

**Center for Interscholastic Athletics
Section One, Inc.**



Executive Committee Meeting

October 5, 2020

Attendance:

Dr. Marc Baiocco, Southern Westchester Supt.
Michael Cring, At-large Athletic Director
Anthony DiCarlo, Supt. Liaison to Athletic Council
Dr. Harold Coles, SWBOCES Supt.
Dr. Kris Felicello, Rockland Supt.
Dr. Brendan Lyons, Putnam/Northern Westchester Supt., President
James Mackin, Principal Rep, 1st Vice President
Dr. Joe Ricca, Southern Westchester Supt.
Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2nd Vice President

John Bauerlein, Conference III
Matt Cameron, Conference I
Roman Catalino, Conference II

Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director, CIA/Section One, Inc.
Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director, CIA/Section One, Inc.
Brian Howard, Director of Communications

Absent:

Dr. Matt Landahl, Dutchess Supt.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called order at 10:04 am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Ricca / Bauerlein

Approved: Unanimous

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the September 23, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the September 23, 2020 minutes: Cring / Sigillo

Approved: Unanimous

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$827,883.53.

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Ricca / Baiocco

Approved: Unanimous

V. Officer's Reports: President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Principal Rep

No Report

VI. Section One Update

- Participation Status Update
 - *Yonkers, Pawling & Poughkeepsie made a local decision to not participate in Fall Season I. It is anticipated that they will play cross country, field hockey and soccer in Fall Season II.*
- Contingency Planning (if Fall Season I is interrupted)
 - *The outcome of the season would depend on where an interruption occurs:*
 - *If the interruption is only a few weeks into the season, with a game or two played, we could petition the NYSPHSAA officers to push Fall Season I to Fall Season II.*
 - *If we have completed 8-9 weeks, it is anticipated that would constitute a full season and those sports would not be moved.*
 - *If the fall season is interrupted, options for the winter season would need to be considered. Potentially pause until November 30th when winter is slated to begin, or move to the 3 season condensed model and start in January.*
 - *Concerns were shared around having high risk indoor sports in the winter. Still awaiting clearance from the Governor and NYSDOH on high risk winter sports. The winter season is scheduled to begin November 30th. Todd will be attending a state meeting in a couple of weeks where the winter season will be discussed.*
- Presidents of Officials Association
 - *NYSPHSAA guidelines specifically state the officials are not responsible for the monitoring and enforcement of face coverings and social distancing. Their responsibilities lie within the rules of the game. Todd will be meeting with the officials' associations and will be presenting the NYSDOH guidelines and NYSPHSAA Return to Athletics document.*

VII. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session: Ricca / Bauerlein

Approved: Unanimous

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Ricca / Sigillo

Approved: Unanimous

VIII. General Action/Discussion/Information Items(Proposals)

(I) NYSED 135.1 (Intramural/Extramural Activities)

Intramural activities mean those activities conducted within one school district involving only those pupils enrolled in such school district and which are organized to serve the entire enrollment.

Extramural activities mean those games or other events which involve the participation of pupils from two or more school districts and which are conducted as play-days or sports days at the end of the intramural season.

Interpretation from NYSED: Extramural events are singular events between schools per sport or activity. Multiple events per sport or activity would be considered interscholastic athletics.

(D) Winter Scheduling Philosophy - Alignment Committee

- Mergers/Combining of Teams
 - *The Alignment Committee, along with the Sport Chairs, are meeting this week to review the winter leagues. There are a number of winter sports that are merged, particularly in the sport of ice hockey and boys swimming that will play a significant role in the development of the*

schedule. It is important for the Superintendents to discuss with their Athletic Director on whether they will allow their district to participate in mergers/combining of teams this winter.

- (A) Consider approval of section-wide spectator protocols
Athletic Council

Discussion:

A draft of the section-wide spectator protocols was shared. Athletic Council made a recommendation to allow only two spectators per home athlete for the regular season, while following the DOH guidelines for health screenings, social distancing and face coverings. Schools will have the ability to be more restrictive to the spectator protocols.

Motion to accept the spectator protocols as recommended by Athletic Council: Lyons / Cring
Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval to authorize off-season conditioning workouts (all sports) beginning November 2nd
Athletic Council

Discussion:

If the Section has not sanctioned this in the past, should we be involved in authorizing it now? Athletic Directors have expressed needing more clarification around the use of the fitness centers, however, most schools are not allowing after school activities outside of the sanctioned interscholastic athletic events. The focus of the Athletic Directors has been on providing a safe and successful environment for fall athletes at this time.

Todd will send out information clarifying that the Section One Executive Committee has no governing authority over initial districts use of fitness centers, tracks, etc. In other words, schools are permitted to engage in strength training, conditioning, agility and speed workouts if they choose to. However, sport-specific workouts involving sport-specific athletic equipment is on pause.

No action taken on off-season sport-specific workouts at this time. The Executive Committee will meet Monday, October 26th @ 10am to reassess off-season sport-specific workouts.

- (A) Consider approval of Championship Committee Post Season Philosophy and Tournament Plans
Championship Committee

Discussion:

The Championship Committee is recommending that the Executive Committee adopt a championship event at the end of the Fall Season I. Games would be played at the higher seed which is different than in past years. Cross Country would be split over two days based on classification due to the size of the event. Tennis would be the only sport hosted at one site. If there are no changes it would begin the week of November 16th.

The Executive Committee would like additional time to evaluate how the month of October plays out and they will reevaluate the current status and possibility of a post-season on October 26th

The post-season commitment form will go out to the districts to get an ideal of how many districts would be interested in participating. Additional COVID language will be added to address concerns. The responses will be brought back to the Executive Committee on October 26th.

Motion to table pending additional information: Bauerlein / Catalino
Approved: Unanimous

IX. Sport Action/Discussion Items (Proposals): *N/A*

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Bauerlein / Ricca

Approved: Unanimous