

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

May 16, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to:

NIAAA Student Scholarship Essay winners
NYSAAA Chapter 6 Athletic Administrator Award Winners

Congratulations and thanks to:

Nina Van Erk, Jim Dunnigan, Cindy Szczesny

- 4.2 Section positions of Fall Sportchairs, Principals Rep to the Central Committee and Boys Basketball and Girls Ice Hockey Sportchair were appointed.
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- 5.2 **APPROVED:** Outside Agency Contests
- 5.3 **APPROVED:** Combining Schools for 2012-13.
- 5.4 **APPROVED:** Timm Slade as the proxy for Section VI at NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings for the 2012-13 school year
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 - b) The reinstatement of the Nominating Committee to the Bylaws as item 4.13
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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

Jude Otto	* Field Hockey
Jim Conley	* Baseball

GUESTS

Nina Van Erk	* Exec. Director NYSPHSAA
Jon Roth	* AD, Grand Island

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

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

CHAUTAUGUA 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	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	* Deborah Ziolkowski, Maryvale	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	* John O'Connor, Forestville	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
ON BOCES	Roger Klatt, Barker	Jeff Evoy, Medina
CA BOCES	* Mark Ward, Ellicottville	TBA

SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

May 16, 2012

Items in yellow are reminders to the responsible parties, green are completed. Blue are hot-links

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS**
- a) Appreciation was extended to Laux Sporting Goods for sponsoring today's luncheon! Laux representatives Dave Garbacz and Brian Donohue gave a brief presentation.
- b) Award Presentations B.Banker/P. Burke
- Congratulations to the NIAAA Student Scholarship Essay winners Megan Karpie of Grand Island and Tyler Scheving from Barker!!
 - Congratulations to the 2012 NYSAAA Chapter 6 Athletic Administrator Award Winners!!
 - Greg Kaszubski - Athletic Administrator Award of the Year
 - Jim Conley, NO League – Non-Athletic Administrator Award
 - Stu Boyar, WGRZ Channel 2 - Community Service Award
 - Sue Benoit, Barker - Judith Martens Secretarial Award
 - Congratulations and thanks were extended to:
 - Nina Van Erk- retiring from her position as NYSPHSAA Executive Director after 12 years of service.
 - Jim Dunnigan- stepping down as Section VI Principals Rep after 18 years of service.
 - Cindy Szczesny- retiring from her position as Section VI Executive Assistant after 15 years of service.
- 3.0 **Motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting CARRIED Dunnigan/Bullis**
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 Officials Coordination:
- a) Payment of officials using RefPay is planned for boys and girls lacrosse semis and finals. Higher ranked officials have been notified to establish their RefPay account.
- b) Payment of officials through BOCES: Erie 1 BOCES and Section VI are investigating central payment of sports officials (by checks rather than direct deposit) processed through BOCES. Cost savings to districts may be significant. The School District Effective Management Grant could not be pursued for funding as this was available to school districts only. Central payment may not be available until the 2013-14 school year.
- c) ArbitrGame: This scheduling program is being piloted in June 2012 in Michigan. Potential use by Section VI member schools for the school year 2013-14 is being investigated. Most subscriptions to ScheduleStar and LeagueMinder are being renewed through June-July 2013.
- d) Contract Negotiations with WNYSO: The first negotiating meeting will be held at Erie 1 BOCES on June 20. The WNYSO team includes C.Hope, D.Piekarski, J.Jastremski, J.Kramer, O.Cott. L.Golando will serve as an alternate.
- 4.2 Appointments to Section VI positions (see → [Current Nominations](#))
- a) Jim Spanbauer, Niagara Falls, was appointed Principals Rep to the Central Committee (4-year term 9/1/12 - 8/31/16): by written ballot.
- b) **Motion to approve the following appointments to the Fall Sportchair positions (3-year term 7/1/12-6/30/15) as follows CARRIED Dunnigan/Foy**
Cross Country (Boys)-Michael Janisch, Cross Country (Girls)-James Zubler, Field Hockey-Judith Otto, Football-Ken Stoldt, Football Assistant-Adam Stoltman, Gymnastics (Boys)-Joe Buscaglia, Gymnastics (Girls)-Donna Aquino, Soccer (Boys)-Todd Marquardt, Soccer (Boys) Assistant- Jon Luce, Soccer (Girls)-Chris Durr, Soccer (Girls) Assistant-Joanna Fildes, Swimming (Girls)-Bruce Johnson, Tennis (Girls)-Mike Venditti, Volleyball (Boys)-Walter Stefani, Volleyball (Girls)-Debby Schrufer, Co-Chairperson-Sue Pernick
- c) **Motion to approve appointments to the Winter Sportchair positions (completing the term until 6/30/14 being vacated by the chairs stepping down) as follows CARRIED Banker/Dunnigan:**
Girls Ice Hockey-Rick Hopkins, Williamsville and Boys Basketball (as co-chairs) Larry Jones, Depew and Al Monaco, Williamsville South. There were no nominations for Girls Indoor Track Sportchair
- 4.3 Combining schools policy: A new formula was proposed → Use the BEDS # of the largest school plus 50% of the BEDS # of each school merging, to determine the classification of the combined team. This will be voted on at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting in August. AC reps are asked to discuss this at league meetings. AD's are requested to report back with their league opinion to T.Slade by the end of June so that direction can be given to the Section reps
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1 **Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests CARRIED Wendt/Dunnigan:**
- a) Chautauqua County Boys and Girls Soccer Senior All Star Contests, 11/11/12 at Jamestown HS Martin Rd. Complex, sponsored by Jamestown City Schools (pre-approved by T/Slade 5/2/12)

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Communications continued

- 5.2 **Motion to approve the following Outside Agency Contests CARRIED Wendt/Dunnigan:**
a) WNYTFOA Cross Country Invitational, 9/22/12 at Beaver Island State Park, cosponsored by Grand Island Central and WNYTFOA (pre-approved by T/Slade 4/30/12)
- 5.3 **Motion to approve the following requests for Combining Schools in 2012-13 (representing school is underlined) CARRIED Banker/Dunnigan:**
a) West Valley with Pioneer for Field Hockey
b) Kenmore East with Kenmore West as Kenmore for Field Hockey
c) Westfield with Chautauqua Lake for Girls Swimming *pending receipt of league president's signature*
d) Portville with Olean for Girls Swimming
e) Portville and Allegany-Limestone with Olean for Boys Swimming
f) Olean and Portville with Allegany-Limestone for Bowling
g) Brocton with Westfield for Boys and Girls Soccer
h) Ellicottville with Franklinville for Girls Swimming
i) Chautauqua Lake with Panama for Boys Swimming *pending receipt of league president's signature*
j) Oracle Charter with Buffalo Academy of Science Charter for Boys Soccer
k) Maritime Charter with Tapestry Charter for Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball
l) Clymer with Sherman for Boys and Girls Cross Country
- 5.4 Communications from NYSPHSAA:
a) A proxy for Section VI at NYSPHSAA meetings must be approved each year.
Motion to approve Timm Slade as the proxy for Section VI at NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings for the 2012-13 school year CARRIED Dunnigan/Wendt
- 5.5 L.Kaminsky resigned as Media Chairperson effective 6/30/12. These duties will be assumed by the Executive Director.

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 6.1 Finance Committee: [April Report & Minutes 4/26/12](#) L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
Treasurer's Report: The Fund Balance will be reduced before the end of the year.
d) **Motion to approve maintaining the current [Admission Prices for 2012-13](#) school year CARRIED Carson/Dunnigan**
e) **Motion to approve funding for the Section VI Field Hockey website at an approximate cost of \$500 with the review of potential corporate sponsorship for the future CARRIED Reed/Dunnigan**
f) **Motion to TABLE the Finance Committee recommendation to return financial responsibility for boys and girls basketball games prior to semi-finals to the member schools CARRIED Graczyk/Burke** This issue was referred back to Finance for further review and will be added to the agenda for the September AC meeting.
- 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional: [April Report & Minutes 4/26/12](#) T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
a) **Motion to approve the Girls Soccer pre-season report with the recommendation that teams that do not meet the specified deadline (for registration/date entry on the website) be excluded from sectional competition CARRIED Burke/Bullis** T.Slade will conduct a pre-season meeting with coaches regarding the website requirement.
b) **Motion to approve the Girls Gymnastics pre-season report and the winter sports post season reports as submitted CARRIED Dunnigan/Wendt**
c) **Motion to approve a change to the due date for post season winter reports in the Bylaws item 5.5.5 from May 1 to July 1 CARRIED Ksionzyk/Dunnigan** This is recommended by the Policy Committee (see item 6.5b)
- 6.3 Safety No Report F. Thornley fthornley@eastauroraschools.org
The policy regarding the number of nights rest between contests for football will remain status quo.
- 6.4 Modified A.Stoltman (B) astoltman@aldenschools.org K.McGowan (G) kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org
[May Report](#) from State Meeting is posted. It was noted that the Modified/JV pilot program was denied by the State Executive Committee.
- 6.5 Policy C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org
Committee recommendations:
c) **Motion to approve a change to the Constitution Item 12.3 as follows: In the sport of Ice Hockey, teams may move up from the small school division to the large school division for the 2012-13 and/or the 2013-14 school years. After the two years, the Ice Hockey exemption will be re-evaluated CARRIED Dunnigan/DiFilippo**

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d) Change the due date for post season winter reports in the Bylaws item 5.5.5 from May 1 to July 1. (approved - see item 6.2c).

e) **Motion to approve the reinstatement of the Nominating Committee to the Bylaws as item 4.13 as follows CARRIED Ksionzyk/Spanbauer.**

4.13 Nominating Committee

4.13.1 Membership:

Shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) member from each league. The President-Elect will serve as the chairperson.

4.13.2 Duties:

Shall convene when needed to solicit, interview and recommend candidates for the following positions: Central Committee Representative, Athletic Council President, Athletic Council President-Elect and Sport Chairperson.

4.13.3. Nominations may also be made from the floor for any office in this Association.

6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee

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

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

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

Girls Rep C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

May Report from State Executive Committee Meeting May 4-5, 2012 is posted. Highlights include:

- Modified Track: Leagues are asked to discuss competing simultaneously with Varsity and JV (similar to swim). This may provide cost savings (officials, travel, etc)
- Modified Football: 2-receiver side of formation was approved with provisions.
- Modified/JV pilot program was denied. It was felt that the high school grid was inappropriate for this level. Also, this program could be a threat to large school JV programs. Schools can still participate in a 7-8-9 modified program following modified rules.
- Modified: Awarding place ribbons was approved (with Section/League approval)
- New Cut-off numbers were approved effective 2013-14 for sports with 5-classes.
- Selective Classification may change in the future but remains status quo at this time.
- Athletes must now wear school uniforms at state competition. This provides cost savings for Sections by eliminating the need to purchase Section uniforms.

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees:

- Cheerleading M. Ziegler mziegler@lancaster.wnyric.org

Report from Spring 2012 State Meeting is posted. NYSPHSAA will host an East and West Cheerleading Invitational in 2012-13. Details are forthcoming.

6.7 Extended Eligibility No Report G. Baldelli balduche@aol.com

6.8 Chemical Awareness No Report M. McKenna mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org

6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black/T.Slade hronblack@hotmail.com Report was emailed 5/11/12
The NYSPHSAA Committee recommends status quo on the Transfer Policy at this time. R.Black will return from medical leave in the near future.

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

6.11 Veterans (Retirees) No Report J. Trampert jtrampOPspt@aol.com

6.12 Mixed Competition No Report J. Dunnigan jdunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G.Kaszubski gkaszubski@clar.wnyric.org

There were 510 nominations for the spring award. The results will be posted on the website → click [here](#). Thank you to ADPRO SPORTS, the cosponsor for this program.

7.2 **Charter Schools Report and Minutes 5/8/12** T.Slade tslade@e1b.org

Motion to approve an independent schedule in 2012-13 for Buffalo Academy of Science, Global Concepts, Health Sciences, Oracle, Tapestry and WNY Maritime Charter Schools CARRIED Ksionzyk/Banker The ADs will be attending league meetings to discuss scheduling.

8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS- reports are posted (links below)

8.1 Football Ken Stoldt [Report from State Meeting 3/26/12 & Section VI Comm. Minutes 4/24/12](#)

The Varsity schedule has been released. State semi-finals will be held at Sahlen's if work is completed by 10/1/12. New rule: An athlete must leave the field for one play if his helmet is removed for any reason.

8.2 Boys Golf Nate Leary [Report from State Meeting 5/1/12](#)

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9.0 GUEST REPORTS:

- 9.1 NYSPHSAA: Nina Van Erk, Executive Director NYSPHSAA: Monthly Reports are posted: [April](#) [May](#)
- a) Uniform waivers have been approved for some sports though 2014-15 however if waivers are needed for other sports for financial reasons, districts should apply to the NYSPHSAA Executive Director.
 - b) ADs are reminded to complete their participation survey by May 31 → click [here](#) The results of this survey are very important to the work of the State Association.
 - c) Concussion Management Law goes into effect July 1. Information on certification courses, required for nurses, trainers, coaches and physical education staff, will be forwarded when released by SED.
- 9.2 NYSAAA Report B.Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us (see 2.0 b)

- 10.0 **FALL SPORTS REPORTS:** No reports due Pre-Season (Mar) Post-Season (Jan)
WINTER SPORTS REPORTS: ←Click for the packet of all reports. Reports can be accessed individually at the bottom of the [AC page for May 16, 2012](#) These reports were approved 6.2(b)
SPRING SPORTS REPORTS: No reports due Pre-Season (Nov) Post-Season (Sept)

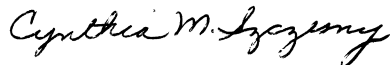
11.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 11.1 2012-13 Section VI office/staff planning: A candidate for the position of Senior Account Clerk Typist has been recommended for hire. A start date has not yet been determined.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS None

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary