

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

January 19, 2011

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4.2 **APPROVED:** The Calendar of Sports Season Dates for 2011-12
- 5.1 **APPROVED:** The Proposed 2011 Football Alignment
- 5.2 **APPROVED:** Requests for Combining Schools
- 5.3 **APPROVED:** Outside Agency Contests
- 6.1 **APPROVED:** The Section VI Budget for 2011-2012
- 6.2 **APPROVED:**
 - a) The Bowling proposal for a new Class breakdown (similar to wrestling) for a more equitable number of schools within each class effective 2011-12
 - b) Fall Post Season Reports and Baseball, Softball and Track Pre-season
- 6.4 **Modified:** The concept of a 7-8-9 "Modified C" program to replace current modified and JV programs will be presented at the Spring Modified meeting in Albany as an option to save programs and help with cost cutting measures.
- 6.6 **State Central Committee:** The Fiscal Concerns Recommendations including the reduction of contests were extended for 2011-12.
- 7.1 **All WNY Scholar Athlete:** Of the 632 nominations, 122 athletes were selected as All WNY Scholar athletes for fall sports, 484 received Honorable Mention and 26 were held for spring (golf). Results are posted [here](#)
- 7.2 **Charter Schools:** Health Sciences Charter School was approved as a member of Section VI by the Executive Committee 12/15/10 and by NYSPHSAA 12/21/10.
- 12.1 **POSTPONED** to the to the March 23 meeting: The Motion to address the issue of changing the current Soccer Sportsmanship Policy.

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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	* Timm Slade
Sportsmanship	Doug Beetow
Transfer Chairman	* Ron Black
Veterans	Jim Trampert

SPORTCHAIRS

Rick Schmitt	Girls Lacrosse
John Faller	Boys Lacrosse
Todd Marquardt	* Boys Soccer
Chris Durr	* Girls Soccer
Jude Otto	* Field Hockey
Bob Kowal	* Baseball
Jim Walker	* Boys Basketball
Jim Conley	* Asst Baseball
<u>GUESTS</u>	
G.Kaszubski	* AD Clarence
S.Kelley	* AD Oracle Charter

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

Superintendents Rep/AD	* Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	TBA
Principals Rep	* Kevin Eberle, Intl Prep at Grover	TBA
Girls Rep	Andrea Norton, City Honors	TBA
Boys Rep	David Thomas Jr., Intl Prep at Grover	* Mark Mondanaro, Emerson

CHAUTAUQUA 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	Keith Lewis, CleveHill
Boys Rep	* Jim Graczyk, Pioneer	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

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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 11:30am by President Diane Munro. dmunro@alli.wnyric.org
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS**

President Munro introduced and welcomed the new Reps for the Buffalo league: Kevin Eberle, Principals Rep and Mark Mondanaro, Boys Rep (alternate).
- 3.0 **MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 17, 2010 were approved. **Dunnigan/Rabey**
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
 - 4.1 Officials Coordination
 - a) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Fall Sectional assignments were posted on ArbiterSports and scrimmages have been added. Two payments have been made to Boys Ice Hockey officials using RefPay. Future payments will be made on the 15th of the month pending receipt of financial reports from the Federation treasurer. Payment of officials for sectional contests is being considered for some spring sports. Officials paid through RefPay must first establish RefPay accounts. Erie 2 BOCES has expressed interest in using RefPay.
 - 4.2 **Motion to approve the Calendar of Sports Season Dates for 2011-12 CARRIED Rabey/Wendt**
 - 4.3 2009-10 Violations of NYSPHSAA rules:
 - a) Grover Cleveland: Buffalo reported that 2 ineligible students participated on the 2009 Grover boys soccer team. The district took appropriate action against the coach and has relinquished the titles won. T.Slade retrieved the sectional and regional plaques. It was noted that districts should encourage counselors, athletic offices and coaches to be attentive to new students participating in athletics regarding eligibility.
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
 - 5.1 **Motion to approve the Proposed 2011 Football Alignment CARRIED Kruzynski/Dunnigan**

The alignment for Class D, not included in the proposal, is being reviewed and will be on the agenda for approval in March.
 - 5.2 **Motion to approve the following requests for Combining schools for 2010-11 (unless otherwise noted) CARRIED Dunnigan/Vantine:**
 - a) Clymer with Sherman for Boys Golf
 - b) Sherman with Clymer for Boys and Girls Track
 - c) **For 2011-12:** Portville with Olean for Girls Swimming & Diving
 - d) Tapestry with WNY Maritime for baseball
 - e) Pine Valley with Forestville for Boys Golf
 - f) **For 2011-12:** Brocton with Westfield for football
 - g) Ellicottville with West Valley for Boys and Girls Track
 - 5.3 **Motion to approve the following requests for Senior All-Star Contests CARRIED Rabey/Dunnigan:**

B&G Basketball on 3/23/11 at Cassadaga Valley HS, cosponsors Cass. Valley and Panama Central
 - 5.4 NYSPHSAA: Southern Tier Catholic's Friend & Neighbor status will expire January 2011.
 - 5.5 Walsh Academy (9-12) /Southern Tier Catholic (K-12): Walsh was approved for F&N status by NYSPHSAA in September 2010. The Principal submitted a request for a single F&N membership for both schools since they combined physical locations and Boards of Trustees. It has been verified that Walsh Academy is a member of the NYSCHSAA and does not need F&N status. Is F&N status required or is membership in CHSAA as affiliate with Walsh Academy sufficient for athletic competition against Section VI schools? **T.Slade will contact N.VanErk regarding the status of S.Tier Catholic.**
 - 5.6 Lackawanna: An ineligible wrestler was reported by the district. They have forfeited the matches that he participated in.
- 6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - 6.1 Finance [January Report/Minutes:](#) L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
 - a) Fall Sports [Financial Reports](#) are posted except for football which is incomplete. Several reports have not been received from host schools. It was suggested that a sanction be imposed on districts that do not submit financial reports/gate receipts in a timely fashion. The Section office plans to avoid this situation in the future by personally picking up gate receipts at these sites.

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Finance Report continued

b) Section VI Budget 21011-12: This budget reflects no dues increase. It was noted that the Fund Balance includes Boys and Girls Ice Hockey dues that will be expended in the next few months. The Fund Balance will fall below the maximum of 60% before the end of the fiscal year on 6/30/11.

Motion to approve the Proposed Budget for 2011-2012 CARRIED Dunnigan/Rabey

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [January Report/Minutes](#) T.Slade tslade@e1b.org

a) **Motion to approve the Bowling proposal for a new Class breakdown (similar to wrestling) for a more equitable number of schools within each class effective 2011-12 CARRIED**

Graczyk/DiFilippo

b) **Motion to accept Fall [Post Season Reports](#) and [Baseball, Softball and Track Pre-season](#) as submitted CARRIED Wendt/Rabey**

c) Practice at Championship Venues: The committee agreed that practice at the championship site depends on the sport and **should be allowed if there is a shortage of practice sites** (e.g. turf fields). Caution was urged on accessibility. All teams should have equal access to the site for practice if allowed. Adding a statement to the Policy Manual on this issue will be discussed at the Sectional Intersectional meeting on March 3 with a recommendation for approval at the March 23 AC meeting.

d) Ejection Appeal: There is concern regarding instances where the officials organization overturned the call of an ejection of an athlete from a contest. T.Slade and C.Bullis Policy Chairperson will meet to develop a draft of a policy and procedure that involves the Section (i.e. Executive Director and/or Sportsmanship Chairperson) in the process of overturning an ejection. The draft will be reviewed at the Sectional Intersectional meeting on March 3 with a recommendation for approval at the March 23 AC meeting.

e) NFHS rules vs. NCAA, ASA, etc. rules: The majority of reps at the State Executive Committee meetings are in favor of moving to NFHS rules. Sports committees prefer remaining with NCAA, ASA, etc. rules. Direction on this issue may be needed in the near future.

6.3 Safety F. Thornley fthornley@eastauroraschools.org

a) Helmets are not mandated in girls lacrosse for 2011.

b) It has been recommended for 2011-12 that Cheerleading coaches attend 1st Aid, CPR and Cheerleading Safety courses.

c) Concussion Management: The NYSPHSAA Concussion Management Team and Alfred University will be asking schools to complete a survey on this issue that will be helpful to the committee in future planning. Please encourage Athletic Directors to complete the survey. Legislation is expected from Albany on Concussion Management in the near future.

6.4 [Modified Report](#) A.Stoltman(B) astoltman@aldenschools.org K.McGowan(G) kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org

There is concern regarding the possibility of modified programs being cut due to economic hardships. The concept of a 7-8-9 "Modified C" program to replace current modified and JV programs was discussed. League approval would be required. This may help secure a district's modified program and help with cost cutting measures if some of the modified rules are altered by the state. Modified would travel with varsity, use referees at a less expensive rate and gain games as well. This will be presented at the Spring Modified meeting in Albany as an alternative with the understanding that the process could be slow and not all leagues will follow this recommendation.

The Modified Committee was commended for an excellent proposal.

6.5 Policy C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

The committee will meet in the near future with T.Slade regarding several new policies.

6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee

a) Superintendent M. Wendt No Report mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org

b) Principal J. Dunnigan No Report james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us

c) Boys Rep D. Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org

Girls Rep C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

- Report from [State Exec Meeting Dec. 5-6](#) : The Fiscal Concerns Recommendations including the reduction of contests were extended for 2011-12. A move to NFHS rules for all sports is under consideration and will be discussed at the State Executive Committee meeting on 1/25/11.
- Minutes → [State Exec Meeting Dec. 5-6](#) and [Central Committee Meeting Dec. 21](#)

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees:

- Championship Philosophy P.Burke No Report pburke@lockport.wnyric.org

- Cheerleading M. Ziegler No Report mziegler@lancaster.wnyric.org

6.7 Extended Eligibility: G. Baldelli balduche@aol.com Report emailed 1/12/11

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Standing Committee Reports continued

- 6.8 Chemical Awareness: T.Slade will attend the NYSAAA Workshop at Saratoga March 17. A candidate for Chair of this committee may be recommended at the March meeting.
- 6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black hronblack@hotmail.com Reports emailed 1/12/11
- 6.10 Sportsmanship D. Beetow No Report dbeetow@iroquoiscsd.org
- 6.11 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert No Report jtramOPspt@aol.com
- 6.12 Mixed Competition J. Dunnigan No Report james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G.Kaszubski gkaszubski@calar.wnyric.org N.Riccio riccio@amherst.k12.ny.us
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- 7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
Health Sciences Charter School was approved as a member of Section VI by the Executive Committee 12/15/10 and by NYSPHSAA 12/21/10.
- 7.3 ExDir-Goals/Vision-Section VI D.Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org P.Burke pburke@lockport.wnyric.org
D.Scholla and P. Burke will meet to establish the goals.
- 7.4 Evaluation of Executive Director J.Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
A template for evaluation is set. Goals will be added when completed (see item 7.3) A draft of the evaluation tool and **process will be ready for review at the March AC meeting.**

8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1 Girls Lacrosse Rick Schmitt No Report
- 8.2 Boys Soccer Todd Marquardt Report from State Meeting 1/6/11
The State tournament will be held at Middletown until 2014 because it is a central location. Section VI will not have the opportunity to host the event as central location continues to be a requirement. When co-champions are declared, there are insufficient awards to distribute. T.Slade noted that the Section will include additional 1st place awards in the bid for 2011-12. SAT times will be avoided when possible. The home uniform must be all white in fall 2013. A waiver will be requested in NY. Discussion on the current Sportsmanship Policy was deferred to item 12.1 on the agenda.
- 8.3 Field Hockey Jude Otto Report from State Meeting 1/7/11
A waiver of the new uniform rule was approved for 2011. There will be 6 Class A teams, 12 Class B and 7 Class C this fall. The State tournament will be changed from Fri-Sat to Sat-Sun beginning 2013 pending approval of the venue site CNS to avoid loss of school time. A concern to be addressed is higher venue costs for Sunday use.
- 8.4 Boys Lacrosse John Faller Written Report from State Meeting 1/8/11 was distributed.
- 8.5 Girls Soccer Chris Durr Report from State Meeting 1/10/11
The Girls State tournament will be changed from Fri-Sat to Sat-Sun also to avoid loss of school time. A cost/benefit analysis was recommended. The CAC will be asked to consider a 4th standby official at states (cost \$650) to handle issues with coach/player conduct on the sidelines. Concern was expressed regarding access to Sectional Championship sites if practice at the site is allowed.
- 8.6 Baseball Bob Kowal Report from State Meeting 1/12/11
New BCOR bats are not required until 2012. Assistance at post-season contests is requested from coaches. Teams traveling South for scrimmages must follow the scrimmage rules and cannot exceed the maximum # contests. R.Kowal was advised to address Sectional Intersectional committee on March 3 with requests for conducting Regional games on Sunday and splitting A, B and C classes. Recommendations from that committee will be agenda items for approval at the March 23 AC meeting.

9.0 GUEST REPORTS:

- 9.1 NYSPHSAA Reports: [December](#) [January](#)
- 9.2 NYSAAA B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us
Congratulations to the 2011 NYSAAA Chapter 6 Athletic Administrator Award Winners !!
- Jon Roth, Grand Island - Athletic Administrator Award of the Year
 - Paul Ksionzyk, Olean - Distinguished Service Award
 - Keith McShea, Buffalo News - Community Service Award
 - Karen Galli, Sweet Home - Judith Martens Secretarial Award

Student Scholarship Essay winners are Molly Curry from Wilson and David Moore from Fredonia. Awards will be presented at the May AC meeting.

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10.0 **FALL SPORTS POST SEASON REPORTS** were received.

FALL SPORTS FINANCIAL REPORTS were received.

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

SPRING SPORTS REPORTS: No reports due Pre-Season (Nov) Post-Season (Sept)

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS** None

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Soccer Sportsmanship- Red/yellow card policy G.Kaszubski gkaszubski@clar.wnyric.org

Should the current Section VI policy be continued or should we adopt the less stringent State Policy?

Motion to address the issue of changing the current Soccer Sportsmanship Policy Biryła/Riccio

It is unclear if the Policy in the 2010 Boys and Girls Soccer Handbooks was approved by the Athletic Council. **Motion to postpone discussion on the issue to the March 23 meeting CARRIED Rabey/Vanstrom** President Munro directed T.Slade to:

a) Contact N. VanErk for clarification on the state policy regarding Section authority

b) Review past minutes of Athletic Council meetings for exact wording of the Section policy as approved

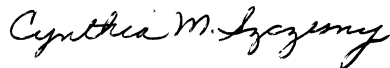
c) Review the issue at the Sectional Intersectional meeting March 3 and return with a recommendation at the March 23 AC meeting. G.Kaszubski and both soccer chairs should attend the March 3 meeting.

12.2 School Budget Prep D.Munro dmunro@alli.wnyric.org

As districts wait for the release of the NYS budget, their concerns include an additional cut in state aid, a potential wage freeze and a possible 2% tax cap. It was noted that stimulus money will no longer be available in 2011-12 and the current fiscal crisis could worsen. There is potential for loss of athletic programs within districts. President Munro strongly advised open communication and creative discussion among districts within each league and their respective BOE's regarding options and alternatives to save athletic programs (see item 6.4). Section VI will be available to provide assistance when needed.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary