



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 22, 2017**

### **Highlights**

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** February 8, 2017 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes

### **Action Items for the Athletic Council**

- 3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the January 18, 2017 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.5 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2017 Proposed Football Alignments
- 5.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications
- 5.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Applications
- 6.3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** 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 **ACTION ITEM:** 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 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Fall Sports 2017 Pre Season Reports

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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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Commenced: 9:33am

### 1.1 Buffalo Public Schools (BPS) Combining of Schools Plan

Aubrey Lloyd, BPS Athletic Director, and Dr. David Mauricio, BPS Chief of Strategic Alignment & Innovation, clarified the rationale for the request to combine MEC, Alternative, Bennett, East, Riverside, Olmsted, and Lafayette in the sport of football (JV and Varsity) and discussed the philosophy of the Buffalo Public Schools regarding future combining of school requests.

- BPS is creating smaller, career focused academies. Therefore, multiple small schools (separate BEDS numbers) will exist within one building. Students are separated based on need.
- BPS satellite programs are currently tied to the Alternative School BEDS
- BPS is in favor of committing to a two year combination structure
- Mutually beneficial criteria for the school and the students are assessed when creating combinations

The following document was approved by the BPS Board of Education on February 15, 2017.

#### ***Resolution for The Computing Academy of Technological Sciences (CATS) Program at Middle Early College High School (MECHS) to become Lewis J. Bennett High School of Innovative Technology***

***WHEREAS***, the Computing Academy of Technologies Sciences (CATS) at Middle Early College High School (MECHS) has been in existence since September 2016, and

***WHEREAS***, the Computing Academy of Technologies Sciences (CATS) at Middle Early College High School (MECHS) serves 102 students in grades nine, and

***WHEREAS***, the Computing Academy of Technologies Sciences (CATS) at Middle Early College High School (MECHS) currently falls under the BEDS code 140600010135 under Middle Early College High School (MECHS) with the New York State School Accountability Status of "in good standing," and

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with Board Policy 5631, a Community Meeting was held on January 24, 2017 for the Board to solicit recommendations for school names for when the Computing Academy of Technologies Sciences (CATS) at Middle Early College High School (MECHS) receives its own BEDS code; and

***NOW THEREFORE***, be it resolved that the Board of Education approves the following:

1. In the 2016-17 school year, the school will petition to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) for registration issuance as a public school in the Buffalo Public School District;
2. In the 2017-18 school year, the school will welcome students in grades nine and ten as a new school named Lewis J. Bennett High School of Innovative Technology;
3. In the 2019-2020 school year, the school will be a fully subscribed school serving students in grades nine through twelve.

Submitted by Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent  
February 8, 2017

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3.0 MINUTES

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3.1 **Motion to approve the February 8, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes**

**CARRIED**  
**Stoltman/Rabey**

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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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

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.

At the recommendation of the Sectional Intersectional Committee (February 28, 2017 meeting), the following is an action item for the Athletic Council meeting:

*Not support adding head to head goal differential to the Boys Soccer criteria use to break ties for teams with identical power ratings.*

4.3 Violation Policy Revision Proposal

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

Coach-1<sup>st</sup> 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-2<sup>nd</sup> Offense

- Suspension for the remainder of the season

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Maximum No. Contests</u>	<u>Suspension</u>
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
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

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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  
The 2017 proposed football alignments are an action item at the following athletic council meeting.
- 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.
- 4.7 Violation / Self Report / Boys Basketball  
Two violations, during this past winter season, were self-reported by member schools and the coaches involved were suspended.
- 4.8 Charter Schools Update  
A request to alter the classification of Health Sciences Charter School is anticipated from the Boys Basketball Committee.
- 4.9 Modified Female Representative Committee Vacancy  
K. McGowan has resigned from the Modified Female Representative Position. The opening will be posted on the Section VI Bulletin Board.
- 4.10 Silver Creek / Gowanda Lacrosse  
The Gowanda/Silver Creek combining of schools application for 16-17 was approved by the Executive Committee via email prior to today's meeting.
- 4.11 Zebra Card Printer  
The Section VI printer used to generate officials' ID cards, Lifetime passes, etc. will need to be replaced in the near future. The cost of a new machine and software is significant. Section VI office staff will research alternate options.
- 4.12 Transfer Rule  
There is discussion at the state level regarding allowing ineligible student-athletes to practice.
- 4.13 NYSPHSAA Combining of Schools Committee  
T. Slade attended, via teleconference, the March 21 NYSPHSAA Combining of Schools Committee meeting. The following proposed 18-19 school year formula will be a discussion item at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:  
Class AA – 100% of the BEDS  
Class A – 100% of the BEDS  
Class B – 100% of the BEDS  
Class C – 40% of the BEDS  
Class D – 30% of the BEDS  
\* Teams where 4 or more schools combine will automatically be moved up one classification  
Concerns were presented regarding the proposed Class B percentage. It is anticipated that smaller schools within Class B will not be able to sustain a program if placed in Class A.
- J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative are directed to propose Class B be altered from 100% to 50% of the BEDS at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

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#### 4.14 Randolph Academy

T. Slade is scheduled to meet with the Superintendent of Randolph Academy regarding possible athletic opportunities within Section VI.

### 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade

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5.1 Combining of Schools applications, 1 through 5, are action items at the following Athletic Council meeting.

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

5.2 Outside Agency application (a) is an action at the following Athletic Council meeting.

- a) Chaut. Co. Baseball Showcase, 4/28-29, 2017 Diethrick Park, Co-Sponsored by Falconer HS, Chaut. Co. Baseball Umpires

### 6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

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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

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6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

No issues or concerns were presented.

***Motion to receive the treasurer's report***

***CARRIED***

***Spanbauer/Fallacaro***

6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

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6.3.1 Boys Soccer  
See 4.2

6.3.2 Baseball Pitch Count

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## 6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

### a) Superintendent

J. Rabey

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The following items were discussed at the NYS Council of Superintendents meeting:

- Drones – A proposed NYSPHSAA standardized policy regarding the use of drones will be an action item at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
- Baseball Pitch Count – Concern was expressed regarding the allowance for anyone (parent, student, etc) to record the pitch count.
- Note: Georgia disbanded its state association and created a new not for profit to govern all athletics within the state. Student-athletes will immediately be eligible to play sports when they transfer to any school, regardless of whether they move into the school district. This is the fourth state in the past two years where the state legislature has taken over governing schools' athletic programs.

### b) Principal

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*Nothing to report*

### 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
- Note: Section VI won the bid to host the Girls Field Hockey State Championships
- Additional Sections Concept  
Sections are asked to discuss the “concept” of the addition of a 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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?

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- Would new concerns be created with the implementation of Section 12 and 13?
- How would a 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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?

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.

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

*Reports were emailed*

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6.15 Corporate Partners

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

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6.16 Hall of Fame

6.16.1 See 4.6

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8.0 **STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Baseball	J. Conley	<a href="#">State Meeting Report January 17, 2017</a>
8.2 Boys Tennis	T. McMahon	<a href="#">State Meeting Report January 17, 2017</a>
8.3 Field Hockey	J. Otto	<a href="#">State Meeting Report January 6, 2017</a>
8.4 Wrestling	M. DeBarbieri/I. Martinez	<a href="#">State Meeting Report January 10, 2017</a>

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA Report

R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, is scheduled to report at the following Athletic Council meeting.

9.2 NYSAAA Report

Chapter 6 representatives will continue to pursue scholarships that would fund athletic director attendance at the conference.

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10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

10.1 Fall Sports 2017 Pre Season Reports

The fall 2017 pre-season reports, excluding Girls Soccer, are action items for the following Athletic Council meeting.

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11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 Spalding balls are to be used during the entire post season. Section VI sports handbooks will be reviewed for accuracy.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn*

**CARRIED**

**Stoltman/Fallacaro**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recording Secretary

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