



## Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2023

Action

(D) Discussion

(I) Information

Voting Members	Representative
President	James Mackin ( <i>Absent</i> )
Conference I Athletic Director	Lindsay Zekus
Conference I Athletic Director	Chris Galano
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Luciana
Conference I Principal	David Seipp ( <i>Absent</i> )
Conference II Athletic Director	Mike Arias
Conference II Athletic Director	Anthony DeRosa ( <i>Absent</i> )
Conference II Athletic Director	Dean Berardo ( <i>Absent</i> )
Conference II Principal	<i>Vacant</i>
Conference III Athletic Director	Joe Ceglia ( <i>Absent</i> ) / Rob Pollok ( <i>proxy</i> )
Conference III Athletic Director	Chris Drosopoulos
Conference III Athletic Director	Denise Kiernan
Conference III Principal	Joe Palumbo
At-Large Athletic Director (Class D)	Anthony Nicodemo
Championship Committee Co-Chair	Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick ( <i>Absent</i> )
Non-Voting Members	Representative
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Athletic Director	Joe Sigillo
Superintendent Liaison to Athletic Council	<i>Vacant</i>
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer/ Recording Secretary	Jesse Merchant

### I. Call Meeting to Order

*Meeting was called to order a 9:33am.*

### II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

*Motion to approve the agenda: Kiernan / Drosopoulos*

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

### III. Approval of the Minutes: N/A

### IV. Treasurer's Report: N/A

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

- President – *absent*
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – *no report*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – *absent*

**VI. Sponsorship Presentation:** N/A

**VII. Section One Report**

**(I) 2023-24 Athletic Council Vacancies**

Discussion:

*Todd Santabarbara shared the recent vacancies of the Conference II Principal rep and Section One President recently vacated by Rudy Arietta and Jim Mackin respectively. Nominations are being sought for these positions as they will need to be filled at upcoming meetings.*

**VIII. NYSPHSAA Report:**

**(I) "New AD" Zoom Meeting – NYSPHSAA Office Staff (August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm)**

Discussion:

*Based upon feedback from the Section Executive Directors, the NYSPHSAA staff has decided to offer a "New AD" zoom. This zoom has been designed to provide a preview of the NYSPHSAA organization as well as a foundation of the Eligibility Standards. All new athletic administrators have been encouraged to attend.*

**(I) NYSPHSAA Mandatory AD Eligibility Workshop (September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am)**

Discussion:

*The annual mandatory NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop, led by Robert Zayas (NYSPHSAA Executive Director) and Todd Nelson (Assistant Director) will be hosted on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Traveler's Rest in Ossining. If an athletic administrator is unable to attend, they must find another date and location to participate in this mandatory workshop.*

**(I) NYSPHSAA Ad-Hoc Committee – Regional Rotations and State Championship Format**

Discussion:

*Todd provided an update from the July Central Committee meeting. NYSPHSAA will be creating an ad-hoc committee to review regional rotations and the state championship format.*

**IX. Mergers/Combining of Teams:**

**(A) Consider approval of the proposed mergers/combining of teams for the 2023-24 school year**

*Motion to approve the proposed Combining of Teams applications: Luciana / Drosopoulos*

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

**X. Outside Agency Requests:**

**(A) Consider approval of the Westchester County Cross Country Invitational (Hendrick Hudson HS)**

*Motion to approve the Westchester County Cross Country Invitational: Drosopoulos / Arias*

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

- XI. **Self-Reports:** N/A
- XII. **Friend & Neighbor Applications:**  
(I) Green Chimneys (Brewster, NY) – *approved for 2023-24*  
(I) EF Academy (Thornwood, NY) – *approved for 2023-24*
- XIII. **Senior All-Star Applications:** N/A
- XIV. **New Member School Presentations / Applications:**  
(D) Consideration of the **Green Meadow Waldorf School** as a Section 1 member school

Discussion:

*Todd Santabarbara shared that the Green Meadow Waldorf School application was submitted past the deadline and will require follow-up to determine a date and time for application review.*

- XV. **General Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals):** N/A
- XVI. **Sports Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals):** N/A

XVII. **Standing Committee Proposals**

Combining of Teams / Merger Committee, Austin Goldberg, Chair

(A) Consider approval of the demerger proposal – team sports guidelines and procedures

*Motion to approve the demerger proposal: Arias / Galano*

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

Discussion:

*Jesse Merchant presented the demerger proposal which includes language that speaks to the procedures required to demerge. The Combining of Teams Committee felt that structure was required to help protect the integrity of the merger and de-merger process. This proposal included specific language regarding deadlines, classifications and scheduling.*

(A) Consider approval of the amended team/individual and individual sports merger parameters – *v.2*

*Motion to **TABLE** the amended sports merger parameters: Luciana / Kiernan*

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

Discussion:

*On behalf of the Combining of Team Committee, Jesse Merchant shared the amended version of the merged Team/Individual and Individual Sports proposal. This proposal would prevent a merged program from two or more districts from earning points toward a team championship. Steve Luciana shared concerns that while Athletic Directors may have conducted votes within conference, that they may not have fully understood the application of the proposal. Additional information was requested by several members of the Council to provide further clarity.*

Awards Committee, TBD, Chair

(A) Consider approval of the revised **All-Section** awards allocation formula for **TEAM SPORTS** – *v.2*

*Motion to approve the revised All-Section awards allocation formula for team sports: Berardo / Arias*

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

Discussion:

*Jesse Merchant presented the proposal for the revision of the All-Section awards allocation. The awards committee closely examined the criteria and distribution of All-Section awards and determined that the formula was out of date and did not accurately reflect the needs of the Section.*

**XVIII. Conference Reports**

**XIX. Membership Concerns**

**XX. Standing Committee Reports**

**XXI. Old Business**

**XXII. New Business**

**XXIII. Good of the Order**

**XXIV. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Zekus / Luciana*

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

**Next Meeting:**

***Tentative - August 22, 2023 at 1:00pm at TBD***