

# Section VI

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2010

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Congratulations to Section VI State Scholar Athlete Champion Teams!  
Wilson Football, Barker Field Hockey and Southwestern Boys Cross Country**

- 4.4 **Approved:** Dropping the last year of probation for the Lackawanna Soccer Program contingent upon retaining the 09-10 coaching staff
- 4.5 **Approved:**  
a) The CCAA league's scheduling of boys volleyball between winter and spring sports (start date 2/25, end date 3/19).  
b) Sports Season Calendar for 2010-11
- 4.6 Nominations are now being accepted for Spring Sportchair positions effective 7/1/10\*.
- 4.7 The Football Federation now includes 9 teams from the City of Buffalo.
- 5.1 **Approved:** Requests for Senior All-Star Contests and Combining Schools for spring sports.
- 5.2 Nominations are now being accepted for Section VI CSO representative to the Central Committee effective 9/1/10.\*
- 6.1 **Approved:**  
a) The 2010-2011 Section VI Budget  
b) The adjusted contract for C.Szczesny
- 6.2 **Approved:**  
a) The Girls Lacrosse proposal for 4 sectional championship games (A,B1,B2,C).  
b) The updated Policy on Travel to State Competition.
- 6.5 **Approved:** A change to the bylaws to allow the Executive Director to approve waivers for the minimum number of contests needed to compete in Sectionals with retroactive approval by the Athletic Council and to approve applications for Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests with retroactive approval by the Athletic Council.
- 10.0 **Approved:** The Football alignment for 2010 pending state approval of the variance to the cut-off #'s for football on January 21, 2010.

\* Leagues/committees should forward nominations to the Section office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224 [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org) or fax: 716-821-7352

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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
Executive Director	* Timm Slade
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

Chem. Awareness	TBA
Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli
Finance	* Loren Ratajczak
Modified (Boys)	* Adam Stoltman
Modified (Girls)	* Katie McGowan
NYSAAA	Brett Banker
Policy Handbook	* Cindy Bullis
Safety	Tim Marong
Sect./Intersectional	* Timm Slade
Sportsmanship	TBA
Transfer Chairman	* Ron Black
Veterans	Jim Trampert

### SPORTCHAIRS

Bob Kowal	* Baseball
Judy Otto	* Field Hockey
Janet Battaglia	* Girls Lacrosse
Todd Marquardt	* Boys Soccer
Chris Durr	* Girls Soccer
Mike DeBarbieri	* Wrestling

### GUESTS

Brian Kiszewski	* MM League
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### 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	* Paul Ksionzyk, Olean	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
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	* Doug Beetow, Eden
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	Dave Carson, Barker

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (by BOCES)**

Erie 1 BOCES	* Mark Mondanaro, Ken-Ton	<b>TBA</b>
Erie 2 BOCES	John O'Connor, Forestville	* Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
ON BOCES	Roger Klatt, Barker	Neal Miller, Medina
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville	<b>TBA</b>

# SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

January 20, 2010

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

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** M. Wendt [mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org](mailto:mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org)
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS** M. Wendt [mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org](mailto:mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org)  
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Executive Director was introduced and welcomed.
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- 3.0 The minutes of the November 18, 2009 were approved.
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)
- 4.1 Transition within the Section VI office: The process is proceeding smoothly. Bob Dinse's last day as Executive Secretary was Dec. 22. Tom Cowan will remain on as Officials Coordinator for several weeks to resolve issues with contract negotiations. Loren Ratajczak will continue as Treasurer to close the fall season finances and get winter started. **The position of account clerk will be addressed as the transition of the three positions nears completion.**
- 4.2 Financial Report – see item 6.1
- 4.3 Officials Coordination
- a) Officials Contract Negotiations: WNYSO now disapproves of the tentative agreement that was reached in December. WNYSO has been given an opportunity to meet with T.Cowan and T.Slade to resolve the concerns prior to January 29.
- b) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Assigner contracts have been signed with L.Moore for girls lacrosse and T.Sutton for boys lacrosse. L.Michael resigned as football assigner. **This position will be posted after the contract with the WNYSO is completed.** Schools with these sports are assessed an additional sport fee to cover assigner costs.
- 4.4 Lackawanna Boys Soccer Sportsmanship: The district has guaranteed that the same coaches will be hired in 2010-11. ***Motion to approve the recommendation of T.Cowan and the Sportsmanship Committee to drop the last year of probation for the Lackawanna Soccer Program contingent upon retaining the 09-10 coaching staff CARRIED Munro Vecchiarella***
- 4.5 Sports Season Calendar 2010-11:
- a) The CCAA league's scheduling of boys volleyball (start date 2/25, end date 3/19) means that the schools involved play four sport seasons. This requires Section approval.  
***Motion to approve the CCAA league's scheduling of Boys Volleyball between winter and spring sports CARRIED Dunnigan/Ksionzyk.***
- b) Sports Season Calendar for 2010-11: Variations for soccer have been included. A request for an earlier start date for modified football will be made after approval is obtained at the state modified meeting in March.  
***Motion to approve the Sports Season Calendar for 2010-11 CARRIED Burke/Dunnigan***  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/SeasonDates1011.pdf>
- 4.6 Nominations: Spring Sportchair terms expire in June 2010. Current chairs have been solicited for their interest in another term. Leagues/committees should forward nominations to the Section office.
- 4.7 The City of Buffalo has requested admission of 9 teams to the Football Federation. Each high school without football will be combined with one that has the sport. **All combining schools paperwork will be submitted by Buffalo by the May meeting.** The City schools have JV programs. The Federation has included the 9 schools in the alignment. East HS, Class A by BEDS #'s, will play in the B division to accommodate their level of play and to balance the alignment.
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)
- 5.1 ***Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests CARRIED Vecchiarella/Bullis***
- a) Girls Basketball: Cheektowaga Lions Senior All-Star contest, 3/27/10 at Cheektowaga High School, cosponsored by Cheektowaga Central and the Cheektowaga Lions Club
- b) Boys & Girls Basketball: Chautauqua County Senior All-Star contest, 3/24/10 at Cassadaga Valley High School, cosponsored by Cassadaga Central and Panama Central
- Motion to approve the following requests for Combining Schools CARRIED Dunnigan/Vecchiarella***
- a) Clymer with Sherman for Boys Golf
- b) Sherman with Clymer for B&G Track & Field
- c) Ellicottville with Franklinville for B&G Track & Field

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- 5.2 Communications from NYSPHSAA:
- a) J.Rabey's term of office as Section VI CSO representative to the Central Committee expires 8/31/10. The position will be appointed at the May Athletic Council meeting. Leagues/ committees should forward nominations to T.Slade at [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org) Current nominations include Jeff Rabey.
  - b) Timm Slade was appointed as the Section VI proxy to the NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committees (Executive Committee 12/16/09)
  - c) Section VI has 3 State Scholar Athlete Champion Teams: Wilson Football, Barker Field Hockey and Southwestern Boys Cross Country. Congratulations to all!! See the Newsletter pages 8-9: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391049121022493/lib/11391049121022493/10-1.pdf>
- 5.3 Softball: The approved pitching distance at all NYSPHSAA games is 40 feet. The Catholic league changed their pitching distance to 43 feet. As per N.VanErk, when playing schools in the CHSAA, the home school's approved distance will be used. At CHSAA schools-43 ft; at NYSPHSAA schools 40 ft.
- 5.4 Donna Kubera has resigned as the Girls Rep for the CCAA League. Paul Ksionzyk will take her place.
- 5.5 Doug Ames has resigned as Sportsmanship Coordinator and Chemical Awareness Chairman due to his new position with the Empire State Games. The job descriptions will be reviewed and the positions posted in the near future. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Ames.
- 5.6 Cardinal O'Hara has begun the process for membership in Section VI by applying to the leagues for membership. The Executive Director of the Msgr. Martin League has also requested a membership application.

## 6.0 STANDING COMMITTEES

- 6.1 Finance L. Ratajczak [lratajczak@e1b.org](mailto:lratajczak@e1b.org)  
The committee recommends approval of the following:
- a) Section VI Budget: There is no dues increase for 2010-11. The per sport fee and classification fees have remained the same although school classifications may change due to the state approved change in cut-off #'s. Approximately \$73,000 will be available in the account for Benefits to District Athletics. Usage of these funds will be reviewed by the Finance Committee prior to the end of the school year. A recommendation will be brought back to the Athletic Council.  
**Motion to approve the 2010-2011 Section VI Budget CARRIED Stoldt/Dunnigan**
  - b) Operational issues-C.Szczesny's contract: Corrections to the contract were approved by the Section attorney. No concerns were raised by the Finance Committee.  
**Motion to approve the adjusted contract for C.Szczesny CARRIED Stedman/Dunnigan**
  - c) The one-time reimbursements to schools for the full-time Executive Director position will be issued as a credit towards 2010-11 Section dues instead of a check to the district. This credit will be specifically noted in the dues invoice as a one-year-only dues reduction. J.Rabey will communicate this information to the Superintendents.
- 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org) Report is posted: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Sectional%20Intersectional/SecIntersec10-1.pdf>  
The committee recommends approval of the following:
- c) Girls Lacrosse requests an additional sectional championship at no cost to the Section. The extra game will be a revenue source for the Section. **Motion to approve the girls lacrosse proposal for 4 sectional championship games (A,B1,B2,C) CARRIED DiFilippo/Dunnigan**
  - d) The Policy on Travel to State Competition has been updated to tighten regulations. **Motion to approve the updated Policy on Travel to State Competition CARRIED Munro/Bullis**  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/Travel%20Policy%20Oct.09%20DRAFT.pdf>
  - c) Sports Season Calendar for 2010-2011 was approved. (See item 4.5a)
  - d) B.Soccer (Item 5) requests that the use of the state sportsmanship policy in soccer be revisited. Statistics show that the stricter Section policy has improved sportsmanship and no athletes lost eligibility with its use. The Girls Soccer committee prefers the Section policy. President Wendt directed T.Slade to work with the soccer chairs on the issue and to address the potential for approaching the state to consider a stricter policy in the future.
- 6.3 Safety Report is posted: T. Marong [tmarong@frontier.wnyric.org](mailto:tmarong@frontier.wnyric.org)  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Safety%20Reports/Safety10-1.pdf>
- 6.4 Modified A.Stoltman(B) [astoltman@aldenschools.org](mailto:astoltman@aldenschools.org) K.McGowan(G)[kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org](mailto:kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org)
- a) Approval to start modified football Aug. 28 will be requested at the state modified meeting in March.
  - b) Please remind coaches who participate in the modified pilot programs to complete the survey on the state website. <http://www.nysphsaa.org/surveys/>

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- 6.5 Policy C. Bullis [cbullis@lew-port.com](mailto:cbullis@lew-port.com)  
a) **Motion to approve the following change to the bylaws CARRIED Munro/Dunnigan**  
Under Performance Responsibilities of the Executive Director add:  
3.6.2.16 Approve waivers for the minimum number of contests needed to compete in Sectionals with retroactive approval by the Athletic Council.  
3.6.2.17 Approve applications for Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests with retroactive approval by the Athletic Council.  
b) A DRAFT of the Policy Manual is posted on the website for review. Finance Policies will be added in the near future. Send comments to C.Bullis [cbullis@lew-port.com](mailto:cbullis@lew-port.com)  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/Policy%20Draft%203%2012-09%20for%20posting.pdf>
- 6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee  
a) Superintendent No Report J. Rabey [jrabey@lakeshore.wnyric.org](mailto:jrabey@lakeshore.wnyric.org)  
b) Principal No Report J. Dunnigan [james\\_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us)  
c) Boys Rep D. Scholla [dscholla@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:dscholla@olean.wnyric.org)  
Girls Rep C. Bullis [bullisc@lew-port.com](mailto:bullisc@lew-port.com)  
Report from the State Executive Committee Meeting in December is posted:  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Mtq%2009-12.pdf>  
Highlights include: Re-instating contests was defeated. Change in cut-off #'s for 5 class sports was approved. State dues increase for 2010 -11 was approved.
- 6.7 Extended Eligibility: No Report G. Baldelli [balduche@aol.com](mailto:balduche@aol.com)  
6.8 Chemical Awareness No Report TBA  
6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black [hronblack@hotmail.com](mailto:hronblack@hotmail.com)  
Report was emailed 1/15.
- 6.10 Sportsmanship TBA Report by Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Asst. Director  
a) Participation in the NYS Good Sports Program is encouraged. Schools must complete an on-line self-assessment by April 15. They will receive a sportsmanship certificate and potentially qualify for nomination by Section 6 as a state award winner.  
b) Input is needed on when an end-of-the-season ejection penalty should be served by the athlete.  
c) For discussion at the next State Exec meeting (4/1): When coaches do not fulfill the penalty of the Sportsmanship Regulation during the regular season and sectional competition, the Section will impose a penalty on the coach/school. During regional and state championship competition, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director will impose the penalty.
- 6.11 Veterans (Retirees) No Report J. Trampert [jtrampOPspt@aol.com](mailto:jtrampOPspt@aol.com)  
6.12 Mixed Competition No Report J. Dunnigan [james\\_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us)
- 7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**  
7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G.Kaszubski [gkaszubski@calar.wnyric.org](mailto:gkaszubski@calar.wnyric.org) N.Riccio [nriccio@amherst.k12.ny.us](mailto:nriccio@amherst.k12.ny.us)  
There were 120 winners selected from 572 nominations for the Fall Award. Winners are posted on the section website: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/section6/site/default.asp> Under General Information....click on Scholar Athlete.....then 2009-2010 All-WNY. ADPRO SPORTS is the cosponsor for this program.
- 7.2 Charter Schools No Report T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)  
7.3 Program Booklets No Report M. Ward [mward@eville.wnyric.org](mailto:mward@eville.wnyric.org)
- 8.0 **STATE SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS:**  
All sport committees have been requested to define a scrimmage. The definitions will be included in the State Handbook.
- 8.1 Girls Lacrosse- Janet Battaglia/ Rick Schmitt  
Helmets are not mandated for 2010. The Safety Committee will continue to monitor head injuries. The rule on how to resume a suspended game was clarified (applied to sectional final competition and beyond). New rules: A coach can call time-out on a dead-ball during their own possession and a defender must be a stick-length away from a competitor. A classification variation for 2011 is being requested for approval at the 1/21/10 State Exec meeting. Uniform changes will be required in 2013.
- 8.2 Boys Lacrosse- John Faller No Report  
8.3 Girls Soccer- Chris Durr  
We are currently looking at the data to determine whether or not to submit a request for a specific classification variation for girls soccer. The chairmen from Sections 5 and 6 will be asking their Executive Directors for the approval to use officials from another section if necessary. The girls soccer committee is in favor of keeping the current sportsmanship policy.



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STATE SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

- 8.4 Boys Soccer- Todd Marquardt  
Congratulations to Clarence, Holland and Grover Cleveland for reaching state final four! Use of neutral sites for semi-finals was successful. An outside developer created a boys soccer website that has proved very functional. Section 6 will host regionals in 2010 and request 4 officials. Middleton HS, Section 9 will be the site for State championships.
- 8.5 Field Hockey- Judy Otto  
Cut off #'s for 2010 have not changed. New uniforms will be required in 2011. Recruiting officials should be emphasized. All schools are asked to adhere to the section policy regarding site changes for sectionals.
- 8.6 Baseball- Bob Kowal  
Rule changes will be available January 30.
- 8.7 Wrestling- Mike DeBarbieri  
There were very few hydration failures this season. To be discussed is moving certification to a later date and forgoing the hydration. Four officials selected for states are from Section 6. There will be a vote soon to adopt the National Federation rules which allows 96 & 285 lb weight classes in dual meets. There is concern over coaches not logging into the national website as required, threatening the eligibility of their athletes. T.Slade will contact the coaches in question. It was agreed that there should be consequences for coaches who don't cooperate with requirements. This issue was referred to Sectional/ Intersectional Committee.

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS:**

- 9.1 NYSPHSAA - Todd Nelson, Assistant Executive Director NYSPHSAA [tnelson@nysphsaa.org](mailto:tnelson@nysphsaa.org)  
January Report → [http://nysphsaa.org/minutes/pdf/aor\\_1001.pdf](http://nysphsaa.org/minutes/pdf/aor_1001.pdf)  
a) For discussion: Carrying practices over from one sport to another within a season.  
b) District input is requested on a format change for coaching clinics from 10 separate sport clinics to 2 coaching symposiums (fall & spring) with break-out sessions for sport specific workshops.  
c) Please encourage attendance at the free Citizenship Through Athletics course Feb.3 at 10:00am at the NYSPHSAA office. To register contact Todd Nelson 866-598-2816 [tnelson@nysphsaa.org](mailto:tnelson@nysphsaa.org)
- 9.2 NYSAAA No Report B. Banker [Brett\\_banker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:Brett_banker@kenton.k12.ny.us)

10.0 **FALL SPORTS POST SEASON REPORTS** were received. All Reports are posted on the website:

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Packet10SpringPre3.pdf>

- a) Football: ***Motion to approve the proposed alignment for 2010 pending state approval of the variance to the cut-off #'s for football on January 21 CARRIED Stedman/Dunnigan***

There was discussion regarding the possibility of the D schools proposing an alignment for equal caliber competition. The Superintendents of participating schools would sign-off on non-participation in play-offs. S.Vanstrom will take the issue to the Far West Council of Superintendents for discussion.

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

**SPRING PRE-SEASON SPORTS REPORTS** for Baseball, Softball and Track were received. They are posted on the website: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/PacketFall09PostSeason.pdf>

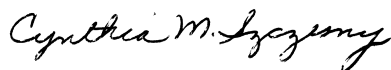
11.0 **OLD BUSINESS** None

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 12.1 Schools moving up a class for competition: Schools can move up to a higher classification for sectional competition but must remain at that classification through states (Section VI Constitution 13.3). This will be a concern in the sport of Ice Hockey with the new cut-off #'s for 2010-11. A procedure is needed. President Wendt directed T.Slade to research and clarify the matter in the next monthly report.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Assistant Executive Secretary/ Recording Secretary