

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2022

Voting Members	Representative
President (or designee – 1 st Vice President)	James Mackin
Conference I Athletic Director	Lindsay Zekus (<i>Absent</i>)
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Luciana
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Young
Conference I Principal	<i>Vacant</i>
Conference II Athletic Director	Mike Arias
Conference II Athletic Director	Anthony DeRosa
Conference II Athletic Director	Chris Galano
Conference II Principal	Rudy Arietta
Conference III Athletic Director	Joe Ceglia (<i>Absent</i>)
Conference III Athletic Director - Proxy	Anthony Nicodemo
Conference III Athletic Director	Chris Drosopoulos
Conference III Athletic Director	Denise Kiernan
Conference III Principal	Joe Palumbo
At-Large Athletic Director (Class D)	Andrine Trotman
Championship Committee Co-Chair	Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick
Non-Voting Members	Representative
2 nd Vice President, Athletic Director	Joe Sigillo
Superintendent Liaison to Athletic Council	Anthony DiCarlo (<i>Absent</i>)
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer	Jesse Merchant
Recording Secretary	Stacy Chimento
Guests	
NYSPSHAA Assistant Director	Chris Joyce
NYSPHSAA Female Athletic Director Rep	Susan Reid-Dullea

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order 9:40am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Kiernan / Arias

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes

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

Motion to approve the May 17, 2022 Athletic Council meeting minutes: Kiernan / Baker

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the **June 15, 2022** Athletic Council meeting minutes

Motion to approve the June 15, 2022 Athletic Council meeting minutes: Drosopoulos / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

- *Cash Balance: \$907,797.63*
- *Reserve Balance: \$79,527.00*

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Kiernan/ Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

Sigillo – Thank you to the section for the event at Met Life. This was the first time all three conferences were together this year and the athletic directors had time to catch up. The athletic directors are realizing after covid, there is a lot that is still being dealt with and there is concern for the well being of the athletic directors.

VI. Sponsorship Presentation: N/A

VII. Section One Report

(I/D) Athletic Council Representation 22-23

- New Athletic Directors
 - *Conference 1 – Steve Luciana*
 - *Conference 1 – Lindsay Zekus*
 - *Conference 2 – Anthony DeRosa*
 - *Conference 3 – Anthony Nicodemo (proxy)*
- Conference 1 Principal representative
Todd reported that there is a vacancy for the Conference 1 Principal rep.
- Superintendent liaison representative
Todd reported that Anthony DiCarlo will continue as the state rep but the section will need a liaison superintendent rep between Athletic Council and the Executive Committee.

(D) Athletic Officials Shortage – Ideas for Recruitment and Retention

Discussion:

- *As one of the governing bodies, Athletic Council needs to be part of the solution to the challenges the section is experiencing around the shortage of officials.*
- *NYSPPHSAA launched a school based official program, however, it is unclear how many, if any schools have taken advantage of it in our region.*
- *The Section office has made changes to streamline and expedite the process for new officials.*

- *Conversations are occurring at the state level with the state OCF to streamline the certification process for sub varsity, especially modified officials.*
- *Other ideas shared included an official's recruitment fair, distribution of a flyer to each school community with contact information for all officials associations, and approaching local colleges to see if they would be interested in offering a course.*

(I) DEI Member Schools Pledge

(D) Feedback from InSideOut Initiative launch

Positive feedback was shared by members of the Council on the launch of the InSideOut Initiative.

(I/D) NYS Ticket Transparency Bill

Todd and Chris Joyce made the Council aware of the NYS Ticket Transparency bill which was designed to allow the customer to see the final ticket price before they get to checkout. GoFan is working on changing the way the website functions to show the breakdown of the ticket and the fees that are included.

VIII. NYSPHSAA Report: Chris Joyce, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

(A) Consider approval of a waiver of the representation rule for wrestling dual meet championships (6 to 0)

*Motion to approve the waiver of the representation rule for wrestling dual meet championships (6 to 0):
Drosopoulos / Luciana*

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Chris Joyce reported the following:

- *There will be several new proposals on the agenda with two going straight to action items.*
 1. *The girls wrestling invitational to be held the day before the dual meet championship will go to action.*
 2. *Wrestling wants to eliminate honor weigh-ins and go to a true weigh-in form through trac wrestling. This will be an action item*
 3. *Flag football would like to offer a state championship in the spring of 2024.*
- *The NYSPHSAA foundation launched on June 1st. Received a donation from the American Dairy Association, a long-time sponsor. October 14th will be Annual Giving Day.*

IX. Mergers/Combining of Teams:

(A) Consider approval of mergers for the 2022-23 school year

Motion to approve the mergers for the 2022-23 school year: Luciana / Arias

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

X. Outside Agency Requests:

(A) Consider approval of the WPDRCCA Fall Conference Cheerleading Championship (Hendrick Hudson HS)

*Motion to approve the WPDRCCA Fall Conference Cheerleading Championship (Hendrick Hudson HS):
Drosopoulos / Galano*

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the Westchester County Parks Cheerleading Invitational (Somers HS)

Motion to approve the Westchester County Parks Cheerleading Invitational (Somers HS):

Luciana / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XI. Self-Reports:

- Sleepy Hollow Varsity Football – *joint practice violation*

Sleepy Hollow violated the joint practice standard and participated in an 11 v. 11 scrimmage-like situation prior to accruing the appropriate number of practices. The Athletic Director reported that the school district suspended the Head Coach for the first game of the season. Athletic Council determined no further sanction was necessary.

- Valhalla Varsity Football – *joint practice violation*

Valhalla violated the joint practice standard and participated in an 11 v. 11 scrimmage-like situation prior to accruing the appropriate number of practices. The Athletic Director reported that the school district suspended the Head Coach for the first game of the season. Athletic Council determined no further sanction was necessary.

- North Salem JV Girls Soccer – *use of an ineligible player*

North Salem utilized an ineligible player on their JV Girls Soccer team. The Athletic Director reported that the JV Girls Soccer team only has 8 players. To maintain both a varsity and JV level program, the Athletic Director had been meeting regularly with the coaching staff to devise a plan that included the rotation of players among the two teams without exceeding the maximum number of contests. Furthermore, the Athletic Director reported that utilizing the same players on the same day was never discussed. As a result of one player playing in two contests on the same day, the prescribed NYSPHSAA penalty was applied resulting in a forfeiture of the JV girls soccer game.

Motion to suspend the JV girls soccer coach for one game, the next scheduled contest:

Baker / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=2 Abstention=0

XII. Friend & Neighbor Applications: N/A

XIII. Senior All-Star Applications:

(A) Consider approval of the FOOTBALL Exceptional Senior Game (November 20th at Clarkstown North)

Motion to approve the FOOTBALL Exceptional Senior Game (November 20th at Clarkstown North):

Drosopoulos / Baker

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XIV. New Member School Presentations / Applications:

(I/D) Feedback requested from the Hudson Lab School

Last year, the Hudson Lab School presented to Athletic Council and was denied. They have reached out again for feedback to see if their application would be reconsidered.

XV. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals)

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

(A) Consideration to eliminate games against independent teams for seeding

*Motion to **withdraw** this proposal against independent teams: Baker / DeRosa*

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

*Motion to **withdraw** bonus points: Baker / Young*

Denied: Aye=0 Nay=12 Abstention=1

Discussion:

It is beneficial for teams to fill their schedules. This may not impact Class A as much as the other classifications. Schedules were already created with this proposal in mind.

*Motion to **approve** awarding two additional bonus points based on number of sport-specific games played: Drosopoulos / Luciana*

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider increasing the number of qualifying teams to 24 when 20 or more teams are seeded (Fall '22)

Motion to approve increasing the number of qualifying teams to 24 when 20 or more teams are seeded: Luciana / Baker

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

OR

(A) Consider approval of the Split Sectional Tournament Proposal (effective Winter 22-23)

Motion to approve the Split Sectional Tournament Proposal (effective Winter 22-23): Arias / DeRosa

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of an extension of the **post-season** COVID scheduling protocols

Motion to approve an extension of the post-season COVID scheduling protocols: Drosopoulos / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Standards Committee, Chris Galano, Chair

(A) Consider approval of an extension of the **regular season** COVID scheduling protocols

Motion to approve an extension of the regular season COVID scheduling protocols: Arias / DeRosa

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(D) Consideration to eliminate the Section One operational standard (#10) regarding eye black

Jesse and Chris Galano explained that the Section has been more restrictive regarding the use of eye black. The Standards Committee felt it is not consistently being enforced and the Section should be more in line with the sport specific rule books. Note: NFHS has a rule for Boys Lacrosse regarding eye black.

(D) Consideration of adopting a Section One Sportsmanship statement

Jesse and Chris Galano reported that members of the Standards Committee tried to create a version of the proposed NYSPHSAA statement geared towards the section. The intent would be to add any new language to our Operational Standards.

XVI. Sports Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals)

Modified Committee, Dean Berardo, Chair

(D) Consider approval of the use of two wide receivers on opposite sides in the sport of FOOTBALL

XVII. Amendments to Section One Constitution

(D) Consider approval of amending the Seasonal Sports Participation standard

Joe Sigillo, Nyack AD

Section One is more restrictive than the state in allowing student athletes to participate in multiple sports in the same season. The proposed change to the Constitution looks to align the Section with the state. Athlete would be required to meet the eligibility requirements of each. Todd shared data from the other Sections as a point of reference.

Motion to waive 2nd reading and approve the distribution of a ballot vote: Mackin / DeRosa

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XVIII. Conference Reports

- *Conference 1: No report*
- *Conference 2: No report*
- *Conference 3: No report*

XIX. Membership Concerns

- **Football Scheduling Philosophy 2023**

The desire for a meeting was noted to explore a potential cross conference football schedule between Class AA & Class A schools.

XX. Standing Committee Reports

XXI. Old Business

- **Independent Football Declaration Criteria**

XXII. New Business

XXIII. Good of the Order

XXIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mackin / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0