

SECTION VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED** *December 10th, 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes*
- 4.4 **CARRIED** *Proposed 2015-2016 North and South timelines for schedules and assignment of officials*
- 5.1 **CARRIED** *Combining of schools applications a through e*
- 5.2 **CARRIED** *Outside agency contest applications a and b (retroactive)*
- 6.1.1 **CARRIED** *Treasurer's report*
- 6.1.2 **CARRIED** *Proposed 2015-2016 Section VI Budget*
- 6.1.3 **CARRIED** *Girls Basketball pre-quarter and quarter-final administrative and official expenses become the responsibility of the home school, effective winter 2014-2015*
- 6.6.1 **CARRIED** *Give direction to the Section VI Boys and Girls Representatives to approve the maximum number of contests proposal*
- 6.6.2 **CARRIED** *Give direction to the Section VI Boys and Girls Representatives to approve the standard calendar proposal*
- 6.6.3 **CARRIED** *Give direction to the Section VI Boys and Girls Representatives to approve the continuation of the current combining of schools formula for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years*
- 6.10 **CARRIED** *Give the Section VI Sportsmanship Chairmen direction to vote in support of maintaining the policy of school district prerogative with follow-up by the executive director*
- 6.13.1 **CARRIED** *Marisa Fallacaro as the Section VI Girls Representative*
- 10.1 **CARRIED** *2015 spring pre-season reports as presented with the exception of the venues for the Softball Finals and the Boys Tennis report, which has yet to be received.*

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

January 21st, 2015

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	TBA
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	TBA
Safety	Fred Thornley
Sect./Intersectional	Timm Slade*
Sportsmanship	Doug Ames*/J. Graczyk*
Transfer Chairman	Timm Slade*
Veterans	Jim Trampert
Nominations	Al Gens*

Guests

Ed Greenway
 Brian Kiszewski
 Marisa Fallacaro
 *see agenda item 2.0

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
TBA
TBA
TBA

CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep
Principals Rep
Girls Rep
Boys Rep

Steve Penhollow, Falconer*
Mike Cipolla, Southwestern*
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*
Bobbi DelBello, JFK*
Greg Kaszubski, Clarence*

TBA
Mark Graff, Eden
TBA
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
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*
Joel Reed, CSAT*
Doug Ames, Newfane*

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

Superintendent Representation by BOCES

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CA BOCES

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

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SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

December 10th, 2014

MINUTES

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us
1.1 Pledge of allegiance
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS** B. Banker bbanker@ktufsd.org
2.1 State Leadership Conference Student Athletes:
a) Pioneer - Bryce Little, Student-Athlete, Jim Graczyk, Athletic Director
b) Newfane - Caroline Connolly, Student-Athlete, Doug Ames, Athletic Director
2.2 2014 Fall State Champions
a) Jamestown Football
Tom Langworthy, Head Coach, Ryan Calkins, Defensive Coordinator, Damien Jackson, LB/OL, Zack Panebianco, WR/DB, Joe Mistretta, OL/DL, Stephen Carlson, WR/LB, Ben Larson, WR/DB
2.3 2014 Fall NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams
a) North Tonawanda Football
Michael Mann, High School Assistant Principal, Cindy Bullis, Director of Physical Education & Athletics, Ryan McDonough & Alex Molik
b) Clarence Girls Tennis
Robert Coniglio, Assistant Principal, Greg Kaszubski, Athletic Director, and Team Captains Briana Sambuchi and Kathleen Marzano
2.4 Welcome
CCAA Principals' Representative – Mike Cipolla, Southwestern HS
ECIC Girls Representative – Bobbi Lin DelBello
- 3.0 **MINUTES** B. Banker bbanker@ktufsd.org
3.1 ***Motion to approve the December 10th, 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***
CARRIED
Graczyk/Burke
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
4.1 WNYSO Contract
An arbitration date regarding the officials' contract is yet to be confirmed, but an April 2015 date is anticipated.
4.2 Boys Lacrosse Chairman – Report E. Greenway
At their committee meeting, the federated Boys Lacrosse coaches made a proposal to re-align divisions. Rationale for the proposal includes concern of losing athletes to Monsignor Martin schools for the specific purpose of playing lacrosse and the balance of the number of games played. Monsignor Martin schools play upwards of 26 games as compared to a maximum of 16 played by Section VI member schools. The vote to schedule the leagues separately was unanimous (of the 28 coaches in attendance). Scheduling the leagues separately will mainly affect the All-Americans, the All-Stars, and the All-WNY. No edict, however, was made not to play MM for non-league games; each school is still allowed to individually schedule their non-league games. In addition, every school that has boys lacrosse will still be considered for the Senior All-Star contest.

- 4.3 Process for Candidate Selection
The notification process regarding Section VI job position candidate selections was clarified. The Executive Director will notify applicants via both phone and letter.
- 4.4 **Motion to approve the proposed 2015-2016 North and South timelines for schedules and assignment of officials**
CARRIED
Reed/Ksionzyk
- 4.5 Girls Indoor Track Chairman
E. Mancino has been relieved from his Girls Indoor Track Chairman interim appointment as B. Lombardo has returned and is able to carry out the duties of his position.
- 4.6 Fall Sport Chairs Terms
The Section VI Fall Sports' Chairs terms are set to expire June 30, 2015. Incumbents were notified and asked to submit the job application indicating their wish to return or step down from their respective position. Council representatives were asked to share this information with their respective leagues and communicate to interested individuals that the sport chair job description and application requirements are posted on the Section VI website (under *General Information, Bulletin Board*). Note: The Boys and Girls Cross Country chairmen have resigned from their positions.
- 4.7 Selection Classification Procedure
The NYSED recently approved a revision to the Selection Classification process to take effect in the Fall of 2015. The NYSPHSAA has requested a meeting with NYSED representatives to address concerns with the newly implemented "Advanced Athletic Placement" process as it pertains to mixed competition testing, tanner scores, and waivers. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- 4.8 Football Litigation Update
Section VI is named in the lawsuit regarding the passing of the Brocton/Westfield student-athlete during a regular season football game. At the time of the incident, Section VI did not have insurance coverage during the regular sports season. At the direction of the Section VI Superintendents' Representative, M. Wendt, Hodgson & Russ LLP has been secured as representation in the event the ruling involves financial obligation by Section VI. Note: As per the NYSPHSAA, Section VI has since obtained insurance coverage for both the regular and post sports' seasons.
- 4.9 Wrestling Litigation Update
Section VI is named in two lawsuits regarding wrestling athletes who contracted skin disorders. T. Slade, Section VI Executive Director, and R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, are scheduled to give depositions on March 11, 2015 regarding one of the cases. The other case is pending.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade

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

- a) Salamanca with Cattaraugus/Little Valley for Baseball, Varsity
- b) Westfield with Chautauqua Lake for Boys Golf, Varsity
- c) Roy-Hart with Barker for Football, JV & Varsity
- d) Ellicottville with Franklinville for Boys & Girls Track/Field, Varsity and Modified (pending league approval)
- e) Lyndonville with Medina for Boys & Girls Track/Field, Varsity (pending league approval)

CARRIED

Kaszubski/Stoltman

5.2 **Motion to approve of outside agency contest applications a and b (retroactive)**

- a) Five Guys Basketball Tournament, 12/29/14 & 12/30/14 at Williamsville North, co-sponsored Roc Burgers, LLC (Boys Basketball) Approved by T. Slade 12/20/14
- b) NFWOA Officials Tournament, 1/2/2015 & 1/3/2015 at NCCC co-sponsored by Eden CSD & NFWOA (Wrestling) Approved by T. Slade 12/20/14

CARRIED

Lawrence/Burke

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance Committee [January Meeting Report](#) D. Scholla dscholla@e1b.org

6.1.1 Treasurer's Report
Motion to receive the treasurer's report
CARRIED
Ksionzyk/Reed

6.1.2 Proposed 2015-2016 Section VI Budget
Motion to approve the proposed 2015-2016 Section VI Budget
CARRIED
Burke/Ksionzyk

6.1.3 Girls Basketball Pre-Quarter and Quarter-Finals
Motion to approve Girls Basketball pre-quarter and quarter-final administrative and official expenses become the responsibility of the home school, effective winter 2014-2015.
CARRIED
Stoltman/Swanson

Section VI reports continuous seasonal losses in covering the Girls Basketball pre-quarter and quarter-final contests. Returning the Girls Basketball pre-quarter and quarter-final administrative and official expenses to the home school will offset the JCC and Buffalo State rental fees incurred by the Section.

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [January Meeting Report](#) T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
Nothing to report

6.3 Safety F. Thornley fthornley@eastauroraschools.org
Nothing to report

6.4 Modified Report M. Librock milibrock@aldenschools.org
K. McGowan kmcgowan@wilsoncsd.org

6.4.1 Modified Football Pilot Program
If they have not already, member schools that participated in the modified football pilot program should submit their injury report to Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director.

6.4.2 Modified Volleyball Serving Rotation
The following language change proposal was made by the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee:

"With section/league approval, the boys and girls modified volleyball rotation may be adjusted so that when a modified athlete successfully serves five (5) consecutive serves that are not returned, the team rotates to its next server".

Council representatives were asked to discuss this item with their respective leagues as this will be an action item at the Section VI March 25, 2015 Athletic Council meeting in order to give the Section VI Modified Committee Representatives, M. Librock and K. McGowan, direction on how to vote at the March 27, 2015 NYSPHSAA Modified Committee meeting.

6.4.3 Increase in Maximum Number of Points for Modified Wrestling:
The following language change proposal was made by the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee:

"A contestant (or team) may participate in competitions not to exceed 14 points during the season". This would be an increase from 12 points which is allowed at this time. The rationale behind this motion is to be consistent with the maximum number of games allowed at the modified level as it relates to the high school level. Currently other sports are at a higher percentage as it relates to the total number of games allowed when compared to the high school level. This would bring the sport of wrestling up to the other sports.

Council representatives were asked to discuss this item with their respective leagues as this will be an action item at the Section VI March 25, 2015 Athletic Council meeting in order to give the Section VI Modified Committee Representatives, M. Librock and K. McGowan, direction on how to vote at the March 27, 2015 NYSPHSAA Modified Committee meeting.

6.5 Policy
Nothing to report

TBA

6.6 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent
Nothing to report

M. Wendt

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b) Principal
Nothing to report

J. Spanbauer

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c) Boys Rep
Girls Rep

J. Graczyk
TBA

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6.6.1 Max Number of Contests Proposal

Motion to give direction to the Section VI Boys and Girls Representatives to approve the maximum number of contests proposal.

***CARRIED
Ward/Ames***

The intention of the proposal is to balance the maximum number of JV and varsity contests and is based on the actual length of the three respective sports' seasons. If approved, the proposal would take effect beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

As requested at the last Section VI Athletic Council meeting, T. Slade contacted fellow section executive directors inquiring about their respective sections' sentiment towards the maximum number of contests proposal. All sections are in favor of the proposal, except Section VIII.

Discussion:

- The Niagara Orleans League voted to approve the maximum number of contests proposal based on the concern that if the proposal is not approved, the moratorium on the reduction of games would remain (J. Reed).
- Section VI representatives will present the following questions at the January 30, 2015 state meeting:
 - 1) Why are some sports back to their full complement and others are not?
 - 2) Ice hockey went from 24 to 20 games. Therefore, if the winter season is longer, why isn't hockey being addressed?

6.6.2 Standard Calendar Proposal

Motion to give direction to the Section VI Boys and Girls Representatives to approve the standard calendar proposal.

***CARRIED
Spanbauer/Burke***

The proposal includes adopting the NFHS standardized procedure for numbering calendar weeks to ensure consistency and uniformity in establishing NYSPHSAA Championship dates and common sport season start dates. Approval of the proposal will provide the ability to publish annual calendar dates in advance, eliminate the need for discussion pertaining to "when" an event will be scheduled, establish a fair and consistent starting date for all NYSPHSAA member schools, and reduce the amount of overlap of sports seasons.

As requested at the last Section VI Athletic Council meeting, T. Slade contacted fellow section executive directors inquiring about their respective sections' sentiment towards the standard calendar proposal. Fellow sections are in support of the standard calendar, but have the following concerns specifically related to the dates of the championships:

- The number of championships scheduled on the same weekend and thus the inability of administrators to present awards at each because of the overlapping schedule of events.
- The inconsistency in length of sports' seasons

6.6.3 Combining of Teams Formula

Motion to give direction to the Section VI Boys and Girls Representatives to approve the continuation of the current combining of schools formula for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Ksionzyk

Concerns were expressed regarding possible hardships within Section VI as a result of continuing to use the current formula. If needed, Section VI has the ability to become more rigid in terms of the standards set for combining schools. In addition, the Section VI Combining of Teams Committee may be convened to evaluate potential power teams and the negative ramifications of using the graduated scale formula.

- d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee
- Cheerleading M. Ziegler mziegler@lancaster.wnyric.org
Nothing to report
- 6.7 Extended Eligibility G. Baldelli balduche@aol.com
- 6.7.1 Case #184 (Salamanca)
Request for extended eligibility, regarding a Salamanca student, was granted for winter and spring 14-15.
- 6.8 Chemical Awareness M. McKenna mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org
Nothing to report
- 6.9 Transfer/Foreign Student T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 6.9.1 Buffalo League Transfer Denial
Note: A denial of transfer was recently made regarding a Buffalo student.
- 6.10 Sportsmanship J. Graczyk jgraczyk@pioneercsd.org
D. Ames dames@newfane.wnyric.org
- 6.10 Sportsmanship Penalties (Coach/Athlete) School District Prerogative or Section Enforced
Motion to give the Section VI Sportsmanship Chairmen direction to vote in support of maintaining the policy of school district prerogative with follow-up by the executive director.
CARRIED
Ward/Lawrence
- 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 A. Gens agens@dunkirk.wnyric.org
- 6.13.1 Section VI Girls Representative Candidate
Motion to approve Marisa Fallacaro as the Section VI Girls Representative
CARRIED
Gens/Kaszubski
- 6.14 Corporate Partners T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
Nothing to report

6.15 Hall of Fame

J. Dunnigan
B. Banker

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6.15.1 Update

June 1st, 2015 is the deadline for the 2015 Section VI Hall of Fame applications. Categories for which applications will be accepted include Athlete, Athletic Administrator, Contributor, Coach, and Official. Most forms are already posted on the Section VI website. Once applications are devised specific to Contributors and Officials, they too will be posted online.

7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete [Link to Web](#)

G. Kaszubski gkaszubski@clarenceschools.org

7.1.1 NFL, CCAA, & Buffalo Representatives

The All-WNY Scholar Athlete Committee is in need of representatives from the NFL, CCAA, and Buffalo leagues. There is an annual, three-time meeting commitment by committee members (December, March, and May). Interested parties are asked to contact G. Kaszubski.

7.1.2 AdPro Sponsorship

Of special note, AdPro, annually, sponsors approximately \$15,000 worth of items related to the All-WNY Scholar Athletes.

7.2 Charter Schools

Nothing to report

T. Slade

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8.0 **STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Girls Lacrosse	R. Schmitt	State Meeting Report 12/16/2014
8.2 Boys Tennis	T. McMahon	State Meeting Report 12/9/2014
8.3 Girls Field Hockey	J. Otto	State Meeting Report 1/9/2015
8.4 Baseball	J. Conley	State Meeting Report 1/14/2015

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA

No guest report

9.2 NYSAAA Report

B. Banker

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9.2.1 Awards

The 2014-2015 NYSAAA award recipients are:
Mark DiFilippo, Athletic Administrator of the Year
Dr. Michael Wendt, Distinguished Service Award
Jamie Beiter, Judith Marten's Secretarial Award
Pegula Sports and Entertainment, Community Service Award

9.2.2 Annual Conference

The NYSAAA conference will be held March 2015. Superintendents are encouraged to allow their athletic administrators to attend.

10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

10.1 2015 Pre-Season Reports

Motion to approve the 2015 spring pre-season reports as presented with the exception of the venues for the Softball Finals and the Boys Tennis report, which has yet to be received.

CARRIED

Librock/Fallacaro

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

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3.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 ECIC Representatives Vote (6.6.1)

Although it would not have affected the outcome of the vote, ECIC representatives noted their votes were to not support the maximum number of contests proposal (6.6.1).

13.2 ***Motion to adjourn.***

CARRIED

Penhollow/Stoltman

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Administrative Assistant