



Executive Committee Minutes

October 4, 2021

Zoom Meeting

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Voting Members	Representative
President, Putnam/Northern Westchester Superintendent	Dr. Brendan Lyons (<i>Absent</i>)
1 st Vice President, Principal Rep	James Mackin
2 nd Vice President, Athletic Director	Joe Sigillo
Dutchess Superintendent	Dwight Bonk (<i>Absent</i>)
Rockland Superintendent	Dr. Kris Felicello (<i>Absent</i>)
Southern Westchester Superintendent	Richard Calkins (<i>Absent</i>)
Southern Westchester Superintendent	Dr. Marc Baiocco
Southern Westchester BOCES Superintendent	Dr. Harold Coles
At-Large Athletic Director	Michael Cring
Conference I Athletic Director	Matt Cameron
Conference II Athletic Director	Roman Catalino
Conference III Athletic Director	Denise Kiernan
Non-Voting Members	Representative
Superintendent Liaison to Athletic Council	Anthony DiCarlo
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer of Section One, Inc.	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer of Section One, Inc.	Jesse Merchant
Recording Secretary	Stacy Chimento
Guests	Representative
Director of Communications	Brian Howard

I. Call Meeting to Order 10:10 am

Meeting was called to order at 10:10am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Baiocco/ Catalino

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **August 31, 2021** Executive Committee Meeting minutes

Motion to approve the August 31, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting minutes: Mackin / Sigillo

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Financial Report

(A) Consider approval of the Financial Report

- *Current Cash Balance \$960,156.58*
- *Current Reserve Fund balance \$46,259.60*

Motion to approve the Financial Report: Mackin / Catalino

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

V. Officer's Reports: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President

No report

VI. Section 1 Update

(A) Consider appointing Anthony DiCarlo to the position of Putnam/Northern Westchester Superintendent rep

Motion to appoint Anthony DiCarlo to the position of Putnam/Northern Westchester

Superintendent rep: Baiocco / Mackin

Carried: Aye= 8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider appointing a Superintendent to the position of President for the duration of the 2021-22 school year

Motion to appoint Marc Baiocco to the position of President for the duration of the 2021-22 school year: DiCarlo / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(D) Consider a target date for returning to in-person meetings (January 15, 2022)

Discussion:

The consensus of the group is to wait until the January meeting to return to in-person meetings.

(I) Consider identifying a school-based official to address shortage of sports officials

(I/D) Draft memo to schools regarding imposed venue restrictions

VII. NYSPHSAA Update – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting, October 20, 2021

(I) NYSPHSAA Championship Protocols

State Champions are scheduled as planned. NYSPHSAA released a set of protocols that will be applied to any Covid related issue in Regional and/or State play.

Locally, we have adjusted our hotel room allocations for individual sports (from 4 to 2) by reserving additional rooms to reduce the number of athletes in a room. This will be an additional

expense to the Section. Sport Chairs will do their best to keep school cohorts together. Room allocations for team championships are the responsibility of the district.

(I) Vaccinated / Testing Officials Proposal – NYSDOH Determination

NYSPHSAA informed Sections that the September 2nd Commissioner’s Determination applies to sport officials as independent contracts. As a result, NYSPHSAA authored a proposal on behalf of the eleven Sections which outlines the steps to be utilized to ensure compliance. The proposal will be shared with State OCF representatives. It is anticipated that the local officials’ associations will be responsible for collecting proof of vaccination from their membership and proving the assignors with a list of eligible officials. The local chapters will also provide a second list of eligible officials who have committed to weekly testing. The proposal will be discussed at the October state meeting in greater detail.

(I) Masking toleration for student-athletes

Last year, the NYSDOH Sport & Recreation guidance included language permitting student-athletes to not be masked if they could not tolerate it. This year, the DOH indicates that individuals must be six feet apart where masking is not possible. The “not tolerable” language is no longer in existence.

At the September Athletic Council meeting, Dr. Zayas stated that it is the responsibility of the districts to ensure they are compliant with the masking requirement of athletes. The Athletic Council discussed the idea of generating a proposal to give the officials the responsibility of enforcing the mask rule (like the jewelry rule). This idea will be discussed at the October Conference meetings with Athletic Directors. If there is support by the membership, it will be brought forward as a Sectional concern at the state meeting in October.

VIII. Appeals

(I) Request for Extended Eligibility – Hastings High School and Rye High School

Hastings High School and Rye High School appealed the decisions of the Section 1 Transfer & Eligibility Committee to deny an extension of eligibility for a particular student-athlete. The Section 1 appeal panel upheld the Transfer & Eligibility Committee’s determination.

IX. Self-Reports

(I) Violation of the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule – Pearl River Boys Soccer

The Section One Office received a self-report from Pearl River. The district reported the use of an ineligible player as the result of a NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule violation. It was reported that a student-athlete signed a professional contract.

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

(A) Consider renewal of David Evangelista, CPA, as consultant for football seeding calculations

*Motion to renew David Evangelista, CPA, as consultant for football seeding calculations:
Sigillo / DiCarlo*

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of Brian Bentley as Boys & Girls Skiing Co-Sport Chair

Motion to approve Brian Bentley as Boys & Girls Skiing Co-Sport Chair: Sigillo / Baiocco

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Contracts / Engagement Letters:

(A) Consider approval of the **SUNY Purchase** contract for the 2021-22 school year

Motion to approve the SUNY Purchase contract for the 2021-22 school year: Catalino / DiCarlo

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the **Clarkstown School District** facility use contract for the 2021-22 school year

Motion to approve the Clarkstown School District facility use contract for the 2021-22 school year: DiCarlo / Catalino

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XI. Standing Committee Action/Discussion Items (Proposals)

Alignment Committee:

(I/D) Consideration of the geographical, mixed classification conference structure

- Alignment Ballot Vote – November 3, 2021

The current alignment document expires in June of 2022. On November 3rd a ballot vote will be released outlining the proposed changes. Two different Conference structure proposals are being considered: Proposal #1: Geography and Proposal #2: BEDS.

XII. Sport Action/Discussion Items (Proposals):

Championship Tournament Plans / Site Proposals

(A) Consider approval of the amended Championship Tournament Plans for Girls Swimming & Diving

- Additional day of November 4th

Motion to approve the amended Championship Tournament Plans for Girls Swimming & Diving: Baiocco / Coles

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(D) Consideration of the Winter 21-22 Tournament Plans / Calendar

A draft calendar is included in the meeting packet for the Committee's review. The championship sites have yet to be determined. Except for Ice Hockey, the tournaments will likely be held at school-based venues. It has been proposed for Basketball to be held at the higher seed, with the hopes of securing a neutral site for the Finals.

XIII. Amendments to Section One Constitution (requires ballot vote)

(D) Consideration of the proposed amendments to the Section One Constitution

- Amend Article 5e. Seasonal Sport Participation
Rob Barrett, Yorktown

- Amend NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Representation Language
Susan Reid Dullea, Rye
- Amend Article 3c. Appointment to Section Athletic Council Membership (Principal Rep)
Jim Mackin, 1st Vice President

Athletic Council completed its 1st reading of both the bylaws and proposed constitutional changes at their September meeting. Any changes require a ballot vote.

(I) Bylaws for Section One Standing Committees – Athletic Council (1st Reading - 9/28/21)

XIV. Old Business

- Update on Championship Broadcasting/Streaming Rights – Local Live

At the last meeting, the Committee discussed the exclusive championship broadcasting/streaming rights with LocalLive. Local Live reported that they are currently unable to increase their guaranteed revenue stream to Section One. The company is currently investing their resources into the growth of game producers and would like schools to partner with them by assisting in identifying producers within their local districts and the potential development of a school-based program. In return, LocalLive would expand their coverage.

Discussion: Committee members highlighted the yearly expense associated with LocalLive. The general feeling of the Committee is that because of the expense incurred by the participating schools and growth that LocalLive has experienced through the pandemic, the Committee would like LocalLive to consider an increased guaranteed revenue stream. Committee members also reiterated the desire for LocalLive to cover all sports, including Cross Country. The Committee also discussed alternative options should LocalLive not be interested.

Several members of the Executive Committee agreed to meet with LocalLive to discuss the Committee's concerns along with the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the LocalLive's position.

XV. New Business

Cameron: Inquired about an indoor spectator policy for the winter season. A desire to develop guidelines ahead of the season was discussed. The Committee felt it was still early and recommended that discussion occur at upcoming Superintendent and Athletic Director meetings.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mackin / Cameron

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0