

SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING September 18th, 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.0 **APPROVED** May 15th, 2013 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 5.1 **APPROVED** Requests "a" through "aa" for combining of schools
- 5.2 **APPROVED** De-merging Holland and East Aurora for Varsity and Modified Wrestling
- 5.3 **APPROVED** "a" & "b" applications for Senior All Star Contests
- 5.4 **APPROVED** Middle Early College (MEC), Buffalo as a new Section VI member school
- 5.5 **APPROVED** Timm Slade as proxy for Section VI at the NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings for the 2013-2014 school year
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- 5.7 **APPROVED** Changing all Section VI bank accounts by deleting L. Ratajczak and M. DiFilippo and adding T. Slade, effective September 18th, 2013
- 6.1.1 **APPROVED** Treasurers' report as presented
- 6.1.3 **APPROVED** Keeping the 2013-2014 post-season admission prices the same as 2012-2013
- 6.2.2 **APPROVED** Niagara Wheatfield and Williamsville North to play in the Boys Ice Hockey large school division for 2013-2014
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- 6.13.1 **APPROVED** Kristin Janese as Girls Tennis Chairperson
- 6.13.2 **APPROVED** Ed Greenway as Boys Lacrosse Chairperson
- 6.13.3 **APPROVED** Brett Banker as Assistant Wall of Fame Chairman
- 10.0 **APPROVED** Winter 13-14 Pre-Season Reports
- 10.0 **APPROVED** Spring 2013 Post-Season Reports
- 10.0 **APPROVED** Section VI 2014-2015 meeting dates

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 2013

Roll Call (* indicates attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Jeff Rabey *
President-Elect	Brent 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*
Admin. Asst.	Beth Fadeley*
Admin. Asst.	Pauline Turski*
Parliamentarian	Ron Black

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chem. Awareness	Matt McKenna
Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli
Finance	Mark DiFilippo*
Modified (Boys)	Adam Stoltman
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	Ron Black
Veterans	Jim Trampert

SPORTCHAIRS

Please report any changes of your league representation to the Section office

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

Superintendents Rep/AD	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson*	TBA
Principals Rep	Kevin Eberle, Intl Prep*	TBA
Girls Rep	Andrea Norton, Emerson*	TBA
Boys Rep	David Thomas Jr., Intl Prep	TBA

CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep	Steve Penhollow, Falconer*	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
Principals Rep	Al Gens, Dunkirk*	TBA
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	Sandy Anzalone, Eden*
Principals Rep	Mike Gallagher, Hamburg	Mark Graff, Eden*
Girls Rep	Marisa Fallacaro, Eden*	Bobbi DelBello, JFK
Boys Rep	Jim Graczyk, Pioneer*	Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)

Superintendents Rep	Chris Roser, Lew-Port*	TBA
Principals Rep	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port*	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	Jeff Evoy, Medina*	TBA
Principals Rep	Mark Kruzynski, Medina*	Leslie Stauss, Albion
Girls Rep	Joel Reed, CSAT*	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	Michelle Bradley, Lockport*	TBA
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville	TBA

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MINUTES

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- 1.1 Pledge of allegiance
1.2 Moment of Silence
 Passing of Damon Janes, Brocton/Westfield football player
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- 2.1 Lockport – Spring 2013 Scholar/Athlete Team Champion, Boys Lacrosse
2.2 NY Sportsmanship Promotion Awards:
 Hamburg – Jill Ford, Griffin Ryan
 Maryvale – Jocelyn Strohm, Derek Kaczorowski
2.3 NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Awards:
 Newfane – Kelly Bochenwetch, Kate Bochenwetch, Stone Geise
 Niagara Wheatfield – Bridgette Erhman, Jake Schoelles
- 3.0 **MINUTES** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
Motion: To approve the May 15th, 2013 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
CARRIED
Graczyk/Penhollow
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 **WNYSOA Negotiations**
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7th, 2013. There are 2-3 remaining items to be settled before the contract can be finalized.
- 4.2 **Awards Bid: Trophys Trophys**
1st Place \$1,415.70
2nd Place \$1,154.20
Patches \$13,376.08
 \$15,945.98
The bid process has proven to show significant cost savings by approximately \$6000 as Section VI was able to purchase roughly 32 more plaques and 200 more patches.
- 4.3 **Travel Bid: Grand Tours**
Cross Country \$8,177.60
Girls Swimming \$3,098.00
Boys Swimming \$3,090.00
Bowling \$4,329.30
Indoor Track \$4,780.00
Track & Field \$10,097.30
 \$33,572.20
The total cost for travel has increased from last year directly resulting from the location of the 2013-2014 championship venues for bowling and girls swimming.
- 4.4 **Wall of Fame Golf Outing Review**
The Wall of Fame golf tournament was cancelled this past August. Mark Kensy (Clarence/Maryvale), Wall of Fame Chairman, to re-schedule for 2014.
- 4.5 **Nichols Girls Ice Hockey**
Nichols approached Section VI chairman, R. Hopkins, requesting membership in Girls Ice Hockey. Nichols utilizes 7th & 8th graders, which is in violation of the Monsignor Martin rules. After review, they may only participate if they do not use 7th or 8th graders or join the Monsignor Martin team.

4.6 CHAR Report

All charitable organizations operating in New York State are required by law to register and file annual financial reports with the Attorney General's Office. This includes any organization that conducts charitable activities, holds property that is used for charitable purposes, or solicits financial or other contributions. As such, the NYS Charities Bureau requires that a yearly CHAR report be filed on behalf of Section VI. Section VI auditors have submitted past due reports and will submit the 2012-2013 report once the Section VI audit for 2012-2013 is complete.

4.7 Disability Insurance/Compensation

With the retirement of C. Szczesny, Section VI Assistant Executive Secretary, disability insurance and workers' compensation was cancelled as Mrs. Szczesny was the only Section VI office employee who was a non-BOCES employee. With the filing of the Section VI tax return, the state questioned and investigated the cancellation of the policy. A fine was issued, which will cost the Section, at most, \$1000. In addition, as a result of the investigation, T. Slade was notified that Section VI must carry a policy for sports chairmen. The Section will incur an approximate yearly cost of \$1000 for the policy.

4.8 Treasurer Position

M. DiFilippo, current Section VI Treasurer, has accepted a full time position at Williamsville East. Therefore, he will no longer be able to continue on as the Section VI Treasurer. The Section VI Executive Committee has recommended an emergency meeting of the Section VI Finance Committee where a recommendation will be sought regarding the treasurer position.

4.9 Section VI Expense Report (November AC action item)

The proposed expense report was modeled after the NYSPHSAA expense report form. The Section VI office, through use of this form, is looking to enhance the process of reimbursement by obtaining great detail on the expenditures incurred from sports' chairmen, etc. The form will provide fair and equitable reimbursement to those individuals who are eligible for reimbursement.

4.10 ArbiterOne Update

The Section VI Arbiter account, officially known as ArbiterOne, will be converted to match ArbiterSports' nationally recognized database system. Even if schools do not purchase or use ArbiterGame, the Section's ArbiterOne program will be converted. The conversion must occur in order for the Section VI system to remain compatible with ArbiterSports. The Section VI office will work in conjunction with ArbiterSports' staff to ensure a smooth transition. Detailed notification letters will be sent to all Section VI member schools, league & sub-assigners, and officials' organizations. The conversion process is scheduled to begin Monday, March 3rd, 2014 with an anticipated completion date of Friday, March 21st, 2014.

4.11 November Athletic Council Meeting Date

Currently, the November Section VI athletic council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 27th. Many schools are not in session on this date. Therefore, the meeting will be re-scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th.

4.12 Hospitality Room Request

Some Section VI chairmen have requested monies to be available for a hospitality suite for workers at championships who are unable to leave the entire duration of the event. The finance committee will review a maximum allowable amount in addition to possibly using corporate sponsorship funds at the next scheduled finance meeting. A recommendation will be made to act on at the November athletic council meeting.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade

tslade@e1b.org

5.1 Motion to approve the requests, "a" through "aa", for combining of schools [13-14](#) [14-15](#)

- a) Panama and Clymer w/ Sherman for Boys & Girls Cross Country
- b) Amherst and Sweet Home for Girls Ice Hockey
- c) Brocton w/ Westfield for Boys & Girls Track
- d) WNY Maritime w/ Oracle for Boys Soccer
- e) Middle College w/ Emerson for Boys Varsity Soccer
- f) Lancaster and Iroquois as Lancaster/Iroquois for Girls Ice Hockey
- g) Panama and Westfield with Chautauqua Lake for Wrestling
- h) Westfield with Chautauqua Lake for Girls Swimming
- i) Westfield with Chautauqua Lake for Boys Golf
- j) Falconer with Frewsburg B & G Varsity Cross Country
- k) Falconer with Frewsburg Boys Modified Soccer
- l) Amherst with Williamsville South for Girls Golf
- m) Forestville with Silver Creek for Baseball
- n) Silver Creek with Fredonia for Boys Tennis
- o) Chautauqua Lake with Panama for Boys Swim

- p) Pine Valley with Cattaraugus LV for Wrestling Varsity & Modified
- q) Sherman with Clymer for Bowling Boys & Girls
- r) Panama, Clymer with Sherman for Track & Field Boys & Girls
- s) Panama, Clymer with Sherman for Golf Boys
- t) Clymer with Sherman for Cross Country Boys & Girls **2014-15**
- u) Silver Creek with Dunkirk for Wrestling (V, JV, MB)
- v) Frewsburg with Falconer for JV & V Boys Basketball
- w) Pine Valley and Southwestern w/ Frewsburg for Boys Swimming
- x) Lyndonville with Medina for Track & Field Boys & Girls
- y) Ellicottville with Franklinville for Track & Field Boys & Girls
- z) Olean with Ellicottville for Alpine Skiing
- aa) Olean, Portville with All/Lime for B & G Bowling

CARRIED

Penhollow/DeKay

5.2 Motion: To approve the de-merging of Holland and East Aurora for Varsity and Modified Wrestling

CARRIED

Burke/Bullis

With the new combining of schools proposal, schools are allowed to de-merge. The ECIC is aware of this request.

5.3 Motion: To approve "a" & "b" applications for Senior All Star Contests 13-14

- a) Chautauqua County Senior All Star Games, 11/10/13, at Jamestown HS Martin Road Sports Complex, co-sponsored by Jamestown HS State Approved & Exec Committee approved 6/19/13
- b) WNY Exceptional Senior All Star Boys Soccer Game, 11/10/13 at Orchard Park HS sponsored by Orchard Park High School

CARRIED

Casseri/Wendt

5.4 Motion: To approve Middle Early College (MEC), Buffalo as a new Section VI member school

CARRIED

Burke/Ksionzyk

- MEC is a part of the Buffalo Public Schools, but this is the first year that MEC has a BEDS code.
- MEC was formally known as Occupational Training Center OTC.
- MEC has a C classification.

5.5 Motion: To approve Timm Slade as the proxy for Section VI at the NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings for the 2013-2014 school year

CARRIED

Wendt/Bullis

5.6 Motion: To approve "a" application for Outside Agency Contests 13-14

- a) JCC Holiday Shoot Out, Girls JV & Varsity Basketball, at Jamestown Community College, 12/27/13-12/28/13, co-sponsored by Jamestown Community College

CARRIED

Carson/Kruzynski

5.7 Motion: To approve changing all Section VI bank accounts by deleting L. Ratajczak and M. DiFilippo and adding T. Slade, effective September 18th, 2013

CARRIED

Penhollow/Ksionzyk

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance Committee September Report

M. DiFilippo

mdifilippo@e1b.org

6.1.1 Treasurer's Report

Motion: To receive the treasurers' report as presented

CARRIED

Roth/Penhollow

6.1.2 Spring 2013 Financial Reports

Spring sports netted a positive income. However, a change in venue will be sought for Softball as costs were more than anticipated with the West Seneca venue.

- 6.1.3 **Motion: To approve keeping the 2013-14 Post Season Admission Prices the same as 2012-2013**
CARRIED
Burke/Wendt

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional September Report T. Slade tslade@e1b.org

6.2.1 Proposed Section VI Sports Season Calendar 2014-2015 (November AC action item)

Council members are asked to review the proposed 2014-2015 with their leagues as approval will be sought at the November athletic council meeting.

6.2.2 **Motion: To approve Niagara Wheatfield and Williamsville North to play in the Boys Ice Hockey large school division for 2013-2014**

CARRIED

Kruzynski/Roth

Niagara Wheatfield and Williamsville are classified as small schools. As per the constitution, a classification change must be approved by the athletic council.

6.3 Safety

F. Thornley fthornley@eastauroraschools.org

The following items will be discussed at the September 27th State Modified Committee meeting:

1. Modified Girls Lacrosse checking - U15 US Lax uses full stick checking; U13 US Lax uses modified stick checking. The majority opinion appears to be in favor of full stick checking. The recommendation of the State Modified Committee will be presented to the Safety Committee.
2. Heat Acclimatization Guidelines – the issue of employing heat acclimatization guidelines in conjunction with providing for double sessions will be discussed. Section football committees have been asked to investigate and recommend possible procedures
3. NYS has no regulations regarding limiting the number of days of full contact between football contests. One possibility to be reviewed is two full contact days per week during the season
4. "Anyone Can Save a Life Program" – this program, supported by the NYSPHSAA, provides assistance with schools creating an emergency action plan for their athletic programs. Booklets were distributed at the mandatory AD meetings and additional copies can be obtained from T. Nelson at the NYSPHSAA office.
5. Tennis – both boys and girls tennis committees recommend the maximum number of competitions change from 2 matches per day (current) to 78 games per day. If approved, this will be implemented for the spring of 2014.
6. The NYSPHSAA has offered assistance to Brocton regarding the passing of one of their football players during game play. The Center for Catastrophic Injury may become involved as they monitor deaths and make recommendations to state associations.

6.4 Modified Report State Report

Nothing to Report

A. Stoltman astoltman@aldenschools.org

K. McGowan kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org

6.5 Policy

Nothing to Report

C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

6.6 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

Nothing to Report

M. Wendt mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org

b) Principal

Nothing to Report

J. Spanbauer jspanbauer@nfschools.net

c) Boys Rep

Girls Rep

D. Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org

C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

- **Motion: To approve directing C. Bullis and D. Scholla to support allowing boys and girls divers the opportunity to hone specialized skills at separate diving meets w/o it counting as a competition against the entire swim and dive team and instead, it will count as a competition against the specific athlete.**

CARRIED

Graczyk/Fallacaro

- The NYSPHSAA approved a waiver for new track style starting blocks to be used in swimming. These blocks may be used for practices, but NOT competition. Note: The cost of each block is approximately \$2,000.
- The NYSPHSAA president, R. Zayas, is recommending re-instituting face-to-face sports' chairmen meetings. T. Slade expressed concern to R. Zayas regarding the cost (between \$600 - \$1000 per chairman) if this recommendation is approved. T. Slade recommended holding these meetings at the same time as each sports' state championship as to satisfy the need for the requested meet while not incurring the cost of an additional trip to the state.

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

- Cheerleading –T.Slade continues to meet with M. Ziegler regarding the Section VI Cheerleading Invitational. League cheerleading representatives will be contacted as things move forward. Buffalo State is being reviewed as a possible venue.

6.7 Extended Eligibility G. Baldelli balduche@aol.com
Nothing to Report

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

6.9 Transfer/Foreign Student T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
Reports were e-mailed

6.10 Sportsmanship J. Graczyk jgraczyk@pioneercsd.org
D. Ames dames@newfane.wnyric.org
The Section VI Recognition Dinner was held August 28th, 2013. The event recognizes a coach in each division of each league.

6.11 Veterans J. Trampert jtramOPspt@aol.com
The veterans dinner was held September 12th, 2013. Attendance has gradually decreased over the years. Therefore, in the future, the veterans dinner and recognition dinner may be combined as one event.

6.12 Mixed Competition J. Spanbauer jspanbauer@nfschools.net
Please forward any feedback to T. Slade regarding boys playing on a girls volleyball or girls field hockey teams. It is anticipated that there will be continued dialogue regarding these issues during the next state teleconference.

6.13 Nominations B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us
6.13.1 Approval of Kristin Janese as Girls Tennis Chairperson
6.13.2 Approval of Ed Greenway as Boys Lacrosse Chairperson
6.13.3 Approval of Brett Banker as Assistant Wall of Fame Chairman
Motion: To approve 6.13.1 through 6.13.3
CARRIED
Wendt/Bullis

6.14 Corporate Sponsorship T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
Currently, Section VI has a contract with Time Warner Cable in the amount of \$7,500. Recently, the NYSPHSAA has garnered a 10 year agreement with Time Warner Cable; where each section will receive a portion of those funds - of which, Section VI will receive approximately \$5,400. In total, Section VI will receive \$12,900 annually in sponsorship from Time Warner Cable to be used for state travel for individual sports.

7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G. Kaszubski gkaszubski@clarenceschools.org
Of the 629 nominations for the spring 2013 award; 8 were three-time winners, 51 were two-time winners, 133 were selected as first-time winners, and 437 individuals received an honorable mention.

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

8.0 **STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Outdoor Track & Field Ksionzyk/McLaughlin [Report from State Meeting 9/9/13](#)
The state recommends that pole vault plant box padding be used for Spring 2014 as it will be required for Spring 2015. There is concern as currently there is only one vendor and the cost for the padding is between \$600-\$800. In addition, there is no data to support that the item will help with regards to safety.

8.2 Indoor Track & Field Szymanski/Lombardo [Report from State Meeting 9/9/13](#)

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA
Nothing to Report

10.0 **FALL SPORTS REPORTS**

T. Slade is currently investigating the following concerns:

- A semi-final site for boys volleyball sectionals where the host school has been a recurring team in the semi-finals
- Possible issue that D Girls Volleyball will no longer be split into D1 and D2

WINTER SPORTS REPORTS

- The Girls Basketball A1,A2, B1, B2 championships are scheduled on Sunday, March 2nd at Buffalo State. A vote of the participating schools was taken resulting in 18 in favor, 8 not in support. Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball will rotate between Saturday and Sunday each year.
- Boys Basketball championships, particularly regarding C & B classifications, presents an issue when the venue is located in the southern-tier and the two schools playing in the final are located in the north. According to 221.2 of the Section VI Policy Manual, "For finals, only site(s) approved in a pre-season report by the Athletic Council will be used. Exception: weather/emergencies".

Motion: To approve the Winter 2013-2014 Pre-Season Reports

CARRIED

Wendt/Graczyk

SPRING SPORTS REPORTS

Concerns to be addressed:

- Baseball – J. Conley, sportchair, to investigate the issues regarding the use of Sal Maglie Stadium for sectional finals
- Softball – J. Hall, sportschair, currently attempting to secure the Northtowns Center as the venue for sectional finals

Motion: To approve the Spring 2013 Post-Season Reports

CARRIED

Norton/Bullis

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

No Report

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

- Sectional/Intersectional (Thurs. 9am Teleconference): Sept. 11th, Oct. 23rd, Jan. 8th, Feb. 26th, Apr. 23rd
- Finance (Thurs.12pm Teleconference): Sept. 11th, Oct. 23rd@ Section VI, Jan. 8th, Feb. 26th,Apr. 23rd
- Athletic Council (Wed. 11:30am @ Erie 1 BOCES): Sept. 17th, Nov. 19th, Jan. 21st, Mar. 18th, May 13th
- Executive Committee (Wed.9:30am @ Erie 1 BOCES): Above dates plus (9 am Teleconference) Oct. 15th, December 17th, Feb. 11th, Apr. 15th, June 17th

Motion: To approve the Section VI 2014-2015 meeting dates

CARRIED

Ksionsyk/DeKay

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn

CARRIED

Wendt/Norton

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Administrative Assistant