



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

January 20, 2016

Highlights

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** December 16, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced 9:40am

B. Banker
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3.0 MINUTES

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3.1 *Motion to approve the December 16th, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes*

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Graczyk

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade
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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 Proposed North/South Timelines for Schedules/Assignment of Officials

The proposed 2016-2017 North/South timelines for schedules/assignment of officials are action items for approval at the following athletic council meeting.

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 7th, 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.

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4.4 Indoor Track & Field

A Section VI member school, which does not have an indoor track team, participated in a Section V Indoor Track and Field event. T. Slade is currently investigating the specifics of the incident in order to determine appropriate penalties. T. Slade will update the committee as more information becomes available.

4.5 Workers' Compensation

Resulting from a recent audit, the Section's workers' compensation insurance carrier, NYS Insurance Fund, added sports officials to the policy at a premium of \$20,000. The Section maintains its position that sports officials are independent contractors and as such, are not eligible for workers' compensation. Without receipt by NYS Insurance Fund of the charges owed, the Section's policy will be cancelled. Attorneys from Goldberg Segalla advised the Section to not pay the NYS Insurance Fund's charges pertaining to sports officials as employers are not required, by state law, to purchase coverage for independent contractors. As suggested by Goldberg Segalla, D. Scholla will contact Lawley Insurance for coverage.

4.6 Seeding Meeting

At the following athletic council meeting, ECIC Representatives intend to request to move back the seeding meeting dates for Boys and Girls Basketball.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

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5.1 Combining of Schools Applications

The following combining of schools applications are action items at the following athletic council meeting

1. 2015-16 Boys Tennis West Seneca West with West Seneca 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

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

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6.1.1 Fall 2015 End of Season Reports

The Combining of Schools Committee met Thursday, January 14, 2016 to review the fall 2015 end of season reports. The committee recommends to decline future potential requests for combination of the following teams:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 subsequent declinations of those applications, host schools may submit an appeal to the Section VI Executive Committee in person.

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6.2 Finance Committee

D. Scholla
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6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

No issues or concerns were presented.

6.2.2 2016-2017 Section VI Proposed Budget

The 2016-2017 Section VI proposed budget is an action item at the following athletic council meeting.

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.

As recommended by the Section VI Finance Committee, approval will be requested at the following athletic council meeting for Section VI to secure 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.

6.2.4 Chenille Patches

The 2016-2017 proposed 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.

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.

As recommended by the Section VI Finance Committee, approval will be requested at the following athletic council meeting to purchase the 2016-2017 chenille patches from Trophys Trophys at a savings of \$1,200 pending approval of the proposed 2016-2017 Section VI budget.

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 are 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.

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6.3.3 Neutral Sites

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.

Approval will be requested at the following athletic council meeting to secure a new venue when a host school's team is playing in the finals (if possible).

6.7 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./Girls Rep.

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- 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).

6.9 Chemical Awareness

D. Hack

6.9.1 Life of an Athlete Committee

D. Hack, Chemical Awareness Chairman, will report at the following athletic council meeting.

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

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Reports were e-mailed

6.12 Veterans

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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 individuals who otherwise would not be permitted to participate.

As recommended by the Section VI Sectional Intersectional Committee, approval will be requested at the following athletic council meeting for veteran eligibility to include retired athletic directors and individuals who were former members of Section VI committees.

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6.14 Nominations

A. Gens

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6.14.1 Spring Sports Chairs

Approval of the 2016-2019 spring sports chairs candidates with the exception of Boys Tennis will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

6.16 Hall of Fame

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6.16.1 2015 Hall of Fame Review

6.16.2 2016 Hall of Fame Deadline for Nominations

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2016 Hall of Fame class is Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

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.

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA

K. Suatoni-Jadin

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K. Suatoni-Jadin, NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator, is scheduled to report at the following athletic council meeting.

9.2 NYSAAA Report

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The 2016 New York State Athletic Administrators Association, Chapter 6 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

Approval of the fall 2015 post season reports will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

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

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Seeding Procedures (from ECIC)

At the following athletic council meeting, the ECIC will propose that the Section follow the Boys Basketball seeding format in all sports. 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.

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13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 Adjournment
Motion to adjourn
CARRIED
Gens/Rabey

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

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