

**SECTION VI
ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2013**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **APPROVED** November 28, 2012 Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
- 5.1 **APPROVED** Requests for Outside Agency Contests
- 5.2 **APPROVED** Requests for Combining of Schools
- 5.3 **APPROVED** Requests for Senior All-Star Contests
- 6.1.1 **APPROVED** Section VI 2013-2014 Proposed Budget
- 6.1.2 **APPROVED** Treasurer's Report
- 6.2a **DEFEATED** Support for only wearing sectional uniforms at State Championships
- 6.2b **APPROVED** Support for the Combining of Teams Proposal
- 6.6c **APPROVED** Support the reduction of contests altering the language of the motion to include "until further notice" instead of "extending the reduction of contests for 4 years"
- 10.0 **APPROVED** Fall 2012 Post-Season Reports
- 10.0 **APPROVED** Spring 2013 Pre-Season Reports

SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

January 16th, 2013

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
Treasurer	*Mark DiFilippo
Parliamentarian	Ron Black

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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

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	*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	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	*Chris Roser, Lew-Port	Cynthia Bianco, Niagara Falls
Principals Rep	*Paul Casseri, Lewiston Porter	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	*Deborah Ziolkowski, Maryvale	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	*Pete Morgante, Pine Valley	TBA
ON BOCES	*Jeff Evoy, Medina	TBA
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville	TBA

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Minutes

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER: 12:00pm** B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us
1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
1.2 Moment of Silence held for Dr. James Rusin
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS** B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us
C. Roser introduced as the new NFL Superintendent's Representative.
- 3.0 **MINUTES** B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us
Motion: to approve the November 28th, 2012 athletic council meeting minutes as presented.
Casseri/Fallacaro
CARRIED
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 Football Alignments/BEDS
The BEDS process with the SED will follow last year's model. The receipt of BEDS numbers are anticipated in late January. Consequently, flexibility will be given regarding the deadline for combining of schools in football. In addition, football schedules will be created later than usual.
- 4.2 Boys Tennis Appeal
An appeals hearing was held Tuesday, January 8, 2013 regarding a boy's tennis athlete that walked off the court during the 2012 sectional semi-finals. During the hearing, flaws were discovered within the Section VI Boys Tennis Handbook and Section VI Commitment to Compete form. As a result, the Appeals Committee asked the Section VI Boys Tennis Chairman (T. McMahon) to revise the penalty. A 3 game league suspension was then recommended. In addition, the Section VI Commitment to Compete form will be revised. The member school involved will be informed tomorrow, January 17, 2013 of the decision.
- 4.3 Boys Ice Hockey Suspension
Canisius' boys ice hockey coach was given 2 game misconducts. In accordance with Section VI policy, the coach was suspended for the remainder of the year. Section VI received a legal letter pertaining to the issue, wherein only the coach was named, not Canisius. The Discipline and Rules Committee reviewed the suspension and upheld the decision. A letter has been sent to Canisius, but no response has been given at present. Litigation is not anticipated.
- 4.4 Wrestling Grievance
The Section is at a level 3 grievance with the NFWOA pertaining to official's fees for wrestling dual meet tournaments. Adam Stoltman was named as Section VI representative. Chris Hope and Dan Hanley were named as NFWOA representatives. Dave Hoover, Director of Labor Relations/School Attorney at Erie 1 BOCES, was chosen by the NFWOA as the third party representative. According to the Section VI 2010-2013 officials' contract –"If an official is given multiple assignments at one site, the fee is full for the highest level contest and 2/3 for the second and subsequent assignments rounded up to the nearest dollar, unless a specific fee already appears in the schedule". NFWOA contests that each varsity match fee is \$86. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow, January 17th, 2013, at which D. Hoover will make a ruling.
- 4.5 Softball Sectional Finals Venue
The softball committee recommended Sunshine Park (West Seneca) as the venue for all classes in the 2013 sectional finals. Concern was expressed regarding the C and D classes. Jamestown offered to host the C and D classes, which resolves the issue. A north/south venue was proposed as a solution for all sports. T. Slade to review the possibility with all sports' chairs.

- 4.6 BLAX/GLAX Sectional Finals
The boys and girls lacrosse sectional finals' venue originally conflicted, but the boys committee has since changed their date - resolving the issue.
- 4.7 Football Pilot Program
K. Stoldt, Section VI football chairman, will meet via conference call with the executive committee at the February 13, 2013 meeting regarding the football scouting pilot program. The football committee is requesting payment by the Section for the \$3200 bill that was incurred.
Note: K. Stoldt received a corporate sponsor from Connors & Ferris in the amount of \$5000 and asked if those funds could be used to pay for the t-shirts the athletes receive at Ralph Wilson instead of member schools incurring the cost. If those monies were not used for t-shirts, they would have been used for the pilot program. Discussion: The Section will not fund the program for following years, but will assist in the coordination with Erie 1 BOCES as it may be aidable. Divisional chairman will decide if the pilot was successful and make a recommendation for the future.
- 4.8 Wrestling Litigation
Section VI is involved in an ongoing lawsuit regarding a student athlete from Iroquois accused of participating in a wrestling tournament while having an active case of herpes gladiatorum. T. Slade has been called to give deposition representing Section VI. Note: There is no requirement to have a physician on sight, although Section VI does provide one. The deposition will take place within the next month. T. Slade to update as the process moves forward.
- 4.9 Negotiations Update
Three meetings have been conducted thus far regarding the officials' contract. The committees are set to reconvene in February 2013. A recommendation for the athletic council is anticipated before the end of the school year.
- 4.10 ArbiterGame
An ArbiterGame presentation by ArbiterSports staff will take place Friday, January 25th, 2013, 10am, at Erie 1 BOCES. All are welcome to attend.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade

tslade@e1b.org

- 5.1 Outside Agency Contests
Motion: to approve the following outside agency contests:
a) **NCCC Thunder Wolves Wrestling Invitational, 12/22/12, at NCCC, co-sponsored by Fredonia (pre-approved by T. Slade)**
b) **Patrick Morales Wrestling Tournament, 1/11 & 1/12/12, at Falconer HS, co-sponsored by Falconer Wrestling Boosters (pre-approved by T. Slade)**
CARRIED
Ksionsyk/Bullis
- 5.2 Combining of Schools
Motion: to approve the combining of schools request of Forestville with Silver Creek for Football (2013-2014), pending signatures.
CARRIED
Morgante/Spanbauer
Motion: to approve the combining of schools request of Ellicottville with West Valley for B & G Track & Field (2012-2013), pending signatures.
CARRIED
Ksionsyk/Spanbauer
- 5.3 Senior All-Star Contest
Motion: to approve the following Senior All-Star Contest:
a) **Boys/Girls Basketball, N.O./G.R. Senior All-Star Game, 3/8/13, at Medina HS, co-sponsored by Genesee Region League (Section V)**
CARRIED
Carson/Bullis
- 5.4 Cheerleading Invitational
Applications for the cheerleading invitational are due to the state office by February 2, 2013. Currently, 5 schools in Section VI will participate.

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance Committee [January Report](#) M. DiFilippo mdifilippo@e1b.org

6.1.1 **Motion: to approve the [proposed 2013-2014 Section VI budget](#).**

CARRIED

Wendt/Reed

6.1.2 Treasurer's Report

All Fall bills have been paid with the exception of invoices yet to be received by the Buffalo Bills for football and Orchard Park for girls volleyball. T. Slade and M. DiFilippo to develop a new format for the treasurer's report. The layout will provide a clearer presentation of disbursements, allocations, and fund balances.

Note: J. Fregelette, Executive Director of Finance and Information Systems at Erie 1 BOCES, informed T. Slade that line item 1015-BOCES #548 should not be included on the report as it is encumbered for office salaries etc. In addition, monies allocated for state championships will be listed separately. The way these items are currently listed gives an inaccurate view of the actual fund balance.

Motion: To approve the treasurer's report as of January 11, 2013.

CARRIED

Wendt/Burke

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [January Report](#) T. Slade tslade@e1b.org

a) Sectional Uniforms at State Competition

Currently, as approved by the state association, sectional uniforms cannot be worn at the state level. T. Slade made a recommendation to the state association, resulting from the incident at the 2012 cross country championships, to reinstate wearing sectional uniforms at state competition. This affects cross country, wrestling, and tennis. There would be no cost to the Section. This recommendation was made for safety purposes and recognition by sections.

Motion: to direct the Boys (D. Scholla) and Girls (C. Bullis) Section VI Representatives to support only wearing sectional uniforms at state competition as recommended by the Sectional/Intersectional Committee.

DEFEATED

Carson/Evoy

b) [Combining of Teams Proposal](#)

In addition to the terms of the proposal, the Section would control the deadline for combining of teams requests and establish a sub-committee to approve/deny combining of schools requests.

Concern was expressed regarding D class schools merging and creating "super teams" as the 20% figure would not have a significant impact on team placement.

Motion: to direct the Boys (D. Scholla) and Girls (C. Bullis) Section VI Representatives to support the Combining of Teams Proposal as recommended by the Sectional/Intersectional Committee

CARRIED 13 In Favor 10 Opposed

Carson/Krusynski

Discussion Points:

- Other sections are creating criteria for mergers
- No request for a merger has ever been denied in Section VI
- Any individual may request a combining of schools, but the discussion usually begins between the athletic directors involved
- If this proposal is defeated at the state meeting, sections revert back to what is currently being used – 100% BEDS of both schools involved

6.3 Safety F. Thornley fthornley@eastauroraschools.org

No Report

6.4 Modified Report A. Stoltman astoltman@aldenschools.org

Nothing to Report

K. McGowan kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org

6.5 Policy C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

Nothing to Report

6.6 STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/CENTRAL COMMITTEE

a) Superintendent M. Wendt mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org
An e-mail was sent to the superintendents regarding the reduction of contests. M. Wendt expressed thanks as the response was great- recognizing good communication between the superintendents and athletic directors.

b)Principal J. Spanbauer jspanbauer@nfschools.net
Nothing to Report

c) Boys Rep. D. Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org
Girls Rep. C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

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CARRIED

Penhollow/Scholla

Using the language of "until further notice" allows discussion concerning the reduction of contests to be brought up every year, if necessary, without instituting a time period.

d)NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees:

Cheerleading M. Ziegler mziegler@lancaster.wnyric.org

See Communications 5.4

Strategic Planning C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

"Strategic Planning" may now be removed from the agendas as the strategic plan has been accepted by the state and the committee is no longer active.

6.7 Extended Eligibility G. Baldelli balduche@aol.com
No Requests for Extended Eligibility for the 2012-2013 Winter Season

6.8 Chemical Awareness M. McKenna mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org
Nothing to Report

6.9 Transfer/Foreign Student R. Black hronblack@hotmail.com
Reports were e-mailed

6.10 Sportsmanship J. Graczyk jgraczyk@pioneercsd.org
Nothing to Report D. Ames dames@newfane.wnyric.org

6.11 Veterans J. Trampert jtramOPspt@aol.com
Nothing to Report

6.12 Mixed Competition J. Spanbauer jspanbauer@nfschools.net
Nothing to Report

6.13 Nominations B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us

6.13.1 Spring Sports Chairs Terms

The Spring Sports Chairs terms expire June 30, 2013. Please send nominations to B. Banker at bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us . This will be an action item for the 2013 May athletic council meeting.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete
Fall 2012: 615 Nominations, 128 Winners, 487 Honorable Mentions
Reminder: The scholar athlete winter nominations are due March 1st

7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
Nothing to Report

8.0 **STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1	Girls Lacrosse	Rick Schmitt	State Meeting Report
8.2	Boys Tennis	Terry McMahon	State Meeting Report
8.3	Boys Soccer	Todd Marquardt	State Meeting Report
8.4	Field Hockey	Jude Otto	State Meeting Report
8.5	Girls Soccer	Chris Durr	State Meeting Report
8.6	Wrestling	Izzy Martinez	State Meeting Report

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA
Nothing to Report

9.2 NYSA
Reminder: 2013 Conference to be held in March [\(Program Information\)](#) B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us

10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

FALL SPORTS REPORTS:

Motion: to approve the Fall 2012 post-season reports as presented.

CARRIED

Burke/Spanbauer

Note: The Section will work with the sports' chairman to evaluate championship sites, specifically reviewing cost and convenience.

WINTER SPORTS REPORTS:

No Reports Due

SPRING SPORTS REPORTS:

Motion: to approve the Spring 2013 pre-season reports as presented.

CARRIED

Casseri/Graczyk

Note: The Sectional Intersectional Committee originally recommended approval of the 2013 pre-season reports with the exception of the C & D softball venue for sectional finals. Jamestown's subsequent offer to host the C & D finals has since resolved the issue.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to Report

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to Report

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: to adjourn

CARRIED

Graczyk/Lloyd

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Fadeley
Administrative Assistant