



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

March 22, 2017

Action Items

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** January 18, 2017 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.5 **CARRIED:** 2017 Proposed Football Alignments
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers 1 through 5
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency application (a)
- 6.2.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's Report
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Not support adding head to head goal differential to the Boys Soccer criteria used to break ties for teams with identical power ratings
- 6.3.2 **CARRIED:** To implement that Section VI member schools' athletic offices are to keep signed copies of all high school level baseball home contests' pitch count records on file (retroactive approval)
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Fall sports 2017 pre-season reports with the exception of the Girls Soccer report and the Field Hockey report

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ATTENDANCE (* indicates attendance)

Executive Committee		Committee Chairpersons		Sportschairs
President	Al Gens*	Chemical Awareness	Jeff Alger	
President-Elect	Adam Stoltman*	Extended Eligibility	Timm Slade*	
Superintendents' Rep.	Jeff Rabey*	Finance	Steve Penhollow	
Principals' Rep.	Jim Spanbauer*	Boys' Modified	Matt Librock*	Guests
Boys' Rep.	Jim Graczyk	Girls' Modified	Katie McGowan	
Girls' Rep.	Marisa Fallacaro*	Nominations	Adam Stoltman*	Robert Zayas*
Past President	Brett Banker*	NYSAAA	Brett Banker*	
Executive Director	Timm Slade*	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro*	
Treasurer	Don Scholla*	Safety	Brian Wild*	
		Sectional Intersectional	Timm Slade*	
		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames*/Jim Graczyk	
		Transfer	Timm Slade*	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert*	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan	
		Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey*	

League	Representative	Alternate
BUFFALO		
Superintendents Rep./AD	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson*	TBA
Principals' Rep.*	Dave Thomas Jr.	TBA
Girls' Rep.*	Andrea Norton, City Honors	TBA
Boys' Rep.*	TBA	TBA
CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Steve Penhollow, Falconer	TBA
Principals' Rep.*	Mike Cipolla, Southwestern*	TBA
Girls' Rep.*	Carol Zirkle, Fredonia*	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys' Rep.*	Rick DeKay, Retired*	Mel Swanson, Sherman
ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Sandy Anzalone, Eden	Jeff Rabey, Depew
Principals' Rep.*	Scott Zipp, Cheektowaga	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls' Rep.*	Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Boys' Rep.*	Greg Kaszubski, Clarence*	Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East
NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port*	Cynthia Bianco, Niagara Falls
Principals' Rep.*	Chris Ginestre, Hoover Middle*	TBA
Girls' Rep.*	Jon Roth, Grand Island*	TBA
Boys' Rep.*	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport*	Jon Roth, Grand Island
NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Mike Baumann, Newfane*	Mark Kruzynski, Medina
Principals' Rep.*	Joe Lucenti, Akron*	Steve Dimitroff, Akron
Girls' Rep.*	Jeff Roth, Wilson	Randy Knaak, Albion*
Boys' Rep.*	Doug Ames, Newfane*	Dave Carson, Barker
SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)		
Erie 1 BOCES*	Jon MacSwan, Cleveland Hill*	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES*	Maureen Donahue*	TBA
ON BOCES*	Michelle Bradley, Lockport*	TBA
CA BOCES*	Mark Ward, Ellicottville*	TBA

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

A. Gens

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Commenced: 11:42am

1.1 Pledge of allegiance

3.0 MINUTES

A. Gens

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3.1 **Motion to approve the January 18, 2017 Athletic Council meeting minutes**

CARRIED

Rabey/Stoltman

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

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4.1 Athletic Trainer/BOCES

An athletic trainer coser has been secured via Erie 2 BOCES. T. Slade will meet with Linda Finn, Comprehensive Health and Wellness Coordinator, and the Dunkirk High School physician to establish a hiring process. Updates will be made available as the process moves forward.

4.2 Boys Soccer / Head to Head Goal Differential

See 6.3.1

4.3 Violation Policy Revision Proposal

Council members were asked to review the following proposal with their respective leagues. This proposal will be an action item at the May 17, 2017 Athletic Council meeting.

Violations of the NYSPHSAA and the Commissioner of Education Regulations as outlined in the NYSPHSAA Handbook

Coach-1st Offense

- Suspension of 10% of the maximum number of contests/points allowed by NYSPHSAA as outlined in the NYSPHSAA handbook not to be rounded up.
- (the next regular scheduled contest(s) either regular or post season)

Coach-2nd Offense

- Suspension for the remainder of the season

Sport	Maximum No. Contests	Suspension
Baseball	20	2 contests
Basketball	20	2 contests
Bowling	20	2 contests
Cheerleading	12	1 contest
Cross Country	16	1 contest
Field Hockey	16	1 contest
Football	10	1 contest
Golf	16	1 contest

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Gymnastics	16	1 contest
Ice Hockey	20	2 contests
Lacrosse	16	1 contest
Rifle	16	1 contest
Skiing	16	1 contest
Soccer	16	1 contest
Softball	20	2 contests
Swim/Diving	16	1 contest
Tennis	16	1 contest
Track/Field	16	1 contest
Volleyball	20	2 contests
Wrestling	20	2 contests

4.4 Section VI Transgender Representative
 Rich Gray (Frontier) is the Section VI Transgender Representative.

4.5 2017 Proposed Football Alignments
Motion to approve the 2017 proposed football alignments
CARRIED
Sukdolak/Ames

4.6 HOF Golf Tournament Sponsor Proposal
 Three individuals (North, Central, South) will be hired, at no cost to the Section, to solicit sponsors for the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament and induction ceremony. T. Slade will develop a pro-rated compensation format for these individuals.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS**

T. Slade
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5.1 **Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications, numbers 1 through 5**
 1. Football, **MEC**/Alternative/Bennett/East/Riverside/Olmsted/Lafayette, JV and V, 17-18
 2. Girls Swimming, **Fredonia**, Dunkirk/Forestville/Silvercreek, V, 17-18
 3. Boys Swimming, **Olean**, Allegany-Limestone/ Franklinville/Portville, V, 17-18
 4. Boys Swimming, **Panama**, Chautauqua Lake/ Maple Grove, V, 17-18
 5. Wrestling, **Olean**, Allegany-Limestone, V/JV/7&8, 17-18
CARRIED
Rabey/DeKay

5.2 **Motion to approve Outside Agency application (a)**
 a) Chaut. Co. Baseball Showcase, 4/28-29, 2017 Diethrick Park, Co-Sponsored by Falconer HS, Chaut. Co. Baseball Umpires
CARRIED
Zirkle/Fallacaro

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6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

J. Rabey

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The winter 2016-2017 combined schools end of season reports were due Monday, March 20. Once all are received, the chairmen will be asked to review the reports for their respective sports. The data collected will then be submitted to the Combining of Schools Committee for review.

6.2 Finance Committee

D. Scholla

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6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

Motion to receive the treasurer's report

CARRIED

Zirkle/Casseri

6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

T. Slade

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6.3.1 Boys Soccer

The Boys Soccer Committee requested head to head goal differential be added to the criteria used to break ties for teams with identical power ratings. The request would only impact the teams tied, when playing against each other.

Motion to not support adding head to head goal differential to the Boys Soccer criteria used to break ties for teams with identical power ratings.

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Roth

6.3.2 Baseball Pitch Count

Motion to implement that Section VI member schools' athletic offices are to keep signed copies of all high school level baseball home contests' pitch count records on file (retroactive approval)

CARRIED

Ames/Lucenti

6.4 Safety

Brian Wild

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6.4.1 Pitch Count Protocol

Council members were asked to remind their respective leagues to follow the Baseball Pitch Count protocol.

6.5 Modified Report

TBA/M. Librock

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6.5.1 Modified Female Representative Position

K. McGowan has resigned from the Modified Female Representative Position. The opening will be posted on the Section VI Bulletin Board.

6.6 Policy

M. Fallacaro

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Nothing to report

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6.7 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.

J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro

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- J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, will ask for approval of the following CCAA Requests at the NYSPHSAA May 2017 Executive Committee meeting:
 - a) Remove early bird Modified Basketball fall date
 - b) Approve Modified Soccer start date to be the same as Varsity
 - c) Approve Modified Girls Basketball start date of 10/30/17
- Baseball Pitch count –
 - The home book is the official book
 - At the schools' discretion, anyone is allowed to record the pitch count (parent, student, etc.)
- Additional Sections Concept
Sections are asked to discuss the "concept" of the addition of a 12th and 13th Section for non-public schools. A sub-committee of the NYSPHSAA has met several times since July to discuss the feasibility of creating additional Sections for non-public schools. Before continuing with more meetings and discussion, the sub-committee needs to determine if there is interest amongst the current 11 Sections to proceed with exploration, examination, and consideration of additional Sections for non-public schools.

The following is illustrative ONLY:

The concept for a 12th and 13th Section would be to place all non-public schools in their own Sections. For example, Western New York non-public schools (Sections III, IV, V, VI, and X) would be considered Section 12, while Eastern New York non-public schools (Section I,II, VII, VIII, IX, XI) would be considered Section 13.

Section 12 and 13 would:

- Be recognized in a similar manner to the existing 11 Sections
- Have representation on the Executive and Central Committees
- Share in the NYSPHSAA Revenue Share Program
- Have representation on sport committees
- Handle eligibility matters (i.e. transfer waivers, etc.)
- Classify the schools in the Section by their own established criteria
- Determine their Section post-season structure
- Have the ability to participate in NYSPHSAA regionals and championships

Unanswered questions at this time:

- Is there interest from membership of NYSPHSAA for non-public schools to have their own Sections?
- Would non-public schools be interested in creating a separate 501 3c?
- Would the geography of New York make travel too great for Section 12 and 13?
- Is their potential for litigation if additional Sections were created?
- Would new concerns be created with the implementation of Section 12 and 13?
- How would a 12th and 13th Section impact the current NYSPHSAA playoff structure?
- Would additional Sections help the situation?
- Would the existing 11 Sections be impacted financially with the addition of Section 12 and 13?
- Would a 12th and 13th Section make it easier for a non-public school to make it to the State Championships?
- Has the NYSPHSAA given the October 2014 Transfer Rule revisions an opportunity to work?

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Notes:

- The addition of new Sections would require approval by 2/3 majority, via referenda, since it would revise the NYSPHSAA's legal counsel, insurance carrier and governmental relations liaison have expressed concerns with the addition of "non-public" school Sections.
- There are 71 non-public schools who are current members in good standing of the Association.

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

Nothing to report

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6.8 Extended Eligibility

6.8.1 see 9.1

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6.9 Chemical Awareness

Nothing to report

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6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

Reports were emailed

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6.11 Sportsmanship

- Battle of the Fans – 4 NYSPHSAA schools were selected as winners
- Council members were asked to remind their respective leagues to make sure the "Stay in the game" banner is hanging in their gyms
- Council members were asked to remind their respective Leagues that The Hazing Prevention Training Kit is posted online
- Student Leadership Captains Club – meetings are held every second Monday of each month via webinar
- Council members were asked to remind their respective Leagues to complete the Sportsmanship Promotion Survey

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6.12 Veterans

6.12.1 Veterans Dinner

Council members were asked to remind their respective leagues that retired athletic directors are eligible to attend the annual Veterans Dinner/Golf Outing.

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6.13 Mixed Competition

Nothing to report

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6.14 Nominations

Nothing to report

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6.15 Corporate Partners

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6.15.1 T. Slade is continuing to work on securing a corporate sponsor for the championships held at Buffalo State College.

6.16 Hall of Fame

T. Slade/J. Dunnigan

6.16.1 Hall of Fame Sponsor Proposal
See 4.6

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7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete

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Of the 504 winter 2016-2017 nominations; there were 25 repeat winners, 123 winners, and 356 honorable mentions.

7.2 Charter Schools

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A request to alter the classification of Health Sciences Charter School is anticipated from the Boys Basketball Committee.

8.0 **STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Baseball J. Conley [State Meeting Report January 17, 2017](#)

8.2 Boys Tennis T. McMahon [State Meeting Report January 17, 2017](#)

8.3 Field Hockey J. Otto [State Meeting Report January 6, 2017](#)

8.4 Wrestling M. DeBarbieri/I. Martinez [State Meeting Report January 10, 2017](#)

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA Report

R. Zayas

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9.1.1 12 & 13 Section Concept

The additional sections concept (referenced under 6.7c) is not a proposal, it is illustrative only for discussion.

- NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee (Action Item May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting)
There is concern within the membership that Sections may classify non-public and charter schools in a manner which has the potential to negatively impact schools from other Sections during post-season play. The Oversight Committee would review the placement of non-public and charter schools and have the ability to remand the item back to the Section for rationale and further review; the Oversight Committee would not have the ability to place non-public and charter schools in a classification they believed to be most appropriate, but they could make a recommendation to the Section for placement.

The Oversight Committee's responsibilities would be:

- Review the placement of all non-public and charter schools.
- Accept the placements of non-public and charter schools.

-OR-

- Remand placements back to the Sections for rationale and further review. The Oversight Committee would have the ability to make a recommendation on the placement.

If remanded back to the Section, the Section may:

- 1) Revise the placement of the non-public or charter school.
 - If revised, the Oversight Committee will review again.
- 2) Keep the classification placement of the non-public or charter school.

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- Note: Any NYSPHSAA member school may abide by the defined NYSPHSAA appeal policy. The NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel shall have the power to affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Section Athletic Council.

9.1.2 Extended Eligibility

The NYSED Commissioner's duration of competition regulation proposed amendment was revised to include the following language: "... illness, accident, or documented social emotional condition beyond the control of the student".

9.1.3 NYSPHSAA Modified Committee – beginning to review the philosophy of the modified programs to insure they are meeting the needs of today's student-athletes

9.1.4 NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee – beginning to review handbooks to update / clarify language

9.1.5 NYSPHSAA Combining of Teams Committee

The current graduated scale for combining of teams is as follows: Class AA - 50%, Class A – 40%, Class B – 30%, Class C – 30%, Class D – 20%. The Combining of Teams Committee proposed adjustment that will be a discussion item at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting is as follows: Class AA – 100%, Class A – 100%, Class B – 100%, Class C – 40%, Class D - 30%. In addition, if 4 or more teams in team sports combine, 100% of the BEDS would be taken of all 4 schools.

9.1.6 Drone Use

The NYSPHSAA is proposing a standardized policy for drone use, which will be an action item at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting - If there is a report of drone activity at an athletic event, the school, Section, and/ or NYSPHSAA officials in consultation with the sports officials will suspend the play until such time as the drone is removed from the area or the school, Section, and/or NYSPHSAA in consultation with the sports officials determine it safe to proceed.

9.2 NYSAAA Report

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Eleven individuals from Chapter 6 attended the 2017 NYSAAA conference. In an effort to increase future attendance, Chapter 6 representatives will continue to pursue scholarships to fund athletic director attendance at the conference.

10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

10.1 ***Motion to approve the Fall Sports 2017 pre-season report with the exception of the Girls Soccer report and the Girls Field Hockey report***

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Rabey

T. Slade will ask J. Otto, Field Hockey Chair, for the rationale of having three days between end of season play and post season play.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 Unified Basketball Meeting

The Unified Basketball meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Sweet Home HS. Cross Country will be reviewed as a fall season unified sport.

11.2 Section VI Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame nomination applications are due Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

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12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Roth/Ginestre

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

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