



## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

September 18, 2024

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** June 12, 2024 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Cheektowaga Girls Basketball independent status for the 24-25 season.
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools Applications, numbers (1) through (28) and (30) through (46)
- 5.3 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency Application, letter (a)
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report
- 6.4.4 **CARRIED:** Spring 2024 post season reports: Softball, Baseball, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Girls Flag Football, Unified Basketball, and Girls Golf.  
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- 6.7c16 **CARRIED:** Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Softball – Waivers of NFHS Rules for Play Proposal
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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER (D. Lilleck)

Commenced: 11:40am

### 1.1 Pledge of allegiance

***Motion to amend agenda item 5.1b replacing North Collins with Gowanda, add 5.2 #46 Kenmore East and West Girls Flag Football and remove 5.2 #29 from the action item to approve.***

**CARRIED**

**Banker/McDuffie**

## 2.0 PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

### Spring 2024 State Champions

- a) Dempsey McDonald, Diego Stradi, Roan Kelly, Talon Rowland (Randolph) – 4x400 Relay
- b) Lillie Bogdan (Frontier) – 2000 Meter Steeplechase
- c) Linnea Neureuther (Springville) - Pentathlon

## 3.0 MINUTES (D. Lilleck)

### 3.1 ***Motion to approve of the June 12, 2024 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***

**CARRIED**

**Zirkle/Dimitroff**

## 4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. DiFilippo)

### 4.1 Conflict of Interest – Annual Acknowledgement

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to ensure that Section VI's covered personnel act in the Section's best interest and comply with the applicable regulations set forth under New York State Not for Profit Law and Section VI's Constitution and By-laws. As such every athletic council member is required to complete the annual acknowledgement which will be distributed via email following this meeting.

### 4.2 Proposed 2024-2025 North & South Timelines (Action item November AC) (Appendix A)

The timelines include the processes and deadlines regarding the creation of sports schedules and assignment of officials for each school year. They are presented for review by the league heads and athletic council. The proposed 2025-2026 North & South Timelines are an action item for approval at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

### 4.3 Section VI Representative - Jay Iwankow, Eden AD – NYSPHSAA Start Date Ad Hoc Committee

The Executive Committee recommended J. Iwankow (Eden Athletic Director) for Section VI representative on the NYSPHSAA Start Date Ad Hoc Committee.

This ad hoc committee serves to review concerns specific to the NYSPHSAA 7-year calendar. Concerns are increasing in years where the start dates fall late in the year.

M. DiFilippo to inform R. Zayas that J. Iwankow is Section VI's representative.

Concerns regarding start dates may be sent to league representatives, M. DiFilippo, or J. Iwanko.

### 4.4 NYSED Update

The NYSED Commissioner removed all amendments from the last board of regents meeting. Therefore, and currently, for 24-25, nothing has changed for mixed competition or APP. The tanner score is still being used.

#### 4.5 August AD Workshop Update

The 24-25 mandatory athletic director workshop was held Wednesday, August 21 at West Hertel Academy. The council was reminded of the Inside Out presentation on transformational leadership and its offering for athletic directors. This is a 3-year, voluntary program for athletic administrators, which in turn will benefit coaching staff. The next offering, via a 1-hour Zoom session, is October 8 or 16. Athletic directors needed to register to receive the zoom invite. It is highly recommended athletic directors take advantage of this opportunity.

#### 4.6 Mandatory AD Workshop

January 30, 2025 at Erie 1 BOCES

#### 4.7 Pre-season Coaches Meeting

Council members were reminded Section VI pre-season coaches meetings are now conducted league based via zoom. All the leagues meet separately at separate locations and then connect, as a whole, via Zoom. Meetings are scheduled the Wednesday prior to the start of the season. The league heads are scheduled to meet next week where continued push-back regarding the structure of these meetings will be discussed.

#### 4.8 Guardian Caps

Communication was sent via email regarding Guardian Caps. NFHS rules do not prohibit the use of the Guardian Caps during practice or games. NYSPHSAA recommends school districts contact their helmet manufacturer, to ensure the helmet warranty is not impacted if the Guardian Cap is used. Member schools should check with their respective insurance companies as Riddell does not certify or support any additional add-on pieces.

### 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS (M. DiFilippo)

Informational – Late emergency independent status request

Executive Committee approved on August 7, 2024

a) Maple Grove as independent in the sport of Girls Tennis for the 2024 season.

#### 5.1 ***Motion to approve of Cheektowaga Girls Basketball independent status for the 24-25 season.***

**CARRIED**

**LaSpina/MacSwan**

Informational - Late emergency combining of schools applications

Executive Committee approved on August 7, 2024 via email

a) Cross Country – Fredonia/Westfield

b) G Swimming – Eden/~~North Collins~~ **Gowanda** (pending ECIC approval)

c) G Soccer – Falconer/Cass Valley/**Maple Grove** - \*to add Maple Grove to the existing merger (pending BOE approval)

#### 5.2 ***Motion to Approve of the Combining of Schools Applications, numbers (1) through (28) and (30) through (46)***

**CARRIED**

**Taylor/Kelly**

#### **Winter Sports**

1. Basketball B, Existing, **Tapestry, WNY Maritime**, V, JV, 372, B
2. Bowl BG, New, **Franklinville**, West Valley, V, 164, D2
3. Bowl Unified BG, Existing, **Williamsville North**, Williamsville East, Williamsville South, V 2 teams, 2244
4. Hockey G, Existing, **Williamsville South**, Williamsville East Williamsville North, V, 2244
5. Ski, Existing, **Ellicottville**, Allegany-Limestone, V, 377
6. Ski, Existing, **Williamsville South**, Williamsville East Williamsville North, V, 2244
7. Wrestling B, Existing, **HSCS**, BASCS, V, 789, 546, D2
8. Wrestling B/G, New, **Eden**, North Collins, V, &7/8, 321, Boys D2-Girls 1 div
9. Wrestling B/G, Existing, **Olean**, Allegany-Limestone, V, 78, 545, D1 Boys -Girls 1 Div
10. Wrestling G, Existing, **Niagara-Wheatfield**, Niagara Falls, Varsity only, 2406, Girls all 1 div

#### **Spring Sports**

11. Baseball, New, **Burgard**, Performing Arts, 666, A
12. Baseball, New, **Culinary Arts**, Emerson, 672, A
13. Baseball, New, **I-Prep**, L DaVinci, 764, AA

14. Baseball, New, **MEC**, LJ Bennett, Res Lab, 500, A
15. Baseball, New, **MST**, East, 553, A
16. Baseball, Existing, **Panama**, Clymer & Sherman, 177, C
17. Unified Basketball, Existing, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, 1429,
18. Unified Basketball, Existing, **Williamsville North**, Williamsville East, Williamsville South, V 2 teams, 2244, NA
19. Flag Football, New, **Hutch Tech**, all BPS Schools, V, 6020, D1
20. Flag Football, New, **Silver Creek**, Forestville, V, 276, D2
21. Golf B, Existing, **Panama**, Clymer & Sherman, V, 280,
22. Golf B/G, Existing, **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, V, 336
23. Golf G, Existing, **Cassadaga Valley**, Maple Grove, V, 309
24. Golf G, Existing, **Fredonia**, Silver Creek, Forestville, V, 657
25. Lax B, Existing, **Kenmore West**, Kenmore East, V, JV, 1116, A
26. Lax B, Existing, **Lewiston-Porter**, Niagara Falls, V, JV, 1837, A
27. Lax BG, New, **City Honors**, All BPS school, V, 6679, A
28. Lax BG, Existing, **Eden**, North Collins, V, JV, 7/8, 308, D
29. Lax BG, Existing, **Lake Shore**, Silver Creek, V, JV, 7/8, 593, C **Removed**
30. Lax G, Existing, **Kenmore West**, Kenmore East, V, JV, 1116, A
31. Softball, New, **Culinary Arts**, Emerson, V, 672, A
32. Softball, New, **MEC**, LJ Bennett, Res Lab, V, 514, A
33. Softball, New, **MST**, Burgard, V, 650, A
34. Softball, New, **Riverside**, I Prep, Lafayette, V, 1054, AA
35. Softball, Existing, **Sherman**, Clymer, V, 121, D
36. Tennis B, New, **Culinary Arts**, Emerson, V, 510, D2
37. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Brocton, V, 307, C
38. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Clymer**, Panama, Sherman, V, 178, C
39. Track & Field BG, New, **Culinary Arts**, Emerson, V, 477, B
40. Track & Field BG, New, **Eden**, North Collins, V, JV, 7/8, 308, C
41. Track & Field BG, New, **East Pathways**, V, 299, C
42. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, V, JV, Freshman, 298, C
43. Track & Field BG, Existing, **Franklinville**, Ellicottville, V, 7,8,9, 186, C
44. Track & Field BG, New, **LJ Bennett**, Alt Ed, V, 352, C
45. Track & Field BG, New, **Portville**, Hinsdale, V, 268, C
46. **Flag Football for Kenmore East, Kenmore West, V, 1116 D1 Added**

5.3 **Motion to approve Outside Agency Application, letter (a)**

- a. JV Boys Grand Finale, (boys Volleyball, 10/26/24 at The R.O.C.K hosted by West Seneca Central  
**CARRIED**  
**Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth**

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 Boys Lacrosse – Lake Shore/Silver Creek

The Combining of Schools Committee has been asked to review placement of Lake Shore/Silver Creek in the sport of Boys Lacrosse. Currently the team falls in Class C. The Boys Lacrosse Committee proposed the team be moved to Class B. J. Sortisio is in the process of gathering data for review and will convene the Combining of Schools to provide recommendation for action at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

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 B)

**CARRIED**

**Wiles/Salisbury**

The fund balance was reported to be in good standing. It was noted that the dedicated funds; received participation fees for the sports of Indoor Track, Girls Ice Hockey, and Boys Ice Hockey as well as budgeted state championship funds were subtracted from the total current assets to reflect an accurate fund balance.

### 6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

#### **6.4.1 through 6.4.3 are action items at the November 13, 2024 Athletic Council meeting:**

##### 6.4.1 Boys Wrestling – Individual Wrestling D1 and D2 Championship Tournaments

The Boys Wrestling Committee proposes each school may enter up to 15 wrestlers with a maximum of 2 per weight class. If entering a second athlete in the weight class, said athlete must have a minimum of 6 matches and record of 500 to qualify. This would be a double elimination event. This proposal is an action item at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

##### 6.4.2 Boys Basketball Tiebreaker

The Boys Basketball Committee proposes adding overall winning percentage within class as the third tiebreaker and overall winning percentage of the entire 20 game schedule as the fourth tiebreaker be added to the tiebreaker procedure to be added to the tiebreaker to eliminate the coin toss. Already established is league winning percentage as the first tiebreaker and head-to-head as the second tiebreaker. This proposal is an action item at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

It was noted the Sectional Intersectional Committee has been inundated with tiebreaker proposals of late in an effort to eliminate the coin toss. Discussions continue to establish a universal tiebreaker framework.

##### 6.4.3 Softball Championship Series Proposal (same as Baseball)

The Softball Committee proposes moving to the same best of 3 series championship format, which Baseball moved to, beginning with spring 2024. The rationale being to avoid teams sitting for an extended period between the end of post season and regional play.

##### 6.4.4 **Motion to approve the spring 2024 post season reports: Softball, Baseball, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Girls Flag Football, Girls Golf, Unified Basketball.** (Appendix C)

**CARRIED**

**Dimitroff/Marisa**

**Noted:**

**\*No Boys Golf report**

**Girls Lacrosse alignments were submitted just prior to the athletic council meeting. Sectional Intersectional and the league head had no concerns.**

##### 6.4.5 **Motion to approve the winter 24-25 pre-season reports: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Bowling, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Rifle, Boys Swimming, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Indoor Track and Unified Bowling, and Alpine Skiing.** (Appendix D)

**CARRIED**

**Alvarez/MacSwan**

### 6.5 Safety (M. McKenna)

*Nothing to report*

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

6.6.1 Rolling agenda

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X\\_iWwi-nmrYKJ5C3laJsbgWXMozuray1XyZb79uuto/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X_iWwi-nmrYKJ5C3laJsbgWXMozuray1XyZb79uuto/edit)

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)

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

6.7c1 ***Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Representation Rule – Mixed Competition Proposal***  
**CARRIED**  
***Zirkle/Dimitroff***

6.7c2 ***Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to Support the Handbook – Oversight Committee Proposal***  
**CARRIED**  
***Sortisio/Wiles***

6.7c3 ***Motion to: Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to Support the Football: Classification Cut-Off Numbers Proposal***  
**CARRIED**  
***Zirkle/Wiles***

6.7c4 ***Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Girls Volleyball: Implement 15-Point Tie-Breaker in Deciding Set at State Tournament Proposal***  
**CARRIED**  
***Ljiljanich/ McDuffie***

If approved, the 3<sup>rd</sup> set will go to a 15-point tiebreaker instead of 20 points for the state championship final only.

6.7c5 ***Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Handbook – Game Day Cheerleading Proposal***  
**CARRIED**  
***Zirkle/Bergman***

6.7c6 ***Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Cheerleading – Rule Implementation on Choreography Proposal***  
**OPPOSED**  
***Sortisio/Fallacaro-Dougherty***

Competitive cheerleading's season begins in November. Many teams are formulating their choreography early, in May/June/July, including running open gym and camps. The rationale for the proposal is fairness. If approved, sections would monitor and institute discipline to prevent any out of season work. This was not a well-received proposal at the state level. Concerns were presented about how this would be managed.



6.7c7 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Indoor Track – Qualifying Standards for Division 2 Relays Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
Wiles/Reynolds

6.7c8 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Boys Basketball: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principles Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
Roth/Fallacaro-Dougherty

6.7c9 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Girls Basketball: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principles Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
Ljiljanich/Salisbury

6.7c10 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Girls Lacrosse: Classification Cut-Off Numbers Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
Banker/Zirkle

6.7c11 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Girls Lacrosse: New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principals Proposal**  
**OPPOSED**  
Dimitroff/McDuffie

Although the proposal states "...using guiding principles", The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee voted this down the guiding principles were not used. Page 109 of this athletic council agenda includes the guiding principles. This proposal does not abide by the travel restrictions during the week within the guiding principles.

M. Fallacaro-Dougherty and J. Roth were directed to inquire how this proposal was moved to an action item when the policy states the guiding principles must be followed.

6.7c12 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Flag Football: Additional Classification and Classification Cut-Off Numbers Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
Fallacaro-Dougherty/McDuffie

6.7c13 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Flag Football: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-30 Using Guiding Principals Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
Roth/Bergman

6.7c14 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Baseball: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principals Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
Kelly/Salisbury



- 6.7c15 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Softball: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principals Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
**Ljiljanich/Brown**
- 6.7c16 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Softball – Waivers of NFHS Rules for Play Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
**Wiles/Dimitroff**
- 6.7c17 **Motion to Direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support the Boys Lacrosse: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-30 Using Guiding Principals Proposal**  
**CARRIED**  
**Brown/Dimitroff**

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

*Nothing to report*

6.9 Chemical Awareness (J. Grzymala)

6.9.1 SAAC

Section VI welcomes Junior Representative Lily Tierney from Williamsville North HS for NYSPHSAA SAAC. Senior Representative Jack Johnson from Ken-Ton is 24-25 NYSPHSAA SAAC President.

John Grzymala will distribute a newsletter, which will provide more detailed information following this meeting.

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

*Reports provided to the Executive Committee*

6.11 Sportsmanship (J. Graczyk, D. Ames)

6.11.1 2024 Recognition Dinner Review

The 2024 Recognition Dinner was held Wednesday, August 28, 2024. It was a successful event with approximately 100 people in attendance.

Council members were reminded to submit 2025 nominations for consideration.

6.12 Veterans (J. Trampert)

*Nothing to report*

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

6.13.1 JFK Girls Tennis

There are 3 male participants on the JFK Girls Tennis team. They have been evaluated and, currently, do not show dominance. Their participation will be monitored to ensure no adverse effect on the female student-athletes.

6.14 Nominations (B. Banker)

6.14.1 Section VI Male Representative (J. Roth) Term Expiration June 2025

J. Roth will notify Section VI by the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting of his status regarding term renewal. The application for challengers will be posted on the Section VI online Bulletin Board with due date of January 1.

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

K Schon is developing an overview document, which summarizes what Section VI provides its athletes and different layers of sponsorship opportunities.

6.16 Hall of Fame (J. Dunnigan)

The Class of 2024 (listed below) will be inducted on December 6, 2024 at The Columns Banquets in Elma, NY.

Chuck Crist*	Athlete	Salamanca
Carissima Cutrona	Athlete	Williamsville South
Joseph A. Jastrzemski	Sports Official	Football / Boys Lacrosse
Bruce Johnson	Contributor	Section VI
Larry A. Jones	Coach	Depew
Joe Licata	Athlete	Williamsville South
Kevin McNamara*	Coach	Williamsville South
Jon Roth	Administrator	Grand Island
Don Scholla, CAA	Administrator	Olean
James Starks Jr.	Athlete	Niagara Falls
Melford C. Swanson	Coach	Sherman

6.17 Unified Sports (D. Ames)

*Nothing to report*

7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

*Nothing to report*

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

8.1 Championship Advisory Committee (6/18/24)

8.2 Championship Philosophy Report (7/10/24)

8.3 Girls Wrestling Committee Report (6/17/24)

8.4 Cross Country Committee Report (8/8/24)

8.5 Football Committee Report (8/13/24)

8.6 Girls Wrestling (8/14/24)

## 9.0 GUEST REPORTS

### 9.1 NYSPHSAA

Two different proposals, a 3-region concept and another regional championship concept are being discussed at the state level. An initial discussion, which involved financial impacts, diminished focus on sectional events, no competitive benefit etc., the council is not inclined to not move forward with these proposals.

Council members may submit opinions M. DiFilippo.

### 9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Roth)

*Nothing to report*

## 10.0 OLD BUSINESS

### 10.1 Girls Basketball

The Executive Committee is discussing the issues presented last year regarding the venue for the Girls Basketball semifinals championships. The Executive Committee plans to present a recommendation at the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

## 11.0 NEW BUSINESS

*Nothing to report*

## 12.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

### 12.1 *Motion to adjourn*

**CARRIED**

**Salisbury/ Roth**