



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

June 12, 2024

11:30am Athletic Council Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** May 15, 2024 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools Applications (1-6)
- 6.1.1 **CARRIED:** Proposal to use 100% of the BEDS for combined teams (as outlined the Boys Swim 23-24 post season report) for the sports of Boys Swim, Girls Swim, and Indoor Track
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report (Appendix A)
- 6.4.1 **CARRIED:** Remove Boys Basketball from the 2nd year, 24-25, of the split Classification pilot (as requested within the 23-24 Boys Basketball post season report).
- 6.4.2 **CARRIED:** Cheerleading proposal to only approve member school competitions in the fall to have game day divisions only (as requested within the 23-24 Cheerleading post season report).
- 6.7.1 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Ticket Prices
- 6.7.2 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Handbook – Forfeit Exception for Football
- 6.7.3 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support NYSPHSAA Transfer Form for Waivers and Exceptions
- 6.7.4 **OPPOSED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Cheerleading: Fall Start Date
- 6.7.5 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Cheerleading: Update Required Coaching Course
- 6.7.6 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Team Tennis: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 Using Guiding Principles
- 6.7.7 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Soccer: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 Using Guiding Principals

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- 6.7.9 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Field Hockey: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 Using Guiding Principals
- 6.7.10 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Volleyball: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 Using Guiding Principals
- 6.7.11 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Volleyball: Revise State Tournament Format Back to Pool Play
- 6.7.12 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Football: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2029 Using Guiding Principals
- 6.7.13 **OPPOSED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Football: Move 8-Man Regional Championship to week #22 and conduct it at JMA Dome during 11-Man Finals; establish regional rotation
- 6.7.14 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Football: Revision to NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty
- 6.7.15 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Wrestling: Early Weight Certification Date
- 6.7.16 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Wrestling: Automatic Qualifiers
- 6.7.17 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Wrestling: Representation Rule
- 6.7.18 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Wrestling: Waiver of the Maximum Number of Tournaments
- 6.7.19 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Wrestling: Waiver of the NFHS 1.5% Weight Loss Plan
- 6.7.20 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Wrestling: Adopting the USA Junior Rules
- 6.7.21 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Ice Hockey: Revision to Goalie Warm-up
- 6.7.22 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Ice Hockey: OT During Regulation Season
- 6.7.23 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys/Girls Bowling: Split Composite Division into Division 1 & 2
- 6.7.24 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys/Girls Bowling: Modify D1/D2 School Team Division to use 6-man format
- 6.7.25 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Outdoor Track & Field: Establish Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2025
- 6.7.26 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Unified Sports: Sports Offering/Rules Modifications
- 6.14.1 **CARRIED:** Jason Bibler (Amherst) as the Boys Indoor Track Chairperson (remaining term June 30, 2026)

- 6.14.2 **CARRIED:** Tom Shifflet (Clarence) as the Girls Wrestling Chairperson (remaining term June 30, 2026)

- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Winter post season reports: Boys Basketball (w/the exception of the tiebreaker proposal), Girls Basketball, Cheerleading (w/the exception of the proposal to use leagues as qualifiers), Bowling, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Rifle, Boys Swimming, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling (w/ the exception of the proposed 24-25 dual meet championship), Indoor Track (w/ the exception to remove catholic teams if more public schools add programs), and Unified Bowling. (Appendix D)

- 11.1 **CARRIED:** Proposed draft of the Section VI Bylaws (Appendix E)

- 11.2 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to bring forth the Foreign Exchange Student Concern as a sectional concern at the July 2024 NYSPHSAA meeting. (Appendix F)

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER (M. Donahue)

1.1 Pledge of allegiance

3.0 MINUTES (M. Donahue)

3.1 *Motion to approve of the May 15, 2024 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes*

CARRIED

Zirkle/MacSwan

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. DiFilippo)

M. Donahue was thanked for her leadership and service for her term as President.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 *Motion to approve of the Combining of Schools Applications (1-6)*

CARRIED

Zirkle/MacSwan

FALL

1. Field Hockey, Existing, Wilson, Royalton-Hartland MODIFIED ONLY, 7/8/9 ONLY, NO Class Mod

2. Soccer G, New, International Prep, Culinary Arts, Emerson REMOVE MCKINLEY, V, 1157 Class AA
Removal of McKinley changed the class from 1979 AAA to 1157 AA

3. Soccer G, New, L DaVinci, McKinley, V, 1101 Class AA

WINTER

4. Hockey G, Existing, Amherst (CASH), Clarence & Sweet Home, V, 2331 Girls Hockey 1 division

5. Wrestling B/G, Existing, Falconer, Cassadaga Valley, V, JV, 78, 314 D2

6. Wrestling G, New, Chautauqua Lake, Panama, Clymer, Westfield, Add Brocton & Sherman, V, 789, 759 Girls
1 division

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 *Motion to approve of the proposal to use 100% of the BEDS for combined teams (as outlined the Boys Swim 23-24 post season report) for the sports of Boys Swim, Girls Swim, and Indoor Track*

CARRIED 2 opposed

Lilleck/Roth

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

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

CARRIED

Zirkle/Penhollow

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 *Motion to approve to remove Boys Basketball from the 2nd year, 24-25, of the split Classification pilot (as requested within the 23-24 Boys Basketball post season report).*

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth

6.4.2 **Motion to approve of the Cheerleading proposal to only approve member school competitions in the fall to have game day divisions only (as requested within the 23-24 Cheerleading post season report).**

CARRIED

Roth/Lilleck

6.5 Safety (M. McKenna)

6.6 Modified Committee (L. Bergman, M. Librock)

6.6.1 Rolling agenda

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6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent (J. Sortisio)

b) Principal (C. Alvarez)

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

The following are actions items to provide direction for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, at the July 2024 NYSPHSAA meeting. (Appendix B)

Motion to approve 6.7.6 through 6.7.10 plus 6.7.12

CARRIED 4 opposed (NFL)

Roth/Zirkle

6.7.1 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Ticket Prices**

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Lilleck

6.7.2 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Handbook – Forfeit Exception for Football**

CARRIED

Roth/Lilleck

6.7.3 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support NYSPHSAA Transfer Form for Waivers and Exceptions**

CARRIED

Zirkle/Lilleck

6.7.4 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Cheerleading: Fall Start Date**

OPPOSED 5 in favor

Lilleck/Zirkle

6.7.5 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Cheerleading: Update Required Coaching Course**

CARRIED

Roth/Lilleck

6.7.6 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Team Tennis: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 Using Guiding Principles**

CARRIED

Roth/Zirkle

- 6.7.7 *Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys Soccer: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 Using Guiding Principals*
CARRIED
Roth/Zirkle
- 6.7.8 *Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Soccer: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 Using Guiding Principals*
CARRIED
Roth/Zirkle
- 6.7.9 *Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Field Hockey: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 Using Guiding Principals*
CARRIED
Roth/Zirkle
- 6.7.10 *Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Girls Volleyball: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-2028 Using Guiding Principals*
CARRIED
Roth/Zirkle
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CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Zirkle
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CARRIED
Roth/Zirkle
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OPPOSED 14 opposed 9 in favor
Lilleck/Sortisio
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CARRIED
Lilleck/Sortisio
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CARRIED 5 opposed
Roth/Zirkle
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CARRIED
Lilleck/Penhollow

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CARRIED
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CARRIED
Lilleck/Roth
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Lilleck/Zirkle
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CARRIED
Lilleck/Sortisio
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Roth/Zirkle
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CARRIED
Zirkle/Salisbury
- The Section will be responsible for the additional cost if approved at the state level.
- 6.7.24 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Boys/Girls Bowling: Modify D1/D2 School Team Division to use 6-man format**
CARRIED
Lilleck/Zirkle
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- 6.7.25 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Outdoor Track & Field: Establish Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2025**
CARRIED 4 opposed
Reynolds/Salisbury
- 6.7.26 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Unified Sports: Sports Offering/Rules Modifications**
CARRIED
Alvarez/Roth

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.9 Chemical Awareness (J. Grzymala)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports provided to the Executive Committee

6.11 Sportsmanship (J. Graczyk, D. Ames)

Section Awards

BPS – Lafayette and Emerson/Buffalo Culinary Arts

CCAA – Frewsburg and Silver Creek

NO – Barker

ECIC – Clarence and Holland

6.12 Veterans (J. Trampert)

Nothing to report

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (D. Lilleck)

6.14.1 ***Motion to approve of Jason Bibler (Amherst) as the Boys Indoor Track Chairperson (remaining term June 30, 2026)***

CARRIED

Salisbury/Sortisio

6.14.2 ***Motion to approve of Tom Shifflet (Clarence) as the Girls Wrestling Chairperson (remaining term June 30, 2026)***

CARRIED

Salisbury/Sortisio

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

6.16 Hall of Fame (J. Dunnigan)

6.17 Unified Sports (D. Ames)

7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

Final roster will be distributed in the next few days

8.0 **STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS** (informational only) Appendix C

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Roth)

10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

- 10.1 **Motion to approve the winter post season reports: Boys Basketball (w/the exception of the tiebreaker proposal), Girls Basketball, Cheerleading (w/the exception of the proposal to use leagues as qualifiers), Bowling, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Rifle, Boys Swimming, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling (w/ the exception of the proposed 24-25 dual meet championship), Indoor Track (w/ the exception to remove catholic teams if more public schools add programs), and Unified Bowling. (Appendix D)**

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Penhollow

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Motion to approve of the proposed draft of the Section VI Bylaws (Appendix E)

CARRIED

Lilleck/Wiles

Per Article 10 of the Section VI Constitution, *The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member districts voting. Each member district will submit a vote on a signed ballot. The ballot will be distributed by the Executive Director. A voting district must return the ballot within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing.*

M. DiFillippo will send out a post card ballot to all districts regarding the Athletic Council approved constitution and bylaw changes.

- 11.2 **Motion to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to bring forth the Foreign Exchange Student Concern as a sectional concern at the July 2024 NYSPHSAA meeting. (Appendix F)**

CARRIED

Lilleck/Zirkle

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

- 13.1 **Motion to adjourn**

CARRIED

Sortisio/Salisbury