



**Executive Committee Meeting
November 18, 2020
MINUTES**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** October 7, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 12.2 **CARRIED:** Winter Sports 2020-2021 be added to the Athletic Council agenda

PENDING ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

- 6.6.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2020-2021 school year only, with section/league approval, up to 100% of the maximum number of games permitted for each modified level sport may be designated as scrimmages.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

- 2.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Mark DiFilippo as Executive Director, Section VI
- 3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the September 16, 2020 Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 5.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools
- 6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 10.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the winter 2020-2021 pre-season reports (tabled Sept. 2020)
- 10.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the spring 2021 pre-season reports with the exception of Boys Golf
- 12.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of 2021-2022 Section VI Meeting Dates



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Attendance: (* indicates present)

- *B. Banker, President
- *A. Stoltman, Past President
- *M. Donahue, President-Elect
- *J. Rabey, Superintendents Representative
- *A. Gens, Principals Representative
- *J. Graczyk, Male Representative
- *M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative
- *M. DiFilippo, Executive Director
- *D. Scholla, Treasurer

1.0 CALL TO ORDER (Brett Banker)

1.1 Health Sciences Boys Basketball 2020-2021 Classification Appeal Hearing

Executive Committee Commenced: 9:40am

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS

2.1 *Motion to approve Mark DiFilippo as Executive Director*

CARRIED
Rabey/Gens

3.0 MINUTES (Brett Banker)

3.1 *Motion to approve the October 7, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes*

CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Donahue

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mark DiFilippo)

4.1 Section VI Male Representative

J. Graczyk's term in the position of male representative expires June 30, 2022. The application for the position will be placed on the Section VI website bulletin board following today's athletic council meeting. Approval of the candidate will be sought at the May 12, 2021 athletic council meeting. The incumbent will shadow J. Graczyk during the last year of his term (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) and assume the role beginning July 1, 2022.

If multiple individuals apply, interviews will be conducted by the Nominations Committee, which is chaired by President-Elect Maureen Donahue.

4.2 Whistleblower Policy (Appendix A)

The Section's auditors recommended adopting a whistleblower policy. The draft of the Section VI Whistleblower Policy was modeled after Erie 1 BOCES policy and is attached for review in Appendix A. The Section VI Whistleblower Policy will be reviewed at the December 2020 Executive Committee meeting and an action item for approval at the January 2021 Athletic Council meeting.

4.3 NYSPHSAA Foundation

Section VI is looking for a volunteer to represent Section VI on the newly created NYSPHSAA Foundation. An athletic and financial background is preferred.

4.4 Conflict of Interest Survey

Annually, all members of the Executive Committee, Athletic Council, and office staff are required to sign Section VI's Conflict of Interest Policy. P. Turski will email all involved parties a link to the online document wherein they may place their signature and make their submission.

4.5 Section VI Winter Coaches Meeting Update

With the delay in winter sports and the uncertainty due to the current circumstances surrounding COVID-19, a decision regarding winter coaches meetings will be made in the near future.

4.6 Fall Sports Chairs Renewals/Challengers

Fall sports chairs terms expire June 30, 2021. The next term is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. The sport chair renewal forms were emailed last week to fall sports incumbents and are due January 6, 2021. Approval of incumbents/candidates will be sought at the May 2021 athletic council meeting. The sport chair application will be posted on the Section VI Bulletin Board following this meeting for any challengers.

*At the May 13, 2020 Athletic Council meeting, Pete Szymanski (Girls Cross Country) and Jay Sirianni (Football) were both approved to carry out remaining terms for former Girls Cross Country Chair Nancy Bennett and former Football Co-Chairman Adam Stoltman as well as full terms for 2021 through 2024. They do not need to fill out a renewal or be approved in May.

4.7 Girls Wrestling

NYSPPHSAA continues to work with USA Wrestling and in particular the Girls Wrestling Committee from USA Wrestling. Kyra Barry is the chairperson for this committee and is interested in meeting with the athletic council to update and answer any questions regarding the promotion of Girls Wrestling, which she will be invited to do so at the January 2021 athletic council meeting.

4.8 Boys Golf Chairperson Position

The Boys Golf Chairperson position is still vacant.

4.9 Boys Ice Hockey Chairperson Position

The Boys Ice Hockey Chairperson position is still vacant.

4.10 Officials Negotiations Update

Matt McKenna (Niagara Wheatfield), Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint), and Bob Breidenstein (Salamanca) are individuals interested in serving on the Section VI Negotiations Team. M. DiFilippo to seek a representative from the Niagara Orleans League and Buffalo Public Schools to round out the team. The current officials contract expires at the end of this school year. The WNYSO were asked to extend the current contract out 1 more year. They are anticipated to provide a response to this request in December.

M. DiFilippo was asked to ensure accountability regarding the recruitment piece within the officials contract.

4.11 Cross Country Sectionals

M. DiFilippo shared positive feedback, considering the challenging circumstances, in the handling of the Cross Country Sectionals by the respective chairpersons.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS (Mark DiFilippo)

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

1) Indoor Track B/G, Allegany Limestone, Olean, Portville, Franklinville, V, 746 D1

2) Basketball G, Silver Creek, Forestville, V, 242 Class C

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (Jeff Rabey)

Nothing to report

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (Jeff Rabey)

See item 1.1

6.3 Finance Committee (Don Scholla)

6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Treasurer's Report (Appendix B)

6.3.2 Section VI 2021-2022 Proposed Budget (Appendix C)

The athletic council will be asked to review the proposed budget with their respective Leagues as it will be an action item for approval at the January 2021 athletic council meeting.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional Committee (Mark DiFilippo)

6.4.1 Boys & Girls Basketball Proposal

Per the September 2019 Executive Committee meeting minutes: *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.* This data has yet to be submitted to the Executive Committee. In addition, the Boys and Girls Basketball Chairs are requesting approval (20-21 pre-season reports) to change the tiebreaker procedure.

The Executive Committee decided not to entertain policy changes for this school year due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

M. DiFilippo was directed to ask the basketball chairs for the data regarding the seeding proposal as well as to inquire with the other Section sports chairs regarding the requested policy changes.

6.7 State Executive Committee /Central Committee

a) Superintendent (Jeff Rabey)

Nothing to report

b) Principal (Al Gens)

Nothing to report

c) Female Rep. / Male Rep. (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty / J. Graczyk)

The following items were acted on at the October 2020 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

1. With Section approval, provide the opportunity to begin the Fall Season II on February 22, 2021. **MOVED TO ACTION ITEM: DEFEATED 10-11-2** *NYSPHSAA President voted not to approve

2. Change the Modified Scrimmage rule to 100% for the Winter, Fall Season II, and Spring sports seasons. **MOVED TO ACTION ITEM; APPROVED 18-4**

3. 2021-2022 school enrollment numbers.
APPROVED 22-0

4. 5 classifications following 20% recommendation be an action item at the February NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.
APPROVED 22-0

5. General D1/D2 Classifications as 34.37% (D1), 65.62% (D2) recommendation be an action item at the February NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.
APPROVED 22-0

6. (A) Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for various Sections.
APPROVED 22-0

7. Patti Perone as the Girls Volleyball State Coordinator for a 1-year term.
APPROVED 22-0

8. Change designation from individual to team/individual and adopt the NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Tennis State Team Championship in addition to the state (individual) championship format already in place – to begin in Fall 2021 (girls) and Spring 2022 (boys).
APPROVED 20-2

9. Utilize NCAA Rule for two libero system in Boys Volleyball.
APPROVED 22-0

10. Advance ALL 2020 Fall regional and state tournament rotations to 2021 for all fall team sports, plus girls tennis (which uses at-large rotations to fill byes).
APPROVED 22-0

11. Extend bid terms for ALL 2020 Fall State Championships for an additional year as a result of the cancellation of these state championships.
APPROVED 22-0

12. Implement a two-year pilot program to change from the current At-Large Procedure for the NYSPHSAA Championship to an Automatic Qualifying Procedure effective for the 2020-2021 season.
APPROVED 22-0

13. Rebid the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Championships.
APPROVED 22-0

14. Add additional value parts for the Uneven Bars to the current NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Technical Handbook.
APPROVED 22-0

15. Permanently adopt the 2018 pilot that established a structure, training and scoring format for the NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships.
APPROVED 22-0

16. Modifications to the scoring areas of the State Scoresheet for Competitive Cheerleading.
APPROVED 22-0

17. Implement Game Day Cheer Regional Competitions in the fall of 2021 to be held during week #17 on the NYSPHSAA calendar.
APPROVED 22-0

18. LECOM Harbor Center as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey State Championships.
APPROVED 22-0

The following item was tabled at the October 2020 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

19. Permitted to annually approve sites to host Boys Ice Hockey regional contests.
*Boys Ice Hockey requests this item be tabled for further discussion.
TABLED 22-0

The following item is for discussion at the February 2021 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. (Appendix D)

20. Fall Season II Start Date

The following items are to be reviewed by member Leagues in preparation to provide J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, direction at the January 2021 Athletic Council meeting on how to vote at the February 2021 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. (Appendix E)

21. 2 division classification cut-off proposal

22. 5 sport classification cut-off proposal

Items 21 & 22 are extremely important as school placements will be dramatically affected if approved.

23. Cohort numbers for NYSPHSAA Classifications proposal

24. School of Distinction/Excellence merged team requirement proposal

25. Sportsmanship Official's Card proposal – Add “including racial or discriminatory comments or slurs”

26. Wrestling – modify the current appeal procedure used for the State Championship (Duals and Individual) proposal

6.8 Extended Eligibility (Mark DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/ Foreign Student (Mark DiFilippo)

Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee

6.11 Sportsmanship (Jim Graczyk & Doug Ames)

Nothing to report

6.13 Mixed Competition (AI Gens)

6.13.1 Student-Athlete -GFH (Kenmore)

6.13.2 Student-Athlete – GGYM (Hamburg)

6.13.3 Student-Athlete – GGYM (Ken-Ton UFSD)

**The above mixed competition applications were identified as being approved*

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the winter 2020-2021 pre-season reports (tabled Sept. 2020) (Appendix F)

Stemming from health and safety concerns, the State Unified Bowling Chairpersons made the recommendation to move the Unified Bowling start date to March 1st as listed in the Section VI Unified Bowling pre-season report. Traditionally, Unified Bowling begins mid/late January. Concern was expressed about confirming a change in start date too early, singling out one winter sport and the overlapping in seasons would cause with Unified Basketball.

10.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the spring 2021 pre-season reports with the exception of Boys Golf (Appendix G)

The Girls Lacrosse Committee is requesting a procedure change for tiebreakers as listed in their 2021 pre-season report:

When ranking teams for playoffs we had some divisional ties. The tie-breaker was a coin toss.

Head-to-head goal differential: This year, in the event there is a tie between teams, there should be a goal differential between teams to determine standings. (I.e. Team A beats team

B -5-3 the first time they play then Team B beats team A in the 2nd game they play 5-4. Team A is plus 1, they finish 1st.)

In the event there is still a tie, Goals Against head to head: least amount of goals given up

In the event there is still a tie, Goals For head to head: most goals scored

In the event there is still a tie, Coin Toss

As with the Boys and Girls Basketball proposal (agenda item 6.4.1), the Executive Committee decided not to entertain policy changes for this upcoming due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

M. DiFilippo was directed to inquire with the Girls Lacrosse Chair if he would be interested in the tiebreaker procedure the Basketball Chairmen proposed.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of 2021-2022 Section VI Meeting Dates

- Sectional/Intersectional (Thurs. 9am Teleconference): Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Apr. 7
- Finance (Thurs. 12pm Teleconference): Sept. 9, Oct 14 (@ Section VI), Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Apr. 7
- Athletic Council: Sept. 15, Nov. 17, Jan. 19, Mar. 23, May 18
- Executive Committee: above AC dates plus (Teleconference) Oct. 6, Dec. 15, Feb. 16, Apr. 20, June 15

12.2 Winter Sports 20-21

NYSPPHSAA has approved November 30 for the start of bowling, boys swimming, indoor track, rifle and alpine skiing. Due to concern over community COVID-19 infection rates and schools transitioning to remote instruction, the Executive Committee recommends pushing the start date to December 14 for low and moderate risk sports. If approved, the Executive Committee would reconvene the week of December 7 to revisit the status at that time.

Motion to request Winter Sports 2020-2021 be added to the Athletic Council agenda.

CARRIED

Rabey/Fallacaro-Dougherty

13.0 GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT

13.1 Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Stoltman/Rabey

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary