

Section VI Athletics – Executive Director Proposal

FAQs...

Can we hire the Full Time Executive Director without a dues increase?

The joint committees have recommended a “hybrid” funding system for the first year that involves an increase in dues which will be offset by a rebate to each district from the fund balance so there is not additional cost to districts next year.

Why increase dues?

Dues are structured to finance the office operations. By increasing the dues for 2009-2010 districts will be eligible for BOCES Aid on the money during the 2010-2011 school year. This sets up support to fund the position going forward.

Where does the rebate come from and why would we provide it?

Section VI events generate receipts that either fund additional services for districts, i.e. travel and hotel/meal expense or go to fund balance. If there is a year end surplus in office operations it could also go to fund balance. There is a limit to the size of fund balance allowed. The Section VI fund balance has reached a high point so it made sense to rebate money to districts in an effort to get this position up and running in today’s tough fiscal environment. However, we also recommended charging the new Executive Director and Finance Committee to develop a three year fiscal plan that addresses fund balance management through planned service increases and/or rebates as needed.

What positions will be eliminated?

The Part-time Executive Director, Treasurer, and Official’s Coordinator positions would be eliminated under the proposal. An additional part-time Financial Clerk position would be created that would also be funded through BOCES.

What other savings have been realized in the proposal?

The funding for the position will run through BOCES yielding aide on the first \$30,000 of the salary and all benefits. In addition, a portion of salary of the Assistant to the Executive Director is planned to be funded through BOCES. A concerted effort is being made to run all aidable expenses through BOCES.

What plans are in place to support the position in the future?

It is anticipated that more consistent oversight will help capture all revenues available as well as result in increased efficiencies leading to cost savings over time. In addition, collaboration with BOCES will lead to a gradual move of all positions to be BOCES aidable.

How do you address the fact that this does not help Athletic Directors because the dues come from their budgets, but the rebate comes back to the General Fund?

Our goal is to provide a fiscal structure that makes Athletics palatable to Superintendents and taxpayers in the face of a fiscal crisis the like we have never seen. We will make sure that Superintendents understand the hybrid structure, and encourage them to use the money to provide continued support to the Athletic program. We recommend that Athletic Directors touch base with Principals, Business Officials and/or Superintendents to develop a plan appropriate to the situation within each district.