

# Section VI

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2010

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 4.2 **APPROVED:** Support for the current arbitration process
- 4.4 **APPROVED:** Support for the proposed change to the Transfer Rule
- 4.5 **APPROVED:** Support for the Safety Committee's recommendation that helmets are not mandated in girls lacrosse
- 5.1 **APPROVED:** Outside Agency and Senior All-Star Contests
- 6.1 **APPROVED:**
- c) The BOCES Communications Services Proposal for the Section VI website at an annual cost not to exceed \$2,400
  - d) Using the Benefits to Districts funds in 2010-11 as a rebate to schools that have participated in state competition
  - e) The Appointment of Deborah Coder, Business Official Lockport as the Finance Committee Chairperson
  - f) An increase in the fee for an officials ID card from \$5 to \$10
- 6.6 **DEFEATED:**
- c) Support for the extension of the current cost cutting measures (reduction of contests)
- 8.1 **APPROVED:** Girls Basketball - Support for continuing NCAA rules and adopt the concussion rule.
- 8.5 **APPROVED:** Softball - Support for retaining the 40ft. pitching distance for softball.

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Roll Call (\* indicates attendance)

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	* Diane Munro
President-Elect	* Jeff Rabey
Supt Rep/Past Pres.	* Mike Wendt
Principals Rep	* James Dunnigan
Boys Rep	* Don Scholla
Girls Rep	Cindy Bullis
Executive Director	* Timm Slade
Executive Assistant	* Cindy Szczesny
Treasurer	* Loren Ratajczak
Parliamentarian	* Ron Black

### 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	Fred Thornley
Sect./Intersectional Sportsmanship	* Timm Slade
Transfer Chairman	* Ron Black
Veterans	Jim Trampert

### SPORTCHAIRS

Jim Walker	* Boys Basketball
Mark Kruzynski	* Softball
Terry McMahon	* Boys Tennis

### GUESTS

### LEAGUE

### REPRESENTATIVE

### ALTERNATE

#### **BUFFALO**

Superintendents Rep/AD	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	TBA
Principals Rep	TBA	TBA
Girls Rep	TBA	TBA
Boys Rep	TBA	TBA

#### **CHAUTAUGUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)**

Superintendents Rep	* Stephen Vanstrom, Frewsburg	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
Principals Rep	* Jud Foy, Cassadaga Valley	TBA
Girls Rep	* Paul Ksionzyk, Olean	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys Rep	* Rick DeKay, Retired	Mel Swanson, Sherman

#### **ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)**

Superintendents Rep	* Dr. Whitney Vantine, Tonawanda	TBA
Principals Rep	* Jim Biryła, Holland	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls Rep	* Nancy Riccio, Amherst	Doug Beetow, Eden
Boys Rep	Jim Graczyk, Pioneer	N Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home

#### **NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)**

Superintendents Rep	Bob Christmann, Grand Island	TBA
Principals Rep	* Jim Spanbauer, Niagara Falls	Joe Greco, Kenmore West
Girls Rep	* Mark DiFilippo, Niagara Wheatfield	Brett Banker, Ken-Ton
Boys Rep	* Patrick Burke, Lockport	Brett Banker, Ken-Ton

#### **NIAGARA ORLEANS (NO)**

Superintendents Rep	* Kevin MacDonald, Roy-Hart	Michael Bonnewell, Albion
Principals Rep	* Mark Kruzynski, Medina	Leslie Stauss, Albion
Girls Rep	* Joel Reed, Charter School for Applied Tech.	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys Rep	* Bill Stedman, Barker	Dave Carson, Barker

#### **Superintendent Representation by BOCES**

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

# SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

November 17, 2010

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

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by President Diane Munro. [dmunro@alli.wnyric.org](mailto:dmunro@alli.wnyric.org)
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS**  
Timm Slade introduced and welcomed the new Superintendent Rep for ECIC Dr. Whitney Vantine.
- 3.0 **MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 22, 2010 were approved.
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)
- 4.1 Officials Coordination- Central Management/Assigning of Officials  
Fall- All post season contests were entered in arbitersports and the majority of contests were assigned using the system. Winter- All winter post-season contests will be entered and assigned in the system. **Payment of Ice Hockey officials using arbiter and RefPay will be piloted.**
- 4.2 NYSPHSAA Fact Finding Proposal/ arbitration: NYSPHSAA has recommended remaining with the current system for arbitration which is effective and less expensive than the new system that has been proposed. **Motion to support the current arbitration process CARRIED Dunnigan/Ksionzyk**
- 4.3 Leagues are asked to review the Calendar of Season Dates 2011-12. **This will be an action item in January:** <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/SeasonDates1112.pdf>
- 4.4 Transfer Rule: NYSPHSAA has proposed a change to the Transfer Rule regarding academic advantage that will allow for a 3-credit combination of any of the following: Dual credit, IB or AP courses. Dr. Black, Section VI Transfer Chairperson supports the proposal. **Motion to support the proposed change to the Transfer Rule CARRIED Wendt/Dunnigan**
- 4.5 Girls Lacrosse Helmets: An Injury Summary for Female Sports (link below) indicates that head injuries in girls lacrosse are not any more significant than head injuries in other sports. The game may be played and officiated differently if helmets are mandated. The Section VI Safety Committee does not support the proposal. **Motion to support the Safety Committee's recommendation that helmets are not mandated in girls lacrosse CARRIED Riccio/ Burke**  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Safety%20Reports/Injury%20Summary.pdf>
- 4.6 Practice at Championship Venues: Indoor sports such as basketball do not allow practice at a championship venue. Should practice be allowed at the championship venue in some sports, such as field hockey, where there is a lack of turf fields available for practice? The issue was referred to the Sectional/Intersectional Committee for review **with a report due at the January meeting.**
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)
- 5.1 **Motion to approve the following contests CARRIED Rabey/Wendt**  
Outside Agency:
- a) Girls Basketball, Colpoys Tournament on 12/29-30/10 at Kenmore West HS, Cosponsored by Ken-Ton schools, WNYBOWS and Buffalo Firefighters (approved by T.Slade 10/23/10)
  - b) Boys Basketball, Cataract Classic on 12/10-11/10 at Niagara Falls HS, Sponsored by Niagara Falls City Schools **pending receipt of report from 2009 Tournament** (approved by T.Slade 10/23/10)
  - c) Wrestling, NFWOA Tournament on 1/7-8/11 at NCCC, Cosponsored by Eden Central and NFWOA (approved by T.Slade 10/27/10)
  - d) Boys Basketball, Pendleton Lions Club Holiday Tournament on 12/28-29/10 at Starpoint HS, Sponsored by Starpoint Central and Pendleton Lions Club
  - e) Boys Basketball, Lions Club Tip-off Tourney on 12/2-4/10 at Frontier HS, co-sponsored by Frontier Central and the Town of Hamburg Lions Club **pending receipt of report from 2009 Tournament**
- Senior All-Star:
- f) Senior All-Star Boys and Girls Basketball contests on 3/11/2011 at Medina HS, cosponsored by the NO league and Section V **pending receipt of insurance**
- 5.2 Communications from NYSPHSAA: The Elmwood Franklin school was approved as a Friends and Neighbor school pending retroactive action by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee in December.
- 6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 6.1 Finance Report/Minutes: L.Ratajczak [lratajczak@e1b.org](mailto:lratajczak@e1b.org)  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Finance/Finance10-10.pdf>
- a) Gate management for fall sports at neutral sites by the Section office proved very successful, especially at All High Stadium where a ticket system was piloted. Gate receipts were increased over last year with over \$70,000 collected for regional football.

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Finance Report continued

- b) The Proposed Budget for 2011-12 was presented. Highlights include zero dues increase, an increase in office revenue due to fees charged for Central Management of officials (arbitersports) and Buffalo schools participating in Section VI football and also a reduction in office expenditures.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Postponed from the September 22, 2010 meeting:  
**Motion to approve the BOCES Communications Services Proposal for the Section VI website at a one-time cost not to exceed \$2,400 CARRIED Rabey/Dunnigan**  
Recommended by the Finance Committee October 2010:
- d) **Motion to approve using the Benefits to Districts funds in 2010-11 as a rebate to schools that have participated in state competition CARRIED Scholla/Dunnigan.** The formula for funds distribution will be presented by the Finance Committee for approval in May 2011.
- e) The current Finance Committee Chair appointment is not in accordance with Section VI Bylaws 4.1.1  
**Motion to appoint Deborah Coder, Business Official Lockport as the Finance Committee Chairperson CARRIED Reed/Vanstrom**
- f) Expenses for Sports Official's ID card equipment and supplies have increased. **Motion to approve an increase in the fee for an officials ID card from \$5 to \$10 CARRIED Biryła/Burke**

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional Report/Minutes T.Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Sectional%20Intersectional/SecIntersec10-10.pdf>

Championship venues are being reviewed to reduce costs. Pre-season Spring Sports Reports have been reviewed except for baseball, softball and track. These will be reviewed at the January 6 meeting. Reports are on the website <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=53134>

6.3 Safety F. Thornley [fthornley@eastauroraschools.org](mailto:fthornley@eastauroraschools.org)

Report received. See item 4.5.

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)

Modified committees state-wide are trying to be pro-active in preventing the loss of modified programs due to the fiscal crisis in NYS. The 50/50 scrimmage rule is an option (state handbook p.132) A pilot program will be conducted in track and softball. It was noted that modified rules differ from league to league. Modified chairs were directed to present details to T.Slade for review.

6.5 Policy C. Bullis [cbullis@lew-port.com](mailto:cbullis@lew-port.com)

A Business Official as the Finance Committee Chairperson (item 6.1e) is now in line with the Bylaws.

6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee

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| a) Superintendent | M. Wendt    | <a href="mailto:mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org">mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org</a>               | No Report |
| b) Principal      | J. Dunnigan | <a href="mailto:james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us">james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us</a> | No Report |
| c) Boys Rep       | D. Scholla  | <a href="mailto:dscholla@olean.wnyric.org">dscholla@olean.wnyric.org</a>             |           |
| Girls Rep         | C. Bullis   | <a href="mailto:bullisc@lew-port.com">bullisc@lew-port.com</a>                       |           |

There was much discussion on the worsening fiscal situation in NYS including additional state "take-backs" from districts and the proposed 2% property tax cap. An extension of the NYSPHSAA fiscal concerns recommendations, including the reduction of contests, will be discussed at the Dec. 5-6 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. Direction is needed for our Central Committee reps.

**Motion to direct the Section Representatives, if necessary, to support the extension of the current cost cutting measures (reduction of contests) was DEFEATED 12 NO and 10 YES Rabey/Wendt**

It was noted that if there is an alternative proposal at the Dec.5-6 meeting, the following will occur:

- The proposal will be emailed to Section VI Athletic Council (AC) members by December 7.
- AC members will be required to secure league input and submit a vote (yeah or nay) on the proposal via email no later than Friday December 17 at 4:00pm.
- The AC votes will be tallied. Section VI Central Committee representatives will be charged to vote as indicated by the results.
- The NYSPHSAA Central Committee will convene via teleconference on December 21 to vote.
- Section VI AC members will be notified of the results of the vote by December 22.

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees on Championship Philosophy P.Burke

The Committee met in October. Objections to their proposal were presented by Indoor and Outdoor track, Boys and Girls Swim, Skiing and Cross country. The committee will meet again in January

6.7 Extended Eligibility: G. Baldelli No Report [balduche@aol.com](mailto:balduche@aol.com)

6.8 Chemical Awareness TBA No Report

6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black Reports received [hronblack@hotmail.com](mailto:hronblack@hotmail.com)

6.10 Sportsmanship D. Beetow No Report [dbeetow@edencsd.org](mailto:dbeetow@edencsd.org)

6.11 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert No Report [jtramOPspt@aol.com](mailto:jtramOPspt@aol.com)

6.12 Mixed Competition J. Dunnigan No Report [james\\_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us)

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**7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G.Kaszubski [gkaszubski@alar.wnyric.org](mailto:gkaszubski@alar.wnyric.org) N.Riccio [nriccio@amherst.k12.ny.us](mailto:nriccio@amherst.k12.ny.us)  
654 nominations for Fall Scholar athlete have been submitted. The selection committee meets Mon.Nov.22. Results will be posted on the Section 6 website.
- 7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)  
Health Sciences Charter School has expressed interest in Section VI membership. The Charter schools have been meeting monthly and may request to form a league of charter schools.
- 7.3 Evaluation of Executive Director J. Rabey [jrabe@depew.wnyric.org](mailto:jrabey@depew.wnyric.org)  
The draft of the *Evaluation and Goals Program for the Executive Director* position met with negative response. It was agreed that the evaluation process should be separated from goals established for the Executive Director and that compensation for performance be removed. J. Rabey and the Ad Hoc Committee for Evaluation will continue developing an evaluation process for the Executive Director position. M. Wendt agreed to work with a couple of AC members in the process of formulating goals and a vision for Section VI and to assist the Executive Director in developing his annual goals. All were thanked for their input on the process.

**8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 8.1 Girls Basketball Leo Kaminsky Report from State Meeting 10/4/10  
The Girls basketball committee is not in favor of using NFHS Rules instead of NCAA Rules.  
**Motion to support the recommendation to continue using NCAA rules and adopt the concussion rule CARRIED Kruzynski/DiFilippo**
- 8.2 Boys Basketball Jim Walker Report from State Meeting 10/8/10  
Rule changes have been forwarded to coaches and leagues. The state Committee is strongly against an extension of the reduction in contests.
- 8.3 Wrestling M.DeBarbieri/E.Mancino Report from State Meeting 10/12/10 received  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Sports%20Reports/Reports%20from%20state%20Meetings/State%20Mtg%20Wrestling.pdf>
- 8.4 Girls Golf Betsy Ulmer Report from State Meeting 10/28/10 received  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Sports%20Reports/Reports%20from%20state%20Meetings/State%20Mtg%20GGolf.pdf>
- 8.5 Softball Mark Kruzynski Report from State Meeting 11/9/10  
The State committee approved an extension of the ban on metal cleats, keeping ASA rules and a pitching distance of 43 ft. in softball. Section 6 voted against the 43ft. proposal.  
**Motion to direct the Section representatives to vote in support of retaining the 40ft. pitching distance for softball CARRIED Dunnigan/DeMarco**
- 8.6 Boys Tennis Terry McMahan Report from State Meeting 11/15/10 received  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Sports%20Reports/Reports%20from%20state%20Meetings/State%20Mtg%20BTennis.pdf>  
It was noted that the Commitment to Compete does not include the consequences to occur if lack of commitment is demonstrated. This is being addressed by R. Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Asst. Director.

**9.0 GUEST REPORTS:**

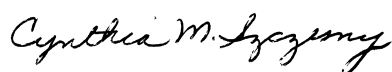
- 9.1 NYSPHSAA:  
Oct. Report: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/113910122814409640/lib/113910122814409640/State%20Report%2010-10.pdf>  
Nov. Report: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/113910122814409640/lib/113910122814409640/State%20Report%2010-11.pdf>
- 9.2 NYSAAA B.Banker No Report [bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us)

**10.0 FALL SPORTS REPORTS:**

- No reports due Pre-Season (Mar) Post-Season (Jan)  
**WINTER SPORTS REPORTS:** No reports due Pre-Season (May) Post-Season (May)  
**SPRING SPORTS PRE SEASON REPORTS were received:** (posted on the AC 11/17/10 page)  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=53134>  
Baseball, softball and track will be received at the January Athletic Council meeting after review by Sectional Intersectional January 6.

- 11.0 **OLD BUSINESS** – addressed under other agenda items above.  
12.0 **NEW BUSINESS** – None  
13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary