



Executive Committee Minutes

May 22, 2023

(A) Action

(D) Discussion

(I) Information

Voting Members	Representative
President, Principal	Jim Mackin <i>(absent)</i>
1 st Vice President, Athletic Director	Joe Sigillo
2 nd Vice President, Superintendent	Dr. Marc Baiocco <i>(absent)</i>
Dutchess Superintendent	Dr. Dwight Bonk
Putnam/Northern Westchester Superintendent	Dr. Jeremy Luft
Rockland Superintendent	Dr. Kris Felicello
Southern Westchester Superintendent	Chris Borsari
Southern Westchester Superintendent	Richard Calkins <i>(absent)</i>
Southern Westchester BOCES Superintendent	Dr. Harold Coles <i>(absent)</i>
At-Large Athletic Director	Michael Cring
Conference I	Matt Cameron
Conference II	Chris Galano
Conference III	Denise Kiernan
Non-Voting Members	Representative
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer/Recording Secretary	Jesse Merchant
NYSPHSAA Superintendent Rep	Anthony DiCarlo <i>(absent)</i>
Guests	Representative
None	

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:19am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Kiernan / Felicello

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **March 20, 2023** Executive Committee meeting minutes

Motion to approve the March 20, 2023 Executive Committee minutes: Luft / Felicello

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Treasurer's Report: N/A

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

President – *no report*

1st Vice President – *Sigillo: Acknowledged the good weather of the current Spring season.*

2nd Vice President – *no report*

VI. Proposed Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session: Galano / Luft

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Motion to re-enter public session: Felicello / Cring

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0

VII. Section One Update

(I) Year in Review – Organizational Growth: Vision for the Future

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara spoke to three topics regarding the CIA/Section One organizational growth plan:

“Who we are” Todd Santabarbara provided a brief review of the current staff made up of Sports Desk Assistants(assignors), a Scheduling/Assigning Coordinator and two support staff members. This model which has not changed in a few decades, serves 77 high schools and 65 middle schools including servicing the programs of over 65,000 athletes.

“How far we’ve come” Todd Santabarbara provided an update on a variety of celebrations, including (1) the transition to the rSchoolToday scheduling and assigning platform, (2) the sections leadership throughout the state through its creation and implementation of it’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy and the sections ongoing work with the InsideOut Initiative, (3) the expansion of sports such as Boys Volleyball, Flag Football and Girls Ice Hockey, (4) Our sections participation in the first ever Student Athlete Leadership Conference, and finally (5) enhanced championship branding and student experience.

“Who can we be” Todd Santabarbara reviewed elements of the organization growth plan including the expansion of new and/or existing services, and the multi-year staffing plan to address the needs of the CIA and Section One member schools.

Matt Cameron shared that the organizational growth plan should be widely supported and will help to serve the member schools. This support was echoed by other members of the Executive Committee including Dr. Felicello and Dr. Bonk. Dr. Borsari encouraged the Executive Director to work toward the ideal office. He shared that the strides made in recent years and the evolution of interscholastic athletics require additional support.

VIII. NYSPHSAA Update

(I) Overview of the approved items from the May 3rd NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agenda

Susan Reid & Rob Pollok, Section 1 Female & Male NYSPHSAA AD Rep

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara reviewed the newly adopted sportsmanship standard which clearly outlines the penalty that spectators must abide by when ejected from a contest. Jesse Merchant provided clarification on the non-sequential nature of the standard.

(I) Sectional Concern: Inequity in Regional Rotations

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara provided information regarding our section's concern over the inequity in the regional rotations in certain sports. The existing regional rotations do not align with the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy. Within the current regional rotation, certain sections never participate in a sub-regional round before entering the state tournament. The example provided was baseball, which currently does not require Sections 2,3,5,6,8 & 11 to participate in a sub-regional game which in turn puts additional burden on the remaining sections in the following ways:

- *Additional expense of hosting sub-regional events*
- *The regular season is condensed because the last day to play for the purpose of seeding must occur earlier.*
- *Additional cost to districts for transportation*
- *Loss of instructional time*

(I) NYSPHSAA Superintendent Rep – Term Expires 8/31/23

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara requested that members of the Committee begin thinking of possible candidates to replace the outgoing Superintendent Rep.

(I) NYSPHSAA Spalding Ball Adoption Extension: 2024-2029

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara shared the Spalding Ball Adoption Extension through 2029. This agreement provides \$36,310 in annual rights fees each year for the life of the agreement as well as the retail product credit and Spalding product quantities.

IX. Self-Reports

- **Riverside Boys Basketball – use of ineligible player**
Rob Webb & James Hoffman, Riverside Athletic Director

Riverside used an ineligible player on their Varsity Boys Basketball team. The Athletic Director reported that one of their student-athletes went through the transfer process and recorded an inaccurate date for his entry into 9th grade. Upon identifying the error in the transfer paperwork, the Athletic Director removed him from the program and spoke with the parents/guardians of the athlete. As a result of the player participating in contests, the prescribed NYSPHSAA penalty was applied resulting in a forfeiture of the applicable games. The Athletic Council determined that no further sanction was necessary.

- **Yonkers Varsity Track & Field – use of ineligible player(s)**
Rob Webb & Joe Gizzo, Yonkers Public Schools, Athletic Director

Yonkers used ineligible players within their Varsity Track & Field program in competitions. The school's Athletic Director reported that eight of their student-athletes had participated in a meet prior to meeting their individual practice requirement therefore rendering them ineligible. As a result of the ineligible players participating, the prescribed NYSPHSAA penalty was applied resulting in a forfeiture of the meet. The Committee was made aware that the coach has also been suspended for the remainder of the season. The Athletic Council determined that no further sanction was necessary.

- Hastings Varsity Baseball – pitch count violation
Drew Wendol, Hastings Athletic Director

Hastings reported a violation of the NYSPHSAA pitch count rule resulting in the forfeiture of their varsity baseball game versus Putnam Valley. The Athletic Director reported that their coaching staff failed to record one of their batters resulting in a misrepresentation of the total number of pitches thrown during the game. The Athletic Director stated that he did not believe the coaches utilized the required NYSPHSAA pitch chart nor were pitch counts verified between innings. The Athletic Council imposed a one game suspension on the Head Coach.

X. Appeals

- Bona Fide Student – 310 Appeal to Commissioner of Education
Dobbs Ferry School District

The Section was served a notice of petition for a Commissioner of Education 310 appeal.

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

(A) Consider approval of the 23-24 proposed Executive Committee meeting calendar

- September 18, 2023 – *Reorganization Meeting*
- October 23, 2023
- November 20, 2023 – *Preliminary Budget Review*
- January 29, 2024
- April 8, 2024 – *Section One Budget Adoption*
- May 20, 2024

Motion to approve the 2023-24 Executive Committee calendar: Bonk / Cring

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Appointments

(A) Consider approval of recommended Sport Chairs for a three-year term beginning with 2023-24 school year

- Football – Mike Cring and Steve Luciana
- Cross Country – Jim Agnello and Sean Ryan
- Girls Soccer – Mike Chappas and Matt Cameron
- Boys Basketball – Rob Barrett and Steve Luciana

Motion to approve the Sport Chairs for a three-year term: Bonk / Felicello

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara shared the growing challenges in securing Sport Chairs because of the demands placed on our section's Athletic Directors.

Contracts / Engagement Letters: N/A

Policy: N/A

XII. Standing Committee Action/Discussion Items (Proposals)

Championship Committee:

(A) Consider approval of the Fall 2023 tournament plans and championship venues

Motion to approve the Fall 2023 tournament plans and venues: Cameron / Luft

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Alignment Committee:

(A) Consider approval of a ballot vote to reopen the existing **Basic Concepts of Athletic Alignment** for 2024-25
Conference Presidents

Motion to approve the ballot vote to reopen the Basic Concepts of Athletic Alignment: Borsari / Bonk

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

XIV. New Membership Applications: N/A

XV. Proposed Amendments to Section One Constitution

(I) Revision(s) to the Section One, Inc. Constitution to account for six classifications and Athletic Council

The Constitution Committee will be called upon to meet because of the reference to representation on the Athletic Council in regard to five class sports. The Committee will look at possible amendments to the constitution which require 2/3 of the membership to be approved.

XVI. Membership Concerns

XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

XIX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Bonk / Cameron

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0