

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



**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**

March 22, 2022

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Representative</b>
President (or designee – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Principal)	Jim Mackin
Conference I Athletic Director	Andy Guccione ( <i>absent</i> )
Conference I Athletic Director	Joe Luzzi
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Young
Conference I Principal	Brett Miller ( <i>absent</i> )
Conference II Athletic Director	Mike Arias
Conference II Athletic Director	Dan Belfi
Conference II Athletic Director	Chris Galano
Conference II Principal	Rudy Arietta
Conference III Athletic Director	Joe Ceglia
Conference III Athletic Director	Chris Drosopoulos
Conference III Athletic Director	Denise Kiernan
Conference III Principal	Joe Palumbo ( <i>absent</i> )
At-Large Athletic Director (Class D)	Andrine Trotman
Championship Committee Co-Chair	Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick ( <i>absent</i> )
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	<b>Representative</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Athletic Director	Joe Sigillo
Superintendent Liaison to Athletic Council	Anthony DiCarlo
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer	Jesse Merchant
Recording Secretary	Stacy Chimento
<b>Guests</b>	
NYSPHSAA Female AD Rep	Susan Reid-Dullea

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

*Meeting was called to order at 9:36am*

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

**(A)** Consider approval of the agenda

*Motion to approve: Ceglia/ Young*

**Carried:** Aye=11    Nay=0    Abstention=0

### III. Approval of the Minutes

- (A) Consider approval of the **February 17, 2022** Athletic Council meeting minutes

*Motion to approve the February 17, 2022 minutes: Young / Drosopoulos*

**Carried:** Aye=11      Nay=0      Abstention=0

- (A) Consider approval of the **February 18, 2022** Athletic Council meeting minutes

*Motion to approve the February 18, 2022 minutes: Belfi / Baker*

**Carried:** Aye=11      Nay=0      Abstention=0

### IV. Treasurer's Report

- (A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

- *Cash Balance of \$701,517.51*
- *Reserve Fund Balance of \$46,261.13*

*Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Baker / Belfi*

**Carried:** Aye=11      Nay=0      Abstention=0

### V. Officer's Reports: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

*No Report*

### VI. Section One Report

- *As the President of Chapter 1 NYSAAA, Susan Dullea presented the NYSAAA Distinguished Service Award to Anthony DiCarlo, Superintendent Liaison to Athletic Council.*

#### (I) Fall 2022 Section and Regional Championship Site Proposals – due April 1<sup>st</sup>

- *The Championship Committee will be inviting the Fall Sport Chairs to the April Championship Committee meeting to present their tournament plans and site recommendations.*

#### (D) Football Scheduling / Independent Declaration

- *The Section One office has received football schedules for all classifications except for Class AA. In December, the Section and the Football Scheduling Committee formalized a scheduling process for football to assist in streamlining the development with the hopes of reducing issues at the end of the season. Most recently, two schools (Briarcliff and Spring Valley) have changed their declaration after the defined deadline impacting the development of schedules.*

#### Discussion:

- *The Council determined that criteria need to be established to declare independent status. In other words, what does it mean to be independent, how long are you required to remain independent, should deadlines exist, etc.*
- *A more global approach to scheduling football needs to be considered moving forward.*

**(I) Girls Flag Football Fee Structure Negotiations**

- *With approval of an MOA, the Westchester County Football Officials will be compensated with a JV fee for the purpose of the upcoming pilot program. April 1<sup>st</sup> is Girls Flag Football Kick-Off Jamboree at Somers HS.*

**(I/D) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion**

- Professional Development and Educational Opportunities: Sweethearts and Heroes
- Section 1 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Draft Policy
- Creation of DEI Sub-Committee

Discussion:

- *Dr. Baiocco shared a draft policy with the Executive Committee and has solicited feedback from the LHCSS with the hopes of the Section adopting a DEI policy for athletics. The draft includes language that speaks to how situations should be handled, the expectations of the districts and where the section fits in. Also included is language surrounding documentation of tracking, investigating, remediating and guidelines around course of action.*
- *Sweethearts and Heroes is a program that has been utilized by Valhalla in the past and Jamie Block would like to plan something for Conference 3 schools. The website and a video were shared with the Athletic Council to see if this could meet the needs of the entire section. The group felt that although this is great program, there were concerns that it did not fully meet the section's needs, and it appeared to be geared toward a younger audience. The Athletic Council would like to explore other programs.*

**VII. NYSPHSAA Report: Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director**

**(I) Overview of the timeline, process, and criteria for classifications**

- *Included in the packet is an update related to the timeline and process for determining the adoption of six classifications. Todd reminded the Council that this does not apply to Football. This will be a discussion item at the May meeting and will be voted on at the July meeting.*

**(I) 2022-23 SAAC Application - [https://nysphsaa.org/sb\\_output.aspx?form=9](https://nysphsaa.org/sb_output.aspx?form=9) (1 rising junior – female)**

- *There is a Section 1 vacancy next year for a rising female junior. The commitment is four dates throughout the year and the leadership summit. The application due date is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

**VIII. Mergers/Combining of Teams (Included in the packet)**

**(A) Consider approval of the proposed mergers/combining of teams for the 2021-22 school year**

*Motion to approve the mergers as listed in the packet: Arias / Drosopoulos*

*Carried: Aye=11      Nay=0      Abstention=0*

**IX. Outside Agency: N/A**

**X. Self-Report: N/A**

**XI. Friend & Neighbor Applications: The Manitou School (Cold Spring, NY)**

- *The Manitou School has been approved as a Friend and Neighbor.*

**XII. Senior All-Star Applications: N/A**

- *The Lower Hudson Valley Boys Basketball Association is hosting a senior game. Concerns were expressed about it being played outside of the defined winter season. Todd explained this is a non-section one approved, non-sanctioned event. Athletes would need to participate unattached to their school to not jeopardize their eligibility.*

**XIII. New Member School Presentations / Applications**

**(A)** Consider approval of the membership application for the **Hudson Lab School (K-8)**

*Motion to approve the membership application for the Hudson Lab School: Ceglia / Kiernan*  
**Defeated:** Aye=4      Nay=7      Abstention=0

**XIV. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals): N/A**

**XV. Sports Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals)**

**(D)** Consideration to amend the Section 1 yellow card policy for **Boys & Girls Soccer** *(to Sportsmanship)*  
Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, *Co-Chair Championship Committee*

**(I/D)** Consideration of the **Boys Golf** tournament plans for spring 2022 *(included in packet)*  
Adam Lodewick, *Boys Golf Sport Chair*

**XVI. Amendments to Section One Constitution: N/A**

**XVII. Conference Reports**

- *Conference 1 – no report*
- *Conference 2 – no report*
- *Conference 3 – no report*

**XVIII. Membership Concerns: N/A**

**XIX. Standing Committee Reports**

Championship Committee, Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, *Co-Chair*

**(D)** Consideration to eliminate awarding bonus points for independent teams

**(D)** Consider awarding two additional bonus points based on number of sport-specific games played

**(D)** Consider increasing the number of qualifying teams to 24 when 20 or more teams are seeded

**XX. Old Business**

**XXI. New Business**

**XXII. Good of the Order**

**XXIII. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Young / Ceglia*  
**Carried:** Aye=11      Nay=0      Abstention=0