

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING May 20, 2009 – Agenda Item 5.4**

To : Members of the Section 6 Athletic and Executive Council  
From : Jim Walker, Boys Basketball Chairman  
Date : May 18, 2009  
Re : Report from State Boys Basketball Committee Meeting

On May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> I was again forced to attend a State Boys Basketball Committee in Albany. The cost of my attendance at this meeting was in excess of \$500.00. I estimate that this makes over 40 times that either I or my Assistant Chairman have been forced to travel across the State to attend these meetings at the expense of Section 6. Some quick math will tell you that during my tenure as Chairman it has cost our Section over \$20,000.00 while during the same time period it has cost Section 2 nothing to attend the same meetings.

At this meeting there was a discussion regarding the sighting of these meetings in the future. During this discussion I made a proposal as to how expenses for these meetings and the expenses for schools participating in Regional and State Championships should be handled. My proposal was as follows:

1. Whereas State Sports Committee meeting are the function of the NYSPHSAA and;
2. Whereas Regional and State Championships are events under NYSPHSAA direction and are a function of the State organization;
3. Therefore, it should be resolved that the NYSPHSAA should provide the funds necessary to cover the cost of travel, lodging and meals for members of State Sports Committees and High Schools participating in Regional and State Championships. The proceeds from all Regional and State Championships should be the property of the NYSPHSAA.

It is my opinion that this is the only way that these expenses can be fairly shared equally by all 11 Sections.

Needless to say, my proposal brought about a great deal of discussion by both Committee Members and State Representatives. Conclusions of that discussion were as follows:

1. Implementation of the proposal would require a Constitutional change. Any proposal to change the Constitution would have to come from members of the State Central Committee
2. When the Boys Basketball State Tournament began in 1978 and, for a few years afterward, proceeds from Regional play went to the NYSPHSAA. That practice was later revised and the proceeds were held by the various Sections with the expressed purpose of funding the travel, lodging and meals of schools participating in Regional and Championship play. (What happened in Section 6).

Following this discussion, a survey was taken regarding the funding of the expenses for Regional and State Championships. Each Sectional representative reported what expenses are covered by their Section for all sports. The results of that survey were as follows:

Section 1: Travel, lodging, meals  
Section 2: Travel, lodging, meals  
Section 3: Travel, lodging, meals for team sports only  
Section 4: Travel, lodging, meals  
Section 5: Meals only  
Section 6: Nothing  
Section 7: Travel, lodging, meals  
Section 8: Travel, lodging (no meals)  
Section 9: Travel, lodging, meals  
Section 10: Travel, lodging, meals  
Section 11: Travel, lodging, meals