

**SECTION VI**  
**ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 10th, 2014**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- 3.1 **CARRIED** *September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes*
- 4.6 **CARRIED** *Emilio Mancino as the interim girls' indoor track chairman*
- 5.1 **CARRIED** *Combining of schools applications a through e*
- 5.2 **CARRIED** *Senior All-Star contest application a*
- 5.3 **CARRIED** *Outside agency contest applications a through j*
- 6.1.1 **CARRIED** *Treasurer's report*
- 6.2.1 **CARRIED** *Motion to approve the 2015-2016 Section VI Sports Season Calendar with the deletion of "labor day is counted as a day of practice"*
- 6.6.5 **CARRIED** *Motion to direct the Section VI Girls and Boys Representatives to support M. Ziegler as the State Competitive Cheerleading Coordinator*

# ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

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Roll Call (\* indicates attendance)

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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

### Guests

Todd Nelson\*

### BUFFALO LEAGUE

Superintendents Rep/AD
Principals Rep
Girls Rep
Boys Rep

### REPRESENTATIVE

*Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson
Dave Thomas Jr., Intl. Prep
Andrea Norton, City Honors
TBA

### ALTERNATE

TBA
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TBA
TBA

### CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep
Principals Rep
Girls Rep
Boys Rep

*Steve Penhollow, Falconer
TBA
*Paul Ksionzyk, Olean
*Rick DeKay, Retired

TBA
TBA
Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Mel Swanson, Sherman

### ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)

Superintendents Rep
Principals Rep
Girls Rep
Boys Rep

*Sandy Anzalone, Eden
David Lilleck, Orchard Park
*Marisa Fallacaro, Eden
Greg Kaszubski, Clarence (*Brian Hickson)

TBA
Mark Graff, Eden
Bobbi DeIBello, JFK
Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home

### NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)

Superintendents Rep
Principals Rep
Girls Rep
Boys Rep

*Dr. Teresa Lawrence, Grand Island
Paul Casseri, Lew-Port (Chris Ginestre*)
*Jon Roth, Grand Island
*Patrick Burke, Lockport

Cynthia Bianco, Niagara Falls
Todd Sukdolak, Lockport
Scott Townsend, Lew-Port
Jon Roth, Grand Island

### NIAGARA ORLEANS (NO)

Superintendents Rep
Principals Rep
Girls Rep
Boys Rep

Jeff Evoy, Medina
Mark Kruzynski, Medina (*Jeff Roth)
*Joel Reed, CSAT
*Doug Ames, Newfane

Michael Bonnewell, Albion
Leslie Stauss, Albion
Randy Knaak, Albion
TBA

### Superintendent Representation by BOCES

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Erie 2 BOCES
ON BOCES
CA BOCES

*Adam Stoltman, Alden
*Maureen Donahue, Southwestern
*Michelle Bradley, Lockport
*Mark Ward, Ellicottville

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## MINUTES

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** B. Banker [bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us)  
1.1 Pledge of allegiance  
1.2 Moment of Silence – Dr. Ronald Black
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS** B. Banker [bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us)  
2.2 2014 Fall State Champions  
a) Williamsville South Girls Volleyball  
Kevin Lester, Athletic Director, Tom Sproull, Coach, Kelsey Stasiak, Captain, Melissa Postek, Captain  
b) Eden Girls Volleyball  
Marisa Fallacaro, Athletic Director, Stephen Pierce, Coach, Kailey Ballou, Captain, Brianna Tutuska, Captain  
c) Portville Girls Volleyball  
Larry Welty, Principal, Kelly Unverdorben, Coach, and 4 student-athletes  
d) East Aurora Boys & Girls Cross Country  
Fred Thornley, Athletic Director, Walt McLaughlin, Coach, and Student-Athlete Captains: Kenny Vasbinder, Matt McLaughlin, Liz O'Brien, Fiona Danieau, and Sophia Tasselmyer
- 3.0 **MINUTES** B. Banker [bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us)  
3.1 ***Motion to approve the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes.***  
***CARRIED***  
***Wendt/Bullis***
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)  
4.1 WNYSOA Contract  
Due to the November snowstorm, arbitration, originally scheduled for November 20, 2014, was postponed until further notice.  
4.2 Insurance Premium Increase  
The Section's insurance premium has increased approximately \$6000 as coverage now includes regular season competition.  
4.3 Wrestling Form  
As an additional measure to help protect Section VI from potential future litigation, skin disorder risk language and a parental signature requirement was added to the existing wrestling parental permission form.  
4.4 Federation Football Post/Regular Season (week 8)  
The opt-out rule with regards to football will be reviewed as member schools are significantly affected when their scheduled opponent opts-out of the week 8 game.  
4.5 Transfer Rule Revisions  
The following revisions to the transfer rule were approved at the October 2014 NYSPHSAA meeting:  
1) The elimination of the education waiver. This will impact all transfers beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.  
2) The following language will be added to the NYSPHSAA Handbook, regarding change of residency, effective for the 2015-2016 school year: "For athletic eligibility, a residency is changed when one is abandoned by the immediate family and another residency is established through action and intent. Residency requires one's physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely."  
3) The 4<sup>th</sup> revision to the transfer was revised, effective for the 2015-2016 school year, to read: "A student from divorced or legally separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents. Such transfer is allowed once every six months. The legal separation

agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support, and distribution of assets and be filed with the county clerk or issued by a judge.”

4.6 Indoor Track Girls Chairman

***Motion to approve Emilio Mancino as the interim girls' indoor track chairman.***

***Ksionsyk/Burke***

**CARRIED**

4.7 Football Litigation

Section VI was served litigation documents regarding the Westfield/Brocton football athlete that passed away during a 2013 football game. T. Slade forwarded the documents to Cool Insuring Agency, the Section's previous insurance carrier at the time of the student athlete's passing.

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

Proposed 2015-2016 North/South timelines for schedules/assignment of officials were provided for review as they will be listed as an action item on the January 2015 athletic council agenda.

4.9 Combined Teams/Transfer

Concerns were brought forth to the Section regarding transfers and combined teams, particularly pertaining to Class B and Class C teams. The current combining of schools formula expires at the end of this school year. If no action is taken at the state level, the formula reverts back to 100% beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. The state combining of schools committee plans to meet in the near future to discuss possible recommendations. Athletic council representatives were asked to review this item with their respective leagues and forward any pertinent information to Brett Banker, Section VI's Representative to the NYSPHSAA Combining of Schools Committee. The formula for combined teams is anticipated to be an action item at the January 2015 NYSPHSAA meeting.

4.10 NYSPHSAA Max Contests and Standard Week Proposal

The following are actions items for the January 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

- 1) Maximum Number of Contests: A proposal (distributed to the council) regarding the maximum number of contests was presented to the NYSPHSAA including a method to balance the "maximum number of varsity/JV contests" based on the actual length of the three (3) respective sports seasons, starting with the 2015-2016 school year. In summation, regarding the maximum number of contests, the options presented are to continue with the current moratorium, do nothing allowing the moratorium to expire- reverting back to the maximum number of contests from 2009, or the aforementioned proposal. T. Slade will contact fellow executive directors to inquire about their sections' sentiment towards the maximum number of contests and report back to the council via email.
- 2) Standard Calendar: A uniform calendar based on the NFHS calendar was proposed for adoption by the NYSPHSAA.

Athletic council representatives were asked to review both proposals with their respective leagues and be prepared to give Section representatives direction at the January 21, 2015 athletic council meeting as a vote will be held regarding these two proposals during the January 2015 NYSPHSAA meeting.

4.11 Indoor Track

Houghton College (Section V) was selected as the venue for 3 indoor track invitationals this winter season. This will be considered a trial year for this venue as concern was presented with the traditional site- Fredonia.

4.12 Boys Lacrosse

The Section VI Boys Lacrosse chairman has requested approval for recommendations concerning the inclusion of Monsignor Martin schools in the scheduling process for federated boys lacrosse. As directed by the Section VI Executive Committee, T. Slade will invite E. Greenway to attend the January 2015 athletic council meeting so that he may explain the rationale for the recommendations presented.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade

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5.1 **Motion to approve combining of schools applications a through e**

- a) Westfield and Chautauqua Lake with Panama for Boys Swim, Varsity (approved 5/14/14, adding Westfield)
- b) Hoover and Franklin Middle Schools in Ken Ton for Wrestling, Modified (pending paperwork)
- c) Cuba Rushford with Hinsdale for Boys Bowling, Varsity
- d) Amherst with Sweet Home for Girls Ice Hockey, Varsity (14-15)
- e) Williamsville East and Williamsville South with Williamsville North for Boys & Girls Swimming, Modified (14-15)

**Graczyk/Bullis**

**CARRIED**

5.2 **Motion to approve (retroactively) senior all-star contest application a**

- a) Section 6 Senior Field Hockey Game, 11/11/14, at Pioneer Central School

**Wendt/Reed**

**CARRIED**

Note:

- b) **CANCELLED** - Girls Soccer Senior All-Star Game 11/23/14 at Catt/LV (Pending receipt of paperwork & insurance)

5.3 **Motion to approve outside agency contest applications a through j**

- a) Lions Club Town of Hamburg Tournament Boys V & JV Basketball, 12/2 to 12/6/14 at Frontier High School, hosted by Frontier Central Schools (\*retroactive approval)
- b) Cataract City Classic, Boys Basketball at Niagara Falls HS 12/5 & 12/6/14 hosted by Niagara Falls High School (\*retroactive approval)
- c) Cataract City Classic, Boys Ice Hockey at Niagara University on Dec 26 & 12/27/14 hosted by Niagara Falls High School
- d) Niagara Falls HS Festival of Lights Bowling Tournament at AMF Thruway Lanes on 12/30/14 sponsored by Niagara Falls High School, (Pending receipt of corrected insurance)
- e) Fredonia SUNY Cheerleading & Dance Competition at SUNY Fredonia 1/25/15 sponsored by Dunkirk High School, (Pending receipt of insurance)
- f) JDRF Cheer for the Cure, Cheerleading at the Niagara Falls Conference and Events Center 2/7/15 sponsored by JDRF and Section VI
- g) Alden State Bank Tip-Off Tournament, Girls Basketball, 11/28-11/29/14, at Alden HS, co-sponsored by Alden State Bank (\*retroactive approval)
- h) Lockport Rotary Boys Basketball Tournament, 12/5 & 12/6/14, at Lockport HS, co-sponsored by Lockport Rotary Club (\*retroactive approval)
- i) Lockport Sunrise Optimist Club Wrestling Tournament, 1/9 & 1/10//15, at Lockport HS, co-sponsored by Lockport Sunrise Optimist
- j) Lockport Kiwanis Club Girls Basketball Tournament, 2/20 & 2/21/15, at Lockport HS, co-sponsored by Lockport Kiwanis Club

**DeKay/Burke**

**CARRIED**

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance Committee

D. Scholla

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6.1.1 Treasurer's Report

**Motion to receive the treasurer's report**

**Ames/Penhollow**

**CARRIED**

6.1.2 Proposed 2015-2016 Section VI Budget

The proposed 2015-2016 will be an action item at the January 2015 athletic council meeting.

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional

T. Slade

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6.2.1 Proposed 2015 -2016 Section VI Sports Season Calendar

**Motion to approve the 2015-2016 Section VI Sports Season Calendar with the deletion of "labor day is counted as a day of practice"**

**Bullis/Reed**

**CARRIED**

### 6.3 Safety

F. Thornley [fthornley@eastauroraschools.org](mailto:fthornley@eastauroraschools.org)

Note: The NYSPHSAA is working in conjunction with the state football committee on a recommendation for a regulation regarding contact days prior to a contest. A vote regarding the forthcoming recommendation is anticipated at the May 2015 NYSPHSAA meeting. If approved, implementation of the recommendation would begin with the 15-16 school year.

### 6.4 Modified Report

M. Librock  
K. McGowan [kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org](mailto:kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org)

At the Fall 2014 NYSPHSAA Modified Committee meeting the following items were approved:

- In special cases, when a high school team is dissolved due to low participation numbers, the Promotion Rule may be waived for those modified athletes who were promoted to that team. The modified athlete may return to the modified program in that same season in that same sport if a waiver has been filed and approved by the NYSPHSAA office.
- In Modified Girls and Boys Basketball, 'sudden victory' will be eliminated. One four-minute overtime period shall be played, which may result in a game ending in a tie.
- The use of the 10 second rule in Modified Girls Basketball
- With section/league approval, the use of the 3 point shot in Modified Boys and Girls Basketball

### 6.5 Policy

*Nothing to report*

C. Bullis [cbullis@ntschoools.org](mailto:cbullis@ntschoools.org)

### 6.6 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

- a) Superintendent  
*Nothing to report*
- b) Principal  
*Nothing to report*
- c) Boys Rep  
Girls Rep  
*Nothing to report*

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J. Graczyk [jgraczyk@pioneericsd.org](mailto:jgraczyk@pioneericsd.org)  
C. Bullis [cbullis@ntschoools.org](mailto:cbullis@ntschoools.org)

- d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee  
Cheerleading

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#### 6.6.1 NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheer 9 sport standards

The competitive cheer sport standards are posted on the cheerleading website.

#### 6.6.2 NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheer State Championship

The NYSPHSAA competitive cheer state championship will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Rochester Institute of Technology. There are no registration fees for this event.

#### 6.6.3 NYSED Regulations

The NYSED regulations are posted on the cheerleading website.

#### 6.6.4 Multi-Season Participation

Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, competitive cheer squads will be able to compete in both the fall and winter seasons.

#### 6.6.5 **Motion to direct the Section VI Girls and Boys Representatives to support M. Ziegler as the State Competitive Cheerleading Coordinator** **Wendt/Fallacaro**

**CARRIED**

- 6.7 Extended Eligibility  
*Nothing to report*

G. Baldelli [balduche@aol.com](mailto:balduche@aol.com)

- 6.8 Chemical Awareness  
*Nothing to report*

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6.9 Transfer/Foreign Student Reports are e-mailed T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)

6.10 Sportsmanship J. Graczyk [jgraczyk@pioneerbsd.org](mailto:jgraczyk@pioneerbsd.org)  
D. Ames [dames@newfane.wnyric.org](mailto:dames@newfane.wnyric.org)

6.10.1 Sportsmanship Penalties (Coach/Athlete) School District Prerogative or Section Enforced  
Athletic council representatives were asked to discuss school versus section enforced sportsmanship penalties with their respective leagues. The athletic council will be asked to give direction to the sportsmanship chairmen at the January 2015 athletic council meeting as this will be an action item at the March 2015 NYSPHSAA meeting.

6.11 Veterans J. Trampert [jtramOPspt@aol.com](mailto:jtramOPspt@aol.com)  
*Nothing to report*

6.12 Mixed Competition J. Spanbauer [jspanbauer@nfschools.net](mailto:jspanbauer@nfschools.net)  
*Nothing to report*

6.13 Nominations A. Gens [agens@dunkirk.wnyric.org](mailto:agens@dunkirk.wnyric.org)  
6.13.1 Section VI Girls Representative  
Candidates for the Section VI Girls Representative position are scheduled to be interviewed immediately following this athletic council meeting. A recommendation for candidate approval will be presented at the January 2015 athletic council meeting.

6.14 Corporate Partners T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)  
6.14.1 G&G Fitness  
Section VI confirmed corporate partnership with G&G fitness. This year's funds will specifically be applied the 2014 Section VI Hall of Fame costs.

6.15 Hall of Fame Jim Dunnigan [jdunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:jdunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us)  
B. Banker [bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us)  
6.15.1 Charter Class Induction  
The induction ceremony for the charter class of the Section VI Hall of Fame was held November 7, 2014 at Ralph Wilson Stadium. The ceremony was a success with a turnout of over 125 individuals.

6.15.2 2015-2016 Class  
The Section VI Hall of Fame Committee met in early December to establish criteria and create a timeline for the 2015-2016 hall of fame.

## 7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G. Kaszubski [gkaszubski@clarenceschools.org](mailto:gkaszubski@clarenceschools.org)  
The fall 2014 scholar athletes are posted on the Section VI website.

7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)  
*Nothing to report.*

## 8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Wrestling	M. DeBarbieri/I. Martinez	<a href="#">State Meeting Report 9/16/14</a>
8.2 Ice Hockey	M. DiFilippo	<a href="#">State Meeting Report 9/19/14</a>
8.3 Girls Basketball	C. Durr	State Meeting Report 10/6/14
8.4 Boys Basketball	L. Jones	State Meeting Report 10/17/14
8.5 Girls Golf	R. Wargala	State Meeting Report 10/28/14
8.6 Softball	Jay Hall	State Meeting Report 11/18/14

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA

T. Nelson

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9.1.1 Wrestling

The NYSPHSAA skin infection form was updated stipulating that a physician may not sign a back to competition release until the athlete is no longer contagious.

9.1.2 NYS Coaching Certification

In order to make the process of becoming a certified coach less cumbersome, the NYSPHSSAA presented a proposal to the NYSED. The proposal includes using the NHFS accredited inner school coaching certification program. Once completed, coaches would then participate in the certified interscholastic coaching program.

9.1.3 State Championships

The NYSPHSAA is now using an RFP process for state championships.

9.1.4 NYSPHSAA Sports Ball Adoption

All 11 sections have agreed to be a part of the RFP process for a ball adoption agreement.

- Sections are not obligated to accept the recommended ball adoption.
- Sections will not have the option to pick and choose between sports regarding the ball adoption. Sections must choose to be all in or all out of the agreement.
- If the Section participates in the ball agreement, they will be contractually obligated to use the approved ball starting in the first round of sectionals.

9.2 NYSAAA Report

B. Banker

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9.2.1 NYSAAA Conference

Note: An ongoing lobbying effort pushing for athletic directors to become certified may be approved in the near future. As such, one of the many benefits to attending the annual NYSAAA conference, held in Saratoga, NY, is the offering of CAA classes.

10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

*Nothing to report*

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 2015 Football Schedules

With no issues presented in doing so, T. Slade will request BEDS numbers (grades 9-11 only) from member schools in order to create the 2015 football schedule. Thereby, assuaging any issues with the scheduling of member schools' events.

12.2 Section VI Girls Representative

Cindy Bullis was thanked for her years of service as the Section VI Girls Representative.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn*

*Bullis/Wendt*

**CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley  
Administrative Assistant