



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Minutes

June 14, 2017

Action Items

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** May 17, 2017 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (10)
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency applications, (a) and (b)
- 5.3 **CARRIED:** Senior All-Star applications, (a) and (b)
- 6.2.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced 12:15pm

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3.0 MINUTES

3.1 *Motion to approve the May 17, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes*

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Banker

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4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4.1/4.2 ArbiterSports RefPay Update / Officials Contract Negotiations Update

At the request of the WNYSO negotiating team representatives, T. Slade agreed to not initiate RefPay until the 2017-2018 winter season.

T. Slade
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4.3 Modified Committee Female Representative Vacancy

The Modified Committee Female Representative candidate will be scheduled to interview with T. Slade, A. Stoltman, and M. Librock.

4.4 Buffalo State College Venue

Section VI was notified that the charges to utilize Buffalo State College will significantly increase moving forward. As a result, other venues/options will be investigated.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 *Motion to approve of Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (10)*

1. Boys Volleyball, **East Aurora**, Holland, 7/8/9th , 2017-18
2. Bowling (G), **Clymer**, Sherman, V, 2017-18
3. Bowling (G), **Hinsdale**, Cuba, ?, 2017-18
4. Indoor Track & Field (B/G) East Aurora, Holland V, 2017-18
5. Indoor Track & Field (B/G) **Falconer**, Cassadaga, Maple Grove
6. Boys Swimming, **Frewsburg**, Southwestern, V, 2017-18
7. Wrestling, **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Panama, V/7&8, 2017-18
8. Wrestling, **East Aurora**, Holland, 7/8th, 2017-18
9. Wrestling, **Franklinville**, Ellicottville, WV, V/JV/7&8, 2017-18
10. Track (B/G), **Clymer**, Panama, Sherman, V, 2017-18

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Rabey

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5.2 **Motion to approve Outside Agency applications, (a) and (b)**

- a) Volleyball-G, 9/30/17, West Seneca Invitational V Tournament, Bflo Niagara Court Center & West Seneca West
- b) Volleyball-G, 10/14/17, West Seneca Invitational JV Tournament, Bflo Niagara Court Center & West Seneca West

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Spanbauer

5.3 **Motion to approve Senior All-Star applications, (a) and (b)**

- a) Retroactive approval Baseball, Chaut.Co.v.s Catt. Exceptional Senior Games, 6/14/17, (Raindate 6/15/17) Russell Diethrick Park, Jamestown, Fredonia HS, approved by TS 5/17/17 ,
- b) Retroactive approval Softball, Chaut.Co.v.s Catt. Exceptional Senior Games, 6/12/17, (Raindate 6/13/17) Prommenschenkle Park, Dunkirk, Fredonia HS, approved by TS 5/17/17

CARRIED

Rabey/Banker

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

Spring 2017 Combined Schools End of Season Reports are due Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

J. Rabey

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6.2 Finance Committee

D. Scholla

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6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

Motion to receive the treasurer's report

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Banker

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

Nothing to report

J. Rabey

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b) Principal

Nothing to report

J. Spanbauer

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c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

Nothing to report

J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro

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6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

Reports were emailed

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11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Commissioner's Regulations Related to Athletic Eligibility

The New York State Education Department Board of Regents approved revisions to the Commissioner's Regulations related to athletic eligibility on Tuesday, June 13. The revisions impact the Duration of Competition Regulation and K8 public school districts.

K8 Public School Districts:

In general, the approved amendments do not change the existing APP. However, there are 13 public school districts in the State that operate to serve students in grades K-8 only, and contract for the education of their high school students with other public school districts pursuant to the provisions of Education Law and Commissioner's regulation 174.4. Because of their unique configuration, these 13 public school districts do not have their own "district high school," and as a result, questions have arisen regarding the ability of students who are enrolled in K-8 public school districts to participate in the APP because they are not "enrolled" in a district with its own high school. The approved amendment is designed to clarify the conditions under which K-8 public school districts may also employ the APP protocol to allow the opportunity for exceptional student athletes to participate in interscholastic sports at the high school(s) with which the K-8 school district contracts for the education of its high school students, when such students are bona fide students of the K-8 school district.

Duration of Competition:

Commissioner's regulation relating to the duration of competition, limits the participation of students in high school athletic competition to four consecutive seasons commencing with the student's entry into the ninth grade and prior to graduation. However, the regulation provides that a request for an extension of duration of competition may be granted if sufficient evidence demonstrates that the student's failure to enter competition during one or more seasons was directly caused by illness or accident, and such illness or accident will require the student to attend school for one or more additional semesters to graduate. In response to public comment, the Department revised the amendment to clarify and further define the circumstances under which extended eligibility may be granted. The approved language is as follows:

"If sufficient evidence is presented by the chief school officer to the section to show that the pupil's failure to enter competition during one or more seasons of a sport was caused by illness, [or] accident, or documented social/emotional condition or documented social/emotional circumstances beyond the control of the pupil such pupil's eligibility shall be extended accordingly in that sport..."

Furthermore, school districts will have to determine if students will have a "significant adverse effect" if their eligibility is extended.

Additionally, the Department anticipates issuing further guidance relating to the implementation of the proposed amendments.

11.2 Home School Participation

Noted: Home schooled athletic participation, in New York State, is being challenged at the legislative level.

11.3 Athletic Trainers

Athletic trainer shared service via Erie 2 BOCES is now offered. Interested member schools may contact Linda Finn, Interscholastic Coaching Coordinator, at 716-672-4371 ext. 2061 or lfinn@e2ccb.org. Established hiring practices must be followed, but Erie 2 BOCES will attempt to assign trainers to their currently associated school districts for member schools who choose to opt-in.

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12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 T. Slade will investigate options for consistent and equitable management of Section VI sports in the areas of social media, brackets and sport websites, etc. Once prepared, recommendations from the Finance Committee will be presented to the Executive Committee.

12.2 Unified Sports

T. Slade will present concerns involving the Unified Sports format at the June 19, 2017 Executive Directors teleconference. The same concerns will also be discussed at the June 20, 2017 Section VI Unified Sports meeting.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Banker

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

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