

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 2009

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.3 **Approved:**
- a) Returning to each district an amount equal to 19.2% of their 2009-10 dues as the one-time reimbursement for the full-time Executive Director position.
 - b) A 3% pay increase for B.Dinse, T.Cowan and L.Ratajczak for 2009-10 retroactive to 7/1/2009.
 - c) Sportchair stipends as proposed.
- Presented:**
The draft of the 2010-2011 Budget. Approval of the budget will be an action item at the January Athletic Council meeting.
- 4.1-4.2 **Approved:** Requests for Outside Agency and Senior All-Star Contests
- 4.3 H1N1 issue: Section VI will reschedule sectional contests due to team illness only if days are available within the pos-season time frame.
- 5.1 Global Concepts Charter School is approved as a new member effective 11/2/09. Member schools can compete against this new school.
- 8.3 **Defeated:** Support for NYSPHSAA dues increase.
Approved: Support for use of the NFHS replay review rule for NYSPHSAA Championship semi-finals and finals if it can be done at no at no additional cost to the Association.
Approved: Support for re-instating in 2010-11 the contests that were eliminated.
- 8.4 The deadline to nominate athletes for the NYSAAA scholarship award is December 11.
- 9.6 **Approved:** Recommendations from the modified committee for participation in pilot programs in softball, wrestling and track and a change in game conditions for softball.
- 9.10 **Approved:**
- a) Changes to the qualifications for sectional bowling competition.
 - b) Split crew of officials for regional girls basketball if agreed to by Section 5 and 16-minute halves in varsity non-league contests for 2009-10 upon mutual agreement of both schools.
 - d) Independent schedule for Jamestown Boys Lacrosse with no post-season play.

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Roll Call (* indicates attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President * Mike Wendt
 President-Elect * Diane Munro
 Superintendents Rep * Jeff Rabey
 Principals Rep * James Dunnigan
 Boys Rep * Don Scholla
 Girls Rep * Cindy Bullis
 Exec. Secretary * Robert A. Dinse
 Asst. Exec. Secretary * Cindy Szczesny
 Treasurer * Loren Ratajczak
 Officials Coordinator * Tom Cowan
 Parliamentarian * Ron Black
 Past President * Chuck Amo
 BOCES Rep * John Montesanti

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Awards * Jim Trampert
 Chem. Awareness Doug Ames
 Corporate Sponsor * Timm Slade
 Ext. Eligibility Jerry Baldelli
 Finance * Loren Ratajczak
 Media Leo Kaminsky
 Modified (Boys) * Adam Stoltman
 Modified (Girls) * Katie McGowan
 NYSAAA * Brett Banker
 Policy Handbook Mark Ward
 Safety Tim Marong
 Sect./Intersectional * Robert Dinse
 Sportsmanship Doug Ames
 Transfer Chairman * Ron Black
 Veterans * Jim Trampert

SPORTCHAIRS

Boys Tennis * T.McMahon
 Wrestling * Mike DeBarbieri
 Softball * Dan Brooks
 Ice Hockey * Mark DiFilippo
 Boys Basketball * Jim Walker
 Girls Golf * Betsy Ulmer

GUESTS

Interim AD W.Sen. * Larry Bryant

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

Superintendents Rep/AD	* David Thomas	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson
Girls Rep	Andrea Norton, City Honors	Betty Pope, McKinley
Boys Rep	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	Davis Sardo, Hutch Tech

CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep	Stephen Vanstrom, Frewsburg	* Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
Girls Rep	* Donna Kubera, Dunkirk	Paul Ksionzyk, Olean
Boys Rep	* Rick DeKay, West Valley	Mike DeBarbieri, Portville

ERIE COUNTI IONTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)

Superintendents Rep	* Ron DeCarli, Frontier	Kim Mueller, Depew
Girls Rep	* Nancy Riccio, Amherst	Dawn Bak, Tonawanda
Boys Rep	Jim Graczyk, Pioneer	Dan McGrath, Depew
		* Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)

Superintendents Rep	* Vincent Vecchiarella, N.Tonawanda	Bob Christmann, Grand Island
Girls Rep	* Mark DiFilippo, Niagara Wheatfield	Scott Townsend, Lew-Port
Boys Rep	Patrick Burke, Lockport	* Brett Banker, Ken-Ton

NIAGARA ORLEANS (NO)

Superintendents Rep	* Kevin MacDonald, RoyHart	Ada Grabowski, Albion
Girls Rep	* Ken Stoldt, Akron	Charlie Jufer, Wilson
Boys Rep	* Bill Stedman, Barker	* Jim Conley, Newfane

SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (by BOCES)

Erie 1 BOCES	* Mark Mondanaro, Ken-Ton	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	* John O'Connor, Forestville	TBA
ON BOCES	Roger Klatt, Barker	Neal Miller, Medina
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville	TBA

SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

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Items highlighted in yellow are reminders to the responsible parties. Items are highlighted in green when completed

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER/ Introductions** M.Wendt mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org Nina Van Erk,
NYSPHSAA Executive Director and Eileen Troy, NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President were introduced and welcomed.
- 2.0 The minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting were approved.
- 3.0 **TREASURER'S REPORT** L. Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
- 3.1 The Treasurer's Financial Report was reviewed and accepted. It was noted that using a section gate crew at neutral sites has been profitable.
- 3.2 Ice Hockey Task Force J.Rabey jrabey@lakeshore.wnyric.org
The transition of Federation financial operations to Section VI is proceeding smoothly. Schools were invoiced for their participation fees for 2009-10. Payments are being received.
- 3.3 Finance Report: Minutes from the Finance Meeting on 10/21/09 are posted:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Finance/Finance09-10.pdf>
- d) **Motion to approve the recommendation to return to each district an amount equal to 19.2% of their 2009-10 dues as the one-time reimbursement for the full-time Executive Director position CARRIED Munro/Dunnigan**
- e) **Motion to approve a 3% pay increase for B.Dinse, T.Cowan and L.Ratajczak for 2009-10 retroactive to 7/1/2009 CARRIED Dunnigan/Munro**
- f) **Motion to approve the Sportchair stipends as proposed CARRIED Stedman/Kubera**
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391049112849960/lib/11391049112849960/Fees%20Spchair.pdf>
It was noted that fees are *per sport*. Fees for Assistant chairs are at the discretion of the Chair. It was recommended that the wording regarding fees for administrative personnel be changed to correspond to the financial reports (*contests* instead of *hours*)
- d) The draft of the 2010-2011 Budget was presented for review and discussion at league meetings. Approval of the budget will be an action item at the January Athletic Council meeting.
- 3.4 Finance Report Addendum: Minutes from the Finance Meeting on 11/9/09 are posted:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Finance/Finance09-11.pdf>
Motion to approve the procedure outlined in the minutes to correct operational issues related to C. Szczesny's contract CARRIED Munro/Dunnigan.
- 4.0 **EX.SECRETARY'S REPORT** R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com
- 4.1 **Motion to approve the following requests for Outside Agency Contests Dunnigan/Munro**
- a) Girls Basketball Holiday Shoot-Out, Dec. 29-30, 2009 at JCC, Co-Sponsors Sherman Central and JCC
- b) Girls Basketball Hae Jude Tip-Off Classic, Dec. 3 & 5, 2009 at Silver Creek HS, Co-sponsors Silver Creek Central and Hae Jude Signs
- c) Girls Basketball Matt Colpoys Memorial Tournament, Dec. 28-29, 2009 at Kenmore West HS, Cosponsors Ken-Ton District and WNYBOWS
- d) Boys Basketball Lion's Club Tip-Off Tourney, Dec. 3-5, 2009 at Frontier HS, Cosponsors Hamburg Lion's Club and Frontier Central
- e) Boys Basketball Jolly Boys Holiday Tournament, Dec. 29-30, 2009 at Williamsville South HS, Cosponsors Will South Booster Club, Jolly Boys and Williamsville
- f) Boys 11 Dive Invitational, Jan. 16, 2010 at ECC City, Sponsored by Kenmore East HS
- g) Boys Basketball Pendleton Lions Club Tournament, Dec. 29-30, 2009 at Starpoint HS, Co-Sponsored by Starpoint HS and Pendleton Lions Club
- h) Girls Basketball NCCC Winter Basketball Classic, Jan. 2-3, 2010 at NCCC, Co-Sponsored by Starpoint HS and NCCC
- i) Girls Basketball Lockport Kiwanis G.Basketball Tourney, Feb. 19-20, 2010 at Lockport HS, Co-Sponsored by Lockport City Schools and Lockport Kiwanis Club **pending receipt of insurance**
- j) Boys Basketball Lockport Rotary B.Basketball Tourney, Dec. 4-5, 2009 at Lockport HS, Co-Sponsored by Lockport City Schools, Lockport Wrestling Boosters and Lockport Sunrise Optimist Club **pending receipt of insurance**
- k) Wrestling Lockport Sunrise Optimist Wrestling Tourney, Jan.15-16, 2010 at Lockport HS, Co-Sponsored by Lockport City Schools and Lockport Kiwanis Club **pending receipt of insurance**
- An additional contest was brought from the floor for approval. All were reminded that agenda items for the Athletic Council meetings are due at the Section office by **noon on the Friday prior to the meeting**
- Motion to amend the motion to include the following contest CARRIED Munro/Rabey** Boys Basketball: Dunkirk Tip-Off Tourney, Dec. 17-19, 2009 at Dunkirk & Fredonia HS, Co-Sponsored by Dunkirk City Schools and the N. Chaut. Co Boys & Girls Club **pending receipt of insurance**
- The amended motion carried**

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EX.SECRETARY'S REPORT continued

- 4.2 **Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests** **CARRIED Kubera/Stoldt**
a) Boys and Girls Basketball: NO and Genesee Region Senior All-Star contests, Mar. 12, 2010 at Albion HS **pending receipt of application and signatures**
- 4.3 **H1N1 issue:** Section VI will reschedule sectional contests due to team illness only if days are available within the post-season time frame. If necessary, seeding will be adjusted for teams unable to complete their schedule due to illness. Athletic Directors must communicate with each other and the Sportchair in these circumstances. Leagues must determine their own practices regarding this issue. Please see the *Guidelines for Emergency Cancellations and Declared Emergencies* and *H1N1 Facts* posted on the Association website: <http://www.nysphsaa.org/FluEmergencyGuidelines.pdf>
<http://www.nysphsaa.org/H1N1facts.pdf>
- 4.4 Football Sectionals - C.Funke: Stadium Management informed the Section that alcohol was consumed in the parking lot at Ralph Wilson Stadium during sectional play-offs. In the future, letters will be sent to the CSO of participating schools with a reminder of the zero-tolerance policy on alcohol.
- 4.5 Sportsmanship: The following is a recommendation by the Handbook Committee for action by the State Association in December: *During regular season or sectionals, the Section should impose a penalty on the school/coach if the coach has not served the penalty for violating the sportsmanship standard. During regionals and beyond, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director will impose the penalty.*
- 4.6 Handbook Committee: To prevent violation of the rule regarding maximum # contests per season, each sport committee has been asked to define a scrimmage as it applies to their sport.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com

5.1 NYSPHSAA: Global Concepts Charter School has been approved as a new member effective 11/2/09 pending retroactive approval of the State Executive Committee in December. Section VI schools can compete against this new school.

5.2 Sportchair Reports:

- a) Boys Tennis – T.McMahon: The state championships are later this year (June 3-5) due to Memorial Day. The discussion of swapping the seasons has not continued.
- b) Wrestling - M.Debarbieri: The Catholic and PSAL wrestlers will be considered for at-large berths this year. In Jan., the issue of scoring 96# and 285# in all contests will be voted on. Currently scoring these weight classes is optional at dual meets.
- c) Softball-D.Brooks: Sectional AA & A finals will be at Niagara Falls HS. B,C & D finals will be in Dunkirk. Pitching distance will remain at 40' but the Federation has extended to 43'.
- d) Ice Hockey- M.DiFilippo: In 2010-11, classification will be by BEDS #'s: 1100 & up Division 1, under 1100 Division 2. Section opinion will be needed on the issue of contiguous borders for regionals.
- e) Boys Basketball-J.Walker: Boys Basketball is opposed to the reduction in # contests. Sec 5 & 6 agreed to use home officials for regionals. This will provide a cost-savings as well as better quality officials.
- f) Girls Golf-Betsy Ulmer: States will be held at SUNY Delhi. A Division 2 league established for player development, has met with success. Girls Golf has grown from 5 teams last year to 8 this year. Two more teams are expected next year. Thanks were extended to Ms. Ulmer for her efforts to grow the sport.
- g) Girls Basketball- L.Kaminsky: Regionals will be officiated by a split crew. Report is posted:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Sports%20Reports/GBask%20State%20Report%2009-10.pdf>

6.0 **NYSPHSAA REPORT** - Guests: Nina Van Erk, NYSPHSAA Executive Director and Eileen Troy, NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President, State Girls Basketball Chairperson

Oct. Report → http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State_Report_09-10.pdf

Nov. Report → <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Report%20Nov09.pdf>

6.1 All are asked to review the items in the November report regarding Safety, Girls Basketball and the Handbook issue: counting conditioning practices of athletes who switch from one sport to another in a season.

6.2 Reminder: Once an athlete competes in a Senior All-Star contest, their eligibility is done for the season.

7.0 **OLD BUSINESS:** Addressed under respective committee reports.

8.0 **CENTRAL COMMITTEE/ STATE REPORTS**

- 8.1 Superintendent J. Rabey (see item 8.3.3) [jrabe@lakeshore.wnyric.org](mailto:jrabey@lakeshore.wnyric.org)
8.2 Principal J. Dunnigan No Report james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us

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Central Committee Reports continued

- 8.3 Boys/Girls Representative D. Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org C. Bullis bullisc@lew-port.com
Direction is needed on the following issues:
- 8.3.1 NYSPHSAA dues increase for 2010-11: \$30 per school and \$.03 per student. There was much discussion on this proposal. **Motion to support the NYSPHSAA dues increase for 2010-11 was DEFEATED** YES-3 NO-12 **Munro/Bullis**
- 8.3.2 Boys Basketball:
- a) **Motion to support the use of the NFHS replay review rule for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-finals and finals if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association** **CARRIED** YES-17 NO-0 **Thomas/Scholla**
- b) Requiring officials to have experience in 3-person officiating to work the State Tournament was previously approved.
- 8.3.3 Reduction in the # contests for 2010-11: There was much discussion. J.Rabey reported that Section VI superintendents were surveyed. 1/3 responded. 63% were in favor on the reduction. 37% want the contest re-instated. **Motion to support re-instating in 2010-11 the contests that were eliminated** **CARRIED** YES-15 NO-3 **Munro/DeCarli** It was suggested that as an alternative, the formula for determining the reduction should be re-developed to be equitable among sports. There was no support for this proposal. Comments from the Basketball Coaches Assoc. are posted → <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/09-11%20Reduction%20of%20games.pdf>
- 8.4 NYSAAA B. Banker brett_banker@kenton.k12.ny.us
The annual conference will be March 16-19, 2010. To register visit the website <http://nysaaa.org/> All are encouraged to nominate athletes for the scholarship award (deadline Dec. 11) and individuals for the four annual honors: Athletic Administrator, Distinguished Service (non-AD), Secretary of the Year and Community Service Organization. Awards are presented at the March Conference.

9.0 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 9.1 Awards J. Trampert No Report jtramOPspt@aol.com
- 9.2 Chem. Aware/Sportsmanship D. Ames dames@newfane.wnyric.org
State Sportsmanship Report is posted -> <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/Sportsmanship09-10%20State%20report.pdf>
- 9.3 Extended Eligibility G. Baldelli No Report balduche@aol.com
- 9.4 Media L. Kaminsky No Report leokaminsky@roadrunner.com
- 9.5 Nominations Section VI office No Report cszczesny@e1b.org
- 9.6 Modified A.Stoltman(B), K.McGowan(G) astoltman@aldenschools.org, kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org
State Report: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Modified%20Reports/Modified09-11%20State.pdf>
Section VI Report: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Modified%20Reports/Modified09-11%20Sec6.pdf>
The following committee recommendations were approved (see report for details):
- a) **Motion to adopt the change in game conditions for baseball/softball** **CARRIED** **Stedman/Kubera**
- b) **Motion to approve participation in the softball pilot and allow individual leagues to decide if they would like to participate. Leagues would notify the Section VI modified Committee of their decision. The committee will convey their decision to the officials organizations** **CARRIED** **Kubera/Bullis**
- c) **Motion to approve participation in the wrestling pilot beginning in the 2009-10 season** **CARRIED** **Stedman/DeMarco**
- d) **Motion to approve participation in the track pilot beginning in the 2009-10 season** **CARRIED** **Stedman/Bullis**
- Please remind coaches who participate in these pilots to complete the survey on the state website. <http://www.nysphsaa.org/surveys/> The link is also on the Section VI website under Forms & Info....Modified
- 9.7 Officials Coordinating T.Cowan lcowan7@rochester.rr.com
- 9.7.1 Officials Contract Negotiations: The unresolved issue is wages. The Section team is insistent upon a zero increase in year 1. A 7th meeting is being arranged. C. Hope and T.Cowan will rewrite the document to make it more user-friendly and grammatically correct.
- 9.7.2 Lackawanna Boys Soccer Sportsmanship: The Soccer program was carded only once. The goals for probation have been achieved. A recommendation will be forthcoming that Year 3 of probation be dropped if the coaching staff is maintained.
- 9.7.3 Fall Sports Summary:
- a) Form X: 28 claims were paid, 13 were returned to the schools.
- b) Sportsmanship: Only 2 incidents involved coaches. This is a significant improvement from last year indicating that the pro-active approach is successful.
- c) Soccer red/yellow cards are down.

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Officials Coordinating Report continued

9.7.4 Central Management/Assigning of Officials Update: N & S Football and G.Gymnastics were assigned in ArbiterSports. Boys as well as Girls soccer sectionals were done in ArbiterSports by the respective sportchairs. Indoor track and S.Tier Basketball assignments are completed in ArbiterSports. In spring, WNY Umpires Association assigner will assign officials for Section VI member schools in the Section VI account of ArbiterSports. An assigner for girls lacrosse is being sought. **A draft contract similar to boys lacrosse is being prepared.**

9.8 Policy C. Bullis bullisc@lew-port.com
Additional items have added to the Policy book. A second draft will be prepared prior to the January meeting. Finance policies still need to be added.

9.9 Safety T. Marong tmarong@frontier.wnyric.org
The following issues will be discussed at the next Safety Committee meeting with a follow-up report at the January 20 Athletic Council meeting: a) Revised draft heat index policy including wind chill b) Early season football regulations c) Mandating helmets for base coaches in baseball and softball and d) three bats at the modified level

9.10 Sectional/Intersectional R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com
REPORT is posted:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Sectional%20Intersectional/SecIntersec09-10.pdf>
The following items were approved based on committee recommendations:
a) **Bowling: Motion to approve the changes to the qualifications for sectional bowling competition as proposed by the Bowling Committee CARRIED Thomas/Bullis**
b) **Girls Basketball: Motion to approve a split crew of officials for regional girls basketball if agreed to by Section 5 and 16-minute halves in varsity non-league contests for 2009-10 upon mutual agreement of both schools CARRIED Stoldt/Stedman**

c) Girls Golf, Girls Golf, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse pre-season reports were accepted.
REPORT ADDENDUM is posted:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Sectional%20Intersectional/SecIntersec09-11.pdf>
Motion to approve the request for Jamestown to play an independent schedule in boys lacrosse with no post-season play CARRIED Stedman/Stoldt

9.11 Transfer/ Foreign Student R.Black Report emailed 11/13 hronblack@hotmail.com
9.12 Transportation R.Dinse No Report mdinse@roadrunner.com
9.13 Mixed Competition J. Dunnigan No Report james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us

10.0 COMMITTEES (SPECIAL)

10.1 Corporate Sponsor T. Slade No Report tslade@westseneca.wnyric.org
10.2 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert No Report jtramOPspt@aol.com
10.3 AD Hoc Committees:

10.3.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G.Kaszubski gkaszubski@calar.wnyric.org N.Riccio nriccio@amherst.k12.ny.us
Over 550 nominations have been received for All WNY Fall Scholar Athlete. The Selection Committee will meet Monday Nov. 23 at 10:00am.

10.3.2 Charter Schools R.Dinse See item 5.1 mdinse@roadrunner.com

10.3.3 Program Booklets M.Ward No Report mward@eville.wnyric.org

10.3.4 The following Ad Hoc Committees have completed their charge and are dissolved: Sportsmanship, By-Laws/Policy Update, Section Office Review, Executive Director Job Description/Hiring

11.0 **FALL SPORTS REPORTS:** No reports due Pre-Season (Mar) Post-Season (Jan)

12.0 **WINTER SPORTS REPORTS:** No reports due Pre-Season (May) Post-Season (May)

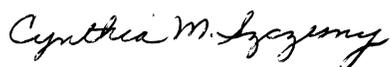
13.0 **SPRING PRE-SEASON SPORTS:** **Pre-Season (Nov)** Post-Season (Sept)

Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Boys Lacrosse & Girls Lacrosse pre-season reports were received. The other spring sports reports will be reviewed by the Sectional/Intersectional Committee Jan.7, 2010. All reports are posted:
http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/2010Spring_Pre-Season_packet.pdf

14.0 NEW BUSINESS

15.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Assistant Executive Secretary/ Recording Secretary