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Athletic Council Meeting Minutes 9/18/2023
10:30 a.m. Executive Committee
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:00 p.m. Meeting
Erie 1 BOCES Room B1

Roll Call: Absent, Cheektowaga, Starpoint, Tapestry, *Jim Graczyk*
West Seneca West/West Seneca East, Williamsville Central, Dr. Croft.

President's Report: *Dave Hack*

Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2023 AC meeting
1st Matt Adams (Holland); 2nd Jason Lehmbeck (Clarence)
Motion passed

Office Report: *Jim Graczyk*

- **Communications: Any Needs:** modified field hockey games-officials worked well.
- **ECIC Secretaries Meeting:** 10/2/2023 9:00am B2a-B2b

Activity Board: *Dave Hack*

- **Field Hockey overtime letter:** Field hockey overtime approved at June'23 Section Meeting
- **CHEER divisions by BEDS, 2nd place cheer awards:** vote
- **Track Champs:** One or Two day meet format
- **Dates for Spring 2024:** October meeting Brian Hickson suggestion to build schedule backwards league dates late, non-league first.
- **Williamsville East Varsity Wrestling Independent Winter 2023-24:** Williamsville East to stay combined/merged with Williamsville North.

Old Business *Dave Hack*

- **Joe Muscarella ECIC Modified Wrestling Chair:** vote

Activity Board:

Action Items:

- 1. Action Item – Cheer Awards for 2nd place patch (red) for ECIC Championship**
Motion to approve Cheer Awards for 2nd place patch (red)
1st Ken Partell (Alden); 2nd Jason Iwanko (Eden)
Motion denied
- 2. Action Item—Approve Joe Muscarella ECIC Modified Wrestling Chair**
Motion to approve Joe Muscarella Modified wrestling chair
1st Matt Adams (Holland); 2nd Bill Weidner (Pioneer)
Motion passed

New Business:

Action Items:

- 1. Action Item -- Combining of Schools:**
Motion to approve Combining of Schools:
West Seneca West/West Seneca East for Girls JV Soccer
Springville/West Valley for Indoor Track and Girls Varsity Basketball
1st Bill Weidner; 2nd Ben Drake
Motion passed
- 2. Action Item--Jon MacSwan, Superintendent @ Cleveland Hill for ECIC Alternate Superintendent Representative**
Motion to approve Jon MacSwan Alternate Superintendent Representative for ECIC
1st Jason Lehmbeck (Clarence); 2nd Daryl Besant (Lake Shore)
Motion passed
- 3. Action Item -- Tom Adams, Fall & Winter Cheer athletic director liaison (vote)**
Motion to approve Tom Adams fall & winter cheer AD liaison
1st Matt Adams (Holland); 2nd Ken Partell (Alden)
Motion passed
- 4. Action Item -- Bob Skoczylas Girls Activity Board**
Motion to approve Bob Skoczylas Girls Activity Board
1st Matt Adams (Holland); 2nd Jason Iwanko (Eden)
Motion passed
- 5. Action Item -- Carrie Vetter for ECIC Girls Rep. to Section VI**
Motion to vote for candidate
1st Eric Rupp (Lancaster); 2nd Brian Lombardo (East Aurora)
Motion passed

6. **Action Item -- President Elect – Athletic Director 2024-26 Nominees for consideration—Greg Witman**
Motion for nomination of Greg Witman for President Elect
1st Ken Partell (Alden); 2nd Matt Adams (Holland)
Motion passed

7. **Action Item --All Fall Sport Standards Update**
Motion to approve fall sports standards
1st Bill Weidner (Pioneer); 2nd Ken Partell (Alden)
Motion passed

Section VI/NYSPHSAA :

Dave Hack

Action Items:

1. **Action Item: Combining of Teams—Increase in Percentage:**
Motion
1st Jason Lehmbeck (Clarence); 2nd Bob Skoczylas (Depew)
Motion approved

2. **Action Item: Philosophy Committee – Criteria for adding a 3rd division**
Motion
1st Matt Adams (Holland); 2nd Ken Partell (Alden)
Motion approved

3. **Action Item: Philosophy Committee –Criteria for adding a 5th class**
Motion
1st Ken Partell (Alden); Bob Skoczylas (Depew)
Motion approved

4. **Action Item: Competitive and Game Day Cheerleading—Changes to Scoring/Deduction Sheets**
Motion
1st Jason Lehmbeck (Clarence); 2nd Jason Iwanko (Eden)
Motion approved

5. **Action Item: Girls Wrestling—Free Style Wrestling**
Motion
1st Amy D’Amato (Lackawanna); Chris Schiumo (Sweet Home)
Motion approved

6. **Action Item: Girls Wrestling –Rule Change to Transition to Free Style 2024-2025**
Motion
1st Bob Skoczylas (Depew); Brian Lombardo (East Aurora)
Motion approved
7. **Action Item: Indoor Track – Request Revised Qualifying Standards**
Motion
1st Matt Adams (Holland); 2nd Bill Weidner (Pioneer)
Motion approved
8. **Action Item: Girls Basketball – New Regional Rotations with Six (6) classes for 2024-2028**
Motion
1st Tim Klimtzak (Maryvale); 2nd Amy D’Amato (Lackawanna)
Motion approved
9. **Action Item: Boys Basketball—New Regional Rotations with Six (6) classes for 2024-2028**
Motion
1st Ben Drake (Jamestown); 2nd Matt Adams (Holland)
Motion approved
10. **Action Item: Softball—New Regional Rotations with Six (6) classes for 2024 and 2025**
Motion
1st Ken Partell (Alden); 2nd Joe DeMartino (Springville)
Motion approved
11. **Action Item: Boys Tennis—Move to 2 singles, 3 doubles (2-3) format in Division II team tennis Championships**
Motion
1st Matt Adams (Holland); 2nd Jason Lehmbeck (Clarence)
Motion approved
12. **Action Item: Boys Tennis—Move to 3 singles, 4 doubles (3-4) format in Division I team tennis championships**
Motion
1st Matt Adams (Holland); 2nd Tim Klimtzak (Maryvale)
Motion approved
13. **Action Item: Boys/Girls Tennis—Adopt Seeding of Team State Tournament Final Four**
Motion
1st Bob Skoczylas (Depew); 2nd Ben Drake (Pioneer)
Motion approved

14. Action Item: **Girls Flag Football** –2 Timeouts per half

Motion

1st Bill Weidner (Pioneer); 2nd Joe DeMartino (Springville)

Motion approved

15. Action Item: **Girls Flag Football**—Stopping Clock during Running Time

Motion

1st Chris Schiumo (Sweet Home); 2nd Jason Iwanko (Eden)

Motion approved

16. Action Item: **Girls Flag Football**—Live Punts

Motion

1st Joe DeMartino (Springville); 2nd Eric Rupp (Lancaster)

Motion denied (8 favor; 12 against)

17. Action Item: **Baseball**—Implement Battery Week (Pitchers/Catchers) Starting in 2024

Motion

1st Daryl Besant (Lake Shore); 2nd Tim Klimtzak (Maryvale)

18. Action Item: **Boys Wrestling**: Rescind the Pound Allowance for Dual Meet Championship

Motion

1st Greg Witman (Hamburg); 2nd Tim Klimtzak (Maryvale)

Motion approved

19. Acton Item: **Girls Wrestling** –NYSHSAA State Championship

Discussion Items: ECIC Coaches & Student Athlete Sportsmanship Award Nominees

Nominations for fall sports during season.

Distribution of patches from office.

Good of the Order:

WINTER Start dates: JV/V: 11/13, Modified 11/20

SPRING Start dates: 3/11/2024, Modified 3/18/2024

Section VI Coaches Winter Meeting Date: 11/8/2023, Spring 3/6/2024; Schools to Host

ECIC Student Leadership Summit- March 2024: Meeting at Orchard Park Rec center on

Thursday with Sue Hemmingway. Looking for key note individuals to speak.

October: Office will send out INTENTION Sheets for 2024-25

Williamsville East & North are remaining merged in Wrestling for Winter 2023-24

Transfer rule: Request a thorough review of the transfer rule to ensure it remains true to the intention and spirit of rule. State requiring a petition through the league/section as opposed to directly.

Adjourn:

Athletic Directors 10/2/2023 @ E1B Room B2a-B2b

Athletic Council 11/8/2023 @ E1B Room B1