



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

November 18th, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.2 **CARRIED** Addendums 1 through 3 to the agenda
- 3.1 **CARRIED** September 16th, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 5.1 **CARRIED** Combining of schools applications, numbers 1 through 3
- 5.2 **CARRIED** Senior All Star contest applications, number 1
- 5.3 **CARRIED** Outside Agency contest applications, numbers 1 through 12
- 6.2.1 **CARRIED** Treasurer's report
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED** Extend the travel to state competition policy for the 2016-2017 school year
- 6.3.2 **CARRIED** Direct M. Fallcaro, Girls' Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys' Representative, to support six classifications in the sport of football
- 6.5.2 **CARRIED** With section/league approval, to allow modified wrestlers to have the option of wearing an alternative to the traditional singlet. Options may include a form-fitting compression shirt and compression shorts, or a form-fitting compression shirt under the school uniform singlet.
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- 6.7c **CARRIED** Direct M. Fallacaro, Girls' Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys' Representative, to support the creation of the Student Athlete Development Committee
- 6.7c **CARRIED** Direct M. Fallacaro, Girls' Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys' Representative, to support the creation of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

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- 6.7c **CARRIED** Direct M. Fallacaro, Girls' Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys' Representative, to support the revision to Rule 22
- 6.7c **CARRIED** Direct M. Fallacaro, Girls' Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys' Representative, to support moving from 3 to 4 classifications
- 6.14.1 **CARRIED** Adam Stoltman (Alden) as Section VI President-Elect
- 6.14.2 **CARRIED** Dave Hack (Orchard Park) as Section VI Chemical Awareness Chairman
- 6.14.3 **CARRIED** Jim Spanbauer (Niagara Falls) as Section VI Principals' Representative
- 10.1 **CARRIED** Spring 2016 pre-season reports with the understanding that any issues/concerns noted within each report are to be addressed
- 12.4 **CARRIED** Secure support from Section VI superintendents regarding Section V's endeavor to remove private schools from post season competition

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ROLL CALL

(* indicates present)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Brett Banker*
President-Elect	Al Gens*
Supt Rep/Past Pres.	Mike Wendt*
Principals Rep	Jim Spanbauer*
Boys Rep	Jim Graczyk*
Girls Rep	Marisa Fallacaro*
Executive Director	Timm Slade*
Treasurer	Don Scholla*
Past President	Jeff Rabey*

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chem. Awareness	TBA
Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli
Finance	Steve Penhollow*
Modified (Boys)	Matt Librock*
Modified (Girls)	Katie McGowan*
Nominations	Al Gens*
NYSAAA	Brett Banker*
Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro*
Safety	Fred Thornley*
Sect./Intersectional	Timm Slade*
Sportsmanship	Jim Graczyk* Doug Ames*
Transfer Chairman	Timm Slade*
Veterans	Jim Trampert
Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan

SPORTCHAIRS

GUESTS

T. Nelson*	NYSPPHSAA
M. LaMorticella*	Tapestry

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

Superintendents Rep/AD	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson*	TBA
Principals Rep	David Thomas Jr	TBA
Girls Rep	Andrea Norton, City Honors	TBA
Boys Rep	TBA	TBA

CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep	Steve Penhollow, Falconer*	TBA
Principals Rep	Mike Cipolla, Southwestern*	TBA
Girls Rep	Paul Ksionzyk, Olean*	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys Rep	Rick DeKay, Retired*	Mel Swanson, Sherman

ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)

Superintendents Rep	Sandy Anzalone, Eden*	TBA
Principals Rep	Scott Taylor, Williamsville East*	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls Rep	Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home*	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Boys Rep	Greg Kaszubski, Clarence*	Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)

Superintendents Rep	Dr. 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 (NO)

Superintendents Rep	Jeff Evoy, Medina*	Michael Bonnewell, Albion
Principals Rep	Joe Lucenti, Akron	TBA
Girls Rep	Joel Reed, CSAT*	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys Rep	Doug Ames, Newfane*	TBA

Superintendent Representation by BOCES

Erie 1 BOCES	Adam Stoltman, Alden*	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	Maureen Donahue	TBA
ON BOCES	Michelle Bradley, Lockport*	TBA
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville	TBA

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of allegiance

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1.2 Addendums to the Agenda

Motion to approve addendums 1 through 3 to the agenda

1. Resignation, Gerald Baldelli, Extended Eligibility Chairman
2. Buffalo Public Schools "Request for Objective Review" from Community leaders
3. Bennett HS Football Coach, Comments in The Buffalo News and Behavior after Championship Game at RWS

CARRIED

Rabey/Marisa

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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2.1 Luncheon Sponsor

Toth Sports (Rusty Knight, Sales Representative)

3.0 MINUTES

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3.1 ***Motion to approve the September 16th, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Reed/Wendt

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

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4.1 Athletic Council March 2016 Meeting Date

Due to conflicts with the NYSAAA conference and the early Easter break, the March 2016 athletic council meeting is now scheduled for March 30.

4.2 Neutral Venues

Concerns were expressed using 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. After review with each sports' chairman, T. Slade will present a recommendation this spring for the following school year.

4.3 Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

The Section VI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament will be held at Holland Hills Golf Course, June 2016. T. Slade will update the committee once the remaining details are finalized.

4.4 Athletic Trainers/Staff Development/Payment of Officials/BOCES

- Athletic Trainers

Erie 1 and Erie 2 BOCES administrative representatives are currently finalizing athletic trainer co-sers to submit to NYSED for approval. If approved, Erie 1 and Erie 2 BOCES will be able to provide athletic trainer services to member schools in need and to the Section for post season play. T. Slade will update the committee as more information becomes available.

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- Staff Development
All staff development opportunities will be run through the Erie 1 BOCES coaching co-ser. Anticipated offerings include a twitter seminar and an LTC 506 course.
- Payment of Officials
Payment of officials through Erie 1 BOCES is temporarily on hold until issues with workers compensation are resolved.

4.5 Determination of Veteran Status Update

T. Slade is currently 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 veterans pool and include deserving individuals who otherwise would not be permitted to participate.

4.6 Revised Wrestling Skin Infection Form

At the October 22, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, revisions to the wrestling skin infection form were approved. When dealing with skin infections, school health offices must now be included in the initial process with the school medical director giving final approval for participation.

4.7 Proposed North/South Timelines for Schedules/Assignment of Officials

The proposed north/south timelines for schedules/assignment of officials will be an action item for approval at the January 20, 2016 athletic council meeting.

4.8 Broadcast Alerts Update

Reminders to sign up for Section VI broadcast alerts will be emailed. The broadcast alert feature of the Section VI website will allow for mass communication, emergency messages to be sent via mobile texts, twitter, and email.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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5.1 ***Motion to approve combining of schools applications, numbers 1 through 3***

1. Add Clarence to Sweet Home with Amherst, Girls Ice Hockey, Varsity (SH/Amherst approved 5/13/15)
2. Silver Creek with Gowanda for Boys Lacrosse, Varsity, JV, 7th/ 8th
3. Salamanca with Catt/LV for Baseball, JV & V (pending paperwork)

CARRIED

Ksionzyk/Graczyk

5.2 ***Motion to approve Senior All Star contest application, number 1***

1. Chautauqua County Exceptional Seniors, Wed. March 16, 2016 at Cassadaga Valley HS, co-sponsored by Panama Central (pending state approval)

CARRIED

DeKay/Wendt

5.3 ***Motion to approve Outside Agency contest applications, numbers 1 through 12***

1. Town of Hamburg Lions Club Boys Basketball Tournament December 1 - 4, 2015, at Frontier HS, co-sponsored by Frontier HS
2. Fredonia Cheerleading & Dance Competition, 1/24/2016, at Fredonia SUNY, co-sponsored by Dunkirk HS & Section VI
3. Falls Freeze Cheer & Dance Competition, 2/28/2016, at Niagara Wheatfield Central, co-sponsored by Champion Cheer Central & Niagara Wheatfield
4. Alden State Bank Tip-Off Tournament, Girls Basketball, 11/27/2015 & 11/28/2015, at Alden High School co-sponsored by Alden State Bank (pending insurance)
5. Falconer Patrick J Morales Wrestling Tournament, 1/15 & 1/16/2016, at Falconer HS (pending insurance & paperwork)
6. STWOA Tournament 1218-19/2015, at Allegany Community Center, Co-sponsored by Salamanca HS insurance received, pending receipt of application

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7. NFWOA Tournament, 1/8 & 1/9/2016, at NCCC, co-sponsored by Niagara Frontier Wrestling Officials (pending signatures)
8. Bayhawk Classic, 1/18/16, at Erie Insurance Arena, Erie, PA, co-sponsored by Erie Bayhawks (pending insurance)
9. JCC Girls Basketball Shootout, 12/29 & 12/30/2015, at JCC, co-sponsored by JCC Women's Basketball (pending insurance)
10. NFHS Festival of Lights Bowling Tournament, 12/28/15, at Tonawanda Bowling Center, co-sponsored by Tonawanda Bowling Center (pending insurance)
11. Cataract City Hockey Classic, 12/26 & 12/27/2015, at Hyde Park Ice Rink, co-sponsored by Niagara Falls Educational Foundation (pending insurance)
12. Cataract City Boys Basketball Classic, 12/4 & 12/5/2015, at Niagara Falls High School, co-sponsored by Niagara Falls Educational Foundation

CARRIED

Rabey/Wendt

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 fall 2015 combining of schools end of season reports are due Tuesday, December 1st, 2015.

6.1.2 January Committee Meeting

The Combining of Schools Committee will reconvene, at a date to be established, to prepare a report for the January 20, 2016 athletic council meeting.

6.2 Finance Committee

D. Scholla

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6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

Motion to receive the treasurer's report

CARRIED

Townsend/Roth

6.2.2 Section VI Audit Update

An official audit report from Bonadio & Co., LLP for the 2014-2015 school year is yet to be received.

6.2.3 2016-2017 Section VI Proposed Budget

No issues or concerns were presented regarding the proposed 2016-2017 Section VI budget. The proposed budget will be an action item for approval at the January 20, 2016 athletic council meeting.

6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

T. Slade

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6.3.1 Travel to State Competition Policy

The state competition policy trial basis expires at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. The Section VI Finance Committee is in support of extending the policy for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion to extend the travel to state competition policy for the 2016-2017 school year

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Stoltman

6.3.2 Football Six Classifications

The Section VI football chairman and committee are in support of the proposal for six classifications in the sport of football. An implementation year is yet to be confirmed.

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CLASS AAA-		School Population	#of Teams	
	Currently	0	0	
				{not including Privates)
	Proposed	1100+	47	Proposed Differential1480
AA	Currently	930+	84	Current Differential1650
	Proposed	740-1099	79	Same# Differential as Current Class A (360)
A	Currently	570-929	89	Current Differential 359
	Proposed	455-739	78	Proposed Differential 283
B	Currently	365-569	90	Current Differential 204
	Proposed	340-454	77	Proposed Differential114
C	Currently	240-364	95	Current Differential124
	Proposed	225-339	84	Proposed Differential114
D	Currently	0 - 239	70	Current Differential139
	Proposed	0-224	66	Proposed Differential134
				(Smallest school currently playing is Roscoe w/ 90 students)

Motion to give direction to M. Fallcaro, Girls' Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys' Representative, to support six classifications in the sport of football

CARRIED

Rabey/Ksionzyk

6.3.3 Charter School Ad Hoc Committee

With B. DelBello stepping down from the athletic director position at JFK, an ECIC representative is needed for the Charter School Ad Hoc Committee.

6.3.4 Combining of Schools Committee

With A. Preston stepping down from the athletic director position at West Valley, a CCAA representative is needed for the Combining of Schools Committee.

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6.3.5 Spring Sports Chairs

The spring sports chairs' terms expire June 30, 2016. Incumbents will be emailed an application to indicate their intentions. The application will also be posted online for individuals who wish to apply.

6.4 Safety

Nothing to report

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6.5 Modified Report

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6.5.1 Football Survey Injury Report Update

T. Slade will remind the athletic directors of the member schools that participated in the modified football pilot program to submit their injury report.

6.5.2 Modified Wrestling Uniform Waiver

Motion, with section/league approval, to allow modified wrestlers to have the option of wearing an alternative to the traditional singlet. Options may include a form-fitting compression shirt and compression shorts, or a form-fitting compression shirt under the school uniform singlet.

CARRIED

Kaszubski/Spanbauer

6.5.3 Proposed Changes in Modified Starting Weeks

The following motion will be an action item at the spring 2016 NYSPHSAA Committee meeting:

The modified sections may be more restrictive and have the option of establishing their modified sport season starting weeks after the NYSPHSAA starting weeks:

The starting week for the modified fall season will be Week 8 (Aug. 22, 2016)

The starting week for the modified winter season will be Week 20 (Nov. 14, 2016)

The starting week for the modified spring season will be Week 37 (March 13, 2017)

6.5.4 Modified Basketball 3 Point Shot

The NYS sections are split on the modified basketball 3 point shot issue, and discussion continues. Last spring's anticipated survey of the opinions of state modified and high school coaches did not happen, so the issue was tabled. It is anticipated that the survey will be developed and distributed this school year.

6.5.5 Modified Wrestling

The following items were approved by NYSPHSAA Executive Committee and/or NYSPHSAA Safety Committee:

- Wrestling Game Condition #1 shall be changed as follows:
A contestant (or team) may participate in competitions not to exceed 14 points during the season.
- Wrestling Game Condition #2 shall be changed as follows:
A contestant (or team) can accumulate more than 10 points out of the maximum 14 points allowed via 2 point contests.

6.5.6 Modified Wrestling Overtime Procedure

Motion, with section/league approval, to permit a sudden victory overtime period in modified wrestling. The method of overtime must be determined at the onset of the event. Wrestlers may start in the standing position or in the 'Referees Criteria' based on the NFHS wrestling rulebook for sudden victory. The overtime period shall not exceed 30 seconds.

CARRIED

Kaszubski/Roth

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6.5.7 Girls Basketball Modified Rule Changes 2015-2016

Representatives were asked to remind their leagues that girls basketball rules at the high school level also apply at the modified level.

6.6 Policy

Nothing to report

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6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

Nothing to report

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b) Principal

Nothing to report

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c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro
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- Youth Summit
Eden HS will host a youth summit on January 22, 2016 at 9am. Interested schools are asked to contact T. Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, and M. Fallacaro.
- NYSPHSAA Philosophy Committee
The championship philosophy committee is scheduled to meet December 3, 2015 in Albany to review the criteria for six classifications.
- Proposed Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC)
The SADC would encompass all student-athlete programming at NYSPHSAA including Life of an Athlete, Scholar Athlete, Community Service, Leadership, Sportsmanship, etc. Each section would have a representative on the committee. The committee would allow for consistency and growth in the special programs offered by the Association. Their role would be to find ways to support and empower student-athletes through programming. The goal of the SADC would be to create opportunities for student-athletes at the high school level to learn about leadership, sportsmanship, chemical health, life skills, etc. The committee would create and revitalize current programming to recognize student-athlete success, in addition to creating new programming, to prepare student-athletes for the next level of life.
Motion to direct M. Fallacaro, Girls' Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys' Representative, to support the creation of the Student Athlete Development Committee
CARRIED
Bradley/Ames
- Proposed Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
Initially the SAAC would be comprised of the 13 student-athletes who attended the 2015 New England Student Leadership Conference (NESLC), the 2 student-athletes who attended the NFHS Student Leadership Conference, and the 5 student-athletes from the summer 2014 NESLC who have not graduated, totaling 20 student-athletes. After this upcoming spring, each section will recommend 1 male and 1 female for the committee. These individuals would be required to attend the NESLC (2017) and the YSAAA (2017) conference. Student-athlete input is imperative in the attempt to create student-athlete programming. SAAC would provide student-athletes a voice within the Association, providing feedback and suggestions on a variety of subjects.
Motion to direct M. Fallacaro, Girls' Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys' Representative, to support the creation of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
CARRIED
Bradley/Ames

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- Proposed Practice Session Rule Revision
Revisions to Rule 22 “Practice Sessions” as follows: Athletes who switch from one sport to another ~~contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/noncontact or non-strenuous/non-contact sport~~ are permitted to count conditioning practices toward their new sport as follows (excluding bowling, golf, and rifle). Currently, NYSPHSAA does not allow student-athletes to carry over practices when going from a “contact” sport to a “contact” sport other than in the state championships. The revision would create consistency for all students and sports.
Motion to direct M. Fallacaro, Girls’ Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys’ Representative, to support the revision to Rule 22
CARRIED
DeMarco/Reed
- Boys & Girls Lacrosse
The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Lacrosse Committees are looking to move from 3 classifications to 4 classifications. Both Section VI chairmen are in support.
Motion to direct M. Fallacaro, Girls’ Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys’ Representative, to support moving from 3 to 4 classifications
CARRIED
DeMarco/Graczyk
If approved at the state level, the NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Lacrosse Committees will be asked to provide cut off numbers for classifications at the May 2016 state meeting.
- Unified Sports
T. Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, hosted a Unified Sports meeting November 4, 2015 at Erie 1 BOCES for interested Section VI member schools. At this time, approximately 7 schools have committed. Currently, only the sport of basketball is offered. Practices will begin April 2016 with contests to follow in May 2016.
- Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures
For the past 4 years, NYSPHSAA has required the use of the AccuWeather RealFeel temperature when deciding if a game and/or practice must be postponed. This past fall, the NYSPHSAA was notified that due to some changes with AccuWeather, schools were not receiving accurate and reliable real feel temperatures. A meeting with Accuweather is being scheduled to discuss the need for our association to receive reliable and accurate data. WeatherBug will also be contacted. Any recommended changes will be presented by the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee at the January 2016 state meeting.
- Cheerleading – State Championship Fee Structure
Currently, all sections’ cheerleading fee structures data is being collected. A recommendation for approval regarding the cheerleading state championship fee structure will be made at the January 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
- 2 Day Baseball Tournament Proposal
The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee proposed a 2 day format for the state baseball championships. It is the committee’s position that a 2 day format would be highly beneficial to the quality of play in championship games, offer greater safety to student-athletes, allow for weather flexibility, and potentially provide greater publicity and revenue possibilities as compared to the current 1 day format. The proposal, a two year experiment, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, will be recommended for approval at the January 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
M. Fallacaro, Girls’ Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys’ Representative, were directed to support the 2 day Baseball Tournament proposal.
- State Championship Sites
 1. The following state championship venues have been approved:
Ocean Breeze, Staten Island – Indoor Track and Field (2017, 2018, 2019)
Bethpage – Girls Golf (2016, 2017, 2018)
Hudson Valley Community College – Girls Basketball (2017, 2018, 2019)

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2. Boys Basketball

Concern was expressed regarding the initial bidding process for the 2017, 2018, 2019 Boys Basketball Championship venue; therefore, all bids were discarded. The bidding process was re-opened. All bids are due by 10am on December 7, 2015. The NYSPHSAA will meet December 18, 2015 to approve the recommended site.

- Girls Golf
The Girls Golf State Championship was moved from week 49 to week 48.
- State Championship Athlete Gifts
The NYSPHSAA Athlete Gift Policy for State Championship Events, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year was approved at the October 22, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. Every championship participating athlete will continue to receive NYSPHSAA branded lanyard and souvenir badge specific to the championship event. Every "state championship team/individual" will receive a non-specific championship t-shirt honoring their accomplishment as a "NYSPHSAA State Champion". The association will no longer accept donations for participation gifts for student-athletes.
- NYSPHSAA Fall Scholar Athlete
The NYSPHSAA Fall 2015 Scholar-Athlete submission deadline is Monday, December 7, 2015.
- NYSPHSAA Captains Club
Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator, will be sending out registration information to members schools regarding the newly initiated NYSPHSAA Captains Club. The first meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2016 at 3pm. The intention of the Captains Club is to develop student-athletes' leadership skills.

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

- Cheerleading
Nothing to report

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6.8 Extended Eligibility

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6.8.1 Case # 185

On September 30, 2015, the Extended Eligibility Committee denied a request for participation in the upcoming 2015-2016 winter and spring seasons. It was reiterated that "...or similar circumstances beyond the control of the student" was eliminated from the Commissioner's Regulation. The only reasons for extended eligibility must be related to illness or accident.

6.9 Chemical Awareness

Nothing to report

TBA

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

Reports were e-mailed

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6.11 Sportsmanship

6.11.1 Fall Coaches Nominations Reminder

Reminders will be emailed regarding nominations for recognition of fall coaches.

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- 6.11.2 NYS Promotion Survey
Member schools will be requested to take the NYS promotion survey earlier than usual (March 2016) in anticipation for a greater number of responses than have been received in the past.
- 6.11.3 NYSPHSAA Battle of the Fans
The NYSPHSAA Battle of the Fans is a program which highlights the best student cheering sections across New York that promote positive sportsmanship. Directions to participate may be found on the NYSPHSAA website. The deadline for submission is Monday, January 11, 2016 at noon.
- 6.11.3 Artificial Noisemakers
The Section VI Sportsmanship Chairmen, D. Ames and J. Graczyk, are working to collect data from member schools regarding the use of artificial noisemakers.
- 6.11.4 CCAA Sportsmanship Seminar
For member schools interested in attending, the CCAA League is scheduled to hold a sportsmanship seminar Friday, November 20, 2015 at Maple Grove High School.

6.12 Veterans

Nothing to report

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6.13 Mixed Competition

Nothing to report

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6.14 Nominations

6.14.1 Section VI President-Elect 2016-2018

Motion to approve Adam Stoltman (Alden) as Section VI President-Elect 2016-2018

CARRIED

Wendt/Rabey

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6.14.2 Section VI Chemical Awareness Chairman

Motion to approve Dave Hack (Orchard Park) as Section VI Chemical Awareness Chairman

CARRIED

Kaszubski/DeMarco

6.14.3 Section VI Principals' Representative

Motion to approve Jim Spanbauer (Niagara Falls) as Section VI Principals' Representative

CARRIED

Rabey/Roth

6.15 Corporate Partners

6.15.1 G&G Fitness – 2015 Section VI Hall of Fame

G&G Fitness committed sponsorship in the amount of \$2000 for the 2015 Section VI Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

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6.16.1 2015 Hall of Fame Update

Currently, 115 individuals confirmed attendance for the 2015 hall of fame induction ceremony at The Columns Banquets on Friday, December 4th.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete [Link to Web](#)G. Kaszubski
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7.1.1 Fall 2015 Submissions

The All WNY Scholar Athlete Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, November 24 to select the 2015 fall winners. Over 900 submissions were received.

7.2 Charter Schools

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J. Reed, Charter School Liaison, attended the charter schools' first meeting of this school year. J. Reed will continue to meet with the charter school representatives and assist when necessary in an advisory manner. The Charter School Ad Hoc Committee will meet in May 2016 and present any recommendations at the May 18, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting.

8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 B/G Outdoor Track & Field	P. Ksionzyk/W. McLaughlin	State Meeting Report 9/20/15
8.2 Girls Golf	R. Wargala	State Meeting Report 9/22/15
8.3 Girls Basketball	C. Durr	State Meeting Report 9/28/15
8.4 Rifle	P. Borkowski	State Meeting Report 9/28/15
8.5 Wrestling	M. Debarieri/I. Martinez	State Meeting Report 9/30/15
8.6 Ice Hockey	M. DiFilippo/R. Hopkins	State Meeting Report 10/2/15
8.7 Boys Basketball	L. Jones	State Meeting Report 10/16/15

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA

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The NYSPHSAA report was given in conjunction with the Boys' and Girls' Representative's report.

9.2 NYSAAA Report

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9.2.1 NYSAAA Awards Chairman

M. DiFilippo (Williamsville East) has taken over the NYSAAA Awards Chairman position formerly held by now retired P. Burke (Lockport). Nominations for the Judith Martens Secretarial Award, Athletic Administrator Award, Community Service Award, and Distinguished Service Award will be accepted through January 2016. The NYSAAA conference is scheduled for March 16-18 in Saratoga, NY.

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 2016 Spring Pre-Season Reports

Motion to approve the spring 2016 pre-season reports with the understanding that any issues/concerns noted within each report are to be addressed

CARRIED**Wendt/Fallacaro**

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

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12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Extended Eligibility Chairman

Gerry Baldelli, Section VI Extended Eligibility Chairman, submitted his resignation to Section VI, effective June 30, 2016. T. Slade, Executive Director, will absorb the duties of this position.

12.2 Buffalo Public Schools "Request for Objective Review" from Community Leaders

Section VI, NYSPHSAA, Inc. is an association of member schools and not an association of parents/families. When and if a member school brings something to the Section's attention, the Section will work with the school and their representatives to bring resolution to the issue.

12.3 Bennett HS Football Coach

Regarding the comments in The Buffalo News by Bennett's football coach and his behavior after the championship game at Ralph Wilson Stadium, the Section will maintain its policy of school district prerogative with follow-up by the executive director.

12.4 Sports Specific Websites

Currently, member schools are not required to report game results on sports' websites. A number of issues have been reported regarding missing game results. The Section VI Sectional Intersectional Committee will be asked to generate a recommendation to mandate the online submission of game results, of which, approval will be sought at the January 20, 2016 athletic council meeting. A request, regarding the forthcoming recommendation, was made to include a number of steps where notification to appropriate member school(s) administrative personnel is given regarding non-compliance

12.4 Section V Public Schools Proposal

The superintendents of 18 school districts in Section V have signed a letter addressed to the NYSPHSAA requesting the removal of private schools from future Section V post season competition. The rationale for this request is based on the belief that the inclusion of the private schools creates an unlevelled playing field within Section V's playoff structure. Given that Section VI plays Section V in the Far West Regionals, the outcome of this proposal will have a direct impact on Section VI.

Motion to secure support from Section VI superintendents regarding Section V's endeavor to remove private schools from post season competition

CARRIED

Wendt/Gens

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Bradley/Reed

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley

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