

**Center for Interscholastic Athletics
Section One, Inc.**



Executive Committee Meeting

January 6, 2021

Attendance:

Dr. Marc Baiocco, Southern Westchester Superintendent	Matt Cameron, Conference I
Richard Calkins, Southern Westchester Superintendent	Roman Catalino, Conference II
Michael Cring, At-large Athletic Director	John Bauerlein, Conference III
Dr. Harold Coles, SWBOCES Superintendent	
Anthony DiCarlo, Superintendent Liaison	
Dr. Kris Felicello, Rockland Superintendent	
Dr. Matt Landahl, Dutchess Superintendent	
Dr. Brendan Lyons, Putnam/Northern Westchester Superintendent, President	
James Mackin, Principal Rep, 1 st Vice President	
Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2 nd Vice President	

Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer Section One, Inc.

Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director, CIA/Section One, Inc.

Brian Howard, Director of Communications

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- I. Call Meeting to Order**
Meeting was called to order at 10:03am
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
(A) Consider approval of the agenda
Motion to approve agenda: Baiocco / Bauerlein
Approved: Unanimous
- III. Approval of the Minutes**
(A) Consider approval of the **November 16, 2020** Executive Committee meeting minutes
Motion to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes: Bauerlein / Sigillo
Approved: Unanimous

(A) Consider approval of the **November 20, 2020** Executive Committee meeting minutes
- *Amend minutes to reflect Joe Sigillo's motion for modified start date and modified data*
- IV. Treasurer's Report**
(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report
Motion to approve the Treasurer's report: Baiocco / Cameron
Approved: Unanimous

- (D) Consider approval of establishing a reserve fund for Section One, Inc.
Finance Committee

Discussion: The Finance Committee is recommending establishing a reserve fund. Todd will consult with the Section's accountant to determine allowable percentage.

- (D) Consider approval of engaging in a sponsorship agreement with TPG (NYSPHSAA partnership)
Finance Committee

Discussion: NYSPHSAA has partnered with TPG who will lead their sponsorship solicitation. The opportunity has been extended to each Section. Legal counsel will review the contract.

Preliminary Budget Review for 2021-22

- (D) Consider approval of the proposed budget for the 2021-22 school year
Finance Committee

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

Lyons: Asked that the possibility of extending the winter low/moderate risk season be discussed and considered. Many school districts are fully remote and have delayed the start of their winter season. Providing flexibility at the end of the season may assist with providing scheduling opportunities.

Mackin: No Report

Sigillo: No Report

VI. Concerns/Self-Report

- (I) Non-sanctioned Rockland County Boys Soccer Championship game

Todd provided an overview of the situation. Numerous Executive Committee members expressed concern over the chain of events and decision that was made by the participating schools. Todd informed the Committee that both Athletic Directors have been invited to the January 19th Athletic Council meeting to present their self-report and answer questions. For any violation of eligibility or sports standards, a school may be sanctioned, censured, or placed on probation.

VII. NYSPHSAA Report

- (I) Draft agenda for the February 3rd NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting

Discussion: The five-sport classification and D1/D2 cut-off proposals were discussed. Todd highlighted the impact this change would have on Section One.

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

- (A) Consider approval of Richard Calkins as a Southern Westchester Superintendent representative for three-year term, effective immediately
Southern Westchester Chief School Administrators

Motion to approve Richard Calkins as a Southern Westchester Superintendent rep: Lyons / Cring
Approved: Unanimous

(A) Consider amending the status of modified winter sports

**Modified Committee recommends no change to January 19th start date*

Discussion: *The Executive Committee previously postponed the start of modified sports to January 19th and was committed to reexamining the status at the beginning of January*

The Modified Committee met and recommended no change be made to the January 19th start date.

- **Conference 1** – *In favor of starting on January 19th.*
- **Conference 2** – *17 in favor for January 19th start date, 4 in favor of cancelling season, 2 did not have modified programs.*
- **Conference 3** – *Only 8 schools that offer in indoor track and 3 have chosen not to offer. 14 schools have already cancelled all modified sports. No schools offer modified swimming.*

No motion was made to amend the status of the January 19th start date. The offering of modified sports will be left up to individual districts.

(A) Consider approval of following the host venues guidelines, in accordance with the NYSDOH, for low/moderate risk winter sport spectators
Athletic Council

Rationale: *Majority of low/moderate risk sports are hosted at non-school based venues.*

- *The bowling alleys, the Armory and Thunder Ridge will not be allowing spectators.*
- *Gymnastics venues are responsible for adhering to DOH capacity restrictions.*
- *Boys swimming and diving would be up to the host school, although they are virtual meets, allow schools to permit two spectators per athlete if they have the ability to do so.*

Discussion:

- *Concerns expressed around contact tracing at an indoor sporting event*
- **Conference 1** *believe that anything inside should not have home or away spectators. Outdoor track meets would allow only two spectators. Skiing would be left up to the mountain. The primary goal is to have the students safely compete.*
- **Conference 2** *is in favor of allowing spectators at the discretion of the venue*

Motion to prohibit spectators for low and moderate risk winter indoor sports: Lyons / Cring

Approved: 10 / 1 / 0

Motion to allow two spectators per home athlete for winter outdoor events unless the facility is more restrictive: Sigillo / Mackin

Approved: Unanimous

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

X. Conference Reports

- **Conference I** – *Some schools are asking if they can have modified fall sports in the Fall season II for all, not just “high-risk”.*

- *Clarification: Based on the motion at the September 23rd meeting, the decision was to cancel Fall season I modified sports for all schools. Fall season II modified sports were not canceled.*

- *Conference II – no report*
- *Conference III – no report*

XI. Old Business

(I) Athletic Council bylaws work session – *February 8th at 1:00pm*

XII. New Business

(I) Accepting preliminary proposals/ideas for “high-risk” sports – *due date January 7th*

Section One COVID Task Force Meeting – Monday, January 11th

- *In the process of seeking preliminary proposals and plans for “high-risk” sports. “High-risk” sports have not been authorized but there is a desire from the membership to begin thinking about what to do depending upon when authorization occurs.*
- *Championship Committee will be meeting with the “high-risk” Sport Chairs to obtain input.*

Discussion: *Consider extending the winter season by a week or two because of schools that have decided to start later than January 4th. Currently scheduled to end February 28th with low and moderate risk sports to begin March 1st.*

Concern: *An extension would overlap with girls swimming and diving, the only approved sport for fall season II. This will delay the start of the girls season as many schools utilize the same coach and/or facility.*

- *Todd will bring the idea forward to the Task Force, Athletic Council and the Championship Committee. The Executive Committee can review at the January 25th meeting.*

XIII. Good of the Order

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Baiocco / Coles

Approved: Unanimous