

**SECTION VI**  
**ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 19th, 2014**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- 3.0 **CARRIED** January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes.
- 5.1 **CARRIED** Combining of Schools applications a through j as presented
- 5.2 **CARRIED** Outside Agency application a as presented
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# ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

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Roll Call (\* indicates attendance)

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Jeff Rabey
President-Elect	Brett Banker*
Supt Rep/Past Pres.	Mike Wendt
Principals Rep	Jim Spanbauer*
Boys Rep	Don Scholla*
Girls Rep	Cindy Bullis*
Executive Director	Timm Slade*
Treasurer	Don Scholla*
Admin. Asst.	Beth Fadeley*
Admin. Asst.	Pauline Turski*
Parliamentarian	Ron Black

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chem. Awareness	Matt McKenna
Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli
Finance	Steve Penhollow*
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

### Guests

Robert Zayas\*  
 Mark DiFilippo\*  
 Robert Zayas\*  
 Kevin Ryan\*  
 Matt Librock\*  
 Brian Stoldt\*  
 Phil Zobrest\*  
 Rob Currin\*

### LEAGUE BUFFALO

Superintendents Rep/AD  
 Principals Rep  
 Girls Rep  
 Boys Rep

### REPRESENTATIVE

Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson  
 Kevin Eberle, Intl Prep  
 Andrea Norton, Emerson  
 David Thomas Jr., Intl Prep

### ALTERNATE

TBA  
 TBA  
 TBA  
 TBA

### CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep  
 Principals Rep  
 Girls Rep  
 Boys Rep

\*Steve Penhollow, Falconer  
 \*Al Gens, Dunkirk  
 \*Paul Ksionzyk, Olean  
 \*Rick DeKay, Retired

\*Pete Morgante, Pine Valley  
 TBA  
 Lynne Bemis, Clymer  
 \*Mel Swanson, Sherman

### ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)

Superintendents Rep  
 Principals Rep  
 Girls Rep  
 Boys Rep

Matt McGarrity, Orchard Park  
 Mike Gallagher, Hamburg  
 \*Marisa Fallacaro, Eden\*  
 \*Jim Graczyk, Pioneer\*

\*Sandy Anzalone, Eden  
 Mark Graff, Eden  
 Bobbi DeBello, JFK  
 Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home

### NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)

Superintendents Rep  
 Principals Rep  
 Girls Rep  
 Boys Rep

Chris Roser, Lew-Port  
 Paul Casseri, Lew-Port  
 \*Jon Roth, Grand Island\*  
 \*Patrick Burke, Lockport\*

TBA  
 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  
 \*Dave Carson, Barker

TBA  
 Leslie Stauss, Albion  
 Randy Knaak, Albion  
 \*Doug Ames, Newfane

### Superintendent Representation by BOCES

Erie 1 BOCES  
 Erie 2 BOCES  
 ON BOCES  
 CA BOCES

\*Deborah Ziolkowski, Maryvale  
 \*Pete Morgante, Pine Valley  
 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
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS** B. Banker [bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us)  
2.1 Robert Zayas, Executive Director NYSPHSAA, Inc.  
2.2 Alden Football – Scholar Athlete Team Award Winners  
Matt Libroch, Athletic Director  
Kevin Ryan, HS Principal  
Rob Currin, Head Football Coach  
Adam Stoltman, Interim Superintendent  
Brian Stoldt, Student Representative  
Phil Zobrest, Student Representative
- 3.0 **MINUTES** B. Banker [bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us)  
***Motion: To approve the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes.***  
***CARRIED***  
***Morgante/Carson***
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)  
4.1 WNYSO Contract Update  
The fact finding meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Albany. T. Slade and R. Breidenstein will represent Section VI.  
4.2 Section VI Hall of Fame Committee Update  
The first Section VI Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at Ralph Wilson Stadium during the 2014 Section VI Football Championships.  
4.3 Disability Insurance/Compensation Audit Update  
Section VI is up to date with disability insurance/worker's compensation payments for chairpersons who are paid through the Section VI office.  
4.4 Cross Country Litigation  
Section VI has been named in the lawsuit involving the Section XI athlete who collapsed at and passed away soon after the 2012 state cross country championships. Section VI will be represented by an attorney provided by the Section's insurance carrier (Cool Insuring Agency, Inc.). Section VI will have separate representation from the NYSPHSAA. T. Slade and J. Zubler (Section VI Girls Cross Country Chairman) had an initial meeting with the Section's attorney on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. T. Slade will update the body as the proceedings move forward.  
4.5 Boys Ice Hockey Supplemental Rules  
T. Slade has expressed concern regarding the boys' ice hockey supplemental rules resulting from recent issues. These issues specifically pertain to the commitment rule and suspensions. T. Slade is scheduled to attend the next boys' ice hockey meeting to discuss concerns.

- 4.6 Opt-Out Regulations  
Concern was expressed regarding scheduling the opt-out date too far in advance of the seeding meeting for girls' basketball. Teams are continually trying to opt-out past the set date. Girls' basketball, as opposed to boys' basketball, has numerous teams that opt-out, which therefore considerably changes seeding placement. In addition, games re-scheduled towards the end of the season due to weather and certain team requirements (333% to participate in playoffs) seem to necessitate an opt-out date scheduled closer to the seeding meeting. Also, consistency between the boys' and girls' basketball opt-out dates was suggested. T. Slade to contact L. Jones, Boys' Basketball Chairman and C. Durr, Girls' Basketball Chairman to discuss a 24/48 hour compromise.
- 4.7 Wrestling Officials  
Note: The officials' assigning process for the wrestling class meets and the Section meet is posing problems. T. Slade to contact the chairmen and recommend they just assign the class tournament and then assess what officials should be assigned the following week.
- 4.8 Safe Sport Zone  
The Safe Sport Zone seminar originally scheduled for Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> is re-scheduled for Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm at Erie 1 BOCES. Currently, 54 Section VI members are registered.
- 4.9 Boys Volleyball  
T. Slade is awaiting a reply from W. Stefani (Section VI Boys Volleyball Chairman) in order to schedule a meeting to address boys' volleyball issues.
- 4.10 USA Football  
K. Stoldt, Section VI Football Chairman, has requested Section VI coordinate a clinic with USA Football for all Section VI coaches. The program includes proper fitting of equipment, particularly helmets, tackling techniques, etc. Section VI is scheduled to offer this program on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. The cost per school is \$300. Aid via BOCES is being investigated. T. Slade will inquire with USA football as to whether insurance will be provided to those individuals who become certified in helmet fitting.
- 4.11 Assigning Software  
Currently, an investigation of other software systems is being conducted that may potentially be a better fit for the needs of the Section, as opposed to ArbiterSports. Sportspak MVP is scheduled to provide a demonstration to league representatives on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Updates will be provided as the process moves forward.

5.0

**COMMUNICATIONS**

T. Slade

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**5.1 Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications a through j as presented**

- a) Cassadaga Valley with Falconer for B&G Cross Country (V and Mod)
- b) Cassadaga Valley with Falconer for Boys Soccer (V and Mod)
- c) Ellicottville with Catt/L. Valley for Girls Volleyball (JV & V)
- d) Brocton with Westfield for Boys Soccer (Varsity & Mod.)
- e) Clymer with Panama for Girls Soccer (Varsity)
- f) Clymer with Panama for Girls Swimming (Varsity)
- g) Brocton with Westfield for Girls Soccer (V and Mod.)
- h) Westfield with Brocton for Girls Volleyball (JV & V)
- i) West Valley with Pioneer for Girls Field Hockey (V)
- j) Chautauqua Lake with Maple Grove for Football (JV & V)

**Graczyk/Reed**

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Motion to approve Outside Agency application a as presented**

- a) Baseball Showcase, Falconer Central co-sponsor Chaut. Co. Umpires Association, April 25 & 26, 2014  
Diethrick Park, Jamestown

**Ksionzyk/Spanbauer**

**CARRIED**

5.3 **Motion to approve Senior All Star Contests a and b as presented**

- a) Silver Hoops, Boys Basketball, March 29, 2014, co-sponsored Butler Mitchell Alumni, PAL and Buffalo Public Schools at Grabiarz School.
- b) Cattaraugus County Exceptional Senior All Star, Olean High School co-sponsored by Catt. Co Officials IAABO #121 March 20, 2014 at Olean High School.

**Penhollow/Bullis**

**CARRIED**

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Finance Committee [February Report](#)

D. Scholla

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6.1.1 **Motion to receive the treasurer's report as presented**

**Roth/Burke**

**CARRIED**

6.1.2 State Championship Funds

Currently, the Section pays for individuals for state championships. T. Slade recommended that the finance committee review the distribution of funds for meals. Allocation of funds seems to be unbalanced. Suggestions for a possible resolution include, but are not limited to, instituting a formula for a more equitable distribution of funds, allocating more funds, etc.

6.1.3 Admission Prices

A review of admission prices was recommended to determine if the current admission prices should be altered.

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [February Report](#)

T. Slade

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6.2.1 **Web-site Requirements**

The following motion was approved at the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 athletic council meeting:

*"Motion to approve the sectional intersectional recommendation of requiring coaches to enter win/loss records and officials' ratings only on the sports' websites and encourage entering individual stats (chairmen to be consulted if hosted web site)".*

However, in sharing this decision with the Section VI chairmen, some expressed how strongly they felt about requiring individual statistics to be entered.

**Motion to approve entering individual statistics on sports websites when requested by the chairmen, but to not institute consequences for failing to do so.**

**Burke/Fallacaro**

**CARRIED**

6.3 Safety

*Nothing to report*

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6.4 Modified Report

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6.4.1 The modified representatives asked for direction on how to vote if the Modified Committee brings forth a motion to change a rule and where "with section/league approval" language is included.

**Motion to approve Section VI supporting the philosophy of section/league approval with regards to certain items at the NYSPHSAA modified committee meetings.**

**Carson/Evoy**

**CARRIED**

6.4.2 Girls Lacrosse – the new U15 rules are being applied. ECIC is the only league implementing the U15 rules.

6.5 Policy

*Nothing to report*

C. Bullis

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6.6 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

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b) Principal

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*Nothing to report*

c) Boys Rep

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Girls Rep

C. Bullis

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6.6.1 NCAA vs. NFHS rules

Adoption of the NFHS rules is an action item on the May 2014 state meeting agenda. Section VI chairpersons and their committees have expressed that they are not in favor of changing to the NFHS rules.

***Motion to direct Section VI representatives to vote to keep the rules the way they are  
Kruzynski/Fallacaro***

***CARRIED***

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

Cheerleading

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6.6.3 Section VI Cheerleading Invitational

The Section VI Cheerleading Invitational is tentatively scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as a commitment from Buffalo State representatives to host is pending. The invitational will be modeled after the NYSPHSAA cheerleading invitational.

6.7 Extended Eligibility

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*Nothing to Report*

6.8 Chemical Awareness

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*Nothing to Report*

6.9 Transfer/Foreign Student

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*Reports were e-mailed to the executive committee*

6.10 Sportsmanship

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*Nothing to report*

6.11 Veterans

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*Nothing to report*

6.12 Mixed Competition

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*Nothing to report*

6.13 Nominations

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\*The deadline to submit applications for 6.13.1, 6.13.2, and 6.13.3 was March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

6.13.1 Update - Section VI President-Elect (July 2014-June 2016)

According to Article 5 of the Section VI constitution, the nominating committee will attempt to have nominations for the offices of president and president-elect from the respective leagues within the Section on a geographical rotation plan. The south is the next region in the rotation. As such, the CCAA has forwarded the nomination of AI Gens to the nominating committee. A. Gens will take office July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

6.13.2 Update – Section VI Winter Sports Chairpersons Positions

No action will be taken at this time.

6.13.3 Update – NYSPHSAA, Inc. Boys Representative Position

Three candidates will be interviewed following the completion of this meeting. Approval of the selected candidate will be asked for at the May athletic council meeting.

6.14 Corporate Sponsorship T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)

6.14.1 Time Warner Agreement

Currently, Section VI is in receipt of sponsorship checks (Spalding, Time Warner, and Select Soccer) totaling approximately \$31,000. In addition, there is a movement prompted by R. Zayas, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA, Inc. to institute state ball contracts. More information will be made available as the process moves forward.

6.14.2 NYSPHSAA Revenue Share Program

R. Zayas presented a check to Section VI in the amount \$5215.12 as a part of the NYSPHSAA's Revenue Share Program. A total of \$45,000 was distributed among all 11 eleven sections. Twenty-five percent of the revenue generated from the NYSPHSAA contract with Time Warner Cable will be distributed yearly over the next ten years to all 11 sections. The program was instituted to promote unity of the organization as a whole, and ensure that corporate contracts will not only benefit the state association in Albany, but the sections, statewide.

7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete [Winter Results](#) G. Kaszubski [gkaszubski@clarenceschools.org](mailto:gkaszubski@clarenceschools.org)

Of the 426 nominations for winter 2013-2014, there were 25 repeat winners, 120 winners, and 281 honorable mentions.

7.2 Charter Schools

T. Slade

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A charter schools ad hoc committee meeting is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

8.0 **STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Field Hockey, Judy Otto to report

[Report from State Meeting 1/10/14](#)

8.2 Girls Tennis Kristin Janese

[Report from State Meeting 2/5/14](#)

8.3 Girls Volleyball Debby Schruerfer

Report from State Meeting 3/4/14

8.4 Baseball

Jim Conley

[Report from State Meeting 12/16/13](#)

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA [March NYSPHSAA News](#)

R. Zayas

9.1.1 Transfer Rule

There are two potential changes to the transfer rule to be voted on at the May state meeting. These potential changes include:

1. Required of legal separation
2. Elimination of academic advantage

In addition, methods to prevent athletic shopping will be a discussed at the May state meeting.

***Motion for the Section VI Athletic Council to stand in support of NYSPHSAA actions items requiring legal separation and eliminating academic advantage for the transfer rule. Penhollow/Swanson***

***Motion tabled so that representatives may discuss with their respective leagues.***

R. Zayas will provide Section VI a summary explaining legal separation language and eliminating academic advantage. Section VI representatives to the state executive committee will be given direction before the May state meeting.

9.1.2 Fiscal Reductions

R. Zayas presented the following proposal:

“At the 2014 Central Committee meeting consider approval to restore two varsity games in all Team sports for the 2015-2016 school year. At the 2015 Central Committee meeting, consider the restoration of all varsity contests/games as it was prior to the fiscal reductions for the 2016-2017 school year.”

The intent of the proposal is to highlight and promote student athletes with as many opportunities as possible. R. Zayas is in the process of sending a survey to all athletic directors to collect data on the cost of potentially 2 additional varsity games in all team sports and the offset of revenue they may potentially generate. He anticipates that the data generated from the surveys will suggest that the

addition of 2 varsity games in all sports will not negatively affect schools' budgets. This proposal will be discussed at the May state meeting.

R. Zayas asked for feedback regarding the proposal:

- Superintendents' representatives expressed they would not be in favor of the proposal.
- It was also expressed that 2 potential additional varsity games would not affect league games and it should be determined by districts, individually, to choose how to allocate their budgets.
- A suggestion was also made to change the language of the proposal to try to find a compromise that is most advantageous to all involved.
- Another suggestion was made to create a well crafted survey that includes a number of different proposal options and requests as much data as possible.

#### 9.1.3 Coaching Certification

Currently, it is too difficult (time, cost) to certify coaches. A more streamlined approach is being investigated.

#### 9.2 NYSAAA Report

B. Banker

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B. Banker thanked all districts that allowed athletic directors to attend the NYSAAA conference.

#### 10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

Note: Fall Pre-Season reports will be approved at May 14, 2014 Athletic Council Meeting

#### 11.0 OLD BUSINESS

##### 11.1 Section VI Hall of Fame

A draft of the Section VI Hall of Fame nomination packet was distributed. B. Banker would appreciate any feedback – please e-mail him at [bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us)

#### 12.0 NEW BUSINESS

##### 12.0 Central Payment of Officials

Recently, a meeting was conducted at Erie 1 BOCES where several business officials requested an investigation of central payment of officials.

#### 13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The Section VI May Athletic Council meeting will include a presentation of awards to the student athlete essay winners and the four adult award winners honored by the NYSAAA.

***Motion to adjourn***

***Carson/Reed***

***CARRIED***

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley  
Administrative Assistant