



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 11, 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** November 15, 2023 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report (Appendix A)

Attendance (*indicates present)

Executive Committee

*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

Office Staff

*B. Fadeley, Recording Secretary

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

Commenced: 9:17am

3.0 **MINUTES** (M. Donahue)

3.1 ***Motion to approve the November 15, 2023 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Sortisio/Roth

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

4.1 Small Claims Court Update

M. DiFilippo represented Section VI at a December 1 small claims hearing. The case against Section VI was dismissed.

4.2 Neunder Lawsuit Update

The Section VI attorney notified M. DiFilippo that with the passing of G. Neunder (appellant), the lawsuit became null and void.

4.3 January 25, 2024 Professional Development

The mandatory professional development workshop will be held at Erie 1 BOCES from 9am to 3pm.

M. DiFilippo asked leagues for any items they would like discussed. M. DiFilippo will focus on transfer application directions as challenges persist with submitted data. Individual sport handbooks is another area that will be focused on.

- The Executive Committee directed the structuring of the presentation to include a discussion of regulations, ensuring a clear understanding of those regulations and which authority they are set by (NYSPHSAA, Section VI, SED)
- M. Fallacaro-Dougherty and M. DiFilippo are scheduled to attend the upcoming NIAAA conference and will add any items from that trip for discussion as necessary. J. Roth and B. Banker will inquire at their forthcoming NYSAAA meeting of any items that should be added for discussion as well.

4.4 Officials Update

4.4.1 The NYS Softball Officials Association (NYSSO) dissolved the WNYUA Softball Association, otherwise known as Section VI Group 5. Group 5 covered ECIC and BPS. Yesterday evening, a meeting was held via Zoom to discuss coverage for ECIC and BPS spring 2024 games, which will have to now be covered by other Section VI affiliated softball official organizations that service other territories in WNY.

4.5 Girls Wrestling

M. DiFilippo shared that the number of female wrestlers have significantly increased from 22-23 to 23-24, which is a positive sign for the sport.

4.6 Indoor Track

M. DiFilippo shared the ongoing issue of having only one facility to service indoor track events. The challenges that result from the significant number of athletes and teams on the same day, time and site include general overall supervision, overrunning on length of time for services conducted by contracted sports officials, running out of time to complete all events, etc. Coaches and sports officials alike have voiced displeasure with conducting the indoor track meets in this manner.

4.7 Section VI Records

Paul Hutzler, long-time historian for Section VI, passed away June 2023. His daughter gave permission for Section VI to collect the records her father compiled over the past 50 years. M. DiFilippo is working on a storage location for these files.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 **OUTSIDE AGENCY CONTEST** (M. DiFilippo)

FYI Wrestling, Linda C Knutilla Memorial Tournament, 12/15-16/23 at NCCC hosted by Niagara Wheatfield

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

- 6.1.1 Reminder was given of a new formula being implemented
- 6.1.2 2024 Fall Paperwork due at January 17, 2024 meeting
- 6.1.3 The process of combining of schools evaluations was reviewed.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

- 6.2.1 The process for the charter school classification committee was reviewed.

6.3 Finance Committee

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

CARRIED

Marisa/Lilleck

6.3.2 Budget Discussion

M. Donahue and D. Lilleck to distribute a letter to the superintendents and athletic directors regarding What we are experiencing at the Section VI level and summarizing the rational for the proposed raise in 24-25 dues.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

- 6.4.1 Baseball AAA Proposal
- 6.4.2 Flag Football Alignment
- 6.4.3 Tackle Football Alignments

6.4.1 and 6.4.2 will be voted on at the January 17, 2024 athletic council meeting. It is anticipated that the football committee will be ready for the football alignments to be acted on at that same meeting as well.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

b) Principal (C. Alvarez)

Absent

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

Nothing to report

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)

6.14 Nominations (D. Lilleck)

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

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

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

Concern was expressed about not yet having a chairperson in place, especially considering a post season venue is not confirmed.

6.14.4 Fall Sports Chairs Terms Expiration June 30, 2024, new term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027 (Action Item May 2024) (Renewals/Challengers)

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

6.15.1 Section VI recently signed two new corporate sponsors, Montondo Trailer LLC and Just Pizza Transit Road

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 Job Description

The committee conducted a final review of the job description.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Boys Volleyball

M. DiFilippo to research the effect, based on percentage numbers, of challenging the Championship Advisory Committee to change the breakdown of schools needed to obtain 3 championships instead of the current two.

12.2 Implicit Bias Course

M. DiFilippo will distribute the link to the Athletic Council.

12.3 Section VI DEI Committee

Moved to a discussion item on the January 17, 2024 executive committee agenda.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 **Motion to adjourn**

CARRIED

Sortisio/Lilleck

APPENDIX A
Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of December 4, 2023

Dec 4, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1043.1 · Northwest CD	300,000.00
1050 · Arbiter Pay	63,969.00
1030 · Bank of America Checking	542,195.82
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	25,997.41
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	119,457.76

Total Checking/Savings	1,051,619.99
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Total Current Assets	1,051,619.99
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00
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Dedicated Funds	Received	Accural
Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 137,500.00
Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 49,500.00
Indoor Track	\$ 119,600.00	\$ 124,800.00
State Championships	<u>\$ 210,000.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 511,100.00</u>	

FUND BALANCE	\$ 540,519.99
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