



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 17, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** Approval of the February 15, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes (No quorum at the March 20, 2024 Executive Committee meeting)
- 3.2 **CARRIED:** Approval of the March 20, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Approval of the Treasurer's report (Appendix A)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Attendance: (*Indicates present)

- *M. Donahue, President
- *D. Lilleck, President-Elect
- *B. Banker, Past President
- *J. Sortisio, Superintendents' Representative
- *C. Alvarez, Principals' Representative
- *M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative
- *J. Roth, Male Representative
- *M. DiFilippo, Executive Director

1.0 CALL TO ORDER (M. Donahue)

Commenced: 9:08am

3.0 MINUTES (M. Donahue)

3.1 ***Motion to approve of the February 15, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes (No quorum at the March 20, 2024 Executive Committee meeting)***

CARRIED

Roth/Lilleck

3.2 ***Motion to approve of the March 20, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Lilleck/Roth

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. DiFilippo)

4.1 Assistant Executive Director Position Update

42 applications were received. With the number of applications received, the Executive Committee will conduct a screening of selected applicants on Monday, April 29 via zoom. In-person interviews will be conducted on Monday, May 6, 2024 at Erie 1 BOCES.

4.2 Spring 2024 Track & Field Class C & D Meets – Section VI is in the process of working with the host schools of the Class C (@ Southwestern) and Class D (@ Wilson). Those schools and many other participating schools are not in session that date as it is Memorial Day weekend. Schools are reporting that an earlier start is more manageable specific to transportation. Availability of officials, administrative staff, gate workers are being taken into consideration in making a determination.

4.3 24-25 Transportation Bids (informational)

Annually, Section VI goes through a bid process via Erie 1 BOCES to secure transportation for state individual sports' championship competition. Only 1 bus company bid for the 24-25 school year and did not submit a bid for all trips. P. Turski is charged with and currently seeking quotes from other areas bus companies to fulfill the Section's need.

4.4 Violation

On April 13, 2024, a member school's coach made physical contact with a sports official at a contest.

The Executive Committee determined the coach to be suspended for 1 calendar year, starting with the date of the contest, with right of the involved school to appeal per the Section VI appeal process. M. DiFilippo to send a letter to the school district stating as such. The Executive Committee will develop language specific to suspension timeframes for clarification within the Section VI Policy Manual. This language will be provided to the Constitution By-laws and Policy Manual Ad Hoc Committee.

The derogatory comments between student-athletes of both teams will be addressed by their respective school districts.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 Combining of Schools applications

Fall 2024

1. Cheer GameDay, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, 7/8 ONLY, 1429, A, ECIC
2. Cross Country BG, **New ADD V, West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, 7/8, 1429, A, ECIC
3. Field Hockey, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, 7/8/9, 1429, A, ECIC
4. Golf B, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, 1429, A, ECIC
5. Gym G, **Williamsville East**, Sweet Home, V, 1476, Federated
6. Gym G, **Williamsville South**, Amherst, V, 1272, Federated
7. Soccer B, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, JV & 7/8, 1429, AAA, ECIC
8. Soccer G, **New, Tapestry**, BASCS, V, 642, A, ECIC
9. Soccer G, **New ADD Var, West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, JV, 1429, AAA, ECIC
10. Swim G, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, 1429, A, ECIC
11. Tennis G, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, 1429, D1, ECIC
12. Volleyball B, **Cheektowaga**, JFK, V, JV, 789, 631, D2, ECIC

The above combined teams applications are slated for approval at the May 15, 2024 athletic council meeting.

Informational Only

Swim G, **Olean**, Portville Remove Frankville 3/25/24=539, V, 539, tba, CCAA

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

6.3.1 **Motion to approve of the Treasurer's report** (Appendix A)

CARRIED

Sortisio/Fallacaro-Dougherty

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 Recommendation for the next AC meeting to have boys and girls soccer move to high seed semis.
This will be an action item at the May 15, 2024 athletic council meeting.

6.4.2 Boys and Girls pilot for tie breakers

The pilot for tiebreakers has expired. Updates will be provided as the Sectional Intersectional Committee works on developing a formal framework for tiebreakers.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

b) Principal (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

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

Voting was conducted via google survey (deadline April 16) for the following discussion items to provide M. Fallacaro-Dougherty (Female Representative) and J. Roth (Male Representative) direction to vote at the May 1, 2024 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

All votes were tallied after yesterday's deadline for submission. All action items, 6.7c1 through 6.17c15 were approved. M. DiFilippo (who will act as proxy for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative) and J. Roth, Male Representative will vote in the affirmative (on all items as listed below and as directed by the Section VI Athletic Council) at the May 2024 NYSPSHAA Executive Committee meeting. It was noted there was a split vote for 6.7c5 Spring Sports; 14 in favor, 13 opposed and 2 abstains. It was noted the Section can choose to follow that start date, if approved at the state level, or start later. One person did not vote, so there was one abstention on every vote.

6.7c1 Drone Policy – Law Enforcement

6.7c2 Appeal Procedure – Protest Procedures and Use of Video

6.7c3 Sportsmanship Rule – Clarification

6.7c4 NYSPHSAA SAAC – Add NYSPHSAA SAAC Student to all NYSPHSAA Standing Committees

6.7c5 Spring Sports – adopt earlier start date of Monday, week #36 starting in 2025

6.7c6 Hall of Fame Program – Revisions to policies and operating procedures

6.7c7 Football – request to start practice on Wednesday of week #7

6.7c8 Football – modify the combined practice requirements

6.7c9 Girls Volleyball - adopt a 3-day tournament starting in 2024

6.7c10 Skiing – waiver for a permanent representation rule (6 to 3)

6.7c11 Boys/Girls Bowling – permit use of rotating at large berths to eliminate pacer teams at state tournament

6.7c12 Boys/Girls Bowling – allow bowlers to compete in both team and composite events starting in 2025

6.7c13 Girls Ice Hockey – adopt new regional rotation for 2024 regional quarterfinals

6.7c14 Softball – adopt NFHS rules starting in 2025

6.7c15 Boys Lacrosse – classification cut-off numbers

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (D. Lilleck)

6.14.1 Principals' Representative Position Update, term expires June 2024 (Action Item May 2024)

Incumbent, C. Alvarez, intention to renew confirmed
1 challenger

6.14.2 President-Elect Position, term July 2024 – June 2026 (Action Item May 2024)

1 application received

6.14.3 Boys Golf Chairperson Vacancy (remaining term, through June 30, 2025)

Jacob Reimer (Barker) will be on the May 15, 2024 Athletic Council agenda for approval as Boys Golf Chairperson. He is unable to start until July 1, 2024. Carolyn Sheilds is running the 2024 sectional championship.

6.14.4 Fall Sports Chairs Terms Expiration June 30, 2024, new term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027

incumbent renewals: N. Bourke (Girls Swim Co-Chair), P. Cary (Girls Swim Co-Chair), J. Longo (Boys Cross Country Chair), J. Sirianni (Football), K. Stoldt (Football Assistant), J. Buscaglia (Girls Gymnastics), T. Marquardt (Boys Soccer), C. Durr (Girls Soccer), J. Fildes (Girls Soccer Assistant). K. Janese (Girls Tennis), W. Stefani (Boys Volleyball), D. Schrufer (Girls Volleyball), J. Otto & J. Costello (Girls Field Hockey Co-Chairs) (Action Item May 2024) (*No Challengers)

6.14.5 Girls Cross Country Chairman Vacancy (Term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027)

Walt McLaughlin who is the current Boys Cross Country Co-Chair is interested in moving to the Girls Cross Country chairperson position. This will be an action item for approval on the May 15, 2024 Athletic Council agenda.

6.14.6 Boys Indoor Track and Girls Wrestling Chairperson Vacancies (remaining term June 30, 2026)

One application was received for the Boys Track Chairperson position. 2 applications were received for the Girls Wrestling chairperson position. M. DiFilippo and D. Lilleck will vet the applicants.

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

The selections are currently being reviewed by athletic directors and secretaries for spelling of names etc. After which, the Buffalo News will be prompted to post the winners and honorable mentions and the data will be sent to Adpro to prompt the production of t-shirts.

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Roth)

Nothing to report

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Section VI CBPM Ad Hoc Committee Update (B. Banker)

M. DiFilippo and B. Banker to work together to update the Policy Manual specific to NYSPHSAA items. The By-laws draft is set. The draft will be provided to the Executive Committee for review and approval in advance of the May 15, 2024 Athletic Council meeting.

The Constitution states that if a league does not have representation on the Executive Committee, then they would have an Ad Hoc member. If that situation occurs, there will be an even number of athletic council voting members. The consensus of the Executive Committee is to add language that the President breaks the tie.

M. DiFilippo was directed to ask Erie 1 BOCES DEI representative to review the drafts of the Constitution and By-laws.

The Executive Committee will explore adding a student-athlete position on the Athletic Council.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

At yesterday's NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee meeting they altered the Section VI forfeit proposal that was presented in January. It is expected to be a discussion item at the May 2024 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

12.2 Football

The ECIC intends to send formal correspondence to Section VI regarding concern about accountability for football officials, specific to contract coverage of scheduled games.

The Section VI/WNYSO Contract states, "if a varsity football game cannot be covered with 5 officials or has to be moved because there are not enough officials, the following year we will revert back to making the 5th official optional except for 1 game per year. This agreement is in affect for the life of the contract."

School(s) will not be forced to change date(s) for forecasted lack of official availability. School(s) may keep a scheduled date, but if there are not enough officials the week of game date, the school(s) unwilling to move date, will be the first selected to not have officials assigned.

M. Fallacaro-Dougherty requested for her following comments to be noted in the minutes.

Teams were forced to play on dates they did not want to during the fall 2023 season. This spring season, schools are being contacted to change dates from a Friday to a Thursday for fall 2024. For next year (2024), she is opposed to the Thursday night game West Seneca is being forced to host. Thus, because the officials are violating the contract, she requests the football officials move to a 4-man crew for 25-26.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Sortisio/Fallacaro-Dougherty

Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 10, 2024

Apr 10, 24

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1043.1 · Northwest CD	307,029.54
1050 · Arbiter Pay	13,393.16
1030 · Bank of America Checking	331,056.02
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	26,001.72
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	120,569.40

Total Checking/Savings	<u>798,049.84</u>
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Total Current Assets	<u>798,049.84</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Credit Cards

Northwest Bank Credit Card	42,044.00
Bank of America Credit Card	29,000.00

Total Credit Cards	<u>71,044.00</u>
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Dedicated Amounts

Approx Expenses to Date

State Championships	\$ <u>210,000.00</u>	\$ <u>106,510.00</u>	
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FUND BALANCE	\$ 623,515.84
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