



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 12, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.1 **CARRIED:** Add the application for Chautauqua Lake, Westfield, Panama, and Brocton, V, JV, & 7/8/9, 553, to combine in the sport of girls wrestling to action item 4.1.
- 3.1 **CARRIED:** September 21, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 4.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (7)
- 4.2 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency applications, letters (a) and (b)
- 5.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report (Appendix C)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Attendance: (*indicates present)

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

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** (M. Donahue)

Commenced: 9:02am

- 1.1 ***Motion to add the application for Chautauqua Lake, Westfield, Panama, and Brocton, V, JV, & 7/8/9, 553, to combine in the sport of girls wrestling to action item 4.1.***

CARRIED

Banker/Fallacaro-Dougherty

2.0 **MINUTES** (M. Donahue)

- 2.1 ***Motion to approve the September 21, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Rabey/Fallacaro-Dougherty

3.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (M. DiFilippo)

- 3.1 Boys Ice Hockey Alignment History (Appendix A)

Per 12.3 of Article 12 of the Section VI Constitution: Schools must compete within their sectional classification numbers for all sports except Ice Hockey. In the sport of Ice Hockey, teams may move up from the small school division to the large school division. The Ice Hockey exemption will be reevaluated annually.

At the September 2022, M. DiFilippo was directed to provide the history of how Ice Hockey became exempt from having to compete in their sectional classification numbers (with AC approval).

Prior to aligning by the BEDS numbers, Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield were placed in Division 1. When that changed, and alignments were generated by the BEDS, Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield were placed in Division 2. Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield would then, annually request approval of the athletic council, to move to Division 1. In the past three years, there has not been a request by either school, to move to Division 1. Niagara Wheatfield has elected to stay in Division 2 and Williamsville North's numbers were above the threshold, keeping them in Division 1.

There is concern about providing an exception for one sport with regards to sectional classifications. The Executive Committee is charging the Sectional Intersectional Committee to review and make a formal recommendation regarding this constitutional item.

- 3.2 Officials Contract Update

The final draft is with the officials for their review. It is anticipated that the final contract will be presented at the November 2022 Executive Committee meeting.

- 3.3 Football

Informational. The Section office was notified of a situation where officials may not have exercised fairness and equity during a recent football game. M. DiFilippo had conversations with the leadership of the involved officials organization. It is anticipated that that group will address the Section's concerns with its membership.

3.4 Soccer

The Section office was notified of a sportsmanship issue between 2 coaches within the NFL League. M. DiFilippo reported that the issue was being handled within the league.

3.5 Mileage Proposal (Appendix B)

There is concern about the inequality of the mileage stipend across the schools of the Section. The Executive Committee is charging the Finance Committee to review the data from the fall 2022 season and make a recommendation to the Athletic Council on how to proceed.

3.6 Ineligible Player

It was recently reported that an ineligible player participated on a member school varsity football game. The games that the student-athlete participated in must be forfeited and per the Section VI Policy Manual, the coach is suspended from the next scheduled contest.

4.0 COMMUNICATIONS (M. DiFilippo)

4.1 *Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (7)*

CARRIED

Rabey/Gens

Winter Sports

1) Basketball G	<u>Tapestry</u>	WNY Maritime	V, JV	371
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Spring Sports

2) Baseball	<u>Silver Creek</u>	Forestville	V, JV, 7/8	272
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3) Lax BG	<u>Eden</u>	North Collins	V, JV, 7/8	352
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4) Tennis B	<u>Eden</u>	North Collins	V	363
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5) Track & Field BG	<u>Clymer</u>	Panama, Sherman	V	184
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6) Track & Field BG	<u>Eden</u>	North Collins	V, JV, 7/8	363
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7) Track & Field BG	<u>Silver Creek</u>	Forestville	V, 7/8/9	284
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4.2 *Motion to approve Outside Agency applications, letters (a) and (b)*

a) Bowling B/G NFHS Festival of Lights Bowling Tournament 12/29/22 at Tonawanda Bowling Center, sponsored by Niagara Falls High School pending insurance

b) Wrestling Linda Knuutila Memorial Tournament at 12/16-17/22 at NCCC sponsored by Niagara Wheatfield High School, Pending insurance

CARRIED

Rabey/Gens

5.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Rabey)

Nothing to report

5.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Rabey)

M. House and J. Graczyk have been invited to a meeting with NYSPHSAA regarding the placement of charter schools. Note: Buffalo Academy of Science is no longer looking to be placed in a league.

5.3 Finance Committee (D. Scholla)

5.3.1 *Motion to approve the Treasurer's report* (Appendix C)

CARRIED

Gens/Fallacaro-Dougherty

5.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

The next Sectional Intersectional Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, October 13.

5.5 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

- a) Superintendent (J. Rabey)

Nothing to report

- b) Principal (A. Gens)

Nothing to report

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

The next NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022.

5.6 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

5.7 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee

5.8 Mixed Competition (A. Gens)

- 5.8.1 Approved, Hamburg (GGYM)
- 5.8.2 Approved, Silver Creek (GVB)
- 5.8.3 Approved, Williamsville North (GGYM)

5.9 Nominations (D. Lilleck)

5.9 Alpine Skiing Chairperson Vacancy

K. Frederickson has stepped down from the Alpine Skiing Chairperson position. The application is posted on the Section VI Bulletin Board.

5.10 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Charter Schools (M. DiFilippo)

See agenda item 5.2.

7.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

8.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 Girls Ice Hockey

Concern was presented about the number of schools in a combination and the location of schools within a combination. M. DiFilippo was asked to bring these concerns to the Combining of Schools Committee for review and recommendation.

9.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

9.1 *Motion to adjourn*

CARRIED

Lilleck/Gens

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Fadeley".

Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX A

Boys Ice Hockey Classifications Notes/Discussion

- Prior to 2010 each section classified their own teams into Division 1 and 2 or Large and Small. BEDs #'s were not used. In Section 6 Niagara Falls and Clarence were a D 2 team.
- Starting with the 2010-11 season, the State made hockey follow suit and classify by BEDs. 1100 was the dividing number. 1099 and below were D2 and 1100 and larger were D1.
- Will North and Niagara Wheatfield by the BEDs would have been D2 schools in the 2010-11 school year. Both teams went to the State Tournament as Large schools the two previous seasons. Each one beating the other in the Sectional Final in those previous years.
- The ice hockey Chair requested to allow for those two programs to play up in 10-11 season. At the time that would have been against our Constitution so a change was made to allow hockey to get AC approval on a yearly basis.
- For 8 seasons both schools fell below the 1100 # and were approved to play in D1 by our AC.
- 2018-19 the state changed the dividing # to 1000. North did not need approval for the next 4 seasons. Niagara Wheatfield was approved for the next 2 seasons.
- NW choose to stay in D 2 starting in the 2020-21 season and to date have not asked for approval.
- This year was the first time in 3 years that either team has seeked approval and North hasn't needed approval since the 2017-18.
- During this 12-season time frame North has been in the Sectional Final game 10 times.
- During the 10-season time frame NW has been in the Sectional Final game 7 times.

	Will North	Niagara Wheatfield
2010-11	1062	984
2011-12	998	1001
2012-13	968	948
2013-14	952	956
2014-15	936	930
2015-16	919	924
2016-17	965	946
2017-18	978	935
2018-19	1028	942
2019-20	1012	910
2020-21	1026	885*
2021-22	1029	860*
2022-23	992	888*



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Mark B. Kruzynski, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: Section VI Executive Committee
From: Mark Kruzynski, Superintendent, Medina Central School District
Date: September 20, 2022
Re: Proposal for Cost Sharing of Officials' Mileage Expenses

First, I would like to commend those who negotiated the new officials' contract. With fuel prices as high as they are and the officials numbers dwindling, I believe the changes in the new contract will allow our athletes to compete for years to come.

In particular, I appreciate the need for a mileage premium to encourage officials to accept games in areas that are the more remote areas of the section. In my own district, in the far northeastern corner of the section, we have experienced the problem of a lack of officials over the last few years. Hopefully, the mileage reimbursement will help with attracting officials to our contests.

I was able to run a report on officials who worked games in the Medina Central School District during the 2021-2022 school year. Of the 167 officials who worked in Medina, 94 officials (56%) would have qualified for the mileage premium based on the zip codes of their home addresses last year. I imagine other districts, such as Albion, 10 miles further to the east, and districts in the Southern Tier will have even more mileage claims than we do. However, I also imagine that many districts will have few or no mileage claims at all, due to their location.

To alleviate the inequity in distribution of mileage claims, I am proposing the following:

That the mileage reimbursement be shared equally between the 96 member schools of the section.

Obviously, procedures will need to be developed for this to happen, and districts will need to collect/maintain their own internal data to determine the amount of total reimbursement across the section.

As a suggestion, one possible way to determine a section wide reimbursement would be as follows:

1. For the 2022-23 school year, each individual district reimburses the mileage or officials.
2. At the conclusion of each season, each member school will run a report of the total amount of mileage paid for the 2022-23 school year.
3. The total mileage amount will be submitted to a central site electronically.
4. The sum total of the mileage for the entire section will be computed.
5. Once this total is known for 2022-23, the total will be multiplied by a factor 2.15
6. This new total will be divided by 96, the total number of schools in Section VI.
7. This amount will be added to section dues for the 2023-24 school year.
8. This total will now allow for districts to be reimbursed for 2022-23 mileage claims and for future mileage payments for 2023-24.
9. For 2023-24, the Section can determine how best to pay out mileage, either through a central payment service, or some other method to be determined later.
10. For future years, Section VI will be able to determine the amount of mileage for future dues based on the previous years mileage paid out to member schools.

Since I am the one making this proposal, I also will offer to be the person to organize and collect all of the data for mileage across the section, and report as needed.

This was one suggestion. There may be a better, more efficient way to accomplish what I am proposing.

Thank you for your consideration.

APPENDIX C

Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of October 5, 2022

10/05/22

	<u>Oct 5, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1050 · Arbiter Pay	5,488.11
1030 · Bank of America Checking	319,982.20
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	25,960.54
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	418,699.06
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Total Checking/Savings	770,129.91
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Total Current Assets	770,129.91
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00