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Athletic Council Meeting
March 21, 2022 @ Erie 1 BOCES Room B1

Executive Committee 10:00am
Lunch 11:30am followed by Athletic Council Meeting - Noon

Roll Call: Absent: Iroquois, Jamestown, JFK, Lancaster, West Seneca East/West

President's Report:

Steve Smith

Well wishes to conclusion of winter season and spring season will commence. Some schools commencing today, first day of spring.

Office Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Section VI Fall Sport League Dates on handout:** Meeting to acquire dates to commence scheduling dates with other leagues to avoid conflict and lack of officials. If a game is changed from any of the listed dates, there will be a lesser chance of acquiring an official. Scheduled games can be change, but this affects the outcome of having an official. Official scheduling 2 Varsity; 2 JV; 2 modified?

- **Officials' assignments: Baseball, Softball, LAX, Track:** Started with 2/2/1. Baseball and Softball. Problems with organization. Losing officials moving to other organizations. Needed to be removed from our organization. Upon completion of the auto-assign there were 2 Varsity, 1 JV, 1 modified. Due to less officials, there will not be enough to cover all games on particular bad days. Dates were comprised of different dates for Varsity/JV and modified so as to provide ample officials for all levels. Last year all games were using all officials on the same day. Varsity/JV/Modified were all on the same day. This also included track. This year with separating the levels, official availability is better but not great. Intention is to assign 2 officials to Varsity, 1 official on JV and possibly 1 official on modified. Direction is required on which level is left without an official if none are available. Not enough officials on a particular day which sport level lacks the official. Do we start with no modified or only 1 official on non-league varsity? Not enough starters for track. Track on any particular given day if no officials available a decision would have to be made to use one (1) official and to have a coach or someone else start the game or have the official start the game using either a whistle or if the school has a gun with the gun. Anyone moving a game should take into consideration not scheduling the game at 4:30 p.m. Many of the officials cannot officiate a game until after 5:00 p.m.

Was there a time when we could request the number of officials needed on a game? Lake Shore provide only 1 official on a game. Two (2) officials not needed as long as all levels covered.

2/2/2 is the norm which was decided to complete based on availability. Modified games if no official are you playing without an official? No officials for baseball or softball for modified games most of the time. Problem in district where there are games and no one shows for the game to umpire. The organizations that service our officials cannot come up with an answer that works. Going to be stuck for a long time until there is an answer. Are we running modified again without an official? 2/1/1? 2/1/1 seems to be the best-case scenario. Not safe to put others in a position of officiating. 2/1/1 is confirmed and \$20 travel fee works.

- **Please complete NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Survey:** Complete NYSPHSAA sportsman ship survey. Need 100% across section.
- **NEW ECIC Logo:** Was logo officially voted in? Logo official begin using.
- **Meeting Schedule '22-'23 (Handout):** November 14, 2022 has been moved to November 9, 2022. November 14, 2022 is the first day of winter sports. League did not wish to meet on November 14, 2022. Schedule provided correct. Current schedule provided via email.
- **Update on secretary hire:** Executive Committee met today. Budgeted for a data processing control clerk full time, a secretary and a .5 executive director. Test was given for the data processing control clerk on March 5, 2022. Per civil service list must wait for list to be published. This could take 6 months or longer. The committee decided today that the position would be switched to a .8 senior account clerk typist. This person will work .8 of a full-time year. Flexibility could take off the month of July, could not work Monday, not work Tuesday. Take off a week or so and make up later during the year. Budget is the same amount as a full time, data processing person or a .8 senior account clerk typist. No additional cost, just person working basically 10-10 ½ months. This process can commence now to hire this person. Process to hire a second secretary. Construct the office accordingly. Establish duties of (2) secretary's and then next hire would be the Executive Director position. Post in Buffalo News, Indeed, Section website, Twitter, Civil Service website, and school websites. Goal is week after Easter break. No civil service list for the position and no civil service test at present. Individuals at Erie1Boces currently working without a list or a test currently. Upon the posting of this civil service position the individual would have to take the test, pass the test and become reachable.

Activity Board:

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

- **Mercy Rule for Modified Base/Softball:** Discussion took place during modified baseball meeting. Last year which was an abbreviated season this was approved. A (7) day schedule took place last year. Modified baseball was only allowed to play (4) games per week, but there was (4) nights rest. Question by coach if returning to mercy rule 15 runs after (5) innings to save on arms, which is always a concern, at the level. Currently play (7) with no mercy rule. Many schools will run into the same problem. Playing games on Monday, exhaust pitching refers and have a game on Thursday or possibly Saturday and have no one available. This needs a vote today due to the next voting meeting not until May, 2022. Coaches who have coached for a longer period are in favor of the mercy rule. Is this rule for baseball and softball? Mercy rule will be permitted based upon league approval allowing the game to end after a team at the short end of the 15-run rule has completed their 5th at bat.

(Motion to adopt the mercy rule for baseball modified level only for Spring 2022

1st Jason Przybysz (Cleveland Hill)

2nd Richard Gray (Frontier)

Motion passed

Old Business:

Approval of minutes from January '22 meeting

Motion to approve minutes

1st Tim Klimtzak (Maryvale)

2nd Jason Iwanko (Eden)

Motion passed

Saratoga NYSAAA review: nothing

New Business:

Changing games: Mention to ad's meeting to contact opposing schools when making changes or canceling games.

Boys Lacrosse: Eden not enough athletes for Boys JV Lacrosse. Only have (8). Sophomores moving up to varsity. Request to play 7/8/9 for modified. Enough now for (2) teams on modified. Eden's current schedule will be 8/9 would be current schedule. 7th graders with Medina.

Motion to allow Eden's boys' modified Lacrosse team to have the 7/8/9.

1st Jeff Wheaton (Amherst)

2nd Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

Motion passed

Motion to allow Eden boys' modified Lacrosse team to have a second team

1st Matt Adams (Holland)

2nd Jason Przybysz (Cleveland Hill)

Motion passed

Gowanda will not have modified boys' Lacrosse

Springville will not have modified girl's Lacrosse: Will office schedule a third game to play opponents due to losing Springville? League must agree to adding games. Any concerns with playing each team (3) times in modified? Who would be home and who would be away for 2nd game?

Best of Buffalo Basketball Showcase at Sweet Home: March 26, 2022. This event is not sanctioned by Section VI or NYSPHSAA. If you have underclassman playing or representing school, eligibility will be affected for spring 2022.

Action Items:

1. Action Item - Approval of Jeff Hart/Spring Boys Track Chairperson

Motion to approve Jeff Hart as spring boys' track chairperson

Motion Passed

2. Action Item - Approval of Combining of Schools Applications

Motion to approve combining of schools for

Holland/West Valley/Franklinville: Boys Soccer V/JV/Mod.

1st Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

2nd Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

Holland remains in same division

Approved (22); against (2)

Motion passed

3. Action Item - Approval of Fall '22 Alignments

Motion to approve fall 2022 alignments

1st Dave Hack (Orchard Park)

2nd Richard Gray (Frontier)

Motion passed

Boys' Volleyball Division III: Already (2) teams without JV. Is there any consideration for JV purposes of scheduling games differently in Divisions II and III? Or will Division III have to find extra non-league games and play opponents (3) times? There would only be (4) JV league matches in that Division.

Approve alignments as written and schedule (3) games each in the division JV wise, and adjust as necessary or not adjust.

4. Action Item - Approval of Shift for Week#5 (June 15) Modified Track to NEW Week#1 (May 4):

Motion to approve shift for week # 5 modified track to new week # 1

1st Ken Partell (Alden)

2nd Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

Approved (17); against (6); abstain (1)

Motion passed

5. Action Item - Mercy Rule for 2022: Modified Base/Softball

Previous vote above

Section VI/NYSPHSAA :

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

Dave Hack

Action Items:

1. Action Item - 8 Man Football: Regional Championship

New York State Football committee is seeking approval to establish a regional championship for 8-man football for a two (2) year period. The following regulations will be followed by all participating teams. Only Class C and B football teams would be permitted to compete in the 8-man season. The field size for the post season play would be a regulation 11-man football field.

Motion to approve 8-man football to have a regional championship

1st Chris Koselny (East Aurora)

2nd Richard Gray (Frontier)

Motion passed

2. Action Item - Football TARGETING Disqualification Penalty in football, currently if happens in 1st quarter of a game you are out that game and the next game.

Seeking approval for the change in the penalty for a football player that is disqualified for targeting by a certain official to not being permitted to participate in the next 2 halves. If penalized for targeting in the first half of a game or 1st quarter you are out 2nd quarter, but you can play in the 3rd and 4th quarters.

Motion to approve changing of targeting disqualification Penalty

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Jason Przybysz (Cleveland Hill)

Motion passed

3. Action Item - Girls Volleyball – Seeking the Approval to remove the waiver of a 5th set and instead play 15 points only for the Varsity level. Conducive to the boy's rule.

Motion to approve girls' volleyball at varsity level

Richard Gray (Frontier)

Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

Motion passed

4. Action Item – Girls' volleyball warmup rule. Committee seeking to waive the Public High School Athletic Association rule #3 which does not allow any warmups behind or adjacent to the playing court. The committee would like to adopt the NCAA warmup rule which allows teams to warm up behind or adjacent to the competition court if there is a 6'6 area of space around the border of the warmup area.

Motion to adopt new warmup rule

Richard Gray (Frontier)

Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

Motion passed

Discussion Items:

1. Discussion Item - Girls Volleyball- Approval of regional matchups/Rotations, adopt 75 second timeout rule.

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking to adopt a 75 second timeout rule which would mean the waiver of the current 60 second rule would be removed. The 75 second time out rule would apply on all levels.

2. Discussion Item – Girls Volleyball – Approval of Regional Matchup/Rotations

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval of its new regional matchups/rotations for 2022-2025. Previously, the regional assignments of each section are placed was approved.

3. Discussion Item - B/G Tennis: 9th &10th Playback format

The NYSPHSAA B/G tennis committees are seeking approval to establish a format to play for 9th and 10th place in singles and doubles at both individual state tournaments (teal and orange patch).

4. Discussion Item – Field Hockey – Amend Current Regional Rotation to Include at Large Berth to fill Byes

The NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee is seeking approval to amend its current regional rotation/assignments for 2022-2025 and include at large berths to fill the byes.

5. Discussion Item - Boys Lacrosse – Approve New Regional Rotation for 2022-2027

The NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval of a new six-year regional rotation from 2022-2027

Good of the Order:

Lake Shore: No JV Girls Lacrosse

Girls Tennis: Complete schedule by 10/4. Team Champs start 9/24 , 6 matches completed by then to compete in team championships.

West Seneca East: No JV Softball, modified will be 7,8,9.

ECIC Girls Basketball “Showcase” – next steps: Moving forward with holding same. Coaches not in agreement with having (2) game format such as tournament style. Intrigue with regard to (1) game format.

1. Question regarding knowledge of opponents ahead of time. Not necessarily due to intrigue.
2. What site available? Payment of officials, etc.
3. Does everyone have to participate?
4. Put on May agenda to discuss further

FALL '22 Schedule Dates/review: All completed

Modified Tennis Play Dates: Select Saturday and make available for all athletes not playing on Varsity or JV meet or just extend matches with schools interested in playing after match currently scheduled.

Hamburg: Pole vaulters at modified level for track. If you are hosting, expect to accommodate Hamburg for pole vaulters. Coach will reach out to hosting school coach prior to the event. Please make accommodations for pole vaulters.

Baseball Eden: Currently 7/8/9. Tryouts scheduled today. Enough for 2 teams. 11th 9 graders and a few 10th graders. Eden will be 7/8/9; JV; and Varsity.

Winter Alignments: Any news on charter schools? Any news with regard to placement? Have schedules been created for fall, non-league schedules, etc. Jim Graczyk met with Mark DiFilippo and Michael House at Riverside High School. Discussed a way to integrate charter schools into Buffalo, ECIC, etc., but no resolution was reached. If no decision is made, then the State will make a decision.

Eight team (8) division for this year should now be Division II: Beds numbers break-down. 8th team division makes sense to be in Division III. Iroquois (498); Pioneer (497). Iroquois should move to Division II which would make Iroquois the only B school in Division II. Unfair for all A's in division to play one B school.

Discussion to be given to Activity Board

Division Alignment for boys' basketball
All Star selection at end of year.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Jason Iwanko (Eden)

Motion passed.

Next Athletic Directors Meeting 4/4/2022 @ E1Boces Room B1 11:30am Lunch Noon Meeting

Next Athletic Council Meeting 5/9/2022 @ E1Boces Room B1 11:30am Lunch Noon Meeting

- Please note the May 9th meeting is our last AC meeting for this school year.