



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 18, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** June 12, 2024 Executive Committee meeting minutes

AC ACTION ITEMS

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER (D. Lilleck)

Commenced: 9:40am

3.0 MINUTES (D. Lilleck)

3.1 *Motion to approve of the June 12, 2024 Executive Committee meeting minutes*

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth

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 2025-2026 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

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.

4.4 NYSED Update

4.5 August AD Workshop Update

4.6 Mandatory AD Workshop – January 30, 2025 at Erie 1 BOCES

M. DiFilippo to share updates at the following athletic council meeting regarding agenda items 4.4 through 4.6.

4.7 Pre-Season Coaches Meetings

Several issues including virtual vs. in-person, flexibility of established meeting date, and consistency and continuity across all sports persist with coaches pre-season meetings.

The Executive Committee felt flexibility needs to be incorporated when appropriate (ie. Wrestling requested to hold their meeting in advance of the established Wednesday prior to the start of the season date due to the newly approved early weight certifications).

M. DiFilippo and K. Schon will work the sports chairpersons, reviewing responsibilities and expectations as well as emphasizing the importance of the pre-season meeting. In addition, a generic meeting outline/agenda was created and shared with all chairpersons.

4.8 Guardian Caps

M. DiFilippo will remind athletic council members that NFHS rules do not prohibit the use of the Guardian Caps during practice or games. NYSPHSAA recommends school districts contact their helmet manufacture, to ensure the helmet warranty is not impacted if the Guardian Cap is used.

4.9 Personnel Issue

M. DiFilippo and K. Schon met with an affiliated officials organization's representatives regarding one of their member's claimed inappropriate behavior. Section VI's expectations were shared and the organization responded in kind with delineating the disciplinary measures instituted: the member was suspended from all ECIC events and will only be utilized on an as needed basis otherwise, training specific to contact with children will be mandatory for the organization's membership, any further issue by the involved member will necessitate termination of membership.

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 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Cheektowaga Girls Basketball independent status for the 24-25 season.

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 (pending ECIC approval)

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

5.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Combining of Schools Applications

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
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

At the start of the following athletic council meeting, a motion will be made to add 5.2 #46 Kenmore East and West Girls Flag Football and remove #29 as well as add 4.8 Guardian Caps.

5.3 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Outside Agency Applications

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

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 Boys Lacrosse – Lake Shore/Silver Creek

The Boys Lacrosse Committee proposed that the combination of Lake Shore/Silver Creek change from Class C to Class B. J. Sortisio will collect pertaining data for review and 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 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Treasurer's report (Appendix B)

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

6.4.2 Boys Basketball Tiebreaker

6.4.3 Softball Championship Series Proposal (same as Baseball)

These items were all proposals that the sport committees made on their pre and post season reports.

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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)

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Action items that may be controversial:

- 6.7c4 Girls Volleyball: Implement 15-Point Tie-Breaker in Deciding Set at State Tournament Proposal – it is believed that most of the volleyball coaches would be in favor.
- 6.7c6 Cheerleading – Rule Implementation on Choreography Proposal. There is concern of policing this proposal if it passes.
- 6.7c11 Girls Lacrosse: New Regional Rotation for 2025-29 Using Guiding Principals Proposal. Concern was expressed because the guiding principals were not used developing this proposal

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports provided to the Executive Committee

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

6.13.1 JFK Girls Tennis – 3 Male Participants

The involved three male student-athletes are not participating in post season; individual or team championships. 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 report his status regarding term renewal prior to the November 13, 2024 athletic council meeting.

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

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

M. DiFilippo to speak about the 3-region concept and regional weekend championship concept at the following athletic council meeting.

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Roth)

Nothing to report

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Girls Basketball Semifinals Championships

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

Motion to suspend the executive committee meeting and resume in executive session following the athletic council meeting.

CARRIED

Sortisio/Alvarez