



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 11, 2019

Highlights

3.1 **CARRIED:** June 12, 2019 Executive Committee meeting minutes

Athletic Council Action Items

- 3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the May 15, 2019 Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.5 **AC ACTION ITEM:** North/South Timelines – Schedules & Assignment of Officials
- 5.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications
- 5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Applications
- 6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report
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***All Section VI Meetings are Recorded**



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Attendance (*indicates present)

- *A. Stoltman, President
- *B. Banker, President-Elect
- *J. Rabey, Superintendents Representative
- *J. Spanbauer, Principals Representative
- *J. Graczyk, Boys Representative
- *M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative
- *A. Gens, Past President
- *T. Slade, Executive Director
- *D. Scholla, Treasurer

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced: 9:30am

A. Stoltman

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3.0 MINUTES

A. Stoltman

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3.1 ***Motion to approve of the June 12, 2019 Executive Committee meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Graczyk/Marisa

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 yet to sign the Conflict of Interest Policy will be asked to do so at the September 11, 2019 Meeting.
- 4.2 Sportsmanship
A MMHSAA Sportsmanship Policy was included for review by the Executive Committee for possible implementation in the future.
- 4.3 Boys Rep Position
J. Graczyk's term will end June 30, 2022. His replacement will be elected in May 2021 in order to shadow him for the last year (2021-2022) of his term.
- 4.4 President-Elect Position 2020-2022 (South)
A reminder will be given at the following Athletic Council meeting 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 **AC ACTION ITEM:** North/South Timelines (Appendix A)
The dates for the North and South schedules and assignment of officials are generated and approved yearly. There are no issues with the proposed dates.
- 4.6 Girls Indoor Track & Field Chairman – B. Lombardo
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
Concern was presented regarding the title of the Boys Lacrosse "All Section VI Team". Independent schools' student-athletes cannot

be named to the All Section VI Team. Therefore, the question was raised of how a school with an independent schedule can win a Section Title, but its student-athletes be excluded from selection to the "All Section VI Team".

T. Slade will speak with the Boys Lacrosse Chairman and ask to remove "Section VI" from the naming of the "All Section VI All Star Team" as well asking to extend an invitation to independent schools for the post season meeting.

4.8 Officials Contract (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.

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.

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.

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

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5.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications

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 Sciences**, 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

A. Stoltman and T. Slade were asked to draft a letter to the representatives of Buffalo Public Schools informing them of the Section VI parameters regarding the combining of schools process and that they are to abide by the requirements of this process the same as all Section VI member schools.

5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Applications

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

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

Nothing to report

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee

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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.

6.3 Finance Committee

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6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report

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 website. Further discussion will occur at the following Athletic Council meeting. Implementation would be requested for the 20-21 school year.

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

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6.4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Sectional Pool Bowlers Wild Card Proposal (Appendix B)

The Sectional Intersectional Committee is in support of this proposal.

6.4.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Girls Lacrosse Conference Alignment Proposal for 2020 (Appendix C)

The Sectional Intersectional Committee is in support of this proposal.

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

At the July 2019, the NYSPHSAA approved going from four 15-minute quarters to two 40-minute halves to start with the 2020 fall season. Section VI will pilot two 30-minute halves for the 2019 season.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

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Nothing to report

b) Principal

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Nothing to report

c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

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- NYSPHSAA Central Committee 2019 Action Items Results – Appendix D
- Athletic Council Email Vote Items* - 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
Concern was expressed over eliminating an opportunity for student-athlete participation.
 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

6.8 Extended Eligibility

One application was submitted and approved. There are no concerns at this time.

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6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee.

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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, 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.

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6.14 Nominations

6.14 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of M. Fallacaro-Dougherty as the Girls Representative (Term July 2019-June 2023)

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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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7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.2 Charter Schools

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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. At the request of B. Banker, the involved schools will be asked to submit a list of sports in which they participate.

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2019 Field Hockey pre-season report (Appendix G)

10.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2019 Spring Post Season Reports (Appendix H)

10.3 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval 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 Boys Basketball seeding proposal (Appendix I)

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 NYSPHSAA Membership

Research Laboratories (BPS) application for NYSPHSAA membership will be added to the following Athletic Council meetings agenda.

12.2 Philosophy Championship Committee

- ESports proposal is being taken back to the Sections for review and discussion
- Rifle does not meet the definition of an emerging sport so it will not have a State Championship

13.0 GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT

13.1 *Motion to adjourn*

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Graczyk

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary