

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

**NYSPPHSAA, Inc.**

**January 25, 2016**

**Section XI Office**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Debra Ferry at 9:05 am. The following were in attendance:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President:	J. Polanski	abs	Central Comm.:	D. Ferry	X
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres:	D. Ferry	X		T. Mullins	X
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres:	J. Valente	X		P. Sullivan-Kriss	abs
Past Pres:	J. Thode	X		E. Thompson	abs
At Large:	E. Blaney	X			
Supt Rep:	J. Nolan	abs			
Supt Rep:	M. Radday	X			
<b><u>Ex-officio:</u></b>					
Treasurer:	L. Light	X	Executive Director:	D. Webster	X
Counsel:	K. Seaman	X	Assistant Director:	K. McCarthy	X
			Consultant:	N. DeCillis	abs

**CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES**

I.	J. Murphy	X	II.	J. Coady	X
	M. Keltos	X		J. Klomp	X
	T. Combs	abs		T. Horan	X
	M. Mensch	X		R. McIntyre	X
	G. Curiale	X		G. McCarthy	X
	_____			D. Richert	X
III.	S. Lipshie	X	IV.		_____
	R. Tymann	X			_____
	R. Panariello	X		M. Brostowski	X
	S. Reh	X		M. DeJoseph	X
	A. Agnesini	abs		M. Edwards	X
	K. Masterson	X		S. Judge	abs

Also in attendance: Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: G. McCarthy                      Second: M. Edwards  
 "To approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015 Athletic Council Meeting."

**Motion Approved**

## II. REPORTS

### A. INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY 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. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board met on Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 4:00 pm, in the Section XI office. In attendance: J. Polansky, D. Ferry, J. Valente, E. Blaney, T. Mullins, P. Sullivan-Kriss, E. Thompson, J. Nolan, M. Radday, K. Seaman, L. Light, N. DeCillis, 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 16, 2015 Finance Committee meeting report, including the proposed 2016-17 budget.
  - B. Mr. Groveman announced that there is no increase in the Section XI Dues and Service Charges for member schools in the proposed 2016-17 budget.
  - C. The 2014-15 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 January 4, 2016, and provided information regarding the income and expenses within that budget period.
4. Counsel – Kevin Seaman
  - A. Mr. Seaman reviewed *Garone vs. Section XI* with the Board.
  - B. Mr. Seaman reviewed the Connetquot Pole Vault litigation with the Board.
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, 2015.
  - B. Approval of Section XI Communications Coordinator – The Executive Board **approved** the appointment of Chris Vaccaro as the Section XI Communications Coordinator at a monthly salary of \$3,000, for the period February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. The Board requested a written evaluation of services rendered to be placed on the agenda and reviewed at the June 20, 2016 meeting.

- C. Officials Contract Amendment Agreement – The Board **approved** the amendment to the Officials’ Contract stipulating fees for cheerleading officials.
  - D. XCL Business Technology Agreement – The Executive Board **approved** the agreement with XCL Business Technology to handle and service the Section XI office email account.
  - E. On-Site Gate Receipt Audit Approval – The Executive Board **approved** conducting an on-site gate receipt audit for the winter and spring 2015-16 seasons at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.
6. NYSPPHAA – D. Ferry/T. Mullins
    - A. Executive Committee Report - Ms. Ferry and Mr. Mullins provided a synopsis of the October 22, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
    - B. NYSPHSAA News - The December 2015 edition of the *NYSPHSAA News* was provided.
    - C. Championship Philosophy Committee Meeting – The report of the December 3, 2015 meeting of the Championship Philosophy Committee was reviewed.
    - D. NYSPHSAA Director of Sales and Marketing Appointment – The Board was informed that Chris Joyce has been named the Director of Sales and Marketing for the NYSPHSAA.
    - E. Boys’ Basketball Championship Site Location – The Board reviewed the site location for the Boys’ Basketball Championships from 2017-19.
  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. Assistant Director – Kevin McCarthy
    - A. Dropped Team Report - Kevin McCarthy provided the Executive Board with information regarding the numbers of dropped teams to date.
    - B. Sportsmanship Recognition Program – Kevin McCarthy provided information to the Board concerning the Sportsmanship Recognition Program.
  9. Outside Agency Approval – The Executive Board **approved** the following outside agencies to conduct tournaments within Section XI:
    - Suffolk Track Coaches Association Long Island Elite Meet – 2/27/16 at St. Anthony’s High School
    - Suffolk Track Coaches Association Invitational – 4/16/16 at Commack HS
    - Suffolk Track Officials Association Invitational – 4/9/16 at Mt. Sinai HS
    - BPO Elks Annual Modified Track Meet – 5/28/16 at Comsewogue HS
  10. Executive Director Goals and Objectives – Mid-Year Report – Don Webster provided the Board with his mid-year report.
  11. Executive Director Report – Don Webster provided the Executive Board with an Executive Director report for January 2016.
  12. Section XI Quarterly Expenses – Don Webster provided the Executive Board with the Meals and Refreshment expenses for the period October 5, 2015 through January 6, 2016.
  13. Smithtown Christian Boys’ Varsity Soccer – The Executive Director provided information to the Board regarding an ineligible player on the Smithtown Christian Boys’ Varsity Soccer team this past season

14. Varsity Field Hockey Ethics Report – The Executive Board **approved** acceptance of the SFHUA Ethics Committee report and findings concerning the Sachem East Varsity Field Hockey charges.
15. Riverhead Charter School – Don Webster provided the Executive Board with information concerning membership for a Riverhead Charter School.
16. Section XI Staff – Don Webster informed the Executive Board that several staff changes will be taking place at the end of the 2015-16 school year.
17. Executive Board NYSPHSAA Superintendent Representative – The Board was informed that although Patricia Sullivan-Kriss is no longer the Superintendent at Hauppauge, she will remain on the Section XI Executive Board through the end of her term as is allowed by the Section XI Constitution.
18. Meeting Adjournment – Following a break for dinner, the Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.
19. New Business
  - A. NYSAAA 2015-16 Award Winners – Deb Ferry announced the following winners of the 2015-16 NYSAAA Awards:
    - Athletic Administrator – Amy Agnesini, Rocky Point
    - Distinguished Service – Kevin Seaman, Section XI Counsel
    - Community Service – Suffolk County Community College
    - Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award – Patricia Hand, East Hampton

### **III. NYSPHSAA Assistant Director – Joe Altieri**

- A. Mr. Altieri provided an update on the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Action Items to be discussed at the January 29, 2016 meeting.
- B. Mr. Altieri informed the Athletic Council that the NYSPHSAA Strategic Planning Committee is being reactivated, and Section XI will need to appoint a representative.

### **IV. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION**

#### **A. Softball**

Motion: M. Mensch

Second: G. Curiale

To approve the following:

“Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval of the softball non-approved bat list with certification mark.”

**Motion Approved**

#### **B. Football**

Motion: M. DeJoseph

Second: J. Valente

To approve the following:

“Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval to keep the football classification numbers the same for the 2016 football season.”

**Motion Approved**

C. Student-Athlete Development CommitteeMotion: T. Horan                      Second: G. McCarthy

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval of the creation of a Student-Athlete Development Committee."

**Motion Approved**D. Student-Athlete Advisory CommitteeMotion: S. Reh                              Second: R. Panariello

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval of the creation of a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee."

**Motion Approved**E. Practice SessionsMotion: T. Horan                              Second: M. Edwards

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval to revise Rule 22 "Practice Sessions."

**Motion Approved**F. Girls' TennisMotion: M. DeJoseph                      Second: R. Panariello

To approve the following:

"Shall the PSAL be included in the NYSPHSAA Girls' Tennis State Championship."

**Motion Defeated****V. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS****A. Placement**1. Boys' and Girls' TrackMotion:                              Second:

To approve the following:

a) Boys' Track – 2015/16 (Leagues 5-8)

League I		League II	
Brentwood	4406	Middle Country	1776
Longwood	2017	Sachem North	1710
William Floyd	2003	Lindenhurst	1597
Patchogue-Medford	1904	Central Islip	1584
Ward Melville	1858	Connetquot	1527
Commack	1803	Northport	1527
Sachem East	1785	Bay Shore	1465

League III		League IV	
Walt Whitman	1461	West Islip	1130
Half Hollow Hills East	1436	Huntington	1018
Copiapue	1245	Half Hollow Hills West	1013
Smithtown West	1239	West Babylon	991
Riverhead	1222	Deer Park	989
Smithtown East	1202	Bellport	980
North Babylon	1155	Eastport-South Manor	952

League V		League VI	
<b>East Islip</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>Islip</b>	<b>746</b>
<b>Hauppauge</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>Amityville</b>	<b>724</b>
<b>Kings Park</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>East Hampton/BH/Pier</b>	<b>717</b>
<b>Harborfields</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>Sayville</b>	<b>707</b>
<b>Comsewogue</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>Miller Place</b>	<b>699</b>
<b>Rocky Point</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>Shoreham-WR</b>	<b>631</b>
<b>Westhampton</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>Mt. Sinai</b>	<b>608</b>

League VII		League VIII	
<b>Elwood-J Glenn</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>Mattituck</b>	<b>368</b>
<b>Bayport-Blue Point</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>McGann-Mercy</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Hampton Bays</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>Southold/Gpt*</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Southampton</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>Ross*</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>Wyandanch</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>Port Jefferson</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Center Moriches</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>Stony Brook</b>	<b>209</b>
<b>Babylon</b>	<b>390</b>		

2015-16 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

Div I: 600 – up

Div II: 599 - below

\*Southold/Gpt, and Ross do not have a track.

b) Girls' Track – 2015/16 (Leagues 5-8)

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2016	14	13*	12	14	
2017	13*	12	14	14	
2018	12	14	14	13*	
2019	14	14	13*	12	
2020	14	13*	12	14	
2021	13*	12	14	14	
2022	12	14	14	13*	
2023	14	14	13*	12	
2024	14	13*	12	14	

\*Becomes 14 if total teams = 54; becomes 12 if total teams = 52 (prior to schedule being released)

\*\* **Variation in rotation guideline-** Division 4 had 13 teams instead of Division 2 (variation approved by Athletic Council)

### **Section XI Policy**

If one team drops in a division after June 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be a forfeit.

If two teams drop in any division prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, a new schedule will be developed.

#### b. Strength of Schedule Point System

To approve the following:

"Shall the 'Strength of Schedule' point system which was added as a one-year pilot program in 2015-16 be permanently adopted."

### **Motion Approved**

## **B. Tournament**

### 1. Girls' Lacrosse

Motion: M. DeJoseph

Second: M. Brostowski

To approve the following:

"Shall there be a one-year approval to adjust the power point system in Girls' Lacrosse (Division II ONLY) to add points to a team's total based on the pre-season seeds of each team."

### **Motion Approved**

## **C. Modified**

### 1. Modified Level Program Policies

Motion: R. Panariello

Second: S. Reh

To approve the following:

"Shall the Section XI Modified Committee review and make recommendations to revise and/or update Modified Program Policies in the Section XI Handbook."

### **Motion Approved**

**D. Sportsmanship**

1. Sportsmanship Recognition Program Criteria

Motion: M. Edwards

Second: G. McCarthy

To approve the following:

“Shall the following criteria be implemented into the Sportsmanship Recognition Program:

- 90% (13.5) – Distinction
- 85% (12.8-13.499) – Recognition”

**Motion Approved**

**E. Finance**

Motion: J. Valente

Second: T. Horan

To approve the following:

“Shall the Section XI 2016-17 budget and 2016-17 Dues and Service Charges be approved.”

**Motion Approved**

Motion to Adjourn: J. Valente

Second: T. Horan

**Motion Approved**

Adjournment: 9:42 am

Respectfully submitted,

*Donald F. Webster*

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Executive Director

DFW/drn