



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 16, 2016

Highlights

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** October 12 and 24, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes

Action Items for the Athletic Council

- 3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the September 14, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 5.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications
- 5.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Applications
- 5.3 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Senior All Star Contest Applications
- 5.4 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Friends and Neighbors
- 6.3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Section VI Dual Meet Tournament Proposal
- 6.3.3 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval to renew the state travel competition policy
- 6.5.1 **ACTION ITEM:** To support, with League approval, the 3pt. shot in modified basketball
- 10.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2016-2017 Indoor Track Pre-Season Report
- 10.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2017 Spring Pre-Season Reports
- 10.3 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2016 Outdoor Track and Field Post Season Report
- 12.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Section VI 2017-18 proposed meeting dates

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Executive Committee (* indicates present)

President – Al Gens*

President-Elect – Adam Stoltman*

Superintendents' Rep. – Jeff Rabey*

Principals' Rep. – Jim Spanbauer*

Boys' Representative – Jim Graczyk*

Girls' Representative – Marisa Fallacaro*

Past President – Brett Banker*

Executive Director – Timm Slade*

Treasurer – Don Scholla*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

A. Gens

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Commenced 9:33am

3.0 MINUTES

A. Gens

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3.1 ***Motion to approve the October 12 and 24, 2016 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Rabey/Graczyk

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

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4.1 Indoor Track and Field Class Champions

Beginning with the 2016-2017 season, team class champions will be recognized in the sport of Indoor Track and Field. There will be no additional cost this year as the Section already possesses the plaques needed.

4.2 Official Evaluation Tool

As per the 2013-2018 Western New York Sports Officials' (WNYSO) negotiated agreement, "a committee comprised of 2 WNYSO members, 2 Section VI members, and a mutually agreed upon impartial member will develop an official evaluation tool that is consistent in all sports". T. Slade surveyed member schools requesting suggestions and recommendations for the process.

4.3 Twitter Staff Development Review

Section VI held a Twitter Staff Development session on Friday, October 14 at the Orchard Park District Office. The offering was well attended and received positive feedback.

4.4 Extended Eligibility Committee

J. Rabey, T. Slade, and J. Spanbauer will comprise the Extended Eligibility Committee.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade

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5.1 Approval of combining of schools applications, numbers 1 through 8, will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

1. Wrestling, Cassadaga Valley with **Falconer**, 7/8th, 16-17 (V & JV merger was approved 4/7/16)
2. Wrestling, Brocton with **Fredonia**, V, JV, Freshman, 7/8, 16-17 (pending signatures)
3. Boys Tennis, West Seneca East with **West Seneca West**, V, 16-17
4. Boys Basketball, Bennett with **MEC, CLASS B**, V, 16-17

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5. Boys Swimming, Maple Grove, Chautauqua Lake, with **Panama**, V, 16-17
6. Girls Ice Hockey, Lake Shore, Orchard Park with **Frontier**, V, 16-17
7. Indoor Track, Maple Grove, Cassadaga Valley with **Falconer**, JV & V, 16-17
8. Girls & Boys Track and Field, Cassadaga Valley with **Falconer**, JV & Varsity, 16-17

5.2 Approval of Outside Agency applications, (a) through (f), will be sought at the following Athletic Council Meeting.

- a) Bob Hettler Memorial/Jolly Boys Basketball Tournament, 12/29 & 12/30, at Amherst High School, co-sponsored by Jolly Boys of Williamsville
- b) Boys Basketball, Hamburg Lions Club Tournament, 12/2/16, at Frontier HS, co-sponsored by Hamburg Lions Club
- c) Boys Basketball, Bank of Holland Southtowns Classic, at East Aurora HS, co-sponsored by the Bank of Holland
- d) Boys & Girls Basketball, Cattaraugus IAABO Christmas Tournament, at St. Bonaventure University, 12/29 & 12/30/16, co-sponsored by Cattaraugus Basketball Officials
- e) Boys & Girls Basketball, Sherman/Forestville NL Games, 1/21/17, at JCC, co-sponsored by JCC Women's Basketball
- f) Girls Basketball, JCC Holiday Shootout, 12/27 & 12/28/16, at JCC, co-sponsored by JCC Women's Basketball

5.3 Approval of Senior All Star Contest application (a) will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

- a) Section VI Field Hockey Senior Game, 11/11/16, at Pioneer High School (Retroactive Approval)

5.4 Approval of Friends and Neighbors application (a) will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

- a) West Seneca Christian School

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

J. Rabey

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The Committee will reconvene during the week of December 12 to review fall 2017 applications and fall 2016 end of season reports.

6.2 Finance Committee

D. Scholla

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6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

No issues or concerns were presented.

6.2.2 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

Athletic Council members will be asked to review the 2017-2018 proposed budget with their respective leagues as it will be an action item for approval at the January 2017 Athletic Council meeting.

6.2.3 Section VI Audit

The 2015-2016 Section VI Audit is complete and was presented to the Finance Committee at their October 27, 2016 meeting.

6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

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6.3.1 Section VI Dual Meet Wrestling Tournament

Approval of the Section VI Dual Meet Tournament with the exception of the suggested "Financial Implications" (Fees are to be divided equally among participating member schools) will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

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

Athletic Council members will be asked to review the proposed North/South Timelines for

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Schedules/Assignment of Officials as it will be an action item at the January 18, 2017 Athletic Council meeting. A request was received from the ECIC office to alter some dates within the North Timeline. Changes are reflected in the proposal.

6.3.3 State Travel Competition Policy

Concerns regarding opting out were presented. The current policy stipulates that if a member school elects to obtain their own transportation, they will then be responsible for those transportation costs in addition to arranging and paying for their lodging and meals. A request was made by a member school to be included in Section provided meals and lodging when electing to opt out of transportation. The Finance Committee recommended to not deviate from the current policy.

6.4 Safety

Brian Wild
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B. Wild will give the Safety Committee report at the following Athletic Council meeting.

- 6.4.1 Concussion Management Update
- 6.4.2 Heat Index – Wind Chill Procedures
- 6.4.3 Modified Recommendations
- 6.4.4 Baseball Pitch Count
- 6.4.5 NFHS Rio
- 6.4.6 Girls Lacrosse Helmets
- 6.4.7 NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan
- 6.4.8 Anyone Can Save a Life

6.5 Modified Report

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6.5.1 Basketball - 3 Point Shot

Approval to support, with League approval, the 3pt. shot in modified basketball will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

Nothing to report

J. Rabey
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b) Principal

Nothing to report

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c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro
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The following were approved at the October 19, 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

- B/G Bowling State Championships to 2 school divisions, effective 2017-2018
- 3pt. Scoring in Basketball with Section/League approval, effective 2016-2017
- Props and bases prohibited in Cheer Competitions
- Schools may request a minimum of 4 panel judges and 1 safety judge for Cheerleading competitions
- Cheerleading rubrics
- Girls Golf State Tournament team champion
- Two division dual meet Wrestling state champion, effective January 2018

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The following were discussion items at the October 19, 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting and may be action items at the January NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

- Maximum number of modified baseball/softball games played per week
- Extended playing time for modified volleyball - may consist of 6 games per match. The number of points shall be limited to 20 points per match. Concern was expressed regarding application of the officials' contract.
- Use of video replay in the cheerleading state championships
- Consideration to permit Sections to send a second relay to the Girls and Boys Indoor Track & Field Championships (4 x 200m Relay), 4 x 400m Relay), and 4 x 800m Relay)
- Consideration of a Pitch Count regulation in Baseball for the Spring 2017 season
- Consideration of Girls Volleyball to have a yellow card followed by a red card
- Hazing Prevention Course to launch January 2017– Eden High School to pilot the program and report
- Consideration of an Oversight Committee to oversee Sectional placement of non-public and charter schools (action item) – all non-public schools classifications would be submitted to that committee for review and any concerns would be presented
- Consideration of adding Wet Bulb (gold standard) reading to heat index and wind chill procedures
- Consideration of a drone policy
- Consideration of revising the manner by which the starting height in the Boys pole vault and high jump are determined to be based upon entries.

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

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- Cheerleading
M. Ziegler will report on the Video Replay Proposal at the following Athletic Council meeting.

6.8 Extended Eligibility

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6.8.1 NYSED Commissioner's Regulations Proposed Amendment

Proposed Amendment of Section 135.4(c)(7) of the Commissioner's Regulations relating to Eligibility for Participation in Interscholastic Sports and Duration of Competition was released in October of 2016. Recognizing that extenuating circumstances may exist, which do not neatly fit into the categories of accident or illness, but may still be suitable for extending a student's athletic eligibility, the Department seeks to amend the regulation and provide that the eligibility of a student who has not attained the age of 19 years prior to July 1st may be extended not only based on accident or illness, but also if sufficient evidence is presented that the failure to enter competition was based on "other circumstances beyond the student's control." The proposed amendment also provides the Commissioner with the discretion to review a determination to grant or deny an extension of eligibility based on specific criteria. As proposed, the regulation would permit a student's eligibility to be extended for illness, accident, or other circumstances beyond the control of the pupil if evidence in the record demonstrates that:

- (a) the pupil's failure to enter competition during one or more seasons of a sport was caused by illness, accident, or other circumstances beyond the control of the pupil;
- (b) as a direct result of such circumstances the pupil is required to attend school for one or more additional semesters in order to graduate
- (c) the safety of the pupil or others is not at risk; and
- (d) that the pupil will not hold an unfair advantage in the competition

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

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Reports were emailed

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6.11 Sportsmanship

J. Graczyk/D. Ames

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D. Ames to report at the following Athletic Council meeting on items 6.11.1 through 6.11.7.

- 6.11.1 NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program
- 6.11.2 Captains Club
- 6.11.3 SAAC
- 6.11.4 Hazing Prevention
- 6.11.5 Battle of the Fans
- 6.11.6 Coach Appreciation
- 6.11.7 Student-Athlete of the Month

6.14 Nominations

A. Stoltman

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Athletic Council members will be notified of the following vacancy and term expirations:

- 6.14.1 Chemical Awareness Chairman Position Vacancy
- 6.14.2 Girls Representative Term Expires August 2017
- 6.14.3 Winter Sports Chairs Terms Expires June 2017

6.16 Hall of Fame

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J. Dunnigan will report at the following Athletic Council meeting.

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA

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a) NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team application deadline is December 5, 2016.

In order for a team to be considered a Scholar Athlete Team, they must encompass the following criteria:

1. The team's TOTAL Grade Point Average for 75% of the roster must be 90.00 or above.
 - a. If this GPA is equal to or greater than 90.00, then the team will receive a Scholar-Athlete Team Certificate.
 - b. In addition, ONLY individuals with a 90.00 GPA or above will receive a Scholar-Athlete pin.

2. If a team DOES NOT meet the Scholar-Athlete Team Criteria, the individuals with a 90.00 or above GPA are still eligible to receive a pin and will be considered an Individual Scholar-Athlete

b) NFHS Courses

Council members were asked to remind their respective leagues of the NFHS Coaching Education Program and Learn Program offerings. The courses are all online and many are free of charge.

c) Newly Implemented State Championship T-Shirt

As of the fall 2016 season, championship t-shirts will be distributed, at no charge, to rostered athletes. Order forms are available to order additional t-shirts.

9.2 NYSAAA

9.2.1 NYSAAA Certification Proposal

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The New York State Athletic Administrators Association supports and encourages the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and its component sections to require and mandate that all NYS Athletic Administrators (Athletic Directors) in secondary schools attain a minimum of NIAAA Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) certification within three years. The desired date for approval & implementation by the NYSPHSAA is the 2018-19 school year. T. Slade to investigate if the courses can be held at Erie 1 BOCES.

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10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 Indoor Track

Approval of the 2016-2017 Indoor Track pre-season report will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

10.2 Spring 2017 Pre-Season Reports

Approval of the 2017 spring pre-season reports will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting. Baseball has made two recommendations – 1) to split the A and B Classes and 2) to re-seed after the first playoff round.

10.3 Outdoor Track and Field

Approval of the 2016 Outdoor Track and Field post season report will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Approval of the 2016-2017 Section VI meeting dates will be sought at the following Athletic Council meeting.

- Sectional/Intersectional (Thurs. 9am Teleconference): Sept. 7th, Oct. 26th, Jan. 4th, Feb. 22nd, Apr. 19th
- Finance (Thurs. 12pm Teleconference): Sept. 7th, Oct. 26th (@ Section VI), Jan. 4th, Feb. 22nd, Apr. 19th
- Athletic Council (Wed): Sept. 13th, Nov. 15th, Jan. 17th, Mar. 21st, May 16th
- Executive Committee (Wed.): Above dates plus (Teleconference) Oct. 11th, December 13th, Feb. 7th, Apr. 11th, June 13th

12.1 Eight-Man Football

T. Slade to poll member schools regarding interest in 8-man football.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Graczyk/Spanbauer

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

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