposed Budget *Motion to approve the 2016-2017 Section VI proposed budget CARRIED Lawrence/Ginestre*
- 6.2.3 Girls Golf

The 2016, 2017, and 2018 Girls Golf State Championships will be held at Bethpage on Long Island. Travel has not been an issue in the past when scheduled at Delhi, but this may change with the new venue. Currently, Section VI covers expenses for meals and hotel rooms for the student-athletes and coaches. T. Slade notified member schools that, if requested, the Section could schedule a coach bus for all participants and coaches. The Section would then back bill each member school in order to avoid violation of the approved travel policy. Member schools were asked to respond, indicating their preference, by Wednesday December 16, 2015.

A majority of the schools involved are in favor of the Section securing transportation for the 2016, 2017, and 2018 Girls Golf state championships.

Motion to approve of Section VI securing transportation, to and from Bethpage (Long Island), for all Girls Golf 2016, 2017, and 2018 state championships' participants and coaches and back bill each member school involved CARRIED

## Spanbauer/Rabey

## 6.2.4 2016-2017 Chenille Patches

The 2016-2017 approved Section VI budget includes pulling the purchase of the awards (line item) from the Erie 1 BOCES bid process. The purchase and payment of the awards would then be made directly by Section VI. The rationale being that Section VI has done business with the same vendor (Trophys Trophys) for several years as they have consistently submitted the lowest bid.

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Trophys Trophys recently contacted T. Slade informing him that if Section VI places their 2016-2017 chenille patches order by January 15, 2016, a discount in the amount of \$1,200 will be given towards the purchase.

Motion to approve the purchase of the 2016-2017 chenille patches from Trophys Trophys at a savings of \$1,200 pending approval of the proposed 2016-2017 Section VI budget CARRIED

Penhollow/Ksionzyk

6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

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- 6.3.1 Spring Sports Chairs Positions Update All spring sport chairs, except Boys Tennis, submitted intention forms requesting to be considered for the 2016-2019 term.
- 6.3.2 Sport Specific Websites

The brackets become skewed when game results a not reported on sport specific websites. The majority of coaches consistently enter game results. However, there is a small pocket of coaches who repeatedly do not enter the requested data.

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

6.3.3 Neutral Venues

Concerns have been expressed regarding the use of member school sites as neutral venues for post season competition. It was determined that unfair advantages exist when a team plays at the post season level where their school is host.

## Motion to approve securing a new venue when a host school's team is playing in the finals (if possible) CARRIED

## Bradley/Kaszubski

## 6.3.4 Splitting of Classifications

Currently, sports chairmen and their committees have the option to split a class once the class totals 18 teams. A superintendents' representative on the athletic council has brought forth a request to change the option of splitting a class once the class totals 18 teams to mandating the splitting of a class once the class totals 18 teams.

Representatives were asked to discuss this item with their leagues as it will be an action item for the March 30, 2016 athletic council meeting.

6.4 Safety

Nothing to report

TBA

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6.5 Modified Report

Nothing to report

6.6 Policy

Nothing to report

- 6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee
  - a) Superintendent

Nothing to report

b) Principal

Nothing to report

Boys Rep./Girls Rep. c)

- J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro
- NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 29 via teleconference.
- Football 6 Classification Proposal At the December 2015 meeting, the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee announced its opposition to the 6 classification proposal (in any sport). According to the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy, Guidelines, and Process; the percentage of opportunities for athletes to compete in NYSPHSAA Championships should fall within a designated range of 5% to 8% for all sports. Percentages will be calculated using the number of varsity athletes participating in the sport and the number of competitors in the championship event (same as 15-16).
- NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee d)
  - Cheerleading Nothing to report
- 6.8 Extended Eligibility

Nothing to report

- 6.9 Chemical Awareness
  - 6.9.1 Life of an Athlete Committee
    - Student Athlete Development Committee (SADC) The life of an Athlete Committee to transition to Student-Athlete Development Committee after potential approval at the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting on January 29, 2016.
    - Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting action item - January 29, 2016
    - Battle of the Fans Deadline-Monday, January 11, 2016
    - The next meeting of the NYSPHSAA Captains Club is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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### 6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

Reports were e-mailed

#### 6.11 Sportsmanship

6.11.1 Nothing to report

## 6.12 Veterans

6.12.1 Veteran Eligibility

T. Slade has been working with J. Trampert, Section VI Veterans Chairman, to revise the policy used in the determination of veteran status. The intention is to expand the veteran's pool and include deserving

Motion to approve for veteran eligibility to include retired athletic directors and individuals who were former members of Section VI committees **CARRIED** 

individuals who otherwise would not be permitted to participate.

Wendt/Ksionzyk

## 6.13 Mixed Competition

Nothing to report

#### 6.14 Nominations

6.14.1 Spring Sports Chairs Motion to approve the following spring sports chairs candidates for the 2016-2019 term with the exception of Boys Tennis **Baseball- Jim Conley** Boys Golf - Nate Leary Girls Golf - Rick Wargala Boys Lacrosse – Ed Greenway Girls Lacrosse – Rick Schmitt Softball – Jay Hall Boys Track – Paul Ksionzyk Girls Track – Walt McLaughlin CARRIED Graczyk/Ames

6.15 Corporate Partners

Nothing to report

### 6.16 Hall of Fame

6.16.1 2015 Hall of Fame Review The second induction ceremony was held December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at The Columns Banquets located in Elma, NY. There was a successful turnout of approximately 150 guests.

6.16.2 2016 Hall of Fame Deadline for Nominations The deadline to submit nominations for the 2016 class is Wednesday, May 18, 2016. The 2016 induction ceremony is scheduled for December 9, 2016 at The Columns Banquets located in Elma, NY.

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## 6.16.3 2016 Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

The Section VI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 26, 2016 at Holland Hills Country Club. T. Slade will establish a golf tournament committee whose purpose is to solicit sponsorship from member schools and outside vendors. Sponsorship funds will be used to fund the Section VI Hall of Fame induction ceremony. In addition, a donation will be made each year to a charity on behalf of Section VI.

State Meeting Minutes 11/17

State Meeting Minutes 9/20

State Meeting Minutes 9/28

State Meeting Minutes 12/1 State Meeting Minutes 12/8

## 7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete Link to Web

Nothing to report

7.2 Charter Schools

Nothing to report

## 8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Softball

Girls Lacrosse

**Boys Tennis** 

Rifle

- 8.1 J. Hall
- 8.2 W. McLaughlin/P. Ksionzyk
- 8.3 P. Borkowski
- 8.4 R. Schmitt
- 8.5 T. McMahon

## 9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA

- 9.1.1 Informational items
  - The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee is scheduled to meet Jan 29, 2016. The agenda is posted on the NYSPHSAA website.
  - New NYSPHSAA staff member- Chris Joyce, Director of Sales& Marketing

B/G Outdoor Track & Field

• The 2015-2016 Winter Scholar-Athlete application deadline is March 14, 2016

## 9.2 NYSAAA Report

9.2.1 NYSAAA Conference

The annual NYSPHSAA Conference is scheduled for March 16-18, 2016 in Saratoga, NY.

The New York State Athletic Administrators Association, Chapter 6 2016 Award Winners include: Dick Gallagher – Community Service Award Jeff Rabey (Depew) – Distinguished Service Award Jim Graczyk (Pioneer) – Athletic Administrator of the Year Kathie Tim (Grand Island) – Judith Marten's Secretarial Award

## 10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 Fall 2015 Post Season Reports *Motion to approve the fall 2015 post season reports CARRIED Reed/Townsend* 

The Boys and Girls Soccer chairmen, T. Marquardt and C. Durr, were asked to avoid scheduling conflicts for the 2016 fall season.

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## 11.0 OLD BUSINESS

### 11.1 Basketball

All league games for boys and girls basketball end Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The seeding meetings are scheduled for Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Non-leagues may be played on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Once approved, dates for post season schedules are locked in and may not be changed.

## 12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Seeding Procedures (from ECIC)

A proposal from the ECIC was made for all team sports to follow Boys Basketball seeding procedures. The four lowest seeded teams would not play against the top four seeds. The top four teams would receive a bye. The four lowest seeded teams would compete against the remaining highest seeded teams.

Council representatives were asked to discuss this item with their respective leagues as it will be an action item at the March 30, 2016 athletic council meeting.

Discussion:

- P. Ksionzyk and G. Kaszubski were asked to prepare presentations reflecting the advantages and disadvantages of this proposal.
- T. Slade will inform the sports chairmen of this proposal.
- Typically, Class A Field Hockey receives a bye and the top 4 seeds in Boys Basketball receive a bye.
- The decision on splitting of classes will influence this proposal.

#### 13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

- 13.1 March 2016 Athletic Council Meeting The next athletic council meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2016.
- 13.2 APP Process

K. Jardin, NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator, to inquire with T. Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, of any changes regarding the APP Process.

13.3 Adjournment Motion to adjourn CARRIED Wendt/Roth

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette Fadeley

Beth Fadeley Recording Secretary

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