



Executive Committee Minutes

November 20, 2023

(A) Action

(D) Discussion

(I) Information

Voting Members	Representative
President, Athletic Director	Joe Sigillo
1 st Vice President, Superintendent	Dr. Marc Baiocco
2 nd Vice President, Principal	Brian Piazza
Dutchess Superintendent	Dr. Dwight Bonk <i>(absent)</i>
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 <i>(absent)</i>
Southern Westchester BOCES Superintendent	Dr. Harold Coles <i>(absent)</i>
At-Large Athletic Director	Michael Cring
Conference I	Ray Pappalardi
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
Guests	Representative
Brian Howard	Director of Communications, SWBOCES
Anthony DiNoto	Public Information Specialist, SWBOCES

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve: Baiocco / Luft

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes: N/A

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Financial Report

Motion to approve: Sigillo / Cring

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

V. Officer's Reports

- President – *no report*
- 1st Vice President – *no report*
- 2nd Vice President – *no report*

VI. Section One Update

(I/D) Update: Sportsmanship PSA

Discussion:

The Executive Committee engaged in continued discussion around strategies to enhance and promote our expectations around positive sportsmanship. Brian Howard (SWBOCES Director of Communications) and Anthony DiNoto (SWBOCES Public Information Specialist) shared their perspective and experience with creating meaningful messaging. Discussion occurred around the objectives of this messaging and how it will shape the delivery.

(I) Basic Concepts of Athletic Alignment Ballot Vote Results

Defeated: Yes – 30; No – 31

Discussion:

With the defeat of the recent Athletic Alignment proposal, the alignment will remain in the existing format for the lifetime of the document which expires in June 2025.

(I) 2024-25 HS/MS Start Dates

Discussion:

A request by the membership was made to redistribute the NYSPHSAA start dates for the coming year. The 2024-25 school year has an August 24th start date for Football and August 26th start date for all other fall HS sports.

(I) Independent Football Declaration

Discussion:

The newly adopted deadline of December 11th, 2023, for a school to declare independence in the sport of football was shared. The new protocols were adopted by the Athletic Council in part to better align the football scheduling process with meeting the contractual deadlines for officials while respecting the demands and procedures of the scheduling process. Dan Belfi shared concerns about the 2-year commitment that is built into the proposal and that the proposal did not receive conference feedback.

VII. Proposed Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session: Baiocco / Sigillo

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Motion to return to Public Session: Kiernan / Luft

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

VIII. NYSPHSAA Update: N/A

IX. Self-Reports: N/A

- Horace Greeley Varsity Girls Soccer – Use of an ineligible player
Jamie Block, Horace Greeley Athletic Director

The self-report included the use of an ineligible player in the final game of the 2023 regular season. The school embraced the NYSPHSAA prescribed penalty requiring the forfeiture of the contest and the school suspended their coach for one game.

X. Appeals

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

The Health & Safety Waiver that was denied by the Section One Transfer/Eligibility Committee was upheld by the NYSPHSAA appeal panel.

XI. Membership Concerns – None

XII. Preliminary Budget Development

(D) Consideration of the proposed budget for the 2024-25 school year

- Preliminary Budget Development
 - Section Fee – increase in championship expenses
 - Office Fee – organizational growth planning (SW BOCES budget)
 - Officials Fee – contract negotiations
- Sport-Specific P & L Reports (2022-23)
- Trial Balance Comparison

The previous school years profit & loss reports were reviewed. Todd reviewed the budget development worksheet and reported that the Finance Committee is recommending a slight increase to the base fee and varsity team fee. Increased legal fees, insurance costs, facility costs, state championship travel and reimbursements are driving factors in the budget. The Committee reported no opposition to the proposed budget increase.

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

Appointments:

(A) Consider approval of the Ice Hockey EMT Assignors (stipend position) for the 2023-2024 season

- Carol Cosenza – Rockland
- Vacant – Southern Westchester
- Bill Wiegelman – Putnam/Northern Westchester

Motion to approve the appointments: Sigillo / Baiocco

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the Indoor Track Coordinators (stipend position) for the 2023-24 season

- Dan Doherty – Armory & Ocean Breeze
- Jeff Dempsey – Rockland Community College

Motion to approve the appointments: Luft / Cring

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

Ronald Gonzalez who was previously appointed to serve in this role is no longer serving in this capacity. Therefore, the committee is actively pursuing his replacement.

Contracts / Engagement Letters:

(A) Consider approval of the terms and conditions (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.

Motion to approve: Luft / Cring

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the amended 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: Kiernan / Luft

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the **Rockland Community College** facility use contract for 2023-24 school year and authorization for the Executive Director to execute on behalf of Section One

Motion to approve: Kiernan / Cring

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the amended agreement with **Fulton Accurate Timing** for the 2023 Cross Country Championships and authorization for the Executive Director to execute on behalf of Section One

Motion to approve: Kiernan / Baiocco

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the amended agreement with **Fulton Accurate Timing** for the 2023-24 Indoor Track season and Outdoor Track and Field Championships and authorization for the Executive Director to execute on behalf of Section One

Motion to approve: Pappalardi / Baiocco

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Policy: N/A

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

Championship Committee:

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

Motion to approve: Sigillo / Luft

Carried: Aye=8 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Finance Committee:

(D) Consideration of developing a sponsorship entitlement package for Section Championships

Discussion:

The Championship Committee has begun discussions about utilizing the basketball championships as a pilot for a new sponsorship entitlement package. No opposition was expressed. The Committee will continue to develop the protocols for building opportunities to target a more significant relationship than in the past.

(D) Consideration of a subscription viewing model for streaming/broadcast of Section Championships

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara has begun to compile data regarding what is perceived to be declining attendance at championship events across most sports. The NYSPHSAA staff has reported this decline in attendance at the state championships as well. Committee members broadly supported examining a subscription fee model for streaming championship events to help make up some of the lost revenue from providing streaming services free of charge.

Merger/Combining of Team Committee:

(I) Review of the merger / combining of team parameters and timeline of approved changes

Discussion:

Jesse Merchant provided a brief outline of the parameters and timeline for the proposal. Additional resources will be provided to Athletic Directors in the coming weeks to help support the transition to the approved proposal.

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

XVI. New Membership Applications:

(I) Yonkers Film and Television Production Academy

The recent application for admission from the Yonkers Film and Television Production Academy will go in front of the Athletic Council at their next meeting.

XVII. Proposed Amendments to Section One Constitution

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

- Athletic Council representation (six-classification language)
- Addition of a Certified Athletic Trainer to the Section One Safety Committee
- Review of bylaws and existing Conference structure
- Dual participation for athletes participating in the football state championships

The Constitution meeting will meet in the coming weeks to review the above items.

XVIII. Old Business

XIX. New Business

XX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Cring / Piazza

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

Next Meeting
January 29, 2024
10:00am at SWBOCES