



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 15, 2024

ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** January 19, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report (Appendix A)

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

Commenced: 1:05pm

3.0 **MINUTES** (M. Donahue)

3.1 ***Motion to approve the January 19, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Sortisio

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

4.1 Spectator Concern (Wrestling)

Section VI barred a parent, via letter, from the February 10, 2024 Section VI Qualifiers due to their conduct at the January 6, 2024 Section VI Dual Meet Team Championships.

4.2 Legal - Representation Letter, Notice of Claim Received (Ice Hockey)

Section VI was notified by its insurance carrier of a notice of claim initiated by a parent regarding an interaction between their child and a Section VI gate worker.

Improvements regarding school supervision at all day events will be a continued topic of discussion.

4.3 Girls Basketball Update

C. Durr, Girls Basketball Chairperson, is investigating Villa Maria College and D'Youville as potential sites for Girls Basketball semi-finals. C. Durr was asked to formally survey girls basketball coaches and student-athletes for their sentiment on venue.

Section VI to evaluate its process for neutral site venue selection.

4.4 Transportation to State Championships

M. DiFilippo shared continuing issues with multi-point pick-up locations for buses to state championships. Issues are specific to inspection as well as uneven numbers between bus capacity and student-athlete location (north and south). M. DiFilippo recommends a central location for inspection and then for instances when multiple buses are involved, plan routes to pick-up athletes located in the north and south respectively. Discussions to continue to find resolution to these issues.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 ***Motion to approve the addition of West Valley to the combination of Franklinville and Ellicottville in the sport of Football for the 2024 season. They would remain as a Class D school even with the addition of West Valley.***

CARRIED

Sortisio/Fallacaro-Dougherty

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

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

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Alvarez

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 Boys & Girls Soccer Semi-Finals

The Boys Soccer Committee requested to move semi-finals to the higher seed, to which the Sectional Intersectional Committee is in favor and is an action item for the March 2024 athletic council meeting. Girls Soccer is not in favor of moving semi-finals to the high seed. As such, and in order to remain equitable, M. DiFilippo asked C. Durr, Girls Soccer Chairperson, to formally survey the girls soccer coaches about their sentiment toward semi-final venue.

Recommendation to obtain student-athlete input as well. League SAAC representatives at Executive Committee meetings and Thought Exchanges are initial ideas to accomplish this goal.

Updates on Girls Soccer semi-final feedback will be provided when available. Discussions on processes for neutral venue selection and establishing a formal rubric to continue.

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)

6.7c1 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Emergency Voting Items (February 26, 2024) (S/I to report on league discussion)

a) Regional Rotation Guiding Principles (Appendix B)

The ECIC, BPS, and NO are in support and NFL is not in support of the regional rotation guiding principles

b) Girls Tennis Proposal

The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Committee is proposing to change the venue for the Girls Tennis Individual and Team State Tournaments to the National Tennis Center in Flushing, NY for Fall 2024-Spring 2028. The purpose is to provide equity between the girls and boys. It would remain week 17 of the calendar but it will be a Mon-Wed tournament with travel on Sunday instead of Thur-Sat with travel on Wednesday.

NFL, ECIC, BPS, NO are in support of the Girls Tennis Proposal.

*The CCAA is meeting tomorrow to discuss both proposals.

Regardless of how the CCAA votes, the majority of leagues are in favor of both proposals and J. Roth, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty are to vote in support of both items at the February 26, 2024 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee emergency meeting.

M. DiFilippo asked J. Sortisio and C. Alvarez to share both proposals with superintendents and principals in case there are any concerns.

6.7c2 Football Start Date

Currently, Football is scheduled to start Saturday, August 24, 2024. The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is proposing a start date of Wednesday, August 21, 2024. Section 11 is proposing to start on Monday August 19th, 2024. R. Zayas is requesting a waiver of the 15 week rule from NYSED in advance of the February 26, 2024 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee emergency meeting. If a waiver is obtained, a vote on the 2024 football start date will take place at the May 2024 NYSPSHAA Executive Committee meeting. .

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)
No applications have been received at present.

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), W. McLaughlin (Boys Cross Country Co-Chair), J. Longo (Boys Cross Country Co-Chair), P. Szymanski (Girls Cross Country), 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. Schruefer (Girls Volleyball), J. Otto & J. Costello (Girls Field Hockey Co-Chairs) (Action Item May 2024) (*No Challengers)

It was noted that an individual submitted an application to challenge an incumbent. It was received after the deadline and therefore cannot be considered.

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 Section VI Assistant Executive Director Position

The position was approved by Erie 1 BOCES BOE. The position will be posted March 14, 2024.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

13.1 *Motion to adjourn*

CARRIED

Roth/Fallacaro-Dougherty

APPENDIX A
Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
 As of February 13, 2024
 Feb 13, 24

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1043.1 · Northwest CD	304,533.27
1050 · Arbiter Pay	90,719.50
1000 · Petty Cash	2,400.00
1030 · Bank of America Checking	313,322.55
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	25,999.14
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	120,129.84

Total Checking/Savings	857,104.30
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00
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Dedicated Funds	Dedicated Amounts	Approx expenses to date	
Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 137,500.00	\$ 87,279.00	
Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 34,088.00	
Indoor Track	\$ 124,800.00	\$ 86,685.00	
State Championships	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	
	\$ 521,800.00	\$ 263,052.00	\$ 258,748.00

FUND BALANCE	\$ 598,356.30
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