



## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

September 11, 2019

### Highlights

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** May 15, 2019 Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.5 **CARRIED:** North/South Timelines – Schedules & Assignment of Officials
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (17)
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency applications, numbers (1) and (2)
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's Report
- 6.3.2 **CARRIED:** Remove the approval of the website fee as an action item at today's Athletic Council meeting
- 6.4.1 **CARRIED:** Sectional Pool Bowlers Wild Card Proposal
- 6.4.2 **CARRIED:** Girls Lacrosse Conference Alignment Proposal for 2020
- 6.7c **CARRIED:** Remove items 6.7c numbers (1) through (9) as action items from today's athletic council meeting
- 6.14 **CARRIED:** M. Fallacaro-Dougherty as the Girls Representative (term July 2019-June 2023)
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** 2019 Field Hockey Pre-Season Report
- 10.2 **CARRIED:** 2019 Spring Post Season Reports
- 10.3 **CARRIED:** 2019-2020 winter pre-season reports with the exception of the Health Sciences classification placement (Charter Schools Classification Committee will convene to determine placement) and the Boys Basketball seeding proposal (Appendix I)
- 12.1 **CARRIED:** Research Laboratories for Bioinformatics and Life Sciences (BPS) to submit to NYSPHSAA as a member of Section VI and NYSPHSAA

**\*All Section VI Meetings are Recorded**

## ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee		Committee Chairpersons		Sportschairs
President	Adam Stoltman*	Chemical Awareness	John Grzymala*	
President-Elect	Brett Banker*	Extended Eligibility	Timm Slade*	
Superintendents' Rep.	Jeff Rabey*	Finance	Steve Penhollow*	
Principals' Rep.	Jim Spanbauer*	Boys' Modified	Matt Librock*	<b>Guests</b>
Boys' Rep.	Jim Graczyk*	Girls' Modified	Julie Arnold*	Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA
Girls' Rep.	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty*	Nominations	Brett Banker*	Pat Burke, NFL
Past President	Al Gens*	NYSAAA	Mark DiFilippo*	Marc LaMorticella, Charters
Executive Director	Timm Slade*	Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey*	
Treasurer	Don Scholla*	Safety	Brian Wild*	
		Sectional Intersectional	Timm Slade*	
* Indicates Attendance		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames*/Jim Graczyk*	
		Transfer	Timm Slade*	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan*	

League	Representative	Alternate
<b>BUFFALO</b>		
Superintendents Rep./AD	Ryan Shepherd, Emerson*	TBA
Principals' Rep.	TBA	TBA
Girls' Rep.	TBA	TBA
Boys' Rep.	TBA	TBA
<b>CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Steve Penhollow, Falconer*	TBA
Principals' Rep.	Jason Halpainy, Randolph*	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Carol Zirkle, Fredonia*	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern
Boys' Rep.	Rick DeKay, Retired*	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern
<b>ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Sandy Anzalone, Eden*	Jeff Rabey, Depew
Principals' Rep.	Scott Zipp, Cheektowaga	Steve Smith, Alden
Girls' Rep.	Vinny Dell'Oso, Starpoint*	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Boys' Rep.	Dave Hack, Orchard Park*	TBA
<b>NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port*	Dan Ljiljanich, Niagara Wheatfield
Principals' Rep.	Chris Ginestre, Franklin Middle*	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Jon Roth, Grand Island*	Matt McKenna, Niagara Wheatfield
Boys' Rep.	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport*	Jon Roth, Grand Island
<b>NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Jacob Reimer, Barker*	Mark Kruzynski, Medina
Principals' Rep.	Dan Bedette, Newfane*	Steve Dimitroff, Akron
Girls' Rep.	Jeff Roth, Wilson*	TBA
Boys' Rep.	John Grzymala, Roy-Hart*	TBA
<b>SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)</b>		
Erie 1 BOCES	Jon MacSwan, Cleveland Hill*	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	Maureen Donahue, Southwestern*	TBA
ON BOCES	Michelle Bradley, Lockport*	TBA
CA BOCES	Robert Breidenstein, Salamanca	TBA



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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

A. Stoltman

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Commenced: 11:35am

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

## 2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A. Stoltman

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2.1 Luncheon Sponsor – Rusty Knight, Toth's Sports

2.2 State Champions (Spring 2019)

- a) Williamsville East, Softball, Class A – represented by Principal Brian Swatland, Athletic Director Nick Suchyna, Coach Chris Durr, and Student-Athletes Summer Clark and Chelsea McNamara
- b) Melanie Green, Medina, Girls Golf – accompanied by Athletic Director Eric Valley and High School Principal Mike Cavanagh
- c) Jada Kenner, Tapestry, Division II, 100 & 200 Meter Dash – accompanied by Athletic Director Marc LaMorticella and Coach Tryon
- d) Maryam Akaic, Tapestry, Division II, Shot Put – represented by Athletic Director Marc LaMorticella and Coach Tryon
- e) Reese Casinelli, Newfane, Division II, 400 Meter Dash – accompanied by Superintendent Mike Baumann, Principal Dan Bedette, Athletic Director Danielle Hawkins, Coach Michael Heitzenrater
- f) John Swabik, CSP, Division II, Pentathlon & Cameron Barmore, CSP, Division II, High Jump – accompanied by Head Coach Pamela Warner, Assistant Coach Paul Smardz, Assistant Coach Dakota Morano, Panama Superintendent Bert Lictus, Panama Athletic Director Chris Payne, Sherman Superintendent Mike Ginestre, Sherman Principal Bryna Booth, and Sherman Athletic Director Cory Emory
- h) Jon Surdej, Lancaster, Division I, Shot Put – represented by Athletic Director Brian Wild
- i) Austin Johns, Rayven Sample, Bryce Baglia, & Collin Barmore, Falconer/Cassadaga Valley, Division II, 4x400 Meter Relay – accompanied by Coach Spry, Athletic Director and Coach Dave Nelson, and Superintendent Steve Penhollow

2.3 Sportsmanship Promotion Survey Award Winners

- a) Cattaraugus Little Valley – represented by Athletic Director Matt Minnekine and Football Coach Tim Miller
- b) Tapestry – represented by Athletic Director Marc LaMorticella
- c) Amherst – represented by Athletic Director Jeffrey Wheaton, High School Principal Greg Pigeon, and Superintendent Anthony Panella
- d) Orchard Park - David Hack, Jon Wolf, Principal, Matthew McGarrity, Superintendent of Schools
- e) Wilson – represented by Athletic Director Jeff Roth
- f) Cassadaga Valley
- g) Niagara Falls

2.4 Schools of Distinction

- a) Hamburg – Represented by Athletic Director Pat Cauley, Principal Michael Gallagher, and Superintendent Michael Cornell
- b) Lewiston-Porter – Represented by Superintendent Paul Casseri, and Athletic Director Brad Halgash

## 3.0 MINUTES

A. Stoltman

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3.1 ***Motion to approve the May 15, 2019 Athletic Council meeting minutes***

***CARRIED***

***Graczyk/Fallacaro-Dougherty***

#### 4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade  
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- 4.1 Conflict of Interest Policy  
Members of the Athletic Council who have not yet signed the Conflict of Interest Policy were asked to do so
- 4.2 Sportsmanship  
The MMHSAA Zero Tolerance Policy will be attached to the minutes for the council's review for possible implementation in the future.
- 4.3 Boys Rep Position  
Item 4.2 was addressed at the Executive Committee meeting
- 4.4 President-Elect Position 2020-2022 (South)  
A reminder was given that the Southern Tier must recommend a candidate for the President-Elect position. The name of the candidate needs to be submitted to Section VI in advance of the May 13, 2019 where approval will be requested for the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022 term.
- 4.5 ***Motion to approve the North/South Timelines – Schedules & Assignment of Officials*** (Appendix A)  
**CARRIED**  
***Rabey/Sukdolak***
- 4.6 Girls Indoor Track & Field Chairman  
D. Syracuse was the interim Girls Indoor Track Chairman for the 2018-2019 school year. B. Lombardo will return to his position as the Chairman for the 2019-2020 season.
- 4.7 Section VI Boys Lacrosse Independent Status  
During the preceding Executive Committee meeting, T. Slade was directed to speak with the Boys Lacrosse Chairman regarding concerns with schools who hold independent status.
- 4.8 Officials Contract Negotiations (Changes in Modified Soccer and Modified Lacrosse)  
At the July 2019 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting, action items to change the length of quarters from 9 minutes to 10 minutes per quarter including overtime in the sport of modified lacrosse and going from four 15-minute quarters to two 40-minute halves in the sport of modified soccer were approved. Due to the increase in length of quarters in each of these sports, Section VI will begin negotiations with the WNYSO regarding a commensurate rate for officials.
- In preparation for the change to modified soccer in 2020, Section VI will pilot two 30-minute halves for the 2019 season.
- 4.9 Aspiring AD Program  
NYSAAA Chapter 6 representatives, M. DiFilippo (Chairman), M. Fallacaro-Dougherty (Staff Development), and B. Banker (President), are finalizing the initiative to institute Aspiring Athletic Director and Staff Development programs. Section VI has secured a coser through Erie 1 BOCES wherein state aid was granted. Schools that participate will be invoiced by Erie 1 BOCES.
- Every other month professional development will be offered for current athletic director's as well as aspiring athletic directors. The first offering is October 21, 2019.
- 4.10 Dates for Section VI Coaches Meetings  
The dates and locations of the Winter Coaches Meetings will be included in the September 2019 Executive Director's monthly report. The format of the delivery of the meetings will be reviewed with the utilization of Zoom Video Conferencing as an option.
- 4.11 Girls Bowling Chairman Vacancy  
E. Ventry has stepped down from the Girls Bowling Chairman position. Interested candidates can find the application on the Bulletin Board page of the Section VI website. The deadline to submit applications is September 30, 2019.

## 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade  
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### 5.1 *Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (17)*

#### Fall Sports

1. Football, **Bennett**, Research Lab, V
2. Soccer B, **Bennett**, Research Lab, V
3. Soccer B, **MEC**, Performing Arts, V & JV
4. Swim G, **City Honors**, Olmsted, ADD Performing Arts, V & JV
5. Volleyball G, **Clymer**, Sherman, JV & 7/8/9th

#### Winter Sports

6. Basketball B/G, **Springville**, West Valley, V & JV
7. Swimming Boys, **Fredonia**, Cassadaga Valley, V
8. Swimming Boys, **Jamestown**, Falconer, V
9. Wrestling, **Alden**, Depew, V & 7th /8th
10. Wrestling, **Health Science**, WNY Maritime Charter, Tapestry, V,

#### Spring Sports

11. Baseball, **Springville**, West Valley, V & JV
12. Golf G, **Cassadaga Valley**, Chautauqua Lake & Maple Grove, V
13. Lacrosse B, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, V & JV
14. Softball, **Springville**, West Valley, V & JV
15. Track & Field B/G, **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, V & JV
16. Track & Field B/G, **Franklinville**, Ellicottville, V & 7/8
17. Track & Field B/G, **Westfield**, Brocton N, V & JV

**CARRIED**

**Rabey/Ginestre**

### 5.2 *Motion to approve Outside Agency applications, numbers (1) and (2)*

1. Cross Country Mike Blest CC Run, 9/21/19 Beaver Island State Park, WNY T & F Officials & Grand Island HS
2. Cheer Fall Fest Cheer Competition, 10/20/19 NCCC Niagara Cheer Productions & NEYSA Youth Sports & Wilson CSD

**CARRIED**

**Zirkle/Banker**

## 6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

J. Rabey  
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### 6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

#### 6.1.1 Spring 2019 Combining of Schools End of Season Reports

### 6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee

J. Rabey  
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6.2.1 Health Sciences Charter School was placed in Class A for the 2018-2019 school year. The Boys Basketball Committee has recommended that Health Sciences remain in Class A for the 2019-2020 school year. The Charter Schools Classification Committee will review and vote on the Boys Basketball Committee's recommendation and report to the Executive Committee at their October 9, 2019 meeting.

### 6.3 Finance Committee

D. Scholla  
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#### 6.3.1 *Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report*

**CARRIED**

**Banker/Penhollow**

#### 6.3.2 Web-site Fee (\*email vote)

Currently, Section VI absorbs the cost of its sports website fees. In order to stay solvent and continue in the manner of financially supporting state championships, Section VI is seeking a separate line in the coordination fees for the websites. The Finance Committee will convene to discuss a proposal and a vote will be taken via post card ballot.

**Motion to remove the approval of the website fee as an action item at today's Athletic Council meeting**

**CARRIED**

**Penhollow/Dell'Oso**

6.3.3 Rapid Financial – Debit/ID Cards

Section VI has cut ties with the vendor (Rapid Financial) supplying the permanent Section VI ID / Debit card due to breach of contract. Section VI is in the process of requesting return of unused funds from the initial deposit.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional

T. Slade

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6.4.1 **Motion to approve the Sectional Pool Bowlers Wild Card Proposal (Appendix B)**

**CARRIED**

**Hack/Casseri**

6.4.2 **Motion to approve the Girls Lacrosse Conference Alignment Proposal for 2020 (Appendix C)**

**CARRIED**

**Sukdolak/Roth**

6.4.3 Unified Scholar Athlete

Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling were added to the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Program effective the 2019-2020 school year. As an official high school program of NYSPHSAA, the Unified teams should be recognized in the Scholar-Athlete program if they meet the same criteria as other interscholastic programs in the school.

6.4.4 Softball Run Rule

The Softball Committee voted unanimously (June 2019/post season report) to go to 15 differential run rule, after 5 innings (JV/V). Implementation of this rule is at the discretion of the Leagues.

6.4.5 Modified Soccer - Two 30-Minute Halves

See agenda item 4.9

6.5 Safety

B. Wild

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6.5.1 Overuse Injuries and Specialization - Sub Committee

There is a NYSPHSAA committee comprised of athletic trainers and athletic directors starting a discussion on research found regarding overuse, injuries, and specialization. Their goal is try to provide information and recommendations on a large scale, via social media, documentation, etc., to prevent student-athletes from overusing, time on the playing field, and recovery time etc.

6.6 Modified Report

M. Librock/Julie Arnold

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6.6.1 At the July 2019 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting, all recommendations put forth by the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee were approved and implemented for the 19-20 school year (all are included in Appendix D of this document). M. Librock and J. Arnold notified, via email, all Section VI athletic directors of these changes. The next meeting of the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 20.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

J. Rabey

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b) Principal

J. Spanbauer

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*Nothing to report*

- NYSPHSAA Central Committee 2019 Action Items Results – Appendix D
- **ACTION ITEMS** (\*to be taken via email vote) - Appendix E
  1. Swimming & Diving – Number of judges required to qualify for the State Championship in an 11 Dive Dual Meet
  2. Boys Soccer – New 6-year regional rotation 2020-2025
  3. Wrestling – Eliminate 99lb. weight class in dual meets, tournaments, and state championships
  4. Wrestling – Conduct one NYSPHSAA/Federation Wrestling Tournament
  5. Wrestling – Waiver for five-bout NFHS rule in post season
  6. Wrestling – Use of inbody scale for the NYSPHSAA Weight Certification program
  7. Softball – Elimination of the existing waiver banning metal cleats
  8. Softball – Elimination of international tiebreaker for regional contests
  9. Baseball – Adopt game ending procedure Run Rule

**Motion to remove items 6.7c numbers (1) through (9) as action items from today's athletic council meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Fallacaro-Dougherty/Jon Roth**

6.8 Extended Eligibility

*Nothing to report*

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6.9 Chemical Awareness

*Nothing to report*

J. Grzymala  
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6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

*Nothing to report*

T. Slade  
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6.11 Sportsmanship

- NYSPHSAA – Officials Appreciation Day – Wednesday, October 2, 2019
- The next NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2019
- Implementation of a Sportsmanship PSA is forthcoming

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6.12 Veterans

The annual Veterans Dinner and Golf Outing is scheduled for tomorrow, September 12 at Holland Hills Country Club.

J. Trampert  
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6.13 Mixed Competition

Two applications of mixed competition in the sport of JV volleyball have been submitted, one for Dunkirk and one for Falconer. At this point in time they've been approved. There does not appear to be any adverse effect on competition. If the student-athletes become dominant, the approvals will be rescinded.

J. Spanbauer  
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6.14 Nominations

**Motion to approve M. Fallacaro-Dougherty as the Girls Representative (term July 2019-June 2023)**

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Dell'Oso**

B. Banker  
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6.15 Corporate Partners

Currently, the Section totals \$101,000 in corporate partnerships. These funds are allocated for travel and meals of state championships.

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## 6.16 Hall of Fame

J. Dunnigan

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The 2019 Hall of Fame ceremony is scheduled for Friday, December 6 at The Columns Banquets in Elma, NY. A reminder was given that nominations for the 2020 class are due no later than May 13, 2020.

## 7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 7.1 All-WNY Scholar Athlete

J. Roth

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*Nothing to report*

### 7.2 Charter Schools

T. Slade

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#### 7.2.1 League Membership (Tapestry, Health Sciences)

Health Sciences and Tapestry, have applied for league placement for the 20-21 school year. If denied, Section VI will be required to place them in a league.

## 8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Nothing to report*

## 9.0 GUEST REPORTS

### 9.1 NYSPHSAA Report

T. Nelson

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- NYSPHSAA requested a waiver to the Board of Regents regarding the Age of duration and competition rule for unified athletes. Currently, the 60-day comment period is in process.
- 4 New York State schools have been announced as Champion Banner Schools with Special Olympics NY, 3 are Section VI member schools – Cheektowaga, Iroquois, and Niagara Falls
- A reminder was given that action item results of NYSPHSAA Executive Committees meetings are posted on the NYSPHSAA website immediately following each meeting (“About NYSPHSAA”, “Committees”, “Executive Committees”, “Voting Recap”)

### 9.2 NYSAAA Report

M. DiFilippo

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#### 9.2.1 Professional Development (Appendix F)

Council members were reminded to encourage athletic directors to register to become a member of the NYSAAA.

Section VI staff development opportunities are scheduled for October 21, 2019 and December 6, 2019 at Erie 1 BOCES. Registration information will be distributed soon.

#### 9.2.2 Student Scholar Essay (Appendix F)

The Student Scholar Essay application is included in Appendix F. The deadline to submit nominations is November 1, 2019. An athletic director must be a member of the NYSAAA to submit a nomination.

#### 9.2.3 Aspiring AD (Appendix F)

The Aspiring Athletic Director application form is included in Appendix F.

## 10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

### 10.1 *Motion to approve of the 2019 Field Hockey pre-season report (Appendix G)*

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/DeKay**

### 10.2 *Motion to approve of the 2019 Spring Post Season Reports (Appendix H)*

**CARRIED**

**Dell'Oso/Penhollow**

10.3 **Motion to approve of the 2019-2020 Winter Pre-Season Reports with the exception of the Health Sciences classification placement (Charter Schools Classification Committee will convene to determine placement) and the Boys Basketball seeding proposal (Appendix I)**

**CARRIED**

**Jon Roth/Spanbauer**

The Boys Basketball Committee will be asked to run their seeding proposal with last year's data and this year's data and present it in their 19-20 post season report in order for the Athletic Council to vote on approval for the 2020-2021 season.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 **Motion to approve Research Laboratories for Bioinformatics and Life Sciences (BPS) to submit to NYSPHSAA as a member of Section VI and NYSPHSAA**

**CARRIED**

**Shepherd/Sukdolak**

12.2 Unified Sports

The Unified Sports meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 13 at Erie 1 BOCES at 9am.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 **Motion to adjourn**

**CARRIED**

**Fallacaro-Dougherty/Graczyk**

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley  
Recording Secretary