



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2017

Highlights

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** March 22, 2017 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.2 **CARRIED:** Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield participating in Boys Ice Hockey, Division 1, 2017-2018
- 4.3 **CARRIED:** Violation Policy Revision Proposal, effective 2017-2018
- 4.8 **CARRIED:** City Honors 2017 Girls Swim Independent Schedule
- 4.9 **CARRIED:** City Honors 2017 Girls Volleyball Independent Schedule
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (18)
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency applications, letter (a)
- 5.3 **CARRIED:** Friends & Neighbors applications, letters (a) through (c)
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- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Winter 16-17 Post Season Reports with the exception of Girls Basketball

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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Commenced: 11:38am

1.1 Pledge of allegiance

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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2.1 State Team Champions

- a) Williamsville North, Boys Ice Hockey – represented by Steve Ferenczy, AD, Gary Collichio, Principal, and Hockey Players: Daniel Mosher, Matthew Jeffries, Adam Batz, Jake Zurat, and Josh Suroweic
- b) Ellicottville, Alpine Skiing – represented by Mark Ward, Ellicottville Superintendent
- c) Section VI Team, Girls Gymnastics – represented by Joe Buscaglia, Kurt Stumpf, Rich Gray (Frontier AD) with Cali Czarcinski and Savanna Gonsiorek, Brian Wild (Lancaster AD), Donna Aquino (Lancaster Coach), and Stephanie Lackie (HS Asst. Principal), with Makenzie Castiglione and Kelly Rose Devine, Dave Hack (Orchard Park AD) with Trinity Tartaro, Steve Ferenczy (Will North AD) with Sarah Chan, Zoe Kyriakopoulos, and Madison Penetrante, and Kevin Lester (Will South AD) with Gabbi Gare and Miranda Roberson.

2.2 State Individual Champions

- a) Anton Kunnas, North Tonawanda, Track & Field, Pole Vault State Champion accompanied by Jeff Alger, Athletic Director – Sean & Kevin Coaches
- b) Laith Alsous, Lew-Port, Wrestling, Division II 285 lbs., accompanied by Brad Halgash, Athletic Director, and his coach
- c) Treston White, Lockport, Track & Field, 600 Meters, accompanied by his coach Josh Jablonski
- d) Tariq Taul, Roshain Wallace, Christian Meranto, Rodney Barnes (not present), Niagara Falls, Track & Field, 4x200 Meter Relay accompanied by Joe Contento, Athletic Director, and Jon Robins, Coach

2.3 NIAAA Scholar Athlete Essay Winners

- a) Grace Ferguson (Kenmore West) – accompanied by Brett Banker, Athletic Director, and her mother
- b) Sam Franz (East Aurora) – accompanied by Matt Librock, Athletic Director, Bill Roberts, Principal, and his parents James and Jill Franz

2.4 NYSAAA Award Winners

- a) Bill Wende, Section 6 Runs - Community Service Award
- b) Steve Penhollow, Falconer - Distinguished Service Award
- c) Tom Sarkovics, Starpoint - Athletic Administrator of the Year (represented by Gil Licata)
- d) Leah Canestaro, Kenmore - Judith Marten's Secretarial Award

3.0 MINUTES

A. Gens

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3.1 ***Motion to approve of the March 22, 2017 Athletic Council meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Baumann/Lucenti

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4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade
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4.1 Boys Ice Hockey Report

The Section VI Ice Hockey Committee is in support of the proposed 17 minute, 3 period contest. The Section VI Ice Hockey Committee is not in support of the proposed 4 on-ice officials. Both proposals are action items for the July 2017 NYSAAA Central Committee meeting.

4.2 **Motion to approve of Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield participating in Boys Ice Hockey, Division 1, 2017-2018**

CARRIED
Lucenti/Baumann

4.3 **Motion to approve of Violation Policy Revision Proposal, effective 2017-2018**

CARRIED
Casseri/Penhollow

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

<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
Swim/Diving	16	1 contest
Tennis	16	1 contest
Track/Field	16	1 contest
Volleyball	20	2 contests
Wrestling	20	2 contests

4.4 2017 Athletic Director Workshop

The 2017 athletic director workshop is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 11am, at Erie 1 BOCES. An agenda will be distributed via email. It was noted that Monsignor Martin athletic directors were also invited.

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4.5 Football Officiating Assignments

Representatives of the Western New York Certified Football Officials (WNYCFO) notified Section VI of their concerns regarding an anticipated shortage of officials in relation to the increase in the number of Friday night games scheduled. With the exception of week 8, K. Stoldt, Football Chairman, believes the makeup of the schedule will not result in football official coverage issues. If needed, 4 officials instead of 5 will be assigned per contest to alleviate exhausted rosters.

4.6 ArbiterSports RefPay

T. Slade will present RefPay to member schools' business officials on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Erie 1 BOCES. RefPay is an offering, it is not mandated. RefPay will not be a BOCES service and therefore it cannot receive aid.

4.7 Waiver of the 7 Day Rule

Section VI's request for a waiver of the 7 day rule was denied, 18 to 4, at the state level.

4.8 **Motion to approve of City Honors 2017 Girls Swim Independent Schedule**

CARRIED

Lloyd/Zirkle

Schools that choose to have independent schedules will be reminded that they may have to schedule outside of Section VI in order to fulfill their schedules.

4.9 **Motion to approve of City Honors 2017 Girls Volleyball Independent Schedule**

CARRIED

Lloyd/Zirkle

4.10 Unified Basketball (Scrimmage, Games, Participation Numbers) – Doug Ames

Concerns regarding violating the rules and regulations set forth by the NYSPHSAA and the principle by which the program was intended will be addressed.

The 16 team tournament at Sweet Home High School was a great success. At the end of this season, a playoff format will be introduced.

Section VI is in the discussion stage for offering Unified Cross Country, beginning this fall 2017.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

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5.1 **Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications, numbers 1 through 18**

1. Bowling (G), **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, (pending League signatures)
2. Basketball (B/G), **Ellicottville**, West Valley, V/JV/7&8
3. Ice Hockey (G), **Amherst**, Sweet Home, Clarence, V
4. Ice Hockey (G), **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, Grand Island
5. Ice Hockey (G), **Lancaster**, Depew, Iroquois, Pending signatures
6. Ice Hockey (G), **West Seneca West**, WS East, Hamburg, Eden, Pending signatures
7. Ice Hockey (G), **Williamsville North**, Williamsville South, Williamsville East, V,
8. Indoor Track (B/G), **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, V,
9. Rifle, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West,
10. Skiing (B/G), **Ellicottville**, Olean, West Valley, V,
11. Boys Swimming, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, V/JV
12. Boys Swimming, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V (pending League signatures)
13. Wrestling, **Akron**, Alden, , V, JV, 7&8
14. Wrestling, **Depew**, Cleveland Hill, V/7&8
15. Wrestling, **Royalton-Hartland**, Baker, V/JV/7&8
16. Wrestling, **Kenmore West**, Kenmore East, V/JV

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17. Wrestling, **Williamsville North**, Williamsville East, V
18. Boys Tennis, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V

CARRIED

Rabey/DeKay

5.2 **Motion to approve Outside Agency application, letter (a)**

- a) Fredonia Cheerleading and Dance Competition, Jan. 21, 2018 9:30 am at SUNY Fredonia, co-sponsored by Dunkirk High School and Section VI

CARRIED

Banker/Spanbauer

5.3 **Motion to approve of Friends & Neighbors applications, (a) through (c)**

- a) Christian Central Academy
b) Saint Gregory the Great School
c) Northern Chautauqua Catholic School

CARRIED

Ginestre/Zirkle

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

Nothing to report

J. Rabey

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6.2 Finance Committee

6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

Motion to receive the treasurer's report

CARRIED

Zirkle/Lucenti

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6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

6.3.1 Girls Basketball Post Season Report

The Girls Basketball post season report will be held from approval until the chairman submits the remaining required information.

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6.3.2 Health Sciences Boys Basketball

The Boys Basketball Committee is reviewing the classification placement of Health Sciences Charter School.

6.3.3 Wrestling

T. Slade recommended to the Wrestling Committee to continue with 5 class meets for the 2017-2018 school year. Four class meets will not be of benefit as indicated by the current divisional breakdown.

6.4 Safety

Nothing to report

Brian Wild

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6.5.1 Modified Volleyball

Motion to approve “With section and league approval, extended playing time in modified volleyball may consist of 6 games per match, and the number of points per game shall be limited to 20 points in these matches”. Effective Fall 2017.

CARRIED

Rabey/Baumann

6.5.2 **Motion to direct M. Librock, Boys Modified Representative, to support all items under 6.5.2**

CARRIED

Penhollow/MacSwan

- The elimination of game conditions 4, 5, and 7 in the sport of modified boys lacrosse. All three game conditions relate to contact and checking.
- The elimination of game condition 1 in the sport of modified softball. This would put the nights rest to one evening for all softball pitchers, regardless of the number of innings pitched. The rationale behind this proposal is that the arm motion for softball pitchers is not as fatiguing as the overhead throw and has little wear and tear on the arm of a softball pitcher.
- Wrestling - In program 2, a proposal to change modified wrestling rest periods from 45 to 30 minutes. Rationale – Modified athletes are now allowed to wrestle 3-4 matches per event. With 45 minutes in between each match, the new match allowance become obsolete because of time restrictions or it would result in matches lasting longer.
- Wrestling - In program 2, a proposal to change the weight group variance at the modified level to a generic 10 and 15 pound variance, weight class dependent. Rationale – Currently there are 10 pound weight classes with a 6 pound variance (i.e. A 128 lb. wrestler can wrestle a 134 lb. wrestler). The proposal would allow a wrestler to wrestle anyone within 10 pounds of their recorded weight. This could potentially increase the number of possible matches a wrestler is eligible for as well as create greater ease in scheduling matches. The upper weights would require a 15 pound variance.

6.6 Policy

Nothing to report

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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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- Practice Rule
Language clarifying warm-ups are not considered practice into the practice rule was approved at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
- Drone Policy
Proposed additional language to the Drone Policy was approved at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting: *If there is a report of UAS activity at an athletic event, school, Section and/or State Association officials will, in consultation with the sports officials, suspend the play until such time as the UAS is removed from the area as defined above or the school, Section/State and sports officials determine it is safe to proceed.*
- **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support free admission of athletic directors at NYSPHSAA Championships**
CARRIED
Zirkle/Roth
- Girls and Boys Cross Country Classification Number Change
The following revision of the 4 class cross country cut-off numbers was approved at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:
Class A 830+ (previous 850+)
Class B 446-829 (previous 445-849)
Class C 240-445 (previous 261-444)
Class D 239 & below (previous 260 & below)
*Effective start date – Fall 2018
- Transgender Guidelines
The following revision to the transgender guidelines is an action item for the July 2017 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting:
1. The student ~~and~~ OR the parent(s)/guardian shall notify the Superintendent that the student would like the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics consistent with the gender he/she identifies as.
4. ~~Once a member school has rendered a determination of eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams which corresponds to the student's gender identity the eligibility is granted for the duration of the student's participation in interscholastic athletics.~~
4. On a seasonal basis, the school will provide approval of the eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams, which corresponds to the student's gender identity.
Motion to direct M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the changes in transgender guidelines
CARRIED 14 in favor 8 opposed
Ward/Banker
- Ineligible Students to Practice
The following proposal is an action item at the July 2017 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting:
Consideration of approval to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility
Rationale for the proposal: Currently, students who are ineligible are not permitted to practice during their period of ineligibility. If students who were ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule (i.e. transfer without a corresponding change of address) were allowed to practice, this would help the student integrate into the school setting and could reduce the number of appeals and lawsuits, while having no impact upon other schools.
Motion to direct M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support allowing an ineligible student due to the transfer rule to practice with the team
CARRIED 14 in favor 8 opposed
Zirkle/Rabey
- Combining of Schools Proposal

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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 formula adjustment proposal will be a discussion item at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. The proposal is as follows:

Class AA – 100%, Class A – 100%, Class B – 100%, Class C – 40%, and 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.

Section VI does not fully support the Combining of Schools Formula Proposal. M. Fallacaro, Section VI Girls Representative, will seek to alter the proposed percentage for Class B from 100% to 50% of the BEDS at the July 2017 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

Nothing to report

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6.8 Extended Eligibility

The NYSED Commissioner has yet to make a decision regarding the proposed amendment to the duration of competition regulation, which was revised to include the following language: "... illness, accident, or documented social emotional condition beyond the control of the student".

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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

6.11.1 Sportsmanship Promotion Survey results

The six member schools to be awarded and recognized in September 2017 include Akron, Panama, Iroquois, Maryvale, Cleveland Hill, Cattaraugus-Little Valley, and Franklinville.

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6.11.2 Coaches Appreciation Day

The state association approved the Wednesday of Week 46 to be Coaches Appreciation Day.

6.11.3 Student-Athlete 101

Student-Athlete 101 is an online curriculum still in the development stage. Updates will be provided as they become available.

6.11.4 Recognition Dinner

A reminder to submit coaches nominations was given. Coaches Award recipients will be selected in June. The Recognition Dinner will be held August 30, 2017 at The Columns Banquets in Elma.

6.12 Veterans

Nothing to report

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6.13 Mixed Competition

Nothing to report

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6.14 Nominations

6.14.1 **Motion to approve of Winter Sports Chairs Candidates 2017-2020**

CARRIED

Spanbauer/DeMarco

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6.14.2 Girls Modified Representative Position Vacancy

Applications are anticipated from individuals who have indicated interest.

6.15 Corporate Partners

T. Slade is in discussions with VSP regarding a corporate partnership.

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6.16 Hall of Fame

Nominations are due today. Selections will be made at the end of July 2017. The Hall of Fame Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 24, 2017 at Holland Hills Country Club.

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7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete

There were 680 applications for the spring season. The WNY Scholar Athlete Committee meets tomorrow to make winner and honorable mention selections.

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7.2 Charter Schools

7.2.1 **Motion to approve of the 2017-2018 Independent Schedule**

CARRIED

DeKay/Ginestre

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8.0 **STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 Boys Volleyball	Walt Stefani	State Report 4/4/17
8.2 Girls Volleyball	Debby Schrufer	State Report 4/6/17
8.3 Boys Soccer	T. Marquardt	State Report 2/15/17
8.4 Boys Ice Hockey	M. DiFilippo	State Report 3/10/17

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA Report

9.1 Boys Volleyball State Championship Venue

The State Boys Volleyball Committee, NYSPHSAA Executive Committee, and the NYSPHSAA office recommends Albany as the venue for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Boys Volleyball State Championships. This item will be an action item at the July 2017 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.

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9.2 Student Advisory Committee

Two representatives from Section VI, 1 rising junior and 1 rising senior, are available for the student athlete advisory committee. The application is posted online. The deadline to apply is May 30, 2017.

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9.3 Captains Club

Captains Club is a way for NYSPHSAA to reach out to student athletes across NY, to explore the different roles, responsibilities, and expectations of what it takes to be a team leader. Council members were asked to remind their respective Leagues to contact Kristin Jadin with inspirational stories of student-athletes.

9.2 NYSAAA Report

Nothing to report

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10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

10.1 ***Motion to approve of the Winter 16-17 Post Season Reports with the exception of Girls Basketball***

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Bradley

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.0 Officials Contract

There is 1 year remaining on the Officials Contract. Section VI is seeking to secure 3 year extension of the current contract. The next negotiations meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2017.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Baseball

Congratulations were extended to Baseball Coach Rick DeKay on 400 wins.

12.2 Recruitment of Officials

East High School will offer 2 recruitment of officials sessions this Saturday, May 20, 2017. Interested parties were asked to contact Aubrey Lloyd for more information.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Ward/DeMarco

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

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