

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



**Executive Committee Meeting**

January 25, 2021

**Attendance:**

Dr. Marc Baiocco, Southern Westchester Supt.

Richard Calkins, Southern Westchester Sup

Michael Cring, At-large Athletic Director

Dr. Harold Coles, SWBOCES Supt.

Anthony DiCarlo, Supt. Liaison to Athletic Council

Dr. Kris Felicello, Rockland Supt.

Dr. Matt Landahl, Dutchess Supt.

Dr. Brendan Lyons, Putnam/Northern Westchester Supt., President

James Mackin, Principal Rep, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Matt Cameron, Conference I

Roman Catalino, Conference II

John Bauerlein, Conference III

Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer Section One, Inc.

Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director, CIA/Section One, Inc.

Brian Howard, Director of Communications

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**I. Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

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

*Motion to approve agenda: Mackin / Coles*

*Approved: Unanimous*

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

**(A)** Consider approval of the amended **November 20, 2020** Executive Committee meeting minutes

*Motion to approve the November 20, 2020 minutes: Sigillo / Mackin*

*Approved: Unanimous*

**(A)** Consider approval of the **January 6, 2021** Executive Committee meeting minutes

*Motion to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes: Mackin / Catalino*

*Approved: Unanimous*

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

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

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's report: Baiocco / Catalino*

*Approved: Unanimous*

- (A) Consider approval of establishing a reserve fund for Section One, Inc.  
*Finance Committee*

*Motion to approve the establishment of a reserve fund for Section One, Inc.: Felicello / Lyons*  
*Approved: Unanimous*

- (A) Consider approval of TPG sponsorship agreement (*NYSPHSAA partnership*)  
*Finance Committee*

*Motion to approve the Section One TPG sponsorship agreement: Felicello / Bauerlein*  
*Approved: Unanimous*

#### **Adoption of Section One Budget for 2021-22**

- (A) Consider approval of the proposed budget for the 2021-22 school year  
*Finance Committee*

*Motion to approve the proposed Section One, Inc. budget for 2021-22: Cameron / Sigillo*  
*Approved: Unanimous*

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

*Lyons: The Westchester County Superintendents met with the County Executive this morning. Our primary point of discussion today will be the decision made by the governor pertaining to high-risk sports which will result in a lot of planning and work by Section One.*

*Mackin: No report*

*Sigillo: No report*

#### **VI. NYSPHSAA Report**

- (I) February 3<sup>rd</sup> NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting agenda

*The two significant major agenda items pertain to the 5-sport classification cutoff numbers and the D1/D2 cutoff numbers, Section One is not in favor of either of these new proposed cutoff numbers.*

- (D) Authorization of "high-risk" sports effective February 1<sup>st</sup> with approval from local/county DOH

- NYSPHSAA Officers & Section Executive Directors met Friday evening
- Memo requesting authorization sent to County Executives and Health Commissioners
- Brief survey distributed to Section One Superintendents via LHCSS
- Local meetings being held with County Executives and County Health Departments

#### **Discussion:**

*Westchester County – Superintendents met with the County Executive and his team.*

- *Need to put together and outline best proposal for athletics to present to the county.*
- *Need to consider what the D2 & D3 collegiate level sport programs are doing right now.*
- *Recommend for our Committee to schedule a meeting with the Westchester County Health Commissioner to obtain clarity around the DOH's position on contact tracing and how to move forward in safety management for any Covid related issues.*

*Putnam County – Superintendents will be meeting later today to discuss.*

- *Desire for a more regional approach.*

*Rockland County- Hoping to have the DOH at the Superintendent's meeting this week.*

- *The Rockland Superintendents support moving forward if it is set up with the appropriate protocols.*

*Dutchess County – Has not been any conversations with the local DOH*

*A brief survey was sent out to Superintendents to assess the level of support for high-risk sports. As of this morning there were 31 responses.*

- *80.6% supported the return of winter high-risk sports.*
- *19.4% did not support beginning high-risk sports on February 1.*

*A more detailed survey will be distributed today with questions including:*

- *Level of support per sport*
- *Position on spectators*
- *Combined teams*
- *Travel between counties*

*The Section One Covid Task Force and Athletic Council will review the updated Return to Play document after an initial review by the Executive Director and Assistant Director of Section One.*

## **VII. General Action/Discussion/Information Items (Proposals)**

- (A)** Consider approval of February 1<sup>st</sup> as “high-risk” winter start date, pending county DOH approval

*Motion to table until further information is obtained by DOH: Lyons / Calkins*

***WITHDRAWN***

*Motion to approve February 1st as “high-risk” winter start date, pending county DOH approval: Sigillo / **NO SECOND***

### *Discussion:*

- *The Executive Committee is awaiting information from NYSPHSAA and the DOH before rendering a decision.*
- *The Executive Committee is working collaboratively with the LHCSS and the County Executives to put sports on the calendar as quickly as possible.*
- *An Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled for next week to discuss the information collected and render a decision.*

- (A)** Consider approval of the low/moderate risk winter “culminating events”  
*Championship Committee*

*Motion to approve the plans for low/moderate risk winter “culminating events”:*

*Cameron / Catalino*

***Approved: Unanimous***

(D) Consider waiving the one sport per season restriction for the 2020-21 school year

*Joe Sigillo, Nyack*

Discussion:

- *Athletic Director's survey data - 60% in favor; 40% against.*
- *The proposal was amended to allow athletes to practice in a second sport but cannot participate in contests until the first sport is completed.*

**VIII. Sport Action/Discussion Items (Proposals):**

(D) Consider extending the winter season until April 18<sup>th</sup> for the sport of indoor track

*Jim Henry, Pete Modafferri & John Giametta, Indoor Track Sport Chairs*

Discussion:

- *Conferences have discussed potential extension at length. Conference 1 and 3 are opposed and Conference 2 is in favor.*
- *The proposed extension was on the last Athletic Council agenda and it was not moved to an action item by the Council.*
- *Many schools have scheduled some outdoor meets. Schools are looking at utilizing Milton as a place to host some events, as well as the Mount Vernon Sports Dome.*

**IX. Conference Reports**

**X. Old Business**

**XI. New Business**

- *Next meeting scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am to discuss NYSPHSAA documents, DOH updates, and information from the county Superintendent meetings.*

**XII. Good of the Order**

**XIII. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Baiocco / Bauerlein*

*Approved: Unanimous*