

# Section VI

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

March 24, 2010

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 4.3(a) **Approved:** Support for the Highlights of the Tentative Agreement with WNY Sports Officials.
- 4.3(b) **Approved:** Authorization for the Executive Director to appoint Federated Sports Assigner positions.
- 4.4 Nominations are being accepted for Section VI President Elect, Superintendents Rep, Spring Sportchairs and Sportsmanship/Chemical Awareness Chairperson\*  
**Jeff Rabey, Lake Shore** was nominated for t Section VI President Elect  
**Mike Wendt, Wilson** was nominated for Superintendents Rep to the Central Committee
- 4.6 **Approved:** Waivers of the minimum # contests needed for participation in sectional competition.
- 5.1 **Approved:** An early start date (August 19 instead of 23) for CCAA Boys and Girls Soccer in order to compete in a Section 5 tournament on Sept 2.
- 6.1(a) **Approved:** Issuing a check to each district as the district reimbursement for the full-time Exec. Director position instead of a credit towards 2010-11 Section dues.
- 6.1(b) **Approved:** Maintaining current admission prices for sectional contests in 2010-11.
- 6.2 **Approved:** A post-card ballot for the reinstatement of the Principals Representative position to each league on the Athletic Council.
- 6.3 Safety items for approval at the April 13 State Safety Meeting.
- 7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete: There were 104 first-time winners, 26 repeat-winners from fall and 181 Honorable Mention designations selected from 311 nominations for the Winter Award. Congratulations!!
- 8.2 The use of linespeople was referred to the Sectional Intersectional committee to review for girls and boys volleyball in 2010 with a recommendation due at the May meeting.

\* 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

#### 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

Sue Pernick	* Girls Volleyball
Chuck Funke	* Football

#### GUESTS

Brian Kiszewski	* Exec Dir MM League
Bob Hasenoehrl	* AD, BASCS
Sheryl Kelley	* AD, Oracle Charter
Michele Ziegler	* Lancaster

#### 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

##### **CHAUTAUGUA 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

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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** 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)  
Bob Hasenoehrl, AD at BASCS and Sheryl Kelley, AD at Oracle Charter School were introduced and welcomed.
- 3.0 The minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting were approved.
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)
  - 4.1 Sportsmanship:
    - a) 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/ state competition, the NYSPHSAA Exec. Director will impose the penalty. For approval at the State level: the coach will sit-out the next two regularly scheduled contests
    - b) Section VI Soccer Sportsmanship Policy regarding red and yellow cards: The Boys Soccer Committee requested that Section VI use the state policy. T.Slade met with the boys and girls soccer chairs and it was agreed that the more stringent Section VI policy will continue to be used.
  - 4.3 Officials Coordination:
    - a) Officials Contract negotiations are completed. The Section VI Negotiating team feels that the agreement is beneficial to member schools. **Motion to support the Highlights of the Tentative Agreement with WNY Sports Officials CARRIED Rabey/Dunnigan** The final document incorporating these Highlights is being re-written and will be on the agenda for formal approval at the May AC meeting.  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/HIGHLIGHTS%20Contract%2010-13.pdf>
    - b) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: The Northern Football Assigner position needs to be filled as soon as possible. **Motion to authorize the Executive Director to appoint Federated Sports Assigner positions CARRIED Dunnigan/Burke** The position will be posted on the Section VI website and notice will be sent to the Football organizations for distribution to the membership. T.Slade and C.Funke will conduct interviews and select the assigner.
  - 4.4 Nominations are being accepted for the positions listed below. Leagues/committees should forward nominations to T.Slade at [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org):
    - a) Spring Sportchair positions (3-year term to expire 6/30/13). Current nominees are:

Baseball.....	Bob Kowal	Baseball Asst. ....	Jim Conley
Boys Lacrosse..	John Faller	Girls Lacrosse ...	Rick Schmitt
Boys Golf .....	<b>OPEN</b>	Girls Golf .....	Betsy Ulmer
Boys Track .....	Paul Ksionzyk	Girls Track.....	Walt McLaughlin
Boys Tennis.....	Terry McMahon	Softball .....	Mark Kruzynski & Dan Brooks
    - b) Section VI President Elect  
**Motion to nominate Jeff Rabey, Lake Shore Graczyk/Munro**
    - c) Superintendents Rep to the Central Committee (4-year term to expire 8/31/14)  
**Motion to nominate Mike Wendt, Wilson Rabey/Thomas**
    - d) Sportsmanship/ Chemical Awareness Chairman No nominations received
  - 4.5 Discussion items:
    - a) Scrimmages: The definitions of "scrimmage" for each sport submitted by the State sport committees will be an agenda item for approval at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting. It was noted that the new Officials Contract specifies payment for officials at scrimmages at the Varsity and JV levels.  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Scrimmages.pdf>
  - 4.6 **Motion to approve the following waivers of the minimum # contests needed for participation in sectional competition CARRIED Dunnigan/Bullis**
    - a) B. Basketball Sectionals: Ellicottville athlete (approved by ExDir T.Slade 2/24/10).
    - b) G. Basketball Sectionals: Cassadaga Valley athlete (approved by ExDir T.Slade 2/22/10).
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)
  - 5.1 **Motion to approve an early start date (August 19 instead of 23) for CCAA Boys and Girls Soccer in order to compete in a Section 5 tournament on Sept 2 CARRIED Burke/Dunnigan.**
  - 5.2 Wilson Central announced that due to a computer error, they were not recipients of the State Scholar athlete award for football.

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Communications continued

5.3 Contingency Budget Concerns: Athletic programs may be eliminated or reduced due to current fiscal crisis in NYS. If districts budgets fail, schools may need to combine athletic programs after the Section's May deadline for these requests. The Section VI Philosophy emphasizes that our mission is to *meet the needs of all students*. Athletic Council members, sportchairs, assigners and officials will need to be flexible and understanding. Communication between ADs, their league and the Section regarding programs affected by budget status is critical. All are encouraged to contact T.Slade with budget/program issues. **These concerns will be shared with the leadership of the officials organizations at a meeting scheduled in April.**

**6.0 STANDING COMMITTEES**

- 6.1 Finance L.Ratajczak [lratajczak@e1b.org](mailto:lratajczak@e1b.org) Report from meeting 2/24/10:  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Finance/Finance10-02.pdf>
- a) Superintendent and Business Manager reps on the Finance committee advised against a dues reduction as the means of reimbursing districts since dues receive BOCES aid. **Motion to approve issuing a check to each district as the district reimbursement for the full-time Exec. Director position instead of a credit towards 2010-11 Section dues CARRIED McDonald/Riccio**
  - b) **Motion to approve maintaining current admission prices for sectional contests in 2010-11 CARRIED Scholla/Dunnigan**  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391049112849960/lib/11391049112849960/Admissions%2010-11.pdf>
  - c) T.Slade and L.Ratajczak are contacting banks to obtain better interest rates.
- 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional T.Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org) Report from committee meeting 3/4/10:  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Sectional%20Intersectional/SecIntersec10-3.pdf>
- a) **Principal's Rep position:** The Section was unable to nominate an individual for the NYSPHSAA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position since the nominee must be a principals rep for the section. J.Dunnigan, the only Principals Rep in the Section, was not interested in the position. When Mr. Dunnigan retires, his replacement should be a person who currently serves as a Principals Rep. Superintendents and Principals polled were in favor of a return of the Principal's Rep position to the Athletic Council. **Motion to approve the reinstatement of the Principals Representative position to each league on the Athletic Council CARRIED Dunnigan/DiFilippo** It was noted that the NYSPHSAA recommends that the Principals Rep position be filled by a high school principal but a middle school or assistant principal could fill the position as well.
  - b) **Championship Philosophy** issues were addressed at a meeting March 22. Recommendations for the May AC meeting include requiring a minimum of 18 schools in a division for a split, allowing no changes to the seeding after the seeding meeting, denying requests to move up a class and approving a 5-class tournament for wrestling. **The minutes with the recommendations will be posted on the website for the May meeting.**  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Sectional%20Intersectional/SecIntersec10-3a.pdf>
- 6.3 Safety T.Marong [tmarong@frontier.wnyric.org](mailto:tmarong@frontier.wnyric.org)  
Items up for approval at the April 13 State Safety Meeting:
- a) Revised draft heat index policy: Each Section will need to provide a website link to the current heat index by zip code. Districts must designate someone who is responsible for checking the index daily and cancelling practices when indicated.
  - b) Use of locking sleds in football
  - c) Use of -3 bats at the modified level for athletes who can use them successfully.
- 6.4 Modified A.Stoltman(B)[astoltman@aldenschools.org](mailto:astoltman@aldenschools.org) .McGowan(G) [kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org](mailto:kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org)  
A State Modified Committee meeting is scheduled for 3/25/10. A report will be given at the May AC meeting.
- 6.5 Policy C. Bullis [cbullis@lew-port.com](mailto:cbullis@lew-port.com)  
Drafts of the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manual and an itemized list of changes included will be posted on the website for review before the May meeting when **approval will be requested.**
- 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)
- Section VI has premier facilities for both Cross Country and Track State Championships but is not included as a potential host because of the move to centralization of State Championships. The Section VI Track committee is encouraged to pursue the issue with the State Track Committee.  
Report from the January 21 State Executive Committee Meeting:  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Mtg%2010-1.pdf>  
Report from the State Handbook Committee:  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Handbook%2010-02.pdf>

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d) NYSPPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees

- Cheerleading M. Ziegler [mziegler@lanaster.wnyric.org](mailto:mziegler@lanaster.wnyric.org)  
Report from state meeting 2/2/10: The emphasis is on safety, employing experienced staff and program credibility. The committee recommends that the ACCAA Safety course, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid for coaches and CPR be mandated for Cheerleading coaches prior to employment. SED Philosophy & Principle course must be completed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The length of the season and the # practices required is also being addressed. The next meeting will be held in May.
  - Championship Philosophy P. Burke [pburke@lockport.wnyric.org](mailto:pburke@lockport.wnyric.org)  
The State Committee is reviewing statistics regarding the percentage of athletes participating in a sport that go on to state competition. The concern is Quality vs. Quantity, with a goal of "Excellence of Competition". The premises are for each Section to qualify at least 1 rep for each state competition, limit the # of qualifiers and at-large qualifiers by creating a formula for qualification and establish a uniform qualifying process for state competition while keeping equity in participation opportunities for boys and girls.
- 6.7 Extended Eligibility: No Report G. Baldelli [balduche@aol.com](mailto:balduche@aol.com)  
6.8 Chemical Awareness TBA  
6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black [hronblack@hotmail.com](mailto:hronblack@hotmail.com)  
Report emailed Mar. 22  
6.10 Sportsmanship TBA  
6.11 Veterans (Retirees) No Report J. Trampert [jtramOPspt@aol.com](mailto:jtramOPspt@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 [niccio@amherst.k12.ny.us](mailto:niccio@amherst.k12.ny.us)  
There were 104 first-time winners, 26 repeat-winners from fall and 181 Honorable Mention designations selected from 311 nominations for the Winter Award. The winners and honorable mention athletes will be posted on the section website: 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 COMMITTEES

- 8.1 Girls Tennis-Mike Venditti State Report:  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Sports%20Reports/Reports%20from%20state%20Meetings/TennisG%20State%20Report.pdf>
- 8.2 Girls Volleyball- Sue Pernick  
The coaching clinic is scheduled for 3/26/10. A scrimmage was defined. Classification #'s were established. Concerns are currently being addressed regarding boys and girls playing on the same night. Linespeople in girls volleyball were eliminated in 2009 for one year only. The NO league requested the elimination of linespeople for 2010. The issue was referred to the Sectional Intersectional committee to review for girls and boys volleyball with a recommendation due at the May meeting.
- 8.3 Boys Volleyball-Walt Stefani No Report

### 9.0 GUEST REPORTS:

- 9.1 NYSPHSAA Reports: M. Ward, NYSPHSAA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
A dues increase for 2010-2011 was approved (\$30.00 per school and \$0.03 per student). The basketball Federation tournament will move to Albany in 2011. The State Executive Committee meeting is Apr. 30-May1. The Central Committee meeting is Aug.3-5 at Holiday Valley. Mark Ward, Ellicottville will be inaugurated as the NYSPHSAA President. The Section VI Executive Committee will be working with N. Van Erk on details for the event.  
Feb: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Report%2010.2.pdf>  
Mar: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Report%2010.3.pdf>
- 9.2 NYSA A No Report B. Banker [Brett\\_banker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:Brett_banker@kenton.k12.ny.us)

### 10.0 FALL SPORTS PRE SEASON REPORTS: Posted on the website (at the bottom of the page):

- <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=53046>  
**WINTER SPORTS REPORTS:** No reports due Pre-Season (May) Post-Season (May)  
**SPRING SPORTS REPORTS:** No reports due Pre-Season (Nov) Post-Season (Sept)

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**11.0 OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 Football

- a) Chuck Funke: The Policy of the Football Federation was reviewed. It was noted that with 76 schools, the Federation operates successfully due to the cooperation of all schools. A meeting is scheduled March 30 with the coaches of the Buffalo schools who are new to the Federation.
- b) Alignment for equal caliber competition for D schools: The results of a survey of the 16 D schools were varied. Divisions based on small school vs large school may work best however, the East vs West schedule is already completed. It was agreed that the situation may change in the next few months based on district budget votes. President Wendt directed T.Slade to meet with the Superintendents of the D schools and the Class D Football Division Chairmen to come up with a resolution to the scheduling concerns in Class D.

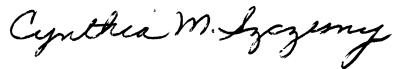
11.2 Cardinal O'Hara: The NFL, NO and ECIC leagues have denied league membership

**12.0 NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Dave Thomas was congratulated on his retirement as Athletic Director of the Buffalo City School District. Mr. Thomas extended his thanks to everyone in Section VI for their support and guidance over the years. He indicated that Buffalo, as the largest district in the Section, has become a better athletic community by working with Section VI.

**13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Assistant Executive Secretary/ Recording Secretary