

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

March 23, 2011

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4.2 **APPROVED:** *Matt McKenna, Lackawanna Athletic Director, as Chemical Awareness Chairperson*
- 4.3 Nominations being accepted* for Section VI positions until **May 2**. Appointments will be made at the May 18 Athletic Council meeting:
- a) Boys Sports Rep to the Central Committee: Current nomination: Don Scholla.
 - b) Winter Sportchairs: **Current nominations**
 - c) Section VI President-Elect
- 5.1 **APPROVED:** Requests for Combining Schools
- 5.2 **APPROVED:** Outside Agency Contests
- 6.2 **APPROVED:** Sectional Intersectional Committee recommendations:
- a) Teams that qualify for bowl or play-off games may opt-out of a 9th game if they notify the Sportchair by the end of the 6th week
 - b) Proposed 2011 Football Alignment for Class D with 2 divisions D and DD The DD division compete in a "League Championship" only.
 - c) Addition of a statement regarding practice at the championship venue to each sport handbook
 - d) Adoption of the NYSPHSAA sportsmanship policy for boys and girls soccer in post-season play only
 - e) Support for status quo in each sport regarding rules to be followed (do not change to NFHS)
 - f) Support for Athletes wearing Section t-shirts at the Cross County Championships
 - g) Support for changing the Safety Meeting mandate to every other year
 - h) Maintain flexibility regarding the deadline for Combining Schools for fall sports (May 18) due to budgetary concerns within districts
 - i) Accept Fall pre-season reports that were submitted in time for review on March 3 with the exception of the Boys Soccer request for a universal start date of August 22
- 6.5 **APPROVED:** **Proposed policy additions** regarding sale and purchase of merchandise (#920.3) and use of the Section VI Credit Card (#912)
- 6.6 **Postponed (until April 29):** *Action on the State Proposal of 2-strand concept of cheerleading until after the April league meetings to allow for discussion and input from league cheerleading reps*
- 6.9 **APPROVED:** Support for the proposed change to the Transfer Rule regarding selectively classified students.
- 7.1 **All WNY Scholar Athlete:** Results are posted [here](#)

*Submit nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224
fax:716-821-7352 OR tslade@e1b.org cszczesny@e1b.org

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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 * Matt McKenna
 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

Mike DeBarbieri * Wrestling
 Mike Venditti Girls Tennis
 Debby Schruefer Girls Volleyball
 Sue Pernick
 Walt Stefani Boys Volleyball
 Jim Walker * Boys Basketball

GUESTS

Sheryl Kelley * 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

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 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

March 23, 2011

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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 11:45 am by President Diane Munro. dmunro@alli.wnyric.org

2.0-3.0 **INTRODUCTIONS/MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 19, 2011 were approved. **Dunnigan/Rabey**

4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org

4.1 Officials Coordination - Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Winter Sectional assignments were all posted on ArbiterSports. Payment of officials assigned in ArbiterSports using RefPay was completed for Boys Ice Hockey. The use of RefPay was beneficial for all involved and the response was positive. The Section is moving forward with this method of payment for Boys and Girls Lacrosse officials for sectional semis and finals.

4.2 **Motion to approve Matt McKenna, Lackawanna Athletic Director, as Chemical Awareness Chairperson** **CARRIED** Burke/Vantine

4.3 Section VI positions: Leagues/Sport committees are strongly encouraged to submit nominations for the following positions to the Section VI office by **May 2** so that a list of candidates can be publicized and discussed at league meetings. Appointments will be made at the May 18 Athletic Council meeting:

a) Boys Sports Rep to the Central Committee (4-year term 9/1/11 - 8/31/15): Don Scholla's term expires 8/31/11. Current nominations include the incumbent Don Scholla.

b) Winter Sportchairs (3-year term 7/1/11-6/30/14). **Current nominations**

c) Section VI President/President-Elect: D.Munro has accepted a Superintendent position at a district in eastern NYS and will resign her position as Section President. A letter of resignation is pending. J.Rabey will fulfill her term until 6/30/12, vacating the position of President Elect. D. Munro established an Ad Hoc Committee chaired by D.Scholla to review nominations for this position and make a recommendation for appointment at the May 18 meeting. Because the Constitution (p.6) indicates that the offices of president and president-elect are to be on a geographical rotation plan, nominations for this position should be from the North (NFL or NO leagues). If there are no nominations from the North, nominations from the other regions will be considered. Leagues are requested to:

- Submit the name of a representative to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to D.Scholla by Fri. Mar.25
- Review the requirements for the position in the **Constitution** (page 6)
- Submit nominations for this position to D.Scholla by **May 2** so that a list of candidates can be sent to the leagues prior to the May 18 Athletic Council meeting.

REMINDER: Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the May 18 meeting. It is requested that an Athletic Council member planning to nominate from the floor bring the nominee to the meeting to present his/her qualifications for the position.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org

5.1 **Motion to approve the requests for Combining schools for 2011-12** **CARRIED** Rabey/Dunnigan:

- a) West Valley with Ellicottville for Football
- b) Silver Creek with Dunkirk for wrestling

5.2 **Motion to approve the request for Outside Agency Contest** **CARRIED** Vantine/DiFilippo

a) North Tonawanda Softball Tournament on 4/23/11 at NT High School cosponsored by NT schools and NT Lady Jacks Boosters.

5.3 NYSPHSAA announced that Clarence High School has been selected as the State Scholar Athlete Champion in Boys Indoor Track. Congratulations!!

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 FINANCE → **March Report/Minutes** L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org

The report was received. There were no action items. Football Financial Reports → **Sectionals Regionals**
Winter sports financial reports will be posted when completed by the treasurer.

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional → **March Report/Minutes** T.Slade tslade@e1b.org

a) **Motion to approve that teams that qualify for bowl or play-off games may opt-out of a 9th game if they notify the Sportchair by the end of the 6th week** **CARRIED** Burke/Scholla

b) **Motion to approve the Proposed 2011 Football Alignment for Class D with 2 divisions D and DD** **CARRIED** Rabey/Dunnigan The DD division compete in a "League Championship" only. The Football Chairs will investigate the use of Ralph Wilson along with Southwestern, Jamestown and Cattaraugus/Little Valley as potential sites for this contest.

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- c) **Motion to approve the addition of a statement regarding practice at the championship venue to each sport handbook** **CARRIED Rabey/Dunnigan** Each sport committee should consider adding a phrase such as "Only the host school team may practice at a championship venue more than once during the post-season."
- d) **Motion to eliminate the policy regarding Ejection Appeals** **CARRIED Rabey/Wendt**
- e) **Postponed from AC meeting 1/19/11: Motion to approve the adoption of the NYSPHSAA sportsmanship policy for boys and girls soccer in post-season play only** **CARRIED Riccio/Vantine** This will make the Section VI policy consistent with that of other sections in the state.
- f) **Motion to support the status quo in each sport regarding rules to be followed (do not change to NFHS)** **CARRIED Vantine/Kruzynski** Document with rationale → [NFHS vs NCAA/ASA/etc rules](#)
- g) **Motion to support athletes wearing Section t-shirts at the Cross County Championships** **CARRIED Rabey/Foy**
- h) **Motion to support changing the Safety Meeting mandate to every other year** **CARRIED Rabey/Dunnigan**
- i) **Motion to maintain flexibility regarding the deadline for Combining Schools for fall sports (May 18) due to budgetary concerns within districts** **CARRIED Foy/Vantine**
Leagues are asked to monitor cuts/mergers to programs. It was recommended that the Section survey member schools at the end of June to assess the effect of state budget cuts on sports programs.
- j) **Motion to accept Fall pre-season reports that were submitted in time for review on March 3 with the exception of the Boys Soccer request for a universal start date of August 22** **CARRIED Rabey/Bullis** The Athletic Council approved August 15 as the start date for boys soccer. The following reports will be reviewed at the next Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting on April 28: B & G Volleyball, Girls Gymnastics and Girls Soccer.

- 6.3 Safety No Report F. Thornley ftornley@eastauroraschools.org
- 6.4 Modified Report A. Stoltman(B) astoltman@aldenschools.org K. McGowan(G) kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org
Creative alternatives to cutting modified programs will be discussed at the State Modified Committee meeting on April 1.
- 6.5 Policy C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org
Motion to approve the proposed policy additions regarding sale and purchase of merchandise (#920.3) and use of the Section VI Credit Card (#912) **CARRIED Burke/Dunnigan**
- 6.6 State Committees: Executive Committee/ Central Committee
- a) Superintendent No Report M. Wendt mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org
 - b) Principal No Report J. Dunnigan james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us
 - c) Boys Rep/Girls Rep D. Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org
The minutes from the State Executive Committee Meeting on Jan. 25 are posted → [Minutes](#) Due to district budgetary constraints, requests for waivers to NFHS rules requiring uniform changes may be submitted to Nina Van Erk, NYSPHSAA Executive Director nvanerk@nysphsaa.org and must be submitted by the Superintendent. Waivers will be issued in writing and should be taken to the game site. Please notify the Section office of a waiver received so that Officials Organizations can be notified.
 - d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees:
 - Championship Philosophy P. Burke pburke@lockport.wnyric.org
A presentation will be made at the May Athletic Council meeting.
 - Cheerleading M. Ziegler mziegler@lancaster.wnyric.org
The State Committee [Cheerleading Report/Minutes](#) were discussed. **Motion to support the state committee recommendation to move forward with the two strand structure for cheerleading including traditional sideline cheer as an activity and cheerleading as a competitive sport with a state championship** **Dunnigan/Rabey** Schools would have the option of either strand. This may be an action item at the State Executive Committee meeting on May 6. If a state championship is established, a Section VI Cheerleading Sportchair and championship would be needed. This could be a potential source of income for the Section. It was felt that further discussion is needed. **Motion to postpone action on this issue until after the April league meetings to allow for discussion and input from league cheerleading reps** **CARRIED Carson/Reed.** Leagues must submit their vote on this recommendation to T. Slade by **April 29.**
 - Strategic Planning C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org
The [Minutes](#) of the state meeting on 1/24/11 were presented. Leagues are encouraged to review the 13 categories being reviewed and contact C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org with suggestions.
- 6.7 Extended Eligibility No Report G. Balducci balducci@aol.com
- 6.8 Chemical Awareness No Report M. McKenna mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org

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6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black hronblack@hotmail.com Reports emailed 3/18/11
A change to the Transfer Rule is being considered: A student entering 9th grade in a new district cannot play a JV/varsity sport that he/she has played as a selectively classified student unless the parent moves into that new district. **Motion to support the proposed change to the Transfer Rule regarding selectively classified students CARRIED Rabey/Bullis** A complete report will be posted on the Section website after the next State Transfer Committee meeting.

6.10 Sportsmanship No Report D. Beetow dbeetow@iroquoiscsd.org

6.11 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert jtramOPspt@aol.com

J.Trampert expressed gratitude to the Athletic Council from retired veterans group for sponsoring the annual veterans dinner at The Columns Restaurant last fall. In addition to the event itself, the group enjoys hearing about the issues and initiatives of the current council's business. The group looks forward to and enjoys this event. Thank you again for your support!!

6.12 Mixed Competition No Report J. Dunnigan 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 nriccio@amherst.k12.ny.us

Of the 296 nominations submitted for Winter sports, there are 113 winners and 17 repeat winners from fall. The remaining 166 athletes will receive Honorable Mention.

7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade tslade@e1b.org

A new interim Athletic Director (Lisa Newell) has been appointed at Health Sciences Charter School. T.Slade will meet with Ms. Newell in the near future and invite her to attend the monthly meetings of the Charter Schools

7.3 Evaluation of Executive Director J.Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org

Some revisions must be made to the draft evaluation tool. A final report will be made at the May meeting. The evaluation of the Executive Director for 2010-11 will be a narrative.

7.4 ExDir-Goals/Vision-Section VI D.Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org P.Burke pburke@lockport.wnyric.org

The draft goals were reviewed by the Executive Committee this morning. Some recommendations for change will be made and the goals will be incorporated into the draft evaluation tool (see item 7.3)

8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Wrestling M.DeBarbieri/I.Martinez Report from State Meeting 1/19/11

Seeding for state competition was discussed. The tournament has improved with the at-large classification. NYS is considering accepting the weight class changes proposed by the NFHS for 2011-12. Bids are open for hosting the State Tournament 2013-14-15. A letter of intent must be submitted by Sept.

8.2 Girls Tennis Mike Venditti No Report (State Meeting 1/24/11)

8.3 Girls Volleyball D.Schruefer/S.Pernick No Report (State Meeting 3/8/11)

8.4 Boys Volleyball Walt Stefani No Report (State Meeting 3/14/11)

9.0 GUEST REPORTS:

9.1 NYSPHSAA Reports are posted → **February** **March**

9.2 NYSAAA No Report B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us

10.0 **FALL SPORTS PRE-SEASON REPORTS:** Posted at the bottom of the **March 23 AC page** (see item 6.2j)

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:** Walsh Academy (9-12) /Southern Tier Catholic (K-8): Walsh was approved for F&N status by NYSPHSAA in September 2010. NYSPHSAA verified that due to the consolidation of the schools, they will be considered one district and Southern Tier Catholic will be included in the F&N status. When F&N status expires in 2 years only S.Tier Catholic needs to apply since Walsh is a member of the NYSCHSAA.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS:** A sincere thank you was extended to Diane Munro for all efforts and contributions to Section VI and our athletes over the past several years. Congratulations and good wishes on your new position Diane!!

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT **Wendt/Norton**

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary

Cynthia M. Szczesny

