

**SECTION VI
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 25th, 2015**

HIGHLIGHTS

3.1 **CARRIED** *February 11th, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes*

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MINUTES

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** B. Banker bbanker@ktufsd.org
Commenced: 9:50am
Attendance (* Indicates Present)
*B. Banker (President), *A. Gens (President-Elect), *M. Wendt (Superintendents' Representative), *J. Spanbauer (Principals' Representative), *J. Graczyk (Boys Representative), M. Fallacaro (Girls Representative), *J. Rabey (Past President), *T. Slade (Executive Director), *D. Scholla (Treasurer)
- 3.0 **MINUTES** B. Banker bbanker@ktufsd.org
3.1 *Motion to approve the February 11th, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes*
CARRIED
Spanbauer/Rabey
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 WNYSO Contract Update
Section VI negotiating team representatives, T. Slade and R. Breidenstein, are scheduled to attend arbitration on Friday, May 15th, 2015 in Albany.
- 4.2 Fall Sports' Chair Positions Update
The fall sports' chair terms expire June 30th, 2015. All applications were due to the Section VI office by Friday, March 20th, 2015. All incumbents, except the Boys and Girls Cross Country chairmen who do not wish to renew their terms, submitted applications, requesting term renewals. Two first time applicants, one for Boys Cross Country and one for Girls Cross Country, will be interviewed by the Section VI Nominations Committee in April. The committee will then make candidate recommendations for approval at the May 13th, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting.
- 4.3 Conflict of Interest Policy
Athletic council members will be asked to review the proposed Section VI Conflict of Interest Policy with their respective leagues as it will be an action item at the May 13th, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting. The policy will ensure that Section VI's covered personnel act in the Section's best interest and comply with the applicable regulations set forth under New York State Not for Profit Law and Section VI's Constitution and By-laws.
- 4.4 2015 Proposed Football Alignments
The 2015 proposed football alignments will be an action item at the following athletic council meeting.
- 4.5 NYSPHSAA Ball Adoption
The NYSPHSAA sent correspondence detailing the offer to Section VI regarding the ball adoption program. The program's intention is to provide consistency across the state for student-athletes and member schools, while also generating revenue to use at each sections' discretion. The NYSPHSAA is recommending Spalding to be its official ball for a five year period, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. If Section VI agrees to use the Spalding ball for sectional soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball, and softball, it will receive the following:
- \$42,862 in "annual" rights fees for the five year period (beginning with the 2016-2017 school year).
- Total Section VI rights fees (2016-2017 – 2020-2021): \$214,310
 - \$4,946 in retail product credit "annually" to purchase Russell/Spalding apparel (product to be selected from any Russell Brands, LLC trademark companies' catalogs)
 - \$6,925 in "annual" product quantities for sectional finals and sectional events staged at a neutral site hosted by Section VI; the host school for other sectional events will be responsible for providing the adopted ball for play.

*These above fees are dependent upon ALL 11 sections agreeing to be a member of the statewide NYSPHSAA ball adoption program. If one or more sections decides not to be a part of the program, each sections' rights fee amount will be reduced.

R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, has asked each section to respond to the offer by Friday, April 17th, 2015. Athletic council representatives will be asked to review the offer with their respective leagues as an email vote will be taken on Wednesday, April 15th, 2015.

If the offer is approved by the Section VI Athletic Council, the "annual" rights fees will be allocated towards the state championship fund for individual sports.

4.6 Advanced Placement Process Update

The newly approved Athletic Placement Process (APP) is scheduled to be implemented in the fall of 2015. The following includes the NYSPHSAA's concerns and the NYSED's responses regarding the newly approved APP:

NYSPHSAA: *Lack of waivers in the APP and the role of the medical director.*

NYSED: *"NYSED will no longer have a role in making decisions on waivers and will be discontinuing this practice. If someone disagrees with a selection/classification determination, a 310 appeal process is always available. A school district's medical director can't be the authority or final decision maker either. This would place undue pressure on an individual whose position is paid for by the school district."*

NYSPHSAA: *Missing guidelines for Mixed Competition.*

NYSED: *"The Guidelines for Mixed Competition are being updated and NYSED will address this."*

NYSPHSAA: *Tanner score requirements for boys and girls are different for the same sport and level.*

NYSED: *"The Tanner Scores for APP are recommended scores and not required. These recommendations were made by a Committee of individuals, including professionals from the Office of Student Support Services and the Department of Health, and a physician consultant."*

In the document, Tanner scores for Boys basketball are 3 4 5. For girls basketball they are 4 5 5. The reason for the differences is due to the fact that girls develop 2 years earlier than boys. At age 14, 90% of girls will have completed development and be a Tanner 5, whereas boys will not complete development (Tanner 5) until approximately age 16-17. Both DOH physicians and our consultant pediatrician that we worked with agreed to the recommended Tanner stages on the chart (Appendix J)."

- NOTE: *NYSPHSAA is continuing to request further clarification from NYSED on "recommendation" or "requirement" of tanner scores because step 4 (page 6) of the APP states: "If the student is determined to **not** have attained an appropriate physical maturity level for the desired sport and level, **the process stops.**"*

The four major differences between the Selection Classification Process and the Athletic Placement Process include:

Selection Classification (Current)	Athletic Placement Process (Fall 2015)
<p>Waivers: Waivers of maturation permitted by school medical director. Waivers of physical fitness test permitted by NYSED. If a student does not meet the maturation or physical fitness test, the student could apply for a waiver.</p>	<p>Waivers: There are no waivers. A student must meet the appropriate standards of physical and emotional maturity, size, fitness, and skill, in order to qualify. If a student does not meet the maturation or physical fitness test, the process stops; the student cannot go any further.</p>
<p>Approval: Students were not required to receive administrative approval to selectively classify.</p>	<p>Approval: The athletic administrator should confirm that the student is suitable for consideration, which includes the likelihood that the student would play in at least 50% of the games. Additionally, because of the increased time demands of participation at the high school level, the student's academic performance (as determined at the local level) should be at or above grade level. Furthermore, administration should assess the student's emotional readiness to socialize with high school-aged students. If the student is not academically or socially ready, the student should not proceed through the APP.</p>
<p>Medical Clearance: The district medical director determines a student's physical maturity level.</p>	<p>Medical Clearance: The district medical director will determine a student's physical maturity level, and compare</p>

	the physical size of the student in relation to that of the students against whom the student wishes to compete. If the student is determined to have attained the appropriate physical maturity level and comparable physical size for the desired sport and level, the student may proceed with step 5.
Physical Fitness Test: Student had to meet 5 of 5 sport specific test components. If the student did not meet 5 of 5, the student could apply for a waiver.	Physical Fitness Test: The President's Physical Fitness Test has been selected as the test for this process (there is no longer sport specific test components), and the student must meet the 85 th percentile level for their age in 4 out of 5 test components. If the student does not meet 4 of 5, the student cannot apply for a waiver.

4.7 Transfer Rule Litigation

Two lawsuits have been filed against the NYSPHSAA regarding the newly approved changes to the transfer rule. Updates will be shared as they become available.

4.8 NYSED Duration of Competition Regulation Amendment Revision

As approved at the New York State Education Department's Board of Regents January 2015 meeting, the Commissioner's Duration of Competition Regulation will no longer permit an extension of eligibility based upon "other similar circumstances beyond the control of the student". Effective immediately, students may only be granted an extension of eligibility based upon an illness or accident, which will require the student to attend school for one or more additional semesters in order to graduate.

4.9 FBI Student Leadership Conference

A student leadership conference will be conducted by the FBI on May 22nd, 2015 at the ECC South campus. Each Section VI member school will be asked to select representatives, one male and one female high school junior, to attend the conference. More detailed information will be emailed to member schools as it becomes available.

4.10 Nichols' Football

Section VI is in receipt of a letter, from an attorney representing Nichols High School, wherein a claim of right by Nichols to be included in the Section VI football schedule is made. T. Slade will contact the appropriate parties to notify them that there is no obligation by Section VI to include Nichols in the Section VI football schedule. However, Nichols may be given games based on availability within the confines of the schedule.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

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5.1 Combining of Schools

Request for approval will be made at the athletic council meeting for the following combining of schools applications.

- a) 2014-2015 Boys Golf, Pine Valley with Forestville, Varsity
- b) 2015-2016 Football, Clymer & Panama with Sherman, Varsity and JV
- c) 2015-2016 Football, Forestville with Silver Creek, Varsity and JV & Mod
- d) 2015-2016 Cross Country B & G, Forestville with Silver Creek, Varsity
- e) 2015-2016 Soccer Boys, Forestville with Silver Creek, Varsity and JV & Mod
- f) 2015-2016 Soccer Girls, Forestville with Silver Creek, Varsity and JV & Mod
- g) 2015-2016 Soccer Boys, West Valley with Ellicottville, Varsity
- h) 2015-2016 Soccer Girls, West Valley with Ellicottville, Varsity
- i) 2015-2016 Volleyball Girls, West Valley with Ellicottville, Varsity
- j) 2015-2016 Cheerleading, West Valley with Ellicottville, Varsity
- k) 2015-2016 Football, Falconer with Cassadaga Valley, Varsity and JV
- l) 2015-2016 Girls Swimming, Dunkirk, Forestville, Silver Creek with Fredonia, Varsity
- m) 2015-2016 Football, Holland with East Aurora, JV
- n) 2015-2016 Football, Holland with East Aurora, Varsity
- o) 2015-2016 Cross Country B & G, Cassadaga Valley with Falconer, Varsity
- p) 2015-2016 Soccer Boys, Cassadaga Valley with Falconer, Varsity and Mod
- q) 2015-2016 Boys Swimming, Fredonia, Forestville, Silver Creek with Dunkirk, Varsity
- r) 2015-2016 Wrestling, Forestville, Silver Creek with Dunkirk, Varsity
- s) 2015-2016 Girls Swimming, Clymer with Panama, Varsity
- t) 2015-2016 Girls Soccer, Clymer with Panama, Varsity
- u) 2015-2016 Golf Boys, West Seneca East with West Seneca West, Varsity
- v) 2015-2016 Golf Boys, Holland with East Aurora, Varsity

5.2 Combining of Schools/Classification Ad Hoc Committee - Reconvene

As a result of recent combining of schools concerns, the athletic council will be asked if they would like to reconvene the Section VI Combining of Schools Ad Hoc Committee. The purpose will be to further define or redefine "dominant" teams. Dr. J. Rabey agreed to continue his position as chair of the committee.

5.3 Senior All Star Contests

Request for approval will be made at the athletic council meeting for the following Senior All Star contest application.

- a) Boys Basketball, Silver Hoops, at Grabiarz BPS, 3/28/15, co-sponsored by BPS, P.A.L, and Butler Mitchell Alumni

5.4 Outside Agency Contests

Request for approval will be made at the athletic council meeting for the following Outside Agency contest applications.

- a) Cheer, Winter Break Nationals 2/22/15, at Dunkirk High School, co-sponsored by Chautauqua Lake Central Schools. co-sponsor Cheer Starz, Jeri Summerville (retroactive approval)
- b) Rock the Falls Championship (Cheer & Dance) Co-ed Cheerleading on 2/21/2015, at Niagara Falls Convention Center, co-sponsored by Tonawanda High School Jessica Stuart coach, co-sponsor Shout! Cheer and Dance, Diane Ringer (retroactive approval)
- c) Patty Shelly Memorial Championship (Co-Ed Cheerleading), 3/8/15, at Tonawanda High School, co-sponsored by Shout! Cheer and Dance, Diane Ringer (retroactive approval)
- d) Baseball Showcase, 4/24/15 & 4/25/15, at Diethrick Park, co-sponsored by Falconer Central Schools and Chautauqua County Baseball Umpires Association.

Note: T. Slade will investigate the possibility of Section VI co-sponsoring Cheerleading outside agency contests. Section supervision will provide proper management of these events.

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Finance Committee

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6.1.1 Treasurer's Report

No concerns were presented.

6.1.2 Fall 2014 Financial Reports

Some items are still outstanding with regards to the fall 2014 post season.

6.1.3 Winter 2014-2015 Financial Reports Status

Currently, the Section is in the process of receiving and distributing payments for the winter sports' season. T. Slade and D. Scholla, Section VI Treasurer, plan to meet with venue representatives from ECC, Buffalo State, etc. regarding increasing rental costs.

6.1.4 Cheerleading Dues 2015-2016

Member schools cheerleading participation fees will be implemented beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Section VI Cheerleading Invitational participation fees will be discussed at the April 23rd, 2015 Section VI Finance Committee meeting.

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional

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6.2.1 Section VI Sports Season Calendar

As a result of the NYSPHSAA standard calendar approval, the need for a Section VI Sports Season Calendar will be discussed at the following athletic council meeting.

6.2.2 Sectional Contest Change Requests/Seeding Meetings

Any sectional contest change requests need to be submitted before the seeding meeting for that respective sport is complete.

6.2.3 Boys Gymnastics Status

As per the May 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting, the following was discussed and approved:

6.2.2 *Section VI Boys Gymnastics*

Only 4 teams (Hamburg, Williamsville North, Williamsville South, & Williamsville East) are participating in boys gymnastics for the 2014 fall season.

As per the Section VI Policy Manual (220.2):

In order to have classification matches, meets, or tournaments, there must be a minimum of five (5) teams per classification. All exceptions to the minimum number must be approved by the Athletic Council.

- There are no regional or state championships for boys gymnastics.
- Although minimal, there is a cost to the Section (ticket takers, awards, officials, etc.).

Motion to approve a waiver from the Section VI Policy Manual regarding Boys Gymnastics, (Policy 220.2 Sectional Activities Requirements), for the 2014-2015 school year.

Graczyk/Bradley
CARRIED (7 opposed)

Boys Gymnastics is in violation of the Section VI sectional activities requirements policy for the 2015 season as only 4 teams are scheduled to participate in 2015 Boys Gymnastics. Therefore, Boys Gymnastics will be an action item at the May 13th, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting.

6.2.4 Boys Volleyball Proposal

The 2015 Boys Volleyball proposal, the usage of a two-libero system, will be decided at the state level.

6.3 Safety

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6.3.1 USA Football

F. Thornley, Section VI Safety Chairman, is scheduled to report on football contact limitations and the USA Football National Conference at the following athletic council meeting.

6.4 Modified Report

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6.4.1 Modified Volleyball Serving Rotation

The following language change proposal was made by the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee and is an action item at the following athletic council meeting:

“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”.

6.4.2 Increase in Maximum Number of Points for Modified Wrestling

The following language change proposal was made by the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee and is an action item at the following athletic council meeting:

“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.

6.6 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

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6.6.1 Max Number of Contests Update

On January 30th, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved a method to balance the maximum number of contests based on actual length of the three respective sport seasons, starting with the 2015-2016 school year.

Approved Maximum Contest:

- Fall:** 9 Contests (*Football*)
16 Contests (*Field Hockey, Soccer, XC, Girls Swimming & Diving, Girls Tennis*)
20 Contests (*Volleyball*)
- Winter:** 12 Contests (*Cheer*)
16 Contests (*Rifle, Skiing, Boys Swimming & Diving, Indoor Track & Field*)
20 Points (*Wrestling*)
20 Contests (*Basketball, Ice Hockey, Bowling*)
- Spring:** 16 Contests (*Golf, Lacrosse, Outdoor Track & Field, Boys Tennis*)
20 Contests (*Baseball, Softball*)

6.6.2 Standard Calendar Update

On January 30th, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the NFHS standardized procedure for numbering calendar weeks to ensure consistency and uniformity in establishing NYSPHSAA championship dates and a common sport season start date. The consistent method for establishing annual calendar events (regional and state championship dates, start and end dates, meeting dates, etc.) will begin with the 2015-2016 school year.

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

6.10 Sportsmanship J. Graczyk jgraczyk@pioneercsd.org
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6.10.1 Winter Sportsmanship Winners

J. Graczyk and D. Ames, Section VI Sportsmanship Chairmen, e-mailed Section VI sports' chairmen a reminder to submit winter 14-15 sportsmanship winners.

6.10.2 Section VI Recognition Dinner

T. Slade, J. Graczyk, and D. Ames will meet to discuss allowing recognition of a male and a female coach from each league/division at future Section VI Recognition awards ceremonies.

6.13 Nominations A. Gens agens@dunkirk.wnyric.org

6.13.1 Fall Sports, Chairperson Positions Update

An update was given during the Executive Director's report.

6.15 Hall of Fame J. Dunnigan jdunnigan@ktufsd.org
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J. Dunnigan will be present at the following athletic council meeting to give a Section VI Hall of Fame report.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade tslade@e1b.org

7.2.1 Charter Schools Ad Hoc Committee Annual Meeting

The annual Section VI Charter Schools Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 20th, 2015.

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA
Nothing to report

9.2 NYSAAA Report B. Banker bbanker@ktufsd.org
Nothing to report

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 Fall 2014 Post Season Reports

At the recommendation of the Section VI Sectional Intersectional Committee, approval of the 2014 fall post season reports will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

10.2 Boys Tennis 2015 Pre-Season Report

At the recommendation of the Section VI Sectional Intersectional Committee, approval of the 2015 Boys Tennis pre-season report will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 NFHS Coach of the Year
Mel Swanson – Girls Basketball

12.2 Status of the Buffalo Public Schools

A. Lloyd was present to inform the committee on the process for the transfer of buffalo public school students, update on the status of Bennett and East High Schools, and address concerns regarding the combining of Buffalo schools for football.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Gens/Graczyk

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley