

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

NYSPHSAA, Inc.

May 19, 2017

Section XI Office

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by Debra Ferry at 9:14 am. The following were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	D. Ferry	X	Central Comm.:	T. Mullins	X
1 st Vice Pres:	J. Valente	X		D. Ferry	X
2 nd Vice Pres:	S. Schuster	Abs		M. Radday	X
Past Pres:	J. Polansky	Abs		E. Thompson	X
At Large:	E. Blaney	X			
Supt Rep:	T. Eagen	Abs			
Supt Rep:	S. Schnebel	X			
<u>Ex-Officio:</u>			Executive Director:	D. Webster	X
				T. Combs	X
Treasurer:	L. Light	X	Assistant Director:	P. Blieberg	X
Counsel:	K. Seaman	x	Consultant:	N. DeCillis	X
				P. Trombetta	X

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

I.	J. Murphy	Abs	II.	J. Coady	X
	M. Keltos	Abs		J. Klomp	Abs
	K. O'Reilly	X		T. Horan	X
	G. Beutel	X		R. McIntyre	X
	G. Curiale	X		G. McCarthy	X
	T. Dolan			D. Richert	X
III.	S. Lipshie	Abs	IV.	S. Petretti	X
	R. Tymann	Abs		M. Miller	Abs
	R. Panariello	x		D. Turner	X
	S. Reh	X		M. Edwards	X
	K. Masterson	X		S. Judge	X
	J. Kulesa	X			

Also in attendance: Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion: D. Turner

Second: M. Edwards

"To approve the minutes of the March 10, 2017, Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion Approved**II. Presentations**

1. Executive Board Service Recognition– Executive Board members Erin Blaney and Ed Thompson were recognized for their service on the Section XI Executive Board.

III. REPORTS**A. Executive Board**

The Section XI Executive Board met on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 4:00 pm, at the Section XI Office. In attendance: President, D. Ferry, T. Mullins, L. Light, K. Seaman, M. Radday, N. DeCillis, S. Schnebel: J. Valente, E. Thompson, E. Blaney, S. Schuster, T. Combs, P. Blieberg and D. Webster. (Absent: J. Polansky and T. Eagan)

1. President - President Debra Ferry called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.
2. Internal Claims Auditor - Executive Director Don Webster reviewed the March 2017 and April 2017 Internal Claims Auditor reports from Ed Cinelli and Lynn Schwartz. Lyn Schwartz – Approved as Section XI Internal Claims Auditor at the rate of \$50 per hour for the 2017-18 school year; \$2 increase from 2016-17.
3. NYSPPHSAA Report – Debra Ferry/Tim Mullins
 - A. Debra Ferry and Tim Mullins reviewed the report from the NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee meeting held on May 5, 2017.
 - B. The April 2017 NYSPPHSAA News was distributed.
 - C. Reviewed the Championship Advisory Meeting Report
 - D. Reviewed Transgender Committee Report
 - E. The Board was informed that Ed Danowski and Richard Castellano will be inducted into the NYSPPHSAA Hall of Fame on July 25, 2017 in Thousand Island, NY.
4. Treasurer – Mr. Light reviewed the Profit and Loss vs. Actual for the period July 1, 2016 through April 21, 2017.
5. Counsel – Kevin Seaman reviewed the Bay Shore Ethics Case with the Executive Board and the Executive Board found "Probable Cause" to move forward with Ethics Hearing. Kevin also reviewed and updated the Executive Board on the status of the Penny Lawsuit.
6. Nominating/Appointments

- A. Nominating Committee - The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate for 2017-18:

President:	Debra Ferry
1 st Vice President:	John Valente
2 nd Vice President:	Scott Schuster
Past President:	James Polansky
At Large:	Erin Blaney
NYSPHSAA Central Committee Reps:	Debra Ferry (Female Athletics) Timothy Mullins (Male Athletics) Patti Trombetta (Principal Rep) Michael Radday (Superintendent Rep)
Superintendent Reps:	Susan Schnebel Timothy Eagen

A referendum ballot has be sent to all member schools.

- B. At Large Representative – The procedures for appointing an At-Large Representative to the Executive Board was discussed.
- C. NYSPHSAA Request for Proxies – The Executive Board **approved** the following Section XI officers as eligible to serve as proxies for the 2016-17 school year:
J. Valente, T. Combs, P. Blieberg and J. Polansky.
7. Sport Chair Appointments- The Executive Board **approved** Sport Chairs for the 2017-18 school year.
8. Appointment of Committee Chairs – The Executive Board **approved** Committee chairs for the 2017-18 school year.
- Tournament Committee Chairman Appointment will take place at June Executive Board meeting.
9. Financial Items
- A. Section XI Office Staff Transition was reviewed with The Executive Board
- B. Broadcast Rights- The Executive Board Approved the Channel 12 Varsity Contract
- C. XCL – The Executive Board Approved the Lease with XCL.
10. Corporate Sponsorship – Nick DeCillis reviewed the following with the Executive Board
- A. Website Advertising
- B. Sponsorship Update
- C. Championship Apparel – 2nd Wind
11. Section XI Quarterly Expenses: Meals and Refreshments – The Executive Director provided the Executive Board with the meals and refreshments expenses for the period of March
12. Section XI Tentative 2017-18 Calendar – The Executive Director provided a copy of the Section XI tentative calendar for 2017-18.
13. Conference Attendance Authorization – The Executive Board **Approved** the conference attendance authorization for the 2017-18 school year.

14. Presidents Committee for Football Placement – Deb Ferry reviewed the Presidents Committee with the Executive Board.
 15. Mixed Competition Appeal – Don Webster reviewed the mixed Competition Appeal with the Executive Board.
 16. Outside Agency– The Executive Board **Approved** the USTA to oversee the Boys Tennis LI High School Executive Cup.
 17. DASA Renewal- Don Webster reviewed the renewal of DASA contract with the Executive Board.
 18. Dropped Teams- Don Webster reviewed the list of 2016-17 Dropped teams with the Executive Board.
 19. Meeting Adjournment – Following a break for dinner, the Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.
- B. NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee** - Debra Ferry and Tim Mullins reported on the May 5, 2017 NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
- C. Counsel** – Kevin Seaman
1. Mr. Seaman reviewed the Central Islip Competition Case with the Council.
 2. Mr. Seaman updated on the status of the Penny Lawsuit.
 3. Mr. Seaman reviewed the status of the Official Misconduct Hearing

IV. NYSPPHSAA ITEMS FOR INPUT/DISCUSSION

- A. Consideration of approval to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility.
- B. Consideration of approval for a waiver of goalie jersey in soccer.
- C. Consideration of approval of a waiver of all white home jersey in soccer.
- D. Consideration of approval to allow spikes in cross country.
- E. Consideration of approval to permit a pilot program in track and field for use of spikes.
- F. Consideration of approval to remove restrictions of footwear in modified football.
- G. Consideration of revisions to NYSPPHSAA Transgender guidelines.
- H. Consideration of approval to revise the football classification cut-off numbers for Fall 2018 season.
- I. Consideration of approval of Tommy tough Football Standards.
- J. Consideration of approval for Boys Volleyball to abide by NCAA scoring at the Varsity Level.
- K. Consideration of approval to revise the Girls Volleyball classification cut-off number for Fall 2018 season.
- L. Consideration of approval of Girls Soccer Regional rotations.
- M. Consideration of approval to no longer require an end of the year report including data on disqualifications, in Girls and Boys Soccer, to be sent to the NYSPPHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator.
- N. Consideration of approval for the Ice Hockey Championships (Semifinals & Finals) to have 2 referees and 2 linesmen.

- O. Consideration of approval for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 minutes) and penalties (2/5 & 10 minutes) to begin with the 2018-19 season.
- P. Consideration of approval for modified sports state date to mirror high school start date.
- Q. Approved senior All-Star Contests & Combining of Teams.
- R. Consideration of approval of revisions to the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame policies and procedures.
- S. Consideration to amend NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame voting procedures and application deadlines.
- T. Consideration of revisions to the graduated scale for Combining of Teams.

V. NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR- Mr. Altieri reviewed the NYSPHSAA Executive Directors report with the Council.

VI. Section XI Action Items

A. Placement

To approve the following:

1. Boys' Basketball (leagues 5,6,7&8) 2017-18

League V (A)		League VI (A)	
East Islip	892	Amityville	703
Hauppauge	887	Miller Place	635
Kings Park	879	Shoreham-WR	581
Harborfields	741	Mt. Sinai	595
Rocky Point	779	Bayport-Blue Point	557
Islip	743	Elwood-J Glenn	543
Westhampton	724	Wyandanch	538
East Hampton	715	Southampton	492
Sayville	706	Hampton Bays	480

League VII (B/C)		League VIII (C/D)	
Center Moriches (B)	440	Pierson (C)	219
Babylon (B)	416	Southold (C)	194
Mattituck (B)	347	Ross (C)	185
McGann-Mercy (C)	265	Greenport (C)	182
Port Jefferson (C)	265	Smithtown Christian (D)	121
Stony Brook (C)	230	Shelter Island (D)	65
		Bridgehampton (D)	49

2017-18 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

AA = 910+
 A = 480-909
 B = 280-479
 C = 170-279
 D = 169-below

Motion: G. McCarthy

Second: T. Horan

Motion: Approved

2. **Girls' Basketball (leagues 5,6 & 7) 2017-18**

League V (A) (9)		League VI (A) (9)	
East Islip	892	Amityville	703
Hauppauge	887	Miller Place	635
Kings Park	879	Shoreham-WR	598
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Stony Brook (C)	230
Pierson/Bridgehampton (C)	212
Smithtown Christian (C)	121

Motion: R. Panariello

Second: S. Reh

Motion:

3. **Boys and Girls Fencing**

BOYS FENCING PLACEMENT

West (League 1)	East (League 2)
Commack	Brentwood
HH Hills	Centereach
Huntington	Newfield
Lindenhurst	Sayville
Whitman	Ward Melville

GIRLS FENCING PLACEMENT

West (League 1)	East (League 2)
Commack	Brentwood
HH Hills	Centereach
Huntington	Newfield
Lindenhurst	Sayville
Whitman	Ward Melville

League Play Format

Each school I league will play each other twice (one home and one away) and crossover once for a total of 13 league contests. ALL matches will count towards the league standings.

Home and away for the Mandatory Non- League meets shall be determined based on the current formula for crossovers used by softball.

Traditional meets, such as the Brentwood Holiday Tournament and the Huntington Relays will remain as official contests and count towards the maximum of 20 permitted by Section XI.

Schools may schedule the remaining 5 Non-League contests as they see fit, providing they are contested against schools in the NYSPHSAA or that those out of state schools are sanctioned by their state organization. These matches will not count towards their league standings.

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will be used to determine league standings.

- 1- Head to Head
- 2- Common Opponents

If the teams remain tied, then both will be named Champions for their respective league.

The six (6) bout minimum for qualifying for the postseason is in effect.

Key Dates (fencing)

November 13, 2017 - Official start date

December 1, 2017 - First available league contest

January 27, 2018 - Last regularly scheduled league contest

January 31, 2018 - County Championship (site and time determined by Head to Head winner)

February 1, 2018 - Mandatory Coaches meeting

February 3, 2018 - Team and Individual IFA County Championship (Brentwood HS 9 am)

February 6, 2018 - Long Island Championship (Section VIII, 6 pm site TBD)

1. Fencing 2017-18

- "Shall approval be given for the six team minimum policy for Boys and Girls Fencing for 2017-18"

Motion: G. Beutel

Second: K. O'Reilly

Motion: Approved

B. Modified

To approve the following:

Modified Cheerleading – "Shall there be approval for modified cheerleading to participate in 3 section scheduled contests"

Motion: T. Horan

Second: J. Valente

Motion: Approved

C. Policy

To approve the following:

1. 10-5 Policy rule – “Shall the waiver of the 10-5 rule for fall 2017 as of Thursday, August 31st be approved.”
2. “Shall elimination of the 6th team requirement for placement be considered.”
3. Cheerleading – “Shall the following be approved for cheerleading”:

NYSPPHSAA/Section XI Guidelines

- Post Season Representation: In order to qualify for post-season, a team or individual must have competed in at least **four** (4) competitions within New York State under the NYSPPHSAA rules and regulations.
- Official fees and DJ cost will be split by all schools.
- Varsity will participate in 7 section scheduled contests. Up to 3 more at your discretion (example: regionals, nationals and 1 invitational; must be all sanctioned)
- JV will participate in 6 section scheduled contests.
- Middle school will participate in 3 section scheduled contests.
- Concession, spectator admission and t-shirt sales go to host school during the regular season. There will be no team registration fees.
- If an injury occurs during a routine the team will have the option of starting over, however the score up to that point will remain and judges will score from end of injury to ends of routine.
- Admission is not to exceed \$4 dollars per person during the regular season.
- Section XI SCORING WILL BE USED during Section XI scheduled contests and Suffolk County Championship.
- Schools will be asked if they can host a competition and then selected by Section XI.
- Schools with proper equipment (9 practice cheer mats & 9 competition mats) will only be selected; no wrestling mats.
- Once a division is selected and a date is set there will be no moving divisions.
- Warm-ups: 10 minutes on 9 practice cheer mats. Coach decides what to do in warmup. Safety judge monitors time and looks for any illegal stunts etc.
- Order of teams at section scheduled events will be decided by Section XI and in County Championship it will be the order they finished during the year; example; highest point average 1st and so on.
- Your average score will be tallied from the 7 section scheduled contests. A forfeit will result in 0 points per forfeit.
- Circumstances beyond the control of the athletic department; ex. Senior trip, will be taken into consideration and reviewed by the sports chair and Executive Director; for an excusable exemption from a competition.
- If a team cannot attend a Section scheduled contest (only because superintendent does not let bus out, weather) they will not be charged with a forfeit and their average score will be based on the contests attended.
- Recognizing the massive commitment and preparation in hosting a cheerleading competition, the next available date for a Varsity competition will be on Sunday (the day after the scheduled event) if the host school CAN accommodate. (For participating schools that are not permitted to attend due to weather related conditions, they will not be penalized in the season long scoring procedure). If the host school CANNOT accommodate the Sunday competition, the next available date for that competition will be on Monday of the scheduled week for the original competition.

- **Competitive Divisions:** Three divisions: Small (5-12), Medium (13-16), and Large (17 & up). No enrollment will be used during the season; everyone in each division competes against one another. For the County Championship, enrollment will be used; the top 50% will make counties in each division; resulting in 6 county champion's small division 1 & 2; medium division 1 & 2; and large division 1 & 2). If we participate in the State Championship, the county champion in large will go and the team with the highest score between small and medium in the county final will go and represent Section XI.
Should a team with a male(s) qualify for state championship competition, the team must either enter the co-ed division or not allow participation by the male(s) at the state competition.

Post-Season Qualifying
Section XI Championship

- Qualification for Section XI Championship will be based on scores achieved during the competitive season using the Section XI scoring system. Your average score will be tallied from the 7 section scheduled contests. A forfeit will result in 0 points per forfeit. The top 50% of the schools based on the scores in each division will qualify for the Section XI Championship.

NYSPPHSAA Championship

- In the event of a tie in the Section XI Championship both teams will advance.

Motion: K. Masterson

Second: M. Edwards

Motion: Approved

D. **Tournament**

To approve the following:

1. Fencing Tournament 2017-18 – “Shall the following be approved”

If placement proposal submitted is approved, the coaches, by a vote of 18-2 approved the addition of a one match county championship to be fenced at the home school of the team that won their respective League and defeated the champion of the opposing league during their mandatory head to head contest during the season.

Section XI will collect gate fees at that match. The host school may provide a concession stand for spectators and adhere to standard Section XI hosting requirements.

The winner of that match will represent Section XI in the LI Championship.

In the event of a tie within one league that cannot be resolved by either head to head or common opponent criteria, a one match playoff will take place one day prior to the scheduled county championship at a site determined by a coin flip using an app created for just this instance.

by a vote of 20-0 the coaches approved the maintaining of the IFA format for their

traditional Team and Individual County Championships. This was determined to have little or no impact on the length of the day.
The only financial impact on Section XI will be the addition of one League Champion Plaque.

Motion: J. Coady

Second: J. Kulesa

Motion: Approved

2. Cheerleading – “Shall the following be approved for Cheerleading”

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NYSPHSAA Championship

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Motion: K. O’Reilly

Second: R. McIntrye

Motion: Approved

Discussion

1. Elimination of Holy Thursday as non-play day will be referred to Policy Committee for recommendation.

Motion to Adjourn: G. McCarthy

Second: G. Curiale

Motion: Approved

Adjournment: 10:08 am

Respectfully submitted,

Donald F. Webster
Executive Director

DFW/cm

ATTACHMENT A**M I N U T E S****Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI
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				T. Combs	x
Treasurer:	L. Light	X	Assistant Director:	P. Blieberg	X
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				P. Trombetta	x

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	K. O'Reilly	X		T. Horan	X
	G. Beutel	X		R. McIntyre	X
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	T. Dolan	Abs		D. Richert	X
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	R. Tymann	Abs		M. Miller	Abs
	R. Panariello	X		D. Turner	X
	S. Reh	X		M. Edwards	X
	K. Masterson	X		S. Judge	X
	J. Kulesa	X			

Also in attendance: Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

II. Approval of Minutes

"to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Annual Corporation Meeting"

Motion: D. Turner

Second: K. Masterson

Motion: Approved

III. Election of Board of Directors

"to approve the Board of Directors for a period of one year commencing July 1, 2018, as follows:

Conference IJohn MurphyMatt KeltosGina CurialeMark MenschKevin O'ReillyErin BlaneyConference IIJohn CoadyJonathan KlompGeorgia McCarthyDanielle RichertTim HoranBob McIntyreConference IIISeth LipshieRobert TymannKathy MastersonScott RehBob PanarielloJesseca KulesaConference IVShawn PetrettiShannon JudgeMelissa EdwardsMike MillerMike DeJoseph

Motion:

J. Valente

Second: E. Thompson

Motion: Approved

IV. Election of Executive Board

"to approve the following members of the Executive Board for a period of one year commencing July 1, 2018:

Executive Board Members

President – Debra Ferry

1st Vice President – John Valente

2nd Vice President – Scott Schuster

Past President – James Polansky

Superintendent Representatives – Susan Schnebel, Tim Eagan

Central Committee Representatives – Timothy Mullins, Debra Ferry,

Michael Radday, Patti Trombetta

Motion: G. Beutel

Second: R. McIntyre

Motion: Approved

V. Approval of Staff

"to approve the appointment of professional staff, clerical staff, counsel, treasurer and auditors as follows:

Thomas Combs as Executive Director;

Peter Blieberg as Assistant Director;

Kevin Seaman as Counsel; Lawrence Light as Treasurer;

7 office staff members (consisting of Sport Coordinators,

Clerical, Stenographer, and Accounts Coordinator);

Accounting Firm of Cullen & Danowski, LLP

Motion: S. Judge

Second: M. Edwards

Motion: Approved

VI. Adjournment
"To adjourn"

Motion: M. Radday

Second: T. Mullins

Motion: Approved

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 am

Respectfully submitted,

Donald F. Webster
Executive Director

DFW/cm