



Executive Committee Minutes

October 23, 2023

(A) Action

(D) Discussion

(I) Information

Voting Members	Representative
President, Principal	Joe Sigillo
1 st Vice President, Athletic Director	Dr. Marc Baiocco
2 nd Vice President, Superintendent	<i>(vacant)</i>
Dutchess Superintendent	Dr. Dwight Bonk
Putnam/Northern Westchester Superintendent	Dr. Jeremy Luft
Rockland Superintendent	Dr. Kris Felicello <i>(absent)</i>
Southern Westchester Superintendent	<i>(vacant)</i>
Southern Westchester Superintendent	Richard Calkins
Southern Westchester BOCES Superintendent	Dr. Harold Coles
At-Large Athletic Director	Michael Cring
Conference I	Ray Pappalardi <i>(absent)</i>
Conference II	Dan Belfi
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	<i>(vacant)</i>
Guests	Representative
None	

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:12 am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve: Sigillo / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=7 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **September 18, 2023** Executive Committee meeting minutes

Motion to approve: Calkins / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=7 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Financial Report

- Cash balance: \$980,418.09
- Reserve fund balance: \$79,543.88

Motion to approve the financial report: Belfi / Luft

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

V. Officer's Reports

- President – Joe Sigillo shared an interest in continuing the DEI & Sportsmanship work that Section One has spearheaded throughout the state association. He shared an interest in the Section preparing and distributing a Sportsmanship PSA's to help support these efforts throughout our region.
- 1st Vice President - no report
- 2nd Vice President - no report

VI. Section One Update

(I) Fall 2023 Championship Events Summary

The Fall 2023 event summary outlines all of the upcoming championships. At this time, Todd Santabarbara, Jesse Merchant and the respective Sport Chairs are scheduling meetings with event hosts for the purpose of planning these Championship events.

(I) Basic Concepts of Athletic Alignment Ballot – due Friday, October 27th

The ballot is due Friday October 27th and requires the signature of the Superintendent, High School Principal and Athletic Director. The proposed changes, if passed, would be in effect for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. Todd Santabarbara will work with the Conference Presidents to ensure improved participation by districts in casting their votes. If the ballot is defeated, the athletic alignment will remain as previously established for the 2024-2025 school year.

(I) Certified Official's Negotiations – Update

The respective negotiation teams are working to come together to re-establish the ground rules for the next round of negotiations. The officials are currently working under the terms and conditions of the expired officials contract.

VII. NYSPHSAA Update

(I) Outcome of action items from the October 18th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agenda

The adoption of the 2024-25 NYSPHSAA school enrollment numbers was shared with the committee.

Also approved at the October NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting were the cut-off numbers for 6 class sports. The philosophy of these 6 class sports is that the largest 75 schools throughout the state become Class AAA, while the smallest 100 schools become Class D. The remaining classifications are distributed evenly distributed in the sports Basketball, Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Baseball & Softball.

VIII. Self-Reports: N/A

IX. Appeals

(I) Albertus Magnus Girls Soccer – Health & Safety Waiver Request

The Executive Committee was made aware of an appeal that was heard by NYSPHSAA for a health and safety waiver request for a student-athlete. The results of this appeal have not yet been shared by the state appeals panel.

X. Membership Concerns

(I) Mount Vernon / Ossining: Varsity Football Teams – Player/Coach Ejections

The official's report was shared with the committee regarding an incident between the Mount Vernon and Ossining Varsity Football Teams in which the game was suspended.

(I) Lakeland / Nyack: Cheerleading Team – Spectator(s) Incident

The athletic directors of the involved schools shared their perspective through the lens of the Section One Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy as it pertains to navigating the investigation of the incident.

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

Appointments:

(D) Consider the appointment of a Southern Westchester Superintendent rep (2023-2026)

*Motion to appoint Ronald Gonzalez as the Southern Westchester Superintendent rep:
Bonk / Coles*

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of Brian Piazza as the Section Principal rep and NYSPHSAA Principal rep

Motion to approve: Luft / Calkins

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Contracts / Engagement Letters:

(D) Consideration of the three-year contract extension with Westchester County for utilization of the Westchester County Center for the sport of basketball, effective winter 2024, and authorization for the Executive Director to execute on behalf of Section One.

Discussion: The recommendation of the Championship Committee regarding the contract extension with the County Center was shared. The Executive Committee and its members discussed the long-term viability of the site if costs continue to rise. Negotiations are ongoing.

(A) Consideration of the proposed agreement with **LocalLive Networks, Inc.** to provide streaming and broadcast coverage of all Section One championship events for the 2023-24 school year and authorization for the Executive Director to execute on behalf of Section One.

Motion to approve: Belfi / Calkins

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the **Ocean Breeze** contract for the 2023-24 school year and authorization for the Executive Director to execute on behalf of Section One

Motion to approve: Belfi / Cring

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Policy: N/A

XII. Standing Committee Action/Discussion Items (Proposals):

Championship Committee:

(A) Consideration of the proposed **Winter 2023-24** championship venues

Motion to approve: Cring / Kiernan

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) Proposed revision(s) to the Section One, Inc. Constitution

- Athletic Council representation (six-classification language)
- Addition of Certified Athletic Trainer to Section One Safety Committee

The Constitution Committee will be brought together in the coming weeks to review the impacts of the six classification language on Athletic Council Representation as well as a proposal regarding the addition of certified athletic trainers on the Section One Safety Committee.

XVI. Old Business

XVII. New Business

NYSED Mixed Competition Forum

Dr. Coles provided a brief review of the recent NYSED Mixed Competition Forum which included participants from both Sections 1 & 9. These participants represented a wide range of constituent groups and perspectives. The Mixed Competition Forum was designed to be one of the steps in the process of developing further guidance. Dr. Coles shared that this forum was only one small portion of the overall process which will include further opportunities for individuals and communities to make public comment.

Narcan Training

Rich Calkins shared a resource with the Committee for those interested in providing Narcan Training to their staff.

XVIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Luft / Calkins

Carried: *Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0*

Next Meeting

**November 20, 2023
10:00am at SWBOCES**