

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

November 16, 2011

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5.2 **APPROVED** Senior All-Star Contests
- 5.3 **APPROVED** Outside Agency Contests
- 6.1.2 **APPROVED** Amending the May motion for use of the Dedicated Fund to include the following additional expenses at state competition in the 2-year trial period 2011-12 and 2012-13: lodging and meals for Girls Gymnastics and B&G Golf and lodging for wrestling
- 6.1.3 **APPROVED:**
 - a) Placement of non-earmarked sponsorship funds into the Dedicated Fund during the 2-year pilot 2011-12 and 2012-13
 - b) Recognizing partnerships in the community with a plaque/award at the Recognition Dinner in August
 - c) Purchasing 12 sets of rechargeable walkie talkies for use at sectional contests
 - d) A \$300 stipend for the Cheerleading Sportchair position
 - e) Reinstating the 1st round of wrestlebacks for the state qualifier with Section VI covering the cost of patches and the Wrestling Coaches Association covering the cost of officials
- 6.1.4 The Proposed Budget 2012-13 was presented. This will be an action item for January.
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 - d) FYI: BEDS numbers for 2012-13 are now being processed through SED
 - e) **APPROVED:** Pre Season spring reports, except Softball and Girls Lacrosse
- 6.4 Softball pitching distance can be 40 or 43 feet with Section/League approval. Leagues are asked to submit their preference to K.McGowan.
- 6.6 Report from the [State Executive Committee Meeting Oct. 23-24, 2011](#) was reviewed
- 12.1 **POSTPONED:** Motion to request that Section VI representatives ask NYSPHSAA to revisit the consequences for exceeding the maximum number of contests. This will be an action item in January.

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Roll Call (* indicates attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	* Jeff Rabey
President-Elect	* Brett Banker
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
Chris Durr	* Girls Basketball
Mark Kruzynski	Softball

GUESTS

M. LaMorticella	* Tapestry Charter
B.Kiszewski	MMAA
Rusty Knight	* Toth Sports
Mark McAllister	* Toth Sports

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

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

CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep	* Steve Penhollow, Falconer	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
Principals Rep	* Jud Foy, Cassadaga Valley	Al Gens, Dunkirk
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	* Deborah Ziolkowski, Maryvale
Principals Rep	* Jim Biryła, Holland	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls Rep	* Marisa Fallacaro, Eden	* 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	* Jon Roth, Grand Island

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	* Dave Carson, Barker	Doug Ames, Newfane

Superintendent Representation by BOCES

Erie 1 BOCES	TBA	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	John O'Connor, Forestville	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
ON BOCES	* Roger Klatt, Barker	TBA
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 highlighted in green are completed.

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
Executive Director Timm Slade introduced and thanked the sponsors for today's Athletic Council luncheon: Rusty Knight and Mark McAllister of Toth Sports. Marisa Fallacaro, the new Girls Rep from the ECIC was welcomed. Nancy Riccio, retiring in December, was thanked for her many years of service to Section VI.
- 3.0 ***Motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2011 as submitted*** **CARRIED** **Dunnigan/Wendt**
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 Officials Coordination - Central Management/Assigning of Officials:
- a) Payment of boys and girls soccer officials at neutral sites using RefPay through Arbitersports **will be processed when all financial reports have been received**. All officials have set up the required RefPay accounts.
 - b) ArbiterGame is being piloted by Arbitersports in Michigan. T.Slade will attend a presentation on the software at the NYSAAA conference in Saratoga in March. It is hoped that this software will provide a possible alternative to separate scheduling programs such as LeagueMinder or ScheduleStar, which have caused some concerns for our member schools.
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1 Communications from NYSPHSAA: Nominations for the 2012 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame are encouraged. Please forward nominations to the Section office as soon as possible since they must be endorsed by the Section and submitted to NYSPHSAA by **December 15**. Several potential candidates were mentioned at the Executive Committee meeting. T.Slade will contact the respective schools.
- 5.2 ***Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests*** **CARRIED** **/Dunnigan/McDonald:**
- a) NO vs Genesee Region Boys and Girls Basketball Senior All-Star Contests on 3/9/12 at Albion High School
 - b) Chautauqua County Boys and Girls Basketball Senior All-Star Contests on 3/21/12 at Cassadaga Valley High School, cosponsors Cassadaga Valley and Panama
- 5.3 ***Motion to approve the following Outside Agency Contests*** **CARRIED** **Dunnigan/DiFilippo:**
- a) Mott Colpoys Memorial Girls Basketball Tournament, 12/28-29/11 at Kenmore West HS, cosponsored by Ken-ton and WNYBOWS (pre-approved by T.Slade 10/20/11)
 - b) Cataract City Classic Boys Basketball Tournament, 12/9-10/11 at Niagara Falls HS, cosponsored by Niagara Falls City Schools and Niagara Falls Education Foundation (pre-approved by T.Slade 10/25/11)
 - c) Lockport Rotary Boys Basketball Tournament, 12/9-10/11 at Lockport HS, cosponsored by Lockport City Schools and Lockport Rotary Club (pre-approved by T.Slade 10/25/11)
 - d) Lockport Kiwanis Girls Basketball Tournament, 2/17-18/12 at Lockport HS, cosponsored by Lockport City Schools and Lockport Kiwanis Club (pre-approved by T.Slade 10/25/11)
 - e) Lockport Sunrise Optimist Wrestling Tournament, 1/13-14/12 at Lockport HS, cosponsored by Lockport City Schools and Lockport Sunrise Optimist Club (pre-approved by T.Slade 10/25/11)
 - f) Pendleton Lions Club Boys Basketball Tournament, 12/28-29/11 at Starpoint HS, cosponsored by Starpoint and Pendleton Lions Club (pre-approved by T.Slade 11/7/11)
 - g) NFHS Festival of Lights Bowling Tournament, 12/27/11 at AMF Thruway Lanes, cosponsored by Niagara Falls City Schools and AMF Thruway Lanes (pre-approved by T.Slade 11/7/11)
 - h) Jamestown Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament, 12/16-17/11 at JCC, cosponsored by Jamestown City Schools and STWOA (pre-approved by T.Slade 11/10/11)
 - i) NFWOA Wrestling Tournament, 1/6-7/12 at NCCC, cosponsored by Eden Central and NFWOA (pre-approved by T.Slade 11/14/11)
- 6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 6.1 Finance Committee **November Report/Minutes 10/27/11** L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
- 6.1.1 Treasurer's Report:
- a) The Fund Balance reflects monies received from fall gate receipts, and Ice Hockey and Indoor Track dues. It was noted that payments on fall invoices is not complete.
 - b) The audit is complete. The IRS 990 has been filed.

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Finance Committee Report continued

6.1.2 The Dedicated Fund was established in May to cover all expenses for state competition for Cross Country, B&G Swim, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Bowling on a trial basis for 2 years.

Motion to amend the May motion for use of the Dedicated Fund to include the following additional expenses at state competition in the 2-year trial period 2011-12 and 2012-13: lodging and meals for Girls Gymnastics and B&G Golf and lodging for wrestling CARRIED Ksionzyk/Reed

6.1.3 Recommendations from Oct. 27 Finance meeting:

a) **Motion to approve placement of non-earmarked sponsorship funds into the Dedicated Fund during the 2-year pilot 2011-12 and 2012-13 CARRIED McDonald/Biryla**

b) **Motion to recognize partnerships in the community with a plaque/award at the Recognition Dinner in August CARRIED Dunnigan/Banker**

c) **Motion to approve the purchase of 12 sets of rechargeable walkie talkies for use at sectional contests CARRIED McDonald/Biryla** Anticipated cost is approximately \$50 per set.

d) **Motion to approve a \$300 stipend for the Cheerleading Sportchair position CARRIED Ksionzyk/Carson**

e) **Motion to approve reinstatement of the 1st round of wrestlebacks for the state qualifier with Section VI covering the cost of patches and the Wrestling Coaches Association covering the cost of officials CARRIED Penhollow/McDonald**

6.1.4 The Proposed Budget 2012-13 was presented. Finance Chairman S.Penhollow and the committee did an excellent job by limiting the budget increase to only \$3,500 over the last budget and maintaining a zero dues increase for the 4th year in a row. All were asked to review the budget since it will be an action item at the January Athletic Council meeting.

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [November Report/Minutes 10/27/11](#) T.Slade tslade@e1b.org

T.Slade highlighted the following from the November Report:

a) Admission: The Finance Committee will review concerns regarding a student rate for sectionals and the \$4 admission charge for football bowl semi-final games. A report on the latter will be submitted to Finance by K.Stoldt, Football Chair.

b) Section VI passes: Due to the reduction of rent at Ralph Wilson Stadium, President Rabey and Executive Director T.Slade removed the suspension on use of Section VI passes at Ralph Wilson Stadium (as allowed by Policy #710.1c). It was noted that beginning in 2012-13, when presenting a Section pass for admission, the user must present ID and sign in with their pass # at the gate.

c) Winter venues: Wrestling still needs a host for the Class AA and B tournaments on Feb. 4 and the Division 2 Qualifier on Feb. 11. Girls Basketball is reviewing use of NCCC, with a high school site as a back-up, for semi-finals and finals.

d) BEDS numbers for 2012-13 are now being processed through SED. As a result, numbers for classifications will not be available until January, postponing scheduling for fall sports.

e) Sports reports: Softball and Girls Lacrosse reports will be reviewed at the January Sectional Intersectional Committee. **Motion to accept the Pre Season spring reports, except Softball and Girls Lacrosse, as submitted CARRIED Reed/McDonald.**

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

Highlights: The Concussion Management and Awareness Act goes into effect July 2012. Helmets have not been approved for Girls Lacrosse. Practices were clarified for baseball. Days of rest for football scrimmages will be addressed.

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

a) A proposal for a 7-8-9 program (combined JV & modified) is being reviewed.

b) Softball pitching distance can be 40 or 43 feet with Section/League approval. Leagues are asked to submit their preference to K.McGowan. This will be an action item at the January Athletic Council meeting.

c) Please review other items regarding modified softball, track and football in the report (link above)

6.5 Policy C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org NO REPORT

6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee

a) Superintendent M. Wendt mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org NO REPORT

b) Principal J. Dunnigan jdunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us NO REPORT

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

Girls Rep C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

Report → [State Executive Committee Meeting Oct. 23-24, 2011](#)

It was noted that two waivers were approved for girls basketball: maintaining the 3-pt line at 19'9" and requiring use of the restricted arc. Please review the items approved in the report (link above).

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State Executive Committee/ Central Committee Reports (continued)

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees:

- Cheerleading M. Ziegler mziegler@lanaster.wnyric.org **NO REPORT**
- Strategic Planning C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org **NO REPORT**
- 6.7 Extended Eligibility G. Baldelli balduche@aol.com **NO REPORT**
- 6.8 Chemical Awareness M. McKenna mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org **NO REPORT**
The Committee needs a representative from Buffalo. Contact M.McKenna or the Section office.
- 6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black hronblack@hotmail.com Reports emailed 11/10/11
- 6.10 Sportsmanship D. Beetow dbeetow@iroquoiscsd.org **NO REPORT**
The Committee needs a representative from Buffalo. Contact D.Beetow or the Section office.
- 6.11 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert jtramOPspt@aol.com
Thanks were extended to the Athletic Council for funding the Annual Veteran's Supper at the Columns Restaurant last September. The reunion was enjoyed by all in attendance.
- 6.12 Mixed Competition J. Dunnigan jdunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us **NO REPORT**

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G.Kaszubski gkaszubski@clar.wnyric.org N.Riccio nriccio@amherstschools.org
735 athletes were nominated for the fall award as of 11/14/11. The Selection Committee will meet Nov. 21 to choose the winners and results will be posted on the website. ADPRO SPORTS is the cosponsor again.
- 7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade tslade@e1b.org **NO REPORT**

8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1 Boys Basketball Jim Walker Report from State Meeting 9/30/11 **NO REPORT**
- 8.2 Wrestling I.Martinez/M.DeBarbieri Report from State Meeting 10/11/11
Hydrostatic weighting has been eliminated. One appeal is allowed. A new handshaking policy has been established (p10 in the → [Wrestling Handbook](#)). Physicians will remain at the site until competition begins. A new book listing the rules and regulations regarding wrestling is now available on the website. → [The 2011-12 Program of Wrestling](#). Sites are still needed for Class and Qualifier Tournaments (see item 6.2c)
- 8.3 Girls Basketball Chris Durr Report from State Meeting 10/14/11
See item 6.6c for approved waivers. The 3pt line distance may be an issue next year at college venues. A new Girls Basketball website has been established. Coaches must enter rosters and committee reps will enter schedules. Instruction packets were sent to coaches through their league rep. **This information will be emailed to Athletic Directors and secretaries through the Section office in the near future.**
- 8.4 Girls Golf Betsy Ulmer Click here for → [Report from State Meeting 10/31/11](#)
- 8.5 Softball Mark Kruzynski Report from State Meeting 11/9/11
There will be 2 days between rounds throughout the sectional tournament to allow for make-ups. A new cancellation policy will be posted in the softball handbook. Leagues must decide on the pitching distance for modified softball (see item 6.4b) 40 or 43 feet. The state Committee is *recommending* use of facemasks for infielders and considering banning bats that can be altered. Schools should delay purchasing bats until this has been resolved.

9.0 GUEST REPORTS:

- 9.1 NYSPHSAA: [Oct](#) [Nov](#)
- 9.2 NYSAAA Report B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us
Schools are encouraged to nominate individuals for the Chapter 6 NYSAAA awards (due by Nov. 30) and the Scholar athlete leader awards (due Dec.9). Forward nominations to Pat Burke, Lockport.

- 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: Posted at the bottom of the [AC page for 11/16/11](#) (see item 6.2e)

- 11.0 **OLD BUSINESS** None discussed

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12.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 12.1 Mark Mondanaro has resigned his position as the Erie 1 Superintendents' Rep. A replacement is needed.
- 12.2 Holland Girls Soccer: Principal Jim Biryła expressed the district's appreciation to the Section for its support and guidance throughout the eligibility appeal for the girls soccer team. The effect of harsh consequences on athletes for administrative error was discussed.

Motion to request that Section VI representatives ask NYSPHSAA to revisit the consequences for exceeding the maximum number of contests (violation of Rule 19c) Biryła/Graczyk

It was agreed that discussion is needed at the league level before a voting on this motion.

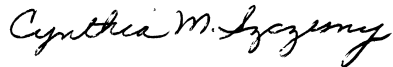
Motion to postpone action on this motion until the January Athletic Council meeting CARRIED Biryła/DiFilippo

It was noted that the Section VI Soccer Chairperson Chris Durr and the committee reviewed the NYSPHSAA rule regarding number of allowed contests and researched the matter thoroughly before reporting the violation.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT

Wendt/Dunnigan

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary