



## Executive Committee Minutes

November 22, 2021

Zoom Meeting

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Voting Members	Representative
President, Southern Westchester Superintendent	Dr. Marc Baiocco
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Principal Rep	James Mackin
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
At-Large Athletic Director	Michael Cring
Conference I	Matt Cameron
Conference II	Roman Catalino
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

### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

*Meeting was called to order at 10:04am*

### **II. Approval of the Agenda**

**(A)** Consider approval of the agenda

*Motion to approve the agenda: Kiernan / Baiocco*

**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

### III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **October 4, 2021** Executive Committee Meeting minutes

*Motion to approve the October 4, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting minutes: Cring / Bonk*  
**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

### IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report (*see attached*)

- *Current Cash Balance: \$949,392.32*
- *Current Reserve Fund Balance: \$46,259.60*

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Baiocco / Cameron*  
**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

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

*No report*

### VI. Section One Update

(I) Congratulations to the Fall 2021 Section & State Championship Teams

*Todd congratulated all the Section & State Championship teams from Section One.*

(I) Alignment Ballot Vote – *due November 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Results are currently being tallied and will be released in the coming days.*

(I) Section One Constitution Ballot Vote – *due November 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Todd reported there have been questions around the proposed amendment to permit athletes to compete in more than one sport per season. He clarified, if adopted, the school would have a choice to allow their athletes to follow state guidelines and permit participation in more than one sport per season.*

(I) Update: COVID-19 Testing Requirement for Officials, Vaccine Opt-out

*Received clarification that sports officials (independent contractors) are subject to the weekly testing or vaccine opt out. NYSPHSAA rolled out a plan for Sections to utilize beginning with the Winter season. Each of the state chapters have agreed to the process established. Locally, the majority of our winter chapters are in compliance. 5 out of the 20 are currently refusing to follow the protocols and provide the office with the required information.*

(I) Return to In-Person Meetings (January 2022)

*We are targeting January 31<sup>st</sup> as the date to return to in-person meetings. If there is a uptick of COVID cases, we will remain conducting business in a virtual format.*

### VII. New Membership Applications

- Hudson Lab School (K-8)
- Montfort Academy

*The Athletic Council will hear presentations from two schools who have applied for membership and expressed interest in joining Section One for the 2022-23 school year.*

## VIII. Preliminary Budget Development

### (D) Consideration of the proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year

- Office Fees / Section One Team Fees / Officials Fees
- Budget Considerations
  - Championship Ticket Pricing (Section vs. Regional)
  - Individual State Championships Costs
  - Winter Billing (Indoor Track & Field)

*Todd presented the proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year. The planning worksheet provides a general overview of costs associated with CoSer 551 and Section One. The following items were shared and discussed:*

- **Office Fee** – *Using a five-tier calculation based on NYSED BEDS #'s. The main contributing factor in the proposed increase is due to the loss of revenue from four participating schools, Therefore, the loss in revenue is shared across the remaining 78 high schools.*
- **Section One Team Fees** – *Team fees have not increased in over ten years. As a result of COVID, we have experienced increased facility rental costs, transportation, security, etc. The Finance Committee is recommending an increase of \$100 per varsity team, which on average equates to approximately \$2,500 increase per school.*
- **Officials Fees** – *2022-23 is entering the fifth year of a five-year contract. Negotiations will begin after the new year. Contractual increases were shared.*
- **Winter Billing** – *The Finance Committee is closely monitoring the costs of the Armory,*

#### Discussion:

- *The Committee appreciates the current reimbursement structure for state championship events. The structure provides equitable opportunity for those that would not normally have that opportunity.*
- *A request was made for the Section Office to prepare a reimbursement packet for the districts to better understand what is reimbursed for both team and individual state championships.*
- *Finance Committee has been working on developing a five-year analysis of revenue and expenses.*
- *Several Committee members asked clarifying questions regarding how costs are determined for the AA & A schools in the five-tier office fee structure. Todd will gain clarity from the BOCES business officials to understand the history behind the development of the formula.*

## IX. NYSPHSAA Update – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting, February 2, 2022

### (I) Six Classification Proposal – NYSPHSAA Ad-Hoc Classification Committee

*Conferences continue to discuss the proposal in preparation for the state vote in February.*

### (I) NYSDOH masking requirement for interscholastic athletics in indoor settings

*NYSPHSAA and the DOH have stated masks are required at all interscholastic athletic indoor settings regardless of outside venue protocols.*

### (I) NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Pilot Program (Spring 2022)

*Section One has been selected by NYSPHSAA and the NY Giants to pilot a Girls Flag Football league this upcoming spring. After hearing a recent presentation, several schools have expressed interest in. The*

*NY Giants and NIKE will provide funding for equipment, uniforms, stipends, etc., for those districts interested.*

**X. Self-Reports**

**(I) Use of an ineligible player – Yonkers Brave Football**

*Athletic Council heard a self-report regarding the use of an ineligible player on the Yonkers Brave Football team. Athletic Council sanctioned the coach to a one game suspension due to the coach allowing the athlete to participate knowing he was ineligible.*

**XI. Appeals: N/A**

**XII. General Action/Discussion/Information Items (Proposals)**

**(A) Consider approval of the Ice Hockey EMT/ATC Assignors for the 2021-2022 season**

- Carol Guzinski – Rockland
- Khalil Saleh – Southern Westchester
- Bill Wiegelman – Putnam/Northern Westchester

*Motion to approve the Ice Hockey EMT/ATC assignors for the 2021-2022 season: Kiernan / Baiocco*  
**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

**(A) Consider approval of Standing Committee Chairs (see attached)**

*Motion to approve the Standing Committee chairs: Coles / Kiernan*  
**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

**(D) Consideration of Gipper, a potential TPG sponsorship for the 2021-22 school year**

*Gipper is interested in a sponsorship with Section One. Gipper allows you to create custom branded content for your social media platform on any device. This is a great enhancement for the Section.*

Contracts / Engagement Letters:

**(A) Consider approval of the Rockland Community College facility use contract for the 2021-22 school year**

*Motion to approve the pending Rockland Community College facility use contract for the 2021-22 school year: Sigillo / Baiocco*  
**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

**(A) Consider approval of the Ocean Breeze facility use contract for the 2021-22 school year**

*Motion to approve the Ocean Breeze facility use contract for the 21-22 school year: Felicello / Cameron*  
**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

**XIII. Standing Committee Action/Discussion Items (Proposals)**

Championship Committee:

**(A) Consider approval of the WINTER 2021-22 tournament plans and championship venues (included in packet)**

*Motion to approve the Winter 2021-22 tournament plans and championship venues: Kiernan / Baiocco*  
**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

**(A) Consider approval of the SPRING 2022 tournament plans and championship venues (included in packet)**

*Motion to approve the spring 2022 tournament plans and championship venues: Kiernan / Coles*  
**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

Finance Committee:

**(A)** Consider approval of the amended the weight certification pay scale for the 2021-22 school year

*Motion to approve the amended the weight certification pay scale for the 2021-22 school year:*

*Cring / Cameron*

**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0

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

**XV. Old Business**

- Update on Championship Broadcasting/Streaming Rights – LocalLive

*Anthony, Roman and Todd met with Kevin Devaney from Local Live regarding the concerns that were discussed at the last meeting. Kevin provided an overview of the company and informed them that Local Live is no longer interested and in a position to provide Section One with guaranteed revenue as the exclusive streaming/broadcasting partner. As a short-term solution, a request was made by the Section to provide coverage of all events for the 21-22 school year.*

*The NFHS Network is a potential broadcasting/streaming option with a guaranteed revenue stream. The Committee asked Todd to arrange a presentation for an upcoming meeting.*

**XVI. New Business**

**XVII. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Mackin / Baiocco*

**Carried:** Aye=10      Nay=0      Abstention=0