

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

May 18, 2011

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4.2 **APPROVED:** Appointments to the Section VI positions of President Elect, Boys Rep to the Central Committee and Winter Sportchairs.
- 5.1 **APPROVED:** Requests for Combining Schools
- 5.2 **APPROVED:** Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests
- 5.3 **APPROVED:** Friend and Neighbor application from Catholic Academy of the Holy Family in Jamestown.
- 5.4 **APPROVED:** Timm Slade as the proxy for Section VI at NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings for the 2011-12 school year.
- 6.1 **APPROVED:** Recommendations from the Finance committee:
- Reimbursement Formula for travel to state competition in 2010-11.
 - The establishment of a Dedicated Fund to cover costs for state competition for individual sports* and discontinuation of reimbursement for team sports on a trial basis for two years.
 - The placement of funds remaining after the reimbursement for 2010-11 into the Dedicated Fund for use in the 2011-12 school year for state competition in individual sports.
 - Steve Penhollow as the Finance Chairperson
 - Admission Prices for 2011-12
- 6.2 **APPROVED:** Sectional Intersectional Committee recommendations:
- Scheduling baseball regional contests on a Sunday in 2012
 - The elimination of linespeople for both boys and girls volleyball during the regular season
 - Girls Volleyball Pre-season Report excluding the proposal to add the use of linespeople to match protocol during regular season
 - 2012 Pre-season fall sports reports for G.Gymnastics, B.Volleyball and G.Soccer
 - Winter 2011 post-season reports and Winter 2012 pre-season reports
- 6.5 **APPROVED:** Adding the Policy on Executive Committee Alternates to the Bylaws
- 6.6(c) **APPROVED:** For Modified Sports (league approval still required):
- The service line in modified boys' and girls' volleyball may be moved up into the court, at a distance not to exceed two meters.
 - The modified softball pitching distance may be established at 40' or 43'
- 6.10 Nominations for the Coaches Sportsmanship Award are due by **June 15** → Nomination Form
- 7.1 **All WNY Scholar Athlete** Results are posted → here
- 7.2 **APPROVED:** An independent schedule in 2011-12 for Buffalo Academy of Science, Global Concepts, Health Sciences, Oracle, Tapestry and WNY Maritime Charter Schools
- 12.1 **APPROVED:** Section VI meeting dates for 2011-12

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Roll Call (* indicates attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President * Jeff Rabey
 President-Elect
 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

Jim Walker * Boys Basketball

GUESTS

Sheryl Kelley * Oracle Charter
 Nina Van Erk * NYSPHSAA

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 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 * 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 11:50 am by President J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS/Award Presentations**
- 2.1 Brett Banker presented the NIAAA Scholarships to the winning student athletes: Molly Curry, Wilson and David Moore, Fredonia. Congratulations to the athletes and their families!
- 2.2 Pat Burke presented the NYSAAA Chapter 6 awards to the 2011 winners. Congratulations!
- a) Jon Roth, Grand Island - Athletic Administrator Award of the Year
 - b) Paul Ksionzyk, Olean - Distinguished Service Award
 - c) Keith McShea, Buffalo News - Community Service Award
 - d) Karen Galli, Sweet Home - Judith Martens Secretarial Award
- A note of appreciation was extended to B.Banker, P.Burke and the NYSAAA awards committee for their efforts.
- 2.3 Steve Vanstrom and Bill Stedman, both Athletic Council representatives and Section VI committee members for many years, were congratulated on their retirement from service to Section VI and thanked for their efforts on behalf of Section VI athletes!
- 3.0 **MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 23, 2011 meeting were approved. **Dunnigan/Burke**
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 Officials Coordination:
- a) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Payment of officials assigned in ArbiterSports using RefPay is planned for boys and girls lacrosse semis and finals. Higher ranked officials have been notified to establish their RefPay account.
 - b) League assigners and WNYSO have agreed upon the Timelines for Assigning → **North** and **South**
- 4.2 Appointments to Section VI positions: **Current nominations**
- a) **Motion to approve Don Scholla, Olean as the Boys Sports Rep to the Central Committee CARRIED DiFilippo/Wendt**
 - b) **Motion to approve the following individuals as Winter Sportchairs CARRIED Dunnigan/Bullis**

Basketball (Boys)	Jim Walker	Indoor Track (Boys)	Peter Szymanski
Assistant	Jon Roth		
Basketball (Girls)	Leo Kaminsky	Indoor Track (Girls)	Emilio Mancino
Assistant	Chris Durr	Rifle	Paul Borkowski
Bowling (Boys)	Dan Kaplan	Swimming (Boys)	James Graczyk
Bowling (Girls)	John Seeley	Co-Chair	Al Fritzinger
Ice Hockey (Boys)	Mark DiFilippo	Wrestling	Mike DeBarbieri
Ice Hockey (Girls)	Jim Rusin	Co-Chair	Israel Martinez
 - c) **Motion to approve Brett Banker, Ken-Ton as the President-Elect CARRIED Dunnigan/Bullis**
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1 **Motion to approve the following requests for Combining schools for 2011-12 CARRIED Riccio/McDonald**
- Charters**
- 1) Oracle Charter with Buffalo Academy of Science Charter for Boys Soccer
 - 2) Maritime with Tapestry for Boys Soccer
 - 3) Maritime with Tapestry for Girls Volleyball
- CCAA**
- 4) Ripley with Sherman for JV and Varsity Football
 - 5) Allegany-Limestone and Portville with Olean for Boys Swimming
 - 6) West Valley with Pioneer for Field Hockey
 - 7) Westfield with Ripley for Cross Country
 - 8) Westfield with Ripley for Wrestling
 - 9) Ellicottville with Franklinville for girls swimming
- ECIC**
- 10) Sweet Home with Amherst for Girls Ice Hockey

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Combining Schools continued

Buffalo

- 11) MST, Performing Arts, OTC and City Honors with Riverside for football
- 12) Emerson and Leonardo da Vinci with Hutch Tech for football
- 13) Olmsted with Bennett for football
- 14) Burgard with Bennett for Girls Soccer
- 15) Burgard with Bennett for Girls Volleyball
- 16) OTC with Emerson for Girls Volleyball
- 17) OTC with Emerson for Boys Soccer

5.2 **Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests and Outside Agency Contests CARRIED**
Wendt/Dunnigan

- a) Boys Lacrosse Senior All-Star contest on 6/9/11 at Hamburg HS cosponsored by Hamburg Central and WNY Lacrosse Coaches Association *pending receipt of insurance*
- b) Girls Lacrosse Senior All-Star contest on 6/12/11 at Williamsville South HS cosponsored by Hamburg Central and WNY Lacrosse Coaches Association *pending receipt of insurance and signatures*
- c) WNY Track & XC Officials XC Invitational on 9/24/11 at Beaver Island State Park cosponsored by WNYTFCCOA and Grand Island Central

5.3 **Motion to approve the Friend and Neighbor application from Catholic Academy of the Holy Family in Jamestown CARRIED**
Wendt/Dunnigan

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 2011-12 school year** CARRIED **Burke/Stedman**
- b) NYSPHSAA announced that Dr. Black (Administrator) and Stacey Schroeder-Watt (Athlete, Grand Island) will be inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame this summer. Congratulations were extended!

5.5 The Boys Ice Hockey Federation bylaws were referred to the Sectional Intersectional Committee for review. Approval of the bylaws will be an action item at the September Athletic Council meeting.

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Finance Committee - April Report/Minutes

L.Ratajczak

lratajczak@e1b.org

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The finances for winter sports are complete and Winter Sports Financial Reports are posted. Action was taken on the following items based on recommendations from the Finance Committee:

- a) Reimbursement Formula: Approximately \$48,000 is available for reimbursement to schools attending state competition in 2010-11. **Motion to approve distribution of funds from the Benefits to Districts Account in 2010-11 to districts as a reimbursement for travel to state competition as follows** CARRIED **Dunnigan/Wendt**:

\$500.00	per team for travel to finals
\$250.00	per team for additional travel to semi-finals (football, boys lacrosse)
\$30.00	per individual competing at states

- b) Individual sports*/Dedicated fund: The payment process for state competition in individual sports is not cost effective. The Section pays expenses, bills the districts for their athletes' participation each season, then reimburses districts as per the established formula (item a above) at the end of the year. Also, invoices issued to districts are not timely, causing concerns for district business offices. A dedicated fund within the Fund Balance for direct payment of expenses for state competition in individual sports would relieve the districts of this financial responsibility and streamline the process for all. With the Section assuming the financial responsibility for individual sports in this manner, there would be no reimbursement to districts for state competition for team sports. Districts would continue to receive mileage reimbursement from the state for team sports. **Motion to approve the establishment of a Dedicated Fund to cover costs for state competition (instead of issuing a reimbursement) for individual sports* when transportation is provided as per the Travel Policy and discontinue the reimbursement for team sports on a trial basis for two years** CARRIED **Stedman/Graczyk**

*The Individual sports included in the Dedicated Fund are those sports for which Section VI transportation is provided (Group 2 in the Travel Policy)

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Recommendations from the Finance committee continued

- c) Reimbursement balance 10-11: If the formula in item (a) is approved, there will be a balance of approximately \$10,000. **Motion to approve the placement of any funds remaining after the reimbursement for 2010-11 into the Dedicated Fund for use in the 2011-12 school year for state competition in individual sports CARRIED Stedman/Wendt**
- d) **Motion to approve Steve Penhollow as the Finance Chairperson CARRIED O'Connor/Wendt**
- e) **Motion to approve Admission Prices for 2011-12 with no change from 2010-11 CARRIED Dunnigan/McDonald**

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

Action was taken on the following items based on recommendations from the Finance Committee:

- a) **Motion to approve scheduling baseball regional contests on a Sunday in 2012 CARRIED Stedman/DiFilippo**
- b) Linespeople in volleyball: The Girls Volleyball Pre-Season Report requests linespeople be added to match protocol. It was verified that elimination of linespeople if approved, must be Section-wide. The elimination of linespeople approved in May 2010 was for the 2010 season only.
 - **Motion to approve the elimination of linespeople for both boys and girls volleyball during the regular season CARRIED Stedman/McDonald**
 - **Motion to accept the Girls Volleyball Pre-season Report excluding the proposal to add the use of linespeople to match protocol during regular season CARRIED Dunnigan/Bullis**
 - **Motion to accept the 2012 Pre-season fall sports reports for Girls Gymnastics, Boys Volleyball and Girls Soccer as submitted CARRIED Dunnigan/Wendt**
- c) **Motion to accept the Winter 2011 post-season reports and Winter 2012 pre-season reports as submitted CARRIED Burke/Biryala**

J.Walker, Boys Basketball Chairman, expressed appreciation to C.Bullis and T.Leonetti for their efforts over many years selling tickets for boys sectionals games at Buffalo State.

- d) **Informational Item**: The Divisional Track Proposal for 2012 is not recommended by Sect/Intersectional Committee.

6.3 Safety No Report F.Thornley fthornley@eastauroraschools.org

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

For items approved at the May NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, see item 6.6 (c). Schools involved in modified pilot programs are reminded to complete the online survey. Leagues/ districts are encouraged to keep discussions going to save modified programs for 2012-13.

6.5 Policy C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

The Policy on Executive Committee alternates (below), approved by the Athletic Council 11/20/02, was eliminated from the bylaws but not added to the Policy Manual as was intended.

Motion to approve adding the Policy on Executive Committee Alternates to the Bylaws CARRIED Ksionzyk/Dunnigan **Executive Committee Alternates**: The four members of the Executive Committee

who represent a specific constituency (i.e., superintendents' rep, principals' rep, girls' rep and boys' rep) are responsible for obtaining an alternate if they cannot attend a meeting of the Athletic Council or Executive Committee. The alternate should be a member of the group the member represents (e.g., another principal should be an alternate for the principals' rep). If an alternate is not available, the President may select a former member of the Executive Committee who currently chairs a Standing Committee of Section VI or is an officer of one of the leagues to take the place of the absent member. This alternate will have full voting rights during the meeting.

6.6 State 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 D. Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org
- Girls Rep C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

Report from State Exec Meeting May 6-7 Minutes from this meeting will be posted when available.

Highlights include:

- 2) Cheerleading was recognized as a sport. NYSPPHSAA will be meeting with SED to work out the details for 2012-13. Districts can determine the type of cheerleading they support (traditional or competitive). Coaches for both types may need to be certified. Certification for coaches of "Ground Bound" traditional cheer squads will be addressed.

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Highlights from the State Executive Committee meeting continued

- 3) A change to NFHS rules for all sports was NOT approved. Sports using NCAA or ASA rules will continue the status quo.
- 4) Wearing Section t-shirts at the State Cross Country Championships was approved provided there is no cost to the schools/athletes.
- 5) The Championship Philosophy Report was approved. Cross Country will change from 5 to 4 classifications. The cut-off numbers are TBD.
- 6) Modified:
 - Volleyball Service Line: With Sectional/league approval, the service line in modified boys' and girls' volleyball may be moved up into the court, at a distance not to exceed two meters.
Motion to approve CARRIED Wendt/Ksionzyk
 - Softball Pitching Distance - With sectional/league approval, the modified softball pitching distance may be established at 40' or 43'
Motion to approve CARRIED Graczyk/Bullis
 - See the [Report from State Exec Meeting May 6-7](#) for additional approvals.
- d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees:
 - Championship Philosophy P.Burke pburke@lockport.wnyric.org (see item 6.6-c4)
 - Cheerleading M.Ziegler mziegler@lancaster.wnyric.org
M.Ziegler extended her thanks to N. Van Erk and T. Slade for their assistance with the issue of Cheerleading as a sport (see item 6.6-c1)
 - Strategic Planning C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org
A meeting was held May 12 and a draft plan was developed → [DRAFT Strategic Plan 2011-16](#).
When finalized, the strategic plan will be posted on the website and all will be notified.
- 6.7 Extended Eligibility: No Report G. Balducci balducci@aol.com
- 6.8 Chemical Awareness: M. McKenna mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org
M.McKenna will attend the Life of an Athlete Workshop in Saratoga this June and will report in September.
- 6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black hronblack@hotmail.com Reports were emailed 5/13/11
- 6.10 Sportsmanship D. Beetow dbeetow@iroquoiscsd.org
Leagues, ADs and Coaches are encouraged to nominate coaches for the Sportsmanship Award. One coach will be selected from each division in each league to receive this award. Nominations are due by **June 15**. Click here for the [Nomination Form](#)
- 6.11 Veterans (Retirees) No Report J. Trampert jtramOPspt@aol.com
- 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
484 nominations have been received for the Section VI All WNY Scholar athlete award for spring sports. Results will be posted [here](#) when available.
- 7.2 [Charter Schools Report/Minutes 5/9/11](#) T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
Motion to approve an independent schedule in 2011-12 for Buffalo Academy of Science, Global Concepts, Health Sciences, Oracle, Tapestry and WNY Maritime Charter Schools CARRIED DeKay/Stedman

8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1 Football Adam Stoltman No Report
- 8.2 Boys Golf Nate Leary Report from State Meeting 5/2 and State Qualifier
The state championship will be held again at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Lodging arrangements are still on campus in the dormitories. The Section VI state qualifier went very well despite the weather. New this year were two volunteer NYSGA Rules Officials and Sponsor provided plaques and team shirts. I was able to get our medalist a bid to the 2011 International Junior Masters Invitational held at East Aurora CC as well as the overall NYS Champion crowned on June 6, 2011. Details and pictures of the event can be viewed online at www.section6golf.org. All media coverage of the event is posted in the RESULTS section of the website.

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9.0 **GUEST REPORTS:**

- 9.1 NYSPHSAA Reports: N. Van Erk nvanerk@nysphsaa.org **April, May**
- a) Participation Survey will now be annual and completed online.
 - b) The Mandatory AD Eligibility Workshop in Section VI will be August 29.
 - c) Handbook changes include 1) Foreign Exchange and International Students - School districts may apply to the Section for a waiver if the student is living with a member of the school's coaching staff or athletic director and if the student has not played the sport competitively. 2) In the sports of wrestling, cross country, indoor track and outdoor track when an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, only the individual would no longer be eligible for that season
- 9.2 NYSAAA (see item 2.0) B.Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us

- 10.0 **FALL SPORTS REPORTS:** No reports due Pre-Season (Mar) Post-Season (Jan)
Past due Fall Pre-season: Boys and Girls Volleyball, Girls Gymnastics, Girls Soccer (see item 6.2)
- WINTER SPORTS REPORTS:** Post-Season 2011 and Pre-Season 2012 Sports Reports (see item 6.2)
- SPRING SPORTS REPORTS:** No reports due Pre-Season (Nov) Post-Season (Sept)

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS** No Report

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 12.1 **Motion to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2011-12 CARRIED Dunnigan/Riccio:**
- Athletic Council (Wed.): Sept.21, Nov.16, Jan.18, Mar.21, May 16
 - Exec. Comm. (Wed.): Above dates plus Oct.19, Dec.14, Feb. 15, Apr. 18, June 13
 - Sec/Intersect (Thurs. 9am): Sept. 1, Oct. 27, Jan. 5, Mar. 1, Apr. 26
 - Finance (Thurs 12pm): Sept. 1, Oct. 27, Jan. 5, Apr. 26
 - Sportchair Pre-season Meetings (Wed. 3:00pm) Fall 6/22/11, Winter 9/28/11, Spring 1/25/12
- Other dates:
- The Section VI Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop will be August 29 at Erie 1 BOCES. Those who cannot attend Aug. 29 have the option to attend the Section V Workshop on Aug. 30 in Honeoye Falls, Lima.
 - NYSPHSAA Meetings: Aug. 2-4, Oct. 23-24, 2011, Jan 2012 TBA, May 4-5, 2012, Aug 2-4, 2011
 - The NYSAAA Conference is scheduled for March 14-17, 2012
 - Erie 1, Erie 2, Catt-Allegany and NO BOCES and Buffalo breaks for 2011-12 are:
Winter: Feb. 20-24 and Spring: April 6-13, 2012

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**
Thanks were extended to Timm Slade for his leadership!

14.0 **ADJOURNMENT Vanstrom/Graczyk**
Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary

Cynthia M. Szczesny