



**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**September 15, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** June 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 4.1 **CARRIED:** to request the Athletic Council move item 6.4.5 to an action item at the following athletic council meeting

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the May 12, 2021 Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Emilio Mancini (West Seneca) as Girls Indoor Track Chairperson while Dan Syracuse (Will South) is on leave.
- 5.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools
- 5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Contests
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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** (Brett Banker)

Commenced: 9:33am

Jeff Roth (Wilson) was welcomed. He will be shadowing J. Graczyk for the 21-22 school year before taking over as Male Representative.

**3.0 MINUTES** (Brett Banker)

- 3.1 **Motion to approve the June 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes**  
**CARRIED**  
**Fallacaro-Dougherty/Rabey**

**4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Mark DiFilippo)

- 4.1 **Motion to request the athletic council move item 6.4.5 to an action item at the following athletic council meeting**  
**CARRIED**  
**Gens/Rabey**

- 4.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Emilio Mancini (West Seneca) as Girls Indoor Track Chairperson while Dan Syracuse (Will South) is on leave.

4.3 Safety Chairperson Position Vacancy

B. Wild has stepped down from the Safety Chairperson position. Athletic Council members will be asked to share the vacancy with their respective leagues.

4.3 Frewsburg Soccer

An anonymous letter was received by Section VI wherein accusations of improper recruiting by the Frewsburg soccer coach. The superintendent of Frewsburg did perform a thorough investigation and found no wrong-doing.

4.4 Officials Negotiations Contract

A Reminder was given that Section VI and the WNYSO have agreed to an extension of the contract for the 21-22 school year. The officials fees for 21-22 are the same as 20-21 and is reflected on the Section VI website.

4.5 Combining of Schools Protocol for 21-22

M. DiFilippo will propose at the following Athletic Council meeting that combining of schools applications should be submitted to league representatives for approval in advance of submitting to the Section office for approval. The rationale for the proposal is to make the process more efficient.

4.6 Conflict of Interest Policy

P. Turski distributed the required annual Conflict of Interest Policy via Google survey. All Athletic Council members are to sign and submit the document.

#### 4.7 President-Elect 2022-2024 (Central)

The Section will need to fill the position of President-Elect for the 2022-2024 term. The position will be posted in January and approval of the candidate will take place at the May Athletic Council meeting. Per the constitution, the candidate will be selected from the Central location (ECIC, Buffalo), which is next in the rotation.

#### 4.8 Appeal Procedure (Exec ONLY)

M. DiFilippo is recommending to change the policy manual and constitution to add a fee for the appeal process, same as the state office. M. DiFilippo was asked to collect data from the other sections who institute a fee. The proposal will be presented at the November 2021 athletic council meeting. What the collected fee would be used for is to be included in the proposal.

#### 4.9 Thunder & Lightning Policy (Exec ONLY)

Section VI has a thunder and lightning policy. The language in that policy is slightly different than the NYSPHSAA policy. M. DiFilippo will propose to terminate the Section VI policy and adopt the NYSPHSAA policy at the November 2021 athletic council meeting and it will be an action item at the January 2022 athletic council meeting.

### 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS (Mark DiFilippo)

On July 22, 2021, the Executive Committee voted and approved the following

#### Following DEMERGERS:

- Girls Swim – East Community/Burgard/MST/Pathways
- Girls Swim – I Prep/Culinary/Emerson
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#### Following COS:

- Cross Country – Silver Creek/Forestville, V & 7/8/9 (259) C
- Girls Soccer – Silver Creek/Forestville, V & 7/8/9 (259) C
- Girls Volleyball – Clymer/Sherman, V, JV & 7/8 (119) D
- Girls Swim – Southwestern/Jamestown, V (1124) A
- Girls Swim – SouthPark/MST/East/Pathways, V (1075) A
- Girls Swim – City Honors/Olmstead/Performing, V Arts (715) B
- Girls Swim – Hutch Tech/Emerson/Culinary Arts, V (1131) A
- Girls Swim - DaVinci/IPrep/Lafayette, V (720) B
- Girls Swim – McKinley/Burgard/Riverside, V (987) A

On August 11, 2021, the Executive Committee voted and approved the following applications and changes:

- Varsity Football – Add Maple Grove to Cass Valley/Falconer 378 C
- Falconer/Maple Grove Modified football 378 C value also includes Cass Valley from 8/23
- Medina/Lyndonville Boys JV Soccer 378 B

On August 17, 2021, The Executive Committee voted and approved the following application:

- Girls Swim Allegany-Limestone and Ellicottville for girls swimming, 365

On August 23, 2021, The Executive Committee voted and approved the following applications:

- Mod football – Cassadaga Valley being added to the already approved Combination of Falconer/Maple Grove, 378 C
- G Varsity Tennis WS East and West, 1084
- Gymnastics Will South and Amherst, 1318

#### 5.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Combining of Schools

##### Winter

1. Basketball BG, Springville GI, West Valley, V, JV, 392 C, ECIC, 9/13/2021
2. Bowl BG, Clymer, Sherman, V, 127 D2, CCAA, 6/25/2021
3. Hockey B, Lockport, Niagara Falls, V, pending, Federated, na
4. Hockey B, Sweet Home, Depew, V, 897, Federated, na
5. Hockey G, Lancaster, Iroquois, Depew, V, 2224, Federated, na

6. Indoor Track B/G, Falconer, Cassadaga Valley, Maple Grove, Frewsburg, & Randolph, V, 1028, Federated, na
7. Indoor Track B/G, Springville GI, West Valley, V, 396, Federated, na
8. Swim B, Jamestown, Southwestern, V, 1109, ECIC, 9/13/2021
9. Wrestling, Gowanda, Cattaraugus-Little Valley, V & 7/8/9, 312 D2, CCAA, 9/7/2021

### Spring

1. Unified Basketball, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, 1428, ECIC, 9/13/2021
2. Baseball, **Bennett**, Alternative Academy, V, JV, 296 B, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
3. Baseball, **Burgard**, Performing Arts, V, JV, 746 A, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
4. Baseball, **Emerson**, Bflo Culinary Arts, V, JV, 608 A, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
5. Baseball, **MEC**, Research Lab, V, JV, 372 B, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
6. Baseball, **MST**, East Community & Pathways, V, JV, 439 B, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
7. Baseball, **Panama**, Sherman, Clymer, V 7/8/9, 147 D, CCAA, 8/27/2021
8. Baseball, **Silver Creek**, Forestville, V, JV, 7/8/9, 259 C, CCAA, 8/16/2021
9. Golf B, **Chautauqua Lake**, Sherman, Westfield, Panama, V, 497, CCAA, 9/7/2021
10. Golf G, **Cassadaga Valley**, Chaut Lake, Westfield, Maple Grove, V, 694, CCAA, 9/7/2021
11. Lax B/G, **City Honors**, All Buffalo Schools, V, JV, 7160, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
12. Lax BG, **Eden**, North Collins, V, JV, 7/8, 363 D, Federated, na
13. Lax BG, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, V, JV, 1452 A, Federated, na
14. Lax BG, **Lake Shore**, Silver Creek, V, JV, 7/8, 521 C, Federated, na
15. Lax G, **Salamanca**, Randolph, V, 324 D, Federated, na
16. Softball, **Bennett**, Alternative Academy, V, JV, 296 B, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
17. Softball, **Emerson**, Bflo Culinary Arts, V, JV, 608 A, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
18. Softball, **I-Prep**, DaVinci, V, JV, 792 A, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
19. Softball, **MEC**, Research Lab, V, JV, 372 B, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
20. Softball, **MST**, East Community, Burgard & Pathways, V, JV, 1104 AA, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
21. Softball, **Riverside**, Performing Arts, V, JV, 437 B, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
22. Softball, **Sherman**, Clymer, V, JV, 7/8, 120, CCAA, 8/27/2021
23. Tennis B, **Buffalo Culinary**, Emerson, V, 436, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
24. Tennis B, **East Community**, Pathways, V, 434, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
25. Tennis B, **Eden**, North Collins, V, 377, ECIC, 9/13/2021
26. Tennis B, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, 1428, ECIC, 9/13/2021
27. Track & Field BG, **Buffalo Culinary**, Emerson, V, 436 D2, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
28. Track & Field BG, **Clymer**, Panama, Sherman, V, 164 D2, CCAA, 6/25/2021
29. Track & Field BG, **East Community**, Pathways, V, 434 D2, Buffalo, 3/3/2021
30. Track & Field BG, **Eden**, North Collins, V, 7/8/9, 377 D2, ECIC, 9/13/2021
31. Track & Field BG, **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, V, 7/8/9, 351 D2, CCAA, 12/11/2020
32. Track & Field BG, **Silver Creek**, Forestville, V, 7/8/9, 270 D2, CCAA, 8/16/2021
33. Track & Field BG, **Westfield**, Brocton, V, 7/8/9, 188 D2, CCAA, 9/7/2021

### 5.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Outside Agency Contests

- a. Girls Volleyball - Girls JV Volleyball scrimmage Tournament 8/30/2021 at Buffalo Niagara Court Center & West Seneca West HS – approved by M. DiFilippo on 8/17/21
- b. Girls Volleyball - Girls Varsity Volleyball scrimmage Tournament 8/31/2021 at Buffalo Niagara Court Center & West Seneca West HS – approved by M. DiFilippo on 8/17/21
- c. Boys Volleyball – Boys Varsity Volleyball scrimmage Tournament 9/1/21 at Buffalo Niagara Court Center & West Seneca West HS – approved by M. DiFilippo on 8/17/21
- d. Boys Volleyball – Niagara Frontier Boys JV Championship 10/23/21 at Buffalo Niagara Court Center & West Seneca West HS – Pending receipt of updated insurance approved by M. DiFilippo on 8/17/21
- e. Cheer – 10/17/2021 Hot Cheer Championship at North Tonawanda HS by Elite Heat All Stars & North Tonawanda HS
- f. Cheer – 1/23/22 Fredonia Cheer & Dance Competition at SUNY Fredonia sponsored by Fredonia State & Dunkirk HS
- g. Boys Basketball – 12/3/21-12/4/21 Cataract Basketball Classic at Niagara Falls HS co-sponsor Niagara Falls Education Foundation pending updated insurance.

## 6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (Jeff Rabey)

*Nothing to report*

### 6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (Jeff Rabey)

*Nothing to report*

### 6.3 Finance Committee (Don Scholla)

#### 6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report (Appendix A)

#### 6.3.2 Travel Hotel Rooms

The process for Fall 2021 state championship travel was reviewed. The hotel rooms for Girls Swimming and Cross Country are reserved with the intent to house 4 student-athletes per room. Parents uncomfortable with 4 student-athletes to a room have the option to provide lodging and travel accommodations for their child.

#### 6.3.3 GoFan

After review by the Finance Committee, the Section will promote online ticket sales through GoFan, but also offer cash sales. Implementation to begin Fall 2021.

### 6.4 Sectional/Intersectional Committee (Mark DiFilippo)

#### 6.4.1 Unified Sports Scheduling

Interest was expressed in moving forward with league scheduling for Unified Sports. The ECIC and NFL are willing to absorb the CCAA, BPS, and NO schools due to the low numbers of schools they have participating, if necessary.

**Items 6.4.2 through 6.4.4 will be action items at the November 2021 Athletic Council Meeting:**

#### 6.4.2 Require federated chairpersons to include the alignments for the next school year in their post-season reports

Currently, the chairpersons provide alignments and classification changes within their pre-season reports. M. DiFilippo recommends requiring the alignments and classification changes in the post season reports in order to enough time for leagues to discuss prior to voting at the athletic council level.

The following items are recommendations made by their respective sport committees and supported by the Sectional Intersectional Committee:

#### 6.4.3 Outdoor Track and Field 2021-2022 - class meets with 6 classes and run the state qualifier (2 days with both divisions at the same site)

#### 6.4.4 Alex Chambers as the Boys Tennis Assistant Chairman

#### 6.4.5 Boys Basketball 2021-2022 season - Health Sciences - Class A, Tapestry - Class B, and Global Concepts - Class C

### 6.5 Safety (TBA)

Addressed in item 4.3

6.6 Modified Report (Matt Librock & Julie Arnold)

*Nothing to report*

6.7 State Executive Committee /Central Committee

- a) Superintendent (Jeff Rabey)

*Nothing to report*

- b) Principal (Al Gens)

*Nothing to report*

- c) Female Rep. / Male Rep. (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty / J. Graczyk)

**The following items were approved at the July 2021 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting (Appendix B)**

1. Boys/Girls Volleyball: Modify the selection process of officials for the NYSPHSAA State Tournament
2. Handbook Committee: Revising TASC language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Bona Fide student regulation
3. Modified Tennis: Approval of Tennis Coordinator
4. Modified Field Hockey: Overtime Procedure
5. OCF – School Based Official
6. Friend & Neighbor Application Process
7. Friend & Neighbor/New Members
8. Sport Coordinator Terms – Approve terms of sport coordinators for a five-year period from 2021-26
9. Boys & Girls Tennis – Adopt Lineup rule for regionals & states
10. Boys Volleyball – Modify line rule to follow NCAA rule of shared space
11. Boys Volleyball – Extend rule using 2 libero players with modifications
12. Girls Gymnastics – Adopt 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the NYSPHSAA Gymnastics technical handbook

**The following action items are to provide direction for J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative to vote at the October 2021 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. (Appendix C)**

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**The following item is for discussion. It will become an action item for the January 19, 2022 Section VI Athletic Council meeting to provide direction for J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative to vote at the February 2022 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting (Appendix D).**

- 21. Classification Cut-Off Format
- 22. Championship Philosophy – Criteria for Sixth Classification

6.8 Extended Eligibility (Mark DiFilippo)

*Nothing to report*

6.9 Chemical Awareness (John Grzymala)

- Welcome Jr. Simon Connors (Lake Shore) - Jr. Rep for SAAC for Section VI
- Welcome back Sr. Carly Dell'Oso (Starpoint) - Sr. Rep for SAAC for Section VI

6.10 Transfer/ Foreign Student (Mark DiFilippo)

*Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee*

6.11 Sportsmanship (Jim Graczyk & Doug Ames)

The first NYSPHSAA meeting of the 21-22 school year is scheduled for Thursday, September 23.

6.12 Veterans (Jim Trampert)

6.13 Mixed Competition (Al Gens)

6.13.2 Cassadaga Valley – Girls Volleyball - Denied

6.14 Nominations (Maureen Donahue)

Addressed in item 4.7

6.15 Corporate Partner (Mark DiFilippo)

M. DiFilippo continuing to work on securing partnerships that were lost or affected due to circumstances surrounding COVID.

6.16 Hall of Fame (Jim Dunnigan)

6.17 Unified Sports (Doug Ames)

**7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (Jeff Roth)

*Nothing to report*

7.2 Charter Schools (Mark DiFilippo)

7.2.1 Charter School Placement

Over the past several years, charter schools have been denied league placement. President Banker will form an Ad Hoc Committee with a representative from each league in order to determine charter school placement. M. DiFilippo was asked to inquire what the processes are in other sections across the state.

**8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 NYSPHSAA Cross Country Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2021 (Appendix E)

## 9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA Report (Todd Nelson)

9.2 NYSAAA Report (Jeff Roth)

*Nothing to report*

## 10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

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## 11.0 OLD BUSINESS

*Nothing to report*

## 12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Mask Policy

It was suggested to let the officials know in advance of the host school protocol and if they will not adhere to the host school's established policy, they will be reassigned.

## 13.0 GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT

13.1 *Motion to adjourn*

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Donahue**