



**12T Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 17, 2021 – 9:30am**  
**Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca Room B2a & B-2b**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** Approval of the October 6, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the September 15, 2021 Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 5.1 **WITHDRAWN:** Combining of Schools for winter Girls Ice Hockey, Add Lockport to the Previously approved West Seneca East and West, Eden, Hamburg, Add Lockport to
- 5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Eden Boys Lacrosse as Independent Status
- 5.3 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Contests
- 6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report
- 6.4.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Outdoor Track and Field 2021-2022 - Approval to run 5 class meets and run the state qualifier (2 days with both divisions at the same site).
- 6.4.3 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Alex Chambers as the Boys Tennis Assistant Chairman
- 6.4.4 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Boys Ice Hockey Seeding
- 6.4.5 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Girls Lacrosse Alignment
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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** (Brett Banker)

**3.0 MINUTES** (Brett Banker)

**3.1 Motion to Approve of the October 6, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes**

**CARRIED**

**Fallacaro-Dougherty/Rabey**

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

- 4.1 Fall Sectional Championship Review – Congratulations to all fall champions. Attendance seemed to be good and was good to see our fall back to somewhat normal with students at events and crowds at neutral sites. It is important to note to our member schools that although we are at neutral sites they need to provide adequate supervision for their school at all events. Some minor issues with fan behavior.
- 4.2 Fall state bussing – Niagara Scenic with whom we had bid and contracted with called the week of the event and informed us they did not have enough drivers to take care of our trip. Therefore, schools went on their own buses as well as Salamanca which owns two coach buses provided one of theirs for us to use. Schools were told to provide billing to us and we will reimburse them for the expenses.
- 4.3 Winter state championships – Ocean Breeze announced a change to the state that they will no longer require athletes to be vaccinated to participate. However, spectators and officials will have to be. We will continue to update any changes as things progress. Reminder that for indoor track and boys swimming we will put 4 kids and 2 coaches per room for hotel stays.
- 4.4 Girls Flag Football update – The following schools have confirmed participation this Spring 22. Buffalo Academy of Science, Niagara Falls, Sweet Home, Depew, West Seneca East and West, North Tonawanda, Frontier. Hamburg, Amherst, Iroquois, Williamsville South and Orchard Park were on a waiting list and may get offered a spot.
- 4.5 Officials Negotiations Contract – Still working to schedule a date where each sport group will come in and meet the officials negotiations team.
- 4.6 Officials Vaccination status – Mark met with all the winter groups to let them know about the requirement. Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the first Thursday to provide their eligibility list. If their group is 100% vaccinated they will only need to provide that list one time. If not, every Thursday they will be required to provide a list to the assignors of who is vaccinated or tested that week.
- 4.7 President-Elect 2022-2024 (Central) – President elect position will be open and will come from the Central which is ECIC and Buffalo. Application has been posted on the Bulletin Board.

## 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS (Mark DiFilippo)

On November 2, 2021, the Executive Committee voted and approved the following applications and changes:

- Bowl BG, Brocton, Chautauqua Lake, V 235 D2
- Bowl BG, Kenmore East and West, V 1452 D1
- Bowl BG, Added Friendship to the already approved Hinsdale, Cuba-Rushford, V 285 D2
- Cheer, Silver Creek, Forestville, V 270 D2
- Indoor Track, Health Science CS, WNY Maritime, 423 D2
- Wrestling, Added Depew to previously approved West Seneca East and West, 1238 D1

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

#### Winter

1. Girls Ice Hockey, Add Lockport to the previously approved application West Seneca East and West, Eden, Hamburg

Girls Ice Hockey Committee and coaches have had much discussion pertaining to this merger and are not in favor. Niagara County would like to take Lockport but Hockey Committee has past precedent that they didn't want more than 3 schools in a combination. Special exception was made for West Seneca to add Eden to "save" that program at the time as well as to get Niagara County into the league. West Seneca decided to withdraw the COS application. KenTon said if Lockport was interested they would take them on and get paperwork in.

Dunkirk has requested change to existing approved cos application(s) of Indoor Track B/G and Boys Swimming.

Indoor Track, request to ADD Silver Creek to Dunkirk, Forestville

Boys Swimming request to ADD Fredonia and REMOVE Westfield from Dunkirk, Forestville

The Executive Committee agreed to add that to the afternoon agenda as a Demerger and new COS pending league approval and paperwork to the Section office.

### 5.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Eden Boys Lacrosse as Independent Status

Discussion about the boy's lacrosse committee not in favor of this approval. They have not been in favor in the past but Section VI has approved. Eden chooses to go independent for better competition but gives up the right to have all-star selections because they are not part of a league. Executive Committee decided to let the Athletic council make the decision.

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

- Basketball-Boys, Lockport Boys Basketball Tip Off Tournament, 12/2-4/21 at Lockport HS sponsored by Rotary of Lockport & Lockport HS, Insurance Pending
- Wrestling, Lockport Wrestling Tournament, 1/14-15/22 at Lockport HS sponsored by Sunrise Optimist Club & Lockport HS, Insurance Pending

## 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 (Attachment)

6.3.2 2020-21 Audit Report

6.3.3 2022-23 Budget presentation (Attachment) – Look to approve the budget at January Athletic Council meeting

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

6.4.1 Unified Sports Scheduling – Will be more geographical this year. Can't be completely league based because the CCAA, Buffalo and N/O leagues do not have enough participating teams.

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### 6.5 Safety (TBA) *Nothing to Report*

### 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 October 2021 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting**

1. Amateur Rule Revision
2. New regional assignments for Girls Volleyball, 2022-25
3. New regional rotation for Boys Volleyball, 2022-24
4. Allow schools to enter relay teams without individual athlete names in the sports of Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving –
5. Regional rotations established for team competition for 6 year cycle in the sport of Girls Tennis
6. Mandating all tennis players to “claim: profiles on UTR and require schools to submit season results

7. Increased the minimum number of contests to qualify for states from 2 to 3 in the sport of Competitive Cheerleading
8. Regional rotations established for team competition for a 6-year cycle in the sport of Boys Tennis
9. Allow Bowling to conduct virtual matches with section or league approval.
10. Approved NYSPHSAA Dues and ticket prices frozen for 2022-23
11. Approved 2022-23 School Enrollment numbers (Attachment)

**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.**

12. Classification Cut-Off Format
13. Championship Philosophy – Criteria for Sixth Classification
14. NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Officials Fees increase

***\*Remind leagues about #7 and have discussions and be ready to vote about #12 and #13 in January.***

6.8 Extended Eligibility (Mark DiFilippo)  
*Nothing to report*

6.9 Chemical Awareness (John Grzymala)  
*Nothing to Report*

6.10 Transfer/ Foreign Student (Mark DiFilippo)  
*Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee*

6.11 Sportsmanship (Jim Graczyk & Doug Ames)  
The April Sportsmanship meeting may have an action item for the State to mandate a parent who gets thrown out of a contest be required to watch the “Parent’s Seat” video series before being allowed back. Discuss at your league meetings.

6.12 Veterans (Jim Trampert) - Will not be at this afternoon’s meeting

6.13 Mixed Competition (Al Gens)  
*Nothing to Report*

6.14 Nominations (Maureen Donahue)

6.14.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Matt McKenna, Athletic Director Niagara Wheatfield as Safety Chair

6.15 Corporate Partner (Mark DiFilippo)  
*Nothing to Report*

6.16 Hall of Fame (Jim Dunnigan) – Jim will be at the afternoon meeting to remind folks of the Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Ceremony.

6.17 Unified Sports (Doug Ames) – Doug will present his report this afternoon

## **7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (Jeff Roth)**

Applications are open Fall Deadline Monday, December 6, 2021

### **7.2 Charter Schools (Mark DiFilippo)**

7.2.1 Charter School Placement-Dr. Rabey chairing the Ad Hoc committee for placement of the 5 Charter Schools - Dr. Rabey prepped the group that his committee met and representatives from the ECIC, N/O and Charters were in attendance. He wants gather more data from the Charters and present it to the committee with hopes of coming up with a proposal for Athletic Council in January,

## **8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.1 NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2021 (Attachment)

8.2 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Meeting Minutes-November 3, 2021 (Attachment)

## **9.0 GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA Report (Robert Zayas) - Robert will be in attendance this afternoon

9.2 NYSAAA Report (Jeff Roth)

Athletic Directors Certifications (Attachment)

Hoping that our Superintendents can support and get behind this very important initiative. The NYSAAA has been working on this for a number of years and is ready to bring it to SED for approval.

## **10.0 SPORTS REPORTS**

None Due at this time

## **11.0 OLD BUSINESS**

Appeal procedure – Mark presented the Constitutional and By-Law changes that would be needed to move to an Appeals committee and/or charge an appeals fee similar to the State Association. Please review documents so we can discuss in December.

## **12.0 NEW BUSINESS**

## **13.0 GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT**