



Executive Committee Minutes

April 4, 2022

| Voting Members | Representative |
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| President, Southern Westchester Superintendent | Dr. Marc Baiocco |
| 1 st Vice President, Principal Rep | James Mackin (<i>Absent</i>) |
| 2 nd Vice President, Athletic Director | Joe Sigillo |
| Dutchess Superintendent | Dr. Dwight Bonk |
| Putnam/Northern Westchester Superintendent / Liaison | Anthony DiCarlo |
| Rockland Superintendent | Dr. Kris Felicello (<i>Absent</i>) |
| Southern Westchester Superintendent | Richard Calkins (<i>Absent</i>) |
| Southern Westchester BOCES Superintendent | Dr. Harold Coles |
| At-Large Athletic Director | Michael Cring |
| Conference I | Matt Cameron |
| Conference II | Roman Catalino (<i>Absent</i>) |
| Conference III | Denise Kiernan |
| Non-Voting Members | Representative |
| Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer | Todd Santabarbara |
| Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer | Jesse Merchant |
| Recording Secretary | Stacy Chimento |
| Guests | Representative |
| Standards Committee Chair | Chris Galano via teleconference |
| Sportsmanship Committee Chair | Tess Brogan via teleconference |

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order 10:08am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Sigillo / Baiocco

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **January 31, 2022** Executive Committee Meeting minutes

Motion to approve the January 31, 2022 minutes: Bonk / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session: Baiocco / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Motion to reenter public session: Cameron / Bonk

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

V. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

- *Current Cash Balance: \$608,979.56*
- *Current Reserve Fund Balance: \$46,261.13*

Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Kiernan / Cring

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

VI. Budget Adoption 2022-23

(A) Consider approval of the proposed 2022-23 Section One, Inc. budget (*In packet*)

- Section One Fees

Motion to approve the Section One, Inc budget: Baiocco / Coles

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

President's Report (Dr. Marc Baiocco):

- *Dr. Baiocco referenced a draft DEI policy that was being created. The proposed policy includes work from the Elmsford district equity team, work done with the NYU metro center, in addition to the feedback from the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents and language from the DASA legislation.*
- *Our competition venues should be a welcoming and affirming environment, free of any type of ridicule, racial remarks.*
- *A draft set of guidelines was put together that could be distributed to school districts to keep superintendents, athletic directors, and school administrators on the same page on how to react if an incident like this occurs.*
- *Training is an important part of moving forward. NFHS is putting out training videos on DEI which was discussed with Dr. Zayas. It was brought up that it is unrealistic to think a superintendent or athletic director will be at every home game, therefore it is important to have a clear set of guidelines that is shared with all staff in the event an incident occurs.*
- *It was discovered through the process that private and parochial schools that are admitted into Section One are not necessarily held to DASA legislation which is a concern. There should be a contract that states the parameters of being part of Section One requires they fulfill this obligation.*

VIII. Membership Concerns

- Spectator Behavior – Basketball Games

IX. Section One Update

(I) NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Jamboree Kickoff Event

- *On April 1st, a kickoff jamboree was held at Somers HS. Several NYGiants were present and participated in the event. Section One has nine teams participating in the pilot program this year and we are hoping to expand to the number of participating teams next year.*

(I) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

- Section One Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Draft Policy – *Dr. Marc Baiocco*
- NAACP meeting summary – *Dr. Kris Felicello*
- Professional Development and Educational Awareness Opportunities
- Creation of DEI Sub-Committee
- Event Staff Training Opportunities

X. Certified Officials Contract Negotiations

(A) Consider approval of the Westchester Football Officials Association MOA for Girls Flag Football

*Motion to approve the Westchester Football Officials Association MOA for Girls Flag Football:
Baiocco / Cameron*

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(D) Consider negotiating an MOA with all Track & Field Associations for shell reimbursement

XI. NYSPHSAA Update – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting, May 4, 2022

(I) Community Service Challenge Winner – Arlington HS

- *Congratulations to Arlington High School for being named the Winter Community Service Challenge winner. Their wrestling team hosted their second annual autism awareness night.*

XII. (I) Overview of the timeline, process, and criteria for classifications

- *The six-classification proposal was approved at the February state meeting. Included in the packet is a list of the sports and the timeline and process for implementation beginning in Fall 2023.*

XIII. Self-Reports:

(I) Use of an ineligible player – Yonkers HS, Wrestling

- *Athletic Council heard the self-report regarding the use of an ineligible wrestler. The athlete was wrestling outside of their weight class. The matches that were wrestled outside the certified weight class resulted in forfeits. No additional sanction was put in place.*

XIV. Appeals: N/A

XV. New Membership Applications

- Hudson Lab School (K-8)
- Montfort Academy
- *The Athletic Council heard membership presentations from two new applicants. The presentations were discussed at each Conference meeting. Based on Conference feedback, the Athletic Council voted to deny both schools seeking membership.*

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

Sponsorships: N/A

Contracts / Engagement Letters: N/A

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

XVIII. Standing Committee Action/Discussion Items (Proposals)

Joined via teleconference: Chris Galano & Tess Brogan

Championship Committee:

(A) Consider approval of the **Boys & Girls Golf** tournament plans and championship venues

Motion to approve the Boys & Girls Golf tournament plans and championship venues: Kiernan/ Cring

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Standards Committee:

(I/D) Review of Event Management and Sportsmanship Standards

Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director & Chris Galano, Standards Committee Chair

Sportsmanship Committee:

(I/D) Culture, Behaviors, Framework Initiatives

Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director & Tess Brogan, Sportsmanship Committee Chair

- *The Section One Standards and Sportsmanship Committees have met together to bridge the gap between the two groups.*
- *Standards Committee is focused on the existing standards and the work that needs to be done to buildout some of the standards currently in place related to sportsmanship and event management.*
- *Sportsmanship Committee is focused on the document in the packet related to culture, behaviors and framework and resources that could be helpful in establishing guidelines to be built into the current policy work.*
- *A common theme throughout each Committee meeting is the education needed for the student body, the families, security/event staff, central and building administration.*

XIX. Conference Reports

- *Conference 1 – Nothing to report*
- *Conference 2 – Finished fall schedules*
- *Conference 3 – Will be looking to host Sweethearts & Heroes in Ma*

XX. Old Business

XXI. New Business

- *Game cancellations and rescheduling – A. DiCarlo reported issues with games being cancelled and the protocols around when they should be rescheduled. The game should be scheduled on the next available date, however, if the schools cannot agree on a date there is not a governing body overseeing this. The language may need to be changed to state the games should be played on the next mutually agreed upon date and if the schools cannot mutually agree, the Section should get involved.*

XXII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Kiernan / Sigillo

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0