

SECTION VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 15th, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED** March 25th, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 4.5 **CARRIED** Direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro, to not support the Cross Country classification cut-off numbers proposal as presented.
- Direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro, to recommend that the Cross Country proposal follow suit with the other sports' classification cut-off numbers proposals where implementation would begin in the 2016-2017 school year.
- Direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro, to support the Cross Country classification cut-off numbers proposal with a 2016-2017 implementation year.
- 4.6 **CARRIED** Direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro, to support the Football classification cut-off numbers proposal as presented
- 4.7 **CARRIED** Direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to support the Girls Volleyball classification cut-off numbers proposal as presented
- 4.8 **CARRIED** Direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to support the modified sports' start dates proposal
- 4.10 **CARRIED** Use of NYSAAA allocated funds to pay for the patches that will be presented to each student-athlete in attendance at the 2015 FBI Student-Athlete Leadership Conference.
- 6.1.1 **CARRIED** Treasurer's report as presented
- 6.10.1 **CARRIED** Direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to oppose the sportsmanship standard #27 proposal
- 6.10.3 **CARRIED** Expand the Section VI Recognition Dinner to include recognition of a male and female coach from each league/division.

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April 25th, 2015

MINUTES

Executive Committee: (*indicates present)

B. Banker, President*
A. Gens, President Elect*
J. Rabey, Past President*
M. Wendt, Superintendents' Representative*
J. Spanbauer, Principals' Representative*
J. Graczyk, Boys Representative*
M. Fallacaro, G. Representative*
T. Slade, Executive Director*
D. Scholla, Treasurer*

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** B. Banker bbanker@ktufsd.org
Commenced: 9:08am
- 3.0 **MINUTES** B. Banker bbanker@ktufsd.org
3.1 **Motion to approve the March 25th, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes**
CARRIED
Spanbauer/Gens
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 WNYSO Contract
Section VI negotiations representatives, T. Slade and M. DiFillippo, will attend arbitration scheduled for May 15th, 2015. The Section VI negotiations committee is scheduled to meet May 7th, 2015 at noon to review the Section's platform.
- 4.2 NYSPHSAA Ball Adoption Update
As decided at the March 25th, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting, representatives were asked to review the NYSPHSAA's ball adoption offer to Section VI with their respective leagues as an e-mail vote will be taken immediately following today's executive committee meeting.
- Notes:
- The ball adoption agreement, if supported, would begin with the 2016-2017 school year.
 - R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, will address price gauging concerns with the vendor.
- 4.3 Wrestling Litigation
The Section is in receipt of legal documentation providing notification of an Akron student-athlete seeking a notice of claim regarding the 2011 Biondo case. However, the claimant has failed to file the notice of claim within the deadline period of 1 year from the date of the incident. T. Slade has contacted the Section's insurance carrier who, in turn, assigned an attorney to handle this potential lawsuit. Committee members will be updated as more information becomes available.
- 4.4 Friends and Neighbors Expirations
A proposal to increase the Friends and Neighbors annual dues from \$100 to \$200 beginning with the 2015-2016 school year is an action item for the May 1st, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. Following the outcome of the vote, Section VI Friends and Neighbors member schools will be notified of any changes and prompted to submit the required documentation and fees if they wish to renew their membership for the upcoming school year.

4.5 Cross Country Classification Cut-off Numbers Proposal

A proposal to change the Cross Country current classification cut-off numbers to the proposed classification cut-off numbers beginning with the 2015 season is an action item for the May 1st, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

Current Numbers:

Class A – 911 and up - 129 schools – 21.79%
Class B – 450 to 910 – 161 schools – 27.19%
Class C – 260 to 449 – 155 schools – 26.18%
Class D – 259 and down – 147 schools – 24.83%

Proposed Numbers:

Class A – 850 and up – 148 schools – 25%
Class B – 445 to 849 – 148 schools – 25%
Class C – 261 to 444 – 148 schools – 25%
Class D – 260 and down – 148 schools – 25%

Motion to direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to not support the Cross Country classification cut-off numbers proposal as presented.

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Wendt

Motion to direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to recommend that the Cross Country proposal follow suit with the other sports' classification cut-off numbers proposals where implementation would begin in the 2016-2017 school year.

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Wendt

Motion to direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to support the Cross Country classification cut-off numbers proposal with a 2016-2017 implementation year.

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Wendt

4.6 Football Classification Cut-off Numbers Proposal

A proposal to change the Football current classification cut-off numbers to the proposed classification cut-off numbers beginning with the 2016 season is an action item for the May 1st, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

Current Numbers:

Class AA -930 and up – 84 schools – 19.60%
Class A – 570 to 929 – 89 schools – 20.70%
Class B – 365-569 – 90 schools – 21%
Class C – 240 364 – 95 schools - 22.10%
Class D – 239 and below – 70 schools – 16.30%

Proposed Numbers:

Class AA – 930 and up – 84 schools – 19.60%
Class A – 570 to 929 – 89 schools – 20.70%
Class B – 365 to 569 – 90 schools – 21%
Class C – 250 to 364 – 86 schools – 20.09%
Class D – 249 and below – 79 schools – 18.46%

Motion to direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to support the Football classification cut-off numbers proposal as presented

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Wendt

4.7 Girls Volleyball Classification Cut-off Numbers Proposal

A proposal to change the Girls Volleyball current classification cut-off numbers to the proposed classification cut-off numbers beginning with the 2016 season is an action item for the May 1st, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

Current Numbers:

Class AA – 1040 and up – 84 schools – 13.7%
Class A – 690 to 1039 – 123 schools – 20%
Class B – 436 to 689 – 94 schools – 15.3%
Class C – 256 to 435 – 135 schools – 22.1%
Class D – 255 and below – 176 schools – 28.8%

Proposed Numbers:

Class AA – 941 and up – 122 schools – 19.9 %
Class A – 587 to 939 – 123 schools – 20%
Class B – 345- 586 – 122 schools – 19.9%
Class C – 203 to 344 – 123 schools – 20%
Class D – 202 and below – 122 schools – 19.9%

Motion to direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to support the Girls Volleyball classification cut-off numbers proposal as presented

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Wendt

4.8 Modified Sports' Start Dates

The following proposal, made by the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee, will be an action item at the May 1st, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

“Consider for future approval for modified start dates to abide by the Standard Calendar of weeks: Fall – week #8, Winter – week #18, Spring – week #35.”

The week numbers correspond to the dates that are currently in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Motion to direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to support the modified sports' start dates proposal

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Wendt

Notes:

- There may be a time when the Section will have to apply for an early start date for the CCAA regarding their dual participation seasons.
- Section VI will include the modified start dates in the yearly sports season calendar that is distributed to member schools.

4.9 2015 Boys & Girls Lacrosse

For the past several years, All High Stadium has been used as a neutral venue for boys and girls lacrosse play-offs. This year, scheduling conflicts with All High Stadium have arisen. Therefore, the date for girls lacrosse will change and the venue for boys lacrosse will change. More information will be provided in the (soon to be released) Executive Director's monthly report.

4.10 FBI Student-Athlete Leadership Conference

The FBI has asked Section VI to fund the patches that will be provided to the students who attend the May 22nd, 2015 student-athlete leadership conference. The cost of the patches is \$510.

Motion to approve use of NYSAAA allocated funds to pay for the patches that will be presented to each student-athlete in attendance at the 2015 FBI Student-Athlete Leadership Conference.

CARRIED

Wendt/Spanbauer

- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1 Senior All Star Contests
- a) Softball, Chautauqua County Senior All-Star Game, 6/8/15, Prommenschenkle Stadium, co-sponsored by Fredonia HS
 - b) Baseball, Chautauqua County Senior All-Star Game, 6/10/15, Diethrick Park, co-sponsored by Fredonia HS
- The presented Senior All-Star contests will be action items for the May 13th, 2015 athletic council meeting.

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 6.1 Finance Committee D. Scholla dscholla@e1b.org
- 6.1.1 Treasurer's Report
- Motion to receive the treasurer's report as presented***
CARRIED
Wendt/Spanbauer

Note: Winter sports' financial reports are anticipated to be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

- 6.6 State Executive Committee/Central Committee
- a) Superintendent M. Wendt mwendt@wilsoncsd.org
Nothing to report
 - b) Principal J. Spanbauer jspanbauer@nfschools.net
Nothing to report
 - c) Boys Rep J. Graczyk jgraczyk@pioneericsd.org
Girls Rep M. Fallacaro mfallacaro@edencsd.wnyric.org
Nothing to report

- 6.10 Sportsmanship J. Graczyk jgraczyk@pioneericsd.org
D. Ames dames@newfane.wnyric.org

6.10.1 Sportsmanship Standard Proposal

The following proposal will be a discussion item at the May 1st, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting and an action item at the July 2015 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting:
To add the following language to Sportsmanship Standard # 27 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under both coach and player. "#4. The Section Athletic Council will have the authority to extend the period of ineligibility in those cases where the actions of the individual that was disqualified from a contest or scrimmage are warranted. The period of ineligibility cannot exceed one year from the date of the disqualification."

Currently, there is no language in the Sportsmanship Standard that allows sections to impose further penalty for a disqualified player and/or coach other than the one or two game suspension or the rest of the season for a third disqualification. The sportsmanship standard does allow a section athletic council to impose a penalty for a player or coach who makes physical contact with an official.

Motion to direct Section VI Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, and Section VI Girls Representative, M. Fallacaro to oppose the sportsmanship standard #27 proposal
CARRIED
Spanbauer/Wendt

If the proposal is approved at the state level, Section VI will inform its member schools that although the language in the handbook regarding sportsmanship standard #27 states otherwise, Section VI approved (January 2015) to maintain the policy of school district prerogative with follow-up by the Executive Director.

6.10.2 Section VI Sportsmanship Day
J. Graczyk and D. Ames to research a Section VI Sportsmanship Day (modeled after Section V's Sportsmanship Day).

6.10.3 Section VI Recognition Dinner

Motion to expand the Section VI Recognition Dinner to include recognition of a male and female coach from each league/division.

CARRIED

Graczyk/Fallacaro

A potential 12 award recipients plus their guests (1 each) will present an overall increase of approximately \$500, which does not pose financial concern to the Section. In addition, a sponsor is being researched to help fund the dinner.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 Combining of Schools

At the March 25th, Section VI Athletic Council meeting, the council recommended the Section VI Combining of Schools Ad Hoc Committee reconvene to further define/redefine "dominant" teams. J. Rabey, Chairman, will schedule a summer meeting and plans to report at the September 2016 athletic council meeting.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Transfers

Currently, the Transfer Rule does not affect 7/8th graders. There is support across the state to propose the transfer rule include 7 and 8th graders. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 ***Motion to adjourn***

CARRIED

Graczyk/Fallacaro

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Administrative Assistant