



Executive Committee Minutes

May 23, 2022

Voting Members	Representative
President, Southern Westchester Superintendent	Dr. Marc Baiocco <i>(via phone)</i>
1 st Vice President, Principal Rep	James Mackin
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
Southern Westchester Superintendent	Richard Calkins <i>(Absent)</i>
Southern Westchester BOCES Superintendent	Dr. Harold Coles <i>(via phone)</i>
At-Large Athletic Director	Michael Cring
Conference I	Matt Cameron
Conference II	Roman Catalino
Conference III	Denise Kiernan <i>(Absent)</i>
Non-Voting Members	Representative
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer	Jesse Merchant
Recording Secretary	Stacy Chimento
Guests	Representative
Executive Director, NYSPHSAA	Robert Zayas

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:56am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Bonk / Cameron

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **April 4, 2022** Executive Committee Meeting minutes

Motion to approve the April 4, 2022 minutes: Felicello / Mackin

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session: Bonk /Cameron

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Motion to reenter public session: Mackin / Cameron

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

V. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

- *Current Cash Balance: \$751,587.09*
- *Current Reserve Fund Balance: \$46,262.26*

Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Felicello / Bonk

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

- *Baiocco – Referenced DEI agenda items later in the agenda that need to addressed..*
- *Mackin – No report*
- *Sigillo – No report*

VII. Sponsorship Presentation: Gipper, Jesse Garcia

VIII. Section One Update

(A) Consider approval of the 22-23 proposed Executive Committee meeting calendar

- *August 30, 2022 – Reorganization Meeting*
- *October 3, 2022*
- *November 21, 2022 – Preliminary Budget Review*
- *January 30, 2023*
- *April 3, 2023 – Section One Budget Adoption*
- *May 22, 2023*

Motion to approve the 22-23 proposed Executive Committee meeting calendar: Cring / Cameron

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(D) Officials Recruitment & Retention

Discussion: *Locally, we have hit a critical point of needing certified officials to provide the opportunity to offer interscholastic athletics to our student-athletes. There have been collaborative conversations with the leadership of our local chapters identify ways to recruit new officials. NYSPHSAA launched a school based official program last year. In addition, they are working to help identify why so many officials are leaving the field. One of the major reasons is the spectator behavior and how they are being treated as professionals in their role as officials. Lastly, NYSPHSAA is also working on streamlining the certification process for modified officials.*

(D) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Initiatives

- *Professional Development and Educational Opportunities*
 - *InsideOut Initiative*
 - *RISE to Win*
 - *Dr. Nancy Kaplan, St. John's University*

The Section is preparing a plan for training opportunities for our high school athletes, coaches and administrators. The Committee expressed their support of the varying initiatives that were being planned. A brief overview of each initiative is included in the meeting packet.

- Creation of DEI Sub-Committee

(D) 1st Reading: DRAFT Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Policy and Guidelines

Discussion: *The idea behind creating this policy was to give both district Superintendents and Athletic Directors guidance on what the expectation is of the districts should there be a violation of a protected class. This would give guidelines and help identify what a thorough and prompt investigation looks like and what the key components and expectations are of the district.*

The Athletic Council felt the policy read like a DASA document and suggested removing that language. The majority were in favor of the sportsmanship announcements to make all aware of the expectations at our contests. Legal counsel had also reviewed the initial document, and felt it read more like a DASA policy rather than a DEI policy. Dr. Baiocco discussed the private schools are not beholden to DASA and this is the reason the DASA language is referenced in the policy.

There was support expressed by the Committee to adopt such policy. There was agreement that the document should be available and communicated to coaches before the Fall season begins.

IX. Certified Officials Contract Negotiations

(A) Consider approval of the Side Letter of Agreement with the Track & Field Associations

Motion to approve the Side Letter of Agreement with the Track & Field Associations:

Cameron / Catalino

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

X. NYSPHSAA Update – NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting, July 26-28, 2022

(I) Overview of the approved items from the May 4th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agenda

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

(I) Fall 2022 Football Start Date

(I) NYSPHSAA Section 1 Superintendent Representative

XI. Self-Reports: N/A

XII. Appeals: N/A

XIII. New Membership Applications: N/A

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

Sponsorships: N/A

Contracts / Engagement Letters

(A) Consider approval of the **Torne Valley Sports Complex** contract for the Girls Lacrosse Championships

Motion to approve the Torne Valley Sports Complex contract for the Girls Lacrosse Championships:

Sigillo / Mackin

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the **Hudson Valley Renegades** contract for the Baseball Regional Championships

Motion to approve the Hudson Valley Renegades contract for the Baseball Regional Championships:

Mackin / Catalino

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

XVI. Standing Committee Action/Discussion Items (Proposals)

Championship Committee:

- (A)** Consider approval of White Plains High School as secondary host site for Boys Tennis

Motion to approve White Plains High School as secondary host site for Boys Tennis: Mackin / Bonk

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider approval of the **Fall 2022** tournament plans and championship venues

Motion to approve the Fall 2022 tournament plans and championship venues: Mackin / Bonk

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XVII. Membership Concerns

- NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Standard #28
 - Unsportsmanlike Game Conduct

Most recently, there were two separate bench clearing brawls in boys lacrosse that resulted in no ejections. The official's leadership claimed the officials were inexperienced. The Athletic Council has had discussion regarding whether sanctions should occur as the result of these unsportsmanlike incidences. The schools involved have reported no additional consequences.

- Reported Racial Incidences

There have been reports of recent racial incidents amongst several member schools. Most recently, the Section Office received a report regarding an incident earlier this spring during a girls lacrosse game between Westlake and Ossining. Westlake has shared findings of their investigation along with the work they are trying to plan collaboratively with the two teams/schools.

As a result of recent incidences between Nyack and Pearl River, the Section Office received a memo from the Nyack Public Schools requesting that the Section One Athletic Council grant forfeitures against Pearl River, in all sports, at all levels for the 22-23 school year. This request will be heard by the Athletic Council at an upcoming meeting.

XVIII. Conference Reports

- Conference 1 - There was discussion around the lack of officials, lack of bus drivers, games starting later than scheduled, and traveling over an hour to get to games. Concerns about the cost of travel were expressed.
- Conference 2 – no report
- Conference 3– no report

XIX. Old Business

XX. New Business

XXI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Catalino / Cameron

Carried: Aye=7 Nay=0 Abstention=0