

M I N U T E S
Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI – Athletic Council

NYSPHSAA, Inc.

January 14, 2015

Section XI Office

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by President Polansky at 9:05 am. The following were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	J. Polanski	<u>x</u>	Central Comm.:	L. Lally	<u>x</u>
1 st Vice Pres:	D. Ferry	<u>x</u>		T. Mullins	<u>x</u>
2 nd Vice Pres:	J. Valente	<u>x</u>		J. Dolan	<u>x</u>
Past Pres:	J. Thode	<u>x</u>		P. Sullivan-Kriss	<u>abs</u>
Supt Rep:	P. Casciano	<u>x</u>			
Supt Rep:	M. Radday	<u>x</u>			

Ex-officio:

Treasurer:	L. Light	<u>x</u>	Executive Director:	D. Webster	<u>x</u>
Counsel:	K. Seaman	<u>abs</u>	Assistant Director:	K. McCarthy	<u>x</u>
			Consultant:	N. DeCillis	<u>abs</u>

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

I.	J. Murphy	<u>abs</u>	II.	E. Thompson	<u>x</u>
	M. Keltos	<u>x</u>		J. Klomp	<u>x</u>
	T. Combs	<u>x</u>		T. Horan	<u>abs</u>
	M. Mensch	<u>x</u>		J. Pennacchio	<u>x</u>
	E. Blaney	<u>abs</u>		G. McCarthy	<u>x</u>
	G. Curiale	<u>x</u>		D. Richert	<u>x</u>
III.	S. Lipshie	<u>abs</u>	IV.		_____
	R. Tymann	<u>x</u>			_____
	R. Panariello	<u>x</u>		M. Brostowski	<u>x</u>
	W. Denniston	<u>x</u>		M. DeJoseph	<u>abs</u>
	A. Agnesini	<u>x</u>		M. Edwards	<u>x</u>
	K. Masterson	<u>x</u>		S. Judge	<u>x</u>

Also in attendance: Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion: D. Ferry Second: M. Mensch
"To approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014 Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion Approved

II. REPORTS**A. WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

The Section XI Website Committee met on Monday, October 27, 2014, at 9:00 am, in the Section XI Office. In attendance: Chair: J. Pennacchio; Conference I: Not Represented; Conference II: S. Restivo; Conference III: K. Masterson; Conference IV: Todd Gulluscio. Also in attendance: J. Carroll, S. LaFleur, J. Wright, K. McCarthy, and D. Webster.

1. Section XI Administrative Side – The following updates were discussed:
 - Ability of officials to enter their availability on line.
 - Ability of contest sites to be linked to Google Maps.
2. Public Side - The following plans were discussed:
 - Prioritizing functions of the website to mirror the NYSPHSAA website.
 - The timeline for release of new design commencing in January, 2015.

B. SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE

The Section XI Sportsmanship Committee met on Monday, October 27, 2014, at 11:00 am, at the Section XI office. In attendance: Chair J. Thode; Conference I: C. Kasman, J. Wright; Conference II: G. McCarthy, J. Sparacio; Conference III: M. Passamonte, A. Agnesini; Conference IV: J. Donovan, D. Phillips. Also in attendance: K. McCarthy, and D. Webster.

The following items were discussed:

1. Educating Athletic Directors
 - Utilize "Educate Through Athletics"
2. Increasing Recognition in Sportsmanship Program
 - Number of Awards
 - Website
3. Utilizing Coaches' Sportsmanship Comments to Communicate with Schools
4. Utilize Mandatory Coaches' Meetings to Reinforce Sportsmanship

C. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- November 10, 2014 Meeting

On November 10, 2014, the Executive Board voted via email on the following item with votes being cast by President J. Polansky, J. Valente, J. Thode, T. Mullins, L. Lally, P. Sullivan-Kriss, J. Dolan, P. Casciano, M. Radday (No Response: D. Ferry).
- 1. Section XI Corporate Sponsorship Consultant – The Section XI Executive Board has approved the appointment of Nick DeCillis as the Section XI Corporate Sponsorship Consultant for the 2014-15 school year, with a compensation rate of 15% of any signed sponsorship contracts.

- January 5, 2014 Meeting

The Executive Board met on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 4:00 pm, in the Section XI office. In attendance: J. Polansky, D. Ferry, J. Valente, , L. Lally, T. Mullins, P. Sullivan-Kriss, J. Dolan, P. Casciano, M. Radday, N. DeCillis, L. Light, K. Seaman, A. Groveman, K. McCarthy and D. Webster. (Absent: J. Thode)

 1. Welcome – President Jim Polansky called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.
 2. Finance Committee – Alan Groveman
 - A. The Section XI Finance Committee Chair, Alan Groveman, reviewed the December 2, 2014 Finance Committee meeting report, including the proposed 2015-16 budget.
 - B. Mr. Groveman announced that there is no increase in the Section XI Dues and Service Charges for member schools in the proposed 2015-16 budget.
 - C. The 2013-14 Management Letter from Cullen & Danowski was reviewed.
 3. Treasurer’s Report – Larry Light
 - A. Mr. Light reviewed the Section XI Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period July 1, 2014 through December 23, 2014, and provided information regarding the income and expenses within that budget period.
 - B. Mr. Light reviewed the Tri-Party Collateral agreement dated December 15, 2014, received by BNY Mellon.
 4. Counsel – Kevin Seaman
 - A. Mr. Seaman reviewed the Connetquot Pole Vault litigation with the Board.
 - B. Mr. Seaman reported on the FOIL request received by the Riverhead School District.
 5. President – Jim Polansky
 - A. Internal Auditor’s Reports – President Polansky provided the Board with the Internal Auditor’s reports for October, November and December, 2014.
 - B. Appointment of Interim Internal Claims Auditor – The Executive Board **approved** the appointment of Alan Van Cott as Interim Internal Claims Auditor during the absence of Lynn Schwartz for the following dates: 12/19/14, 1/9/15, 1/23/15, 2/6/15, 2/20/15, 3/6/15, 3/20/15 and 4/2/15.
 - C. Assistant Director Reimbursement: The Executive Board **approved** that Section XI Assistant Director Kevin McCarthy be reimbursed for expenses related to representation of Section XI at professional functions upon presentation of an itemized account of such expenses.
 6. NYSPPHAA – Lisa Lally/T. Mullins
 - A. Executive Committee Report - Ms. Lally and Mr. Mullins provided a synopsis of the October 23, 2014 NYSPPHAA Executive Committee meeting held in Troy.
 - B. NYSPPHAA News - The November 2014 edition of the *NYSPPHAA News* was provided.
 - C. Standard Calendar of Weeks – Ms. Lally and Mr. Mullins reviewed the proposal to adopt the NFHS standardized procedure for numbering calendar weeks to ensure consistency and uniformity in establishing NYSPPHAA Championship dates and a common sport season start dates.
 - D. Standardizing the Maximum Number of Contests by Sport Season – Ms. Lally and Mr. Mullins reviewed the proposal to balance the “maximum number of varsity/JV contests” based on the actual length of the three respective sport seasons starting in the 2015-16 school year.

- E. Commissioner's Proposed Amendment Relating to Duration of Competition Rule - The proposed amendment clarifying when a student's eligibility for senior high school athletic competition may be extended due to an illness or accident was reviewed.
7. Sponsorship Update – Nick DeCillis reviewed the sponsorship initiatives with which he has been involved, including contact with various organizations with the hope of securing either sponsorship or advertising contracts with them.
 8. Dropped Team Report – Kevin McCarthy
Kevin McCarthy provided the Executive Board with information regarding the numbers of dropped teams to date.
 9. Outside Agency Approval – The Executive Board **approved** the following outside agencies to conduct tournaments within Section XI:
 - Eastern Suffolk Officials Boys' Basketball Tournament – December 27-28, 2014
 - Western Suffolk Officials Boys' Basketball Tournament – December 29-30, 2014
 - Suffolk Track Coaches Association Invitational – Date and Site TBA
 - Suffolk Track Officials Association Invitational – Date and Site TBA
 - BPO Elks Annual Modified Track Meet – Date and Site TBA
 10. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame – A flyer was provided informing the Board of the submission of the applications of Coach Joseph Cipp, Jr., and Kings Park Athlete Craig Biggio for induction into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame in August, 2015.
 11. Executive Director Goals and Objectives – Mid-Year Report – Don Webster provided the Board with his mid-year report.
 12. Section XI "Media & Marketing Event Supervisor – The Executive Board **approved** the continuation of this position for the winter season, 2014-15.
 13. DASA Training Update – Don Webster provided the Executive Board with an update on the DASA training.
 14. Executive Director Report – Don Webster provided the Executive Board with an Executive Director report for January 2015.
 15. Section XI Quarterly Expenses – Don Webster provided the Executive Board with the Meals and Refreshment expenses for the period October 6, 2014 through January 4, 2015.
 16. NYSPHSAA 2015-17 Boys' Volleyball Championships – Don Webster announced that Section XI is being awarded the NYSPHSAA Boys' Volleyball Championships for the 2015-17 seasons, which will be held at Suffolk County Community College West in Brentwood.
 17. Meeting Adjournment – Following a break for dinner, the Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Secretaries' Workshops – A recommendation was made to conduct Athletic Director Secretaries' workshops in the spring by Conferences.

D. NYSPPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – L. Lally, T. Mullins

At its meeting on October 23, 2014, the NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee effected the following:

1. Elimination of the Educational Waiver – Approved to eliminate the “Educational Waiver” as one of the waivers of the NYSPPHSAA Transfer Rule beginning with the 2015-16 school year with the addition of *“educational waivers will not be considered as an undue hardship”* to the “NOTE:” following the transfer exemptions within the NYSPPHSAA Handbook.
2. Corresponding Change of Residency – Approved adding the following to Corresponding Change of Residency within the NYSPPHSAA Transfer Rule to begin with the 2015-16 school year as follows: *“For athletic eligibility a residency is changed when one is abandoned by the immediate family and another residency is established through action and intent. Residency requires one’s physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely”*.
3. Legal Separation – Approved revising the 4th exemption of the Transfer Rule beginning with the 2015-16 school year as follows: *“4. A student from divorced or ‘legally’ separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents. Such transfer is allowed once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge”*.
4. Modified Basketball – Defeated allowing the 3-point shot in boys’ and girls’ basketball with Section and League approval.
5. Jewelry Rule – Defeated permitting jewelry in accordance with the NFHS Track and Field Rule Book.
6. Boys’ & Girls’ Volleyball – Defeated Glens Falls Civic Center (2) as the site for the 2015-18 Girls’ and Boys’ Volleyball Championships.
7. Cheerleading – Approved the NYSPPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships begin in the 2016 Winter season in 5 divisions with teams qualifying through a sectional event.
8. State Coordinator Appointments – Approved Joe Vasile-Cozzo as the new Girls’ Soccer State Coordinator effective September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2018; and reappointed Patrick Ryan as Girls’ Swimming and Diving Assistant State Coordinator effective September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2019.

III. NYSPPHSAA Executive Director – Robert Zayas

- A. Athletic Placement Process
- B. Duration of Competition
- C. Coaching Certification
- D. Boys’ Volleyball Championships
- E. Concussions
- F. Helmets
- G. Extension of Eligibility

IV. NYSPPHAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INPUT**A. Standard Calendar of Weeks**

Motion: T. Mullins Second: D. Ferry

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPPHAA consider approval of adopting the NFHS standardized procedure for numbering calendar weeks to ensure consistency and uniformity in establishing NYSPPHAA Championship dates and a common sport season start dates."

Motion Approved

B. Balancing the Maximum Number of Contests

Motion: R. Panariello Second: J. Pennacchio

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPPHAA adopt a method to balance the 'maximum number of Varsity/JV contests' based on the actual length of the three (3) respective sport seasons, starting in the 2015-16 school year."

Motion Approved

V. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS**A. Placement****1. Cheerleading**

Motion: M. Mensch Second: J. Dolan

To approve the following:

"Shall the Competitive Cheerleading season be Winter only."

Motion Approved

2. Softball

Motion: T. Mullins Second: T. Combs

To approve the following:

"Shall the addition of Amityville to League IV in Softball be approved, resulting in Comsewogue moving from League IV to League V."

Motion Approved

3. Placement Policy

Motion: R. Panariello Second: D. Ferry

To approve the following:

"Shall the following statement be added to the criteria for placement: '*Consideration should be given to avoid mixed classification leagues if possible*'."

Motion Approved

B. Tournament**1. Boys' Golf**

Motion: J. Pennacchio Second: J. Dolan

To approve the following:

"Shall there be an alternative qualification due to extenuating circumstances or dropped teams for the Section XI Boys' Golf Championships."

Motion Approved

2. Cheerleadinga. Section XI ChampionshipMotion: M. Mensch Second: D. Ferry

To approve the following:

"Shall qualifying for the Section XI Cheerleading Championships be the top 50% of the schools that division based on scores achieved during the competitive season in the Section."

Motion Approvedb. NYSPPHSAA ChampionshipMotion: J. Thode Second: G. McCarthy

To approve the following:

"Shall qualifying for the Cheerleading State Championship be determined by the winning school in each division at the Sectional Championship event."

Motion Approvedc. Cheerleading Classes1) Motion: M. Mensch Second: D. Ferry

To approve the following:

"Shall the competition in Section XI Cheerleading events be divided into the following four classes:

Large School Division (750 and up)	Large Squad (17-32)
Large School Division (750 and up)	Small Squad (5-16)
Small School Division (749 and down)	Large Squad (17-32)
Small School Division (749 and down)	Small Squad (5-16)

Motion Defeated2) Motion: J. Pennacchio Second: G. McCarthy

To table the above motion (c.1).

Motion Approved**C. Policy**1. Cheerleadinga. Practice RequirementsMotion: T. Mullins Second: D. Ferry

To approve the following:

"Shall the minimum practice requirements be 10 team/8 individual."

Motion Approvedb. Required Competitions1) Motion: Second:

To approve the following:

"Shall there be a minimum of 2 required competitions prior to post-season."

Motion Defeated2) Motion: M. Mensch Second: A. Agnesini

To amend the above motion (b.1.) as follows:

"Shall there be a minimum of 2 required competitions **"within New York State"** prior to post-season."

Motion Approved

c. Maximum Number of Contests1) Motion: J. Dolan Second: T. Combs

To approve the following:

"Shall the maximum number of contests *within Section XI* be Varsity (10), JV (6), and Modified (3)." NOTE: The maximum allowed by the NYSPHSAA is 12.

Motion Defeated2) Motion: G. McCarthy Second: T. Mullins

To amend the above motion (c.1.) as follows:

"Shall the maximum number of contests be Varsity (10), JV (6), and Modified (3)." NOTE: The maximum allowed by the NYSPHSAA is 12.

Motion Approvedd. Nights' RestMotion: S. Judge Second: M. Brostowski

To approve the following:

"Shall the number of nights' rest between competitions be one."

Motion Approvede. NFHS RulesMotion: D. Ferry Second: G. Curiale

To approve the following:

"Shall the NFHS Spirit Book be followed."

Motion Approvedf. LimitationsMotion: G. McCarthy Second: D. Ferry

To approve the following:

"Shall competitions be limited to one per day."

Motion Approvedg. DurationMotion: T. Mullins Second: M. Mensch

To approve the following:

"Shall the duration of the competition be 2 minutes and 30 seconds and be required to include Cheer and Dance."

Motion Approvedh. JudgesMotion: G. Curiale Second: D. Ferry

To approve the following:

"Shall there be 3 judges and 2 safety judges per competition."

Motion Approved

D. Modified

1. Modified Cheerleading

Motion: M. Mensch

Second: G. Curiale

To approve the following:

- a. "Shall the Modified Competitive Cheerleading season be the Early Winter Sports season."
- b. "Shall the number of multi-team events be limited to three."
- c. "Shall the minimum practice requirements be 8 scrimmages/10 contests."
- d. "Shall the number of nights' rest between competitions be two." NOTE: For rescheduling purposes, contests may be played with only one night's rest three times per season.
- e. "Shall competitions be limited to one per day."

Motion Approved

E. Finance

Motion: G. McCarthy

Second: M. Mensch

To approve the following:

"Shall the Section XI 2015-16 budget be approved."

Motion Approved

Motion to Adjourn: M. Mensch

Second: D. Ferry

Motion Approved

Adjournment: 10:15 am

Respectfully submitted,

Donald F. Webster

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Executive Director

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