

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

**October 7, 2019**

**Section XI Office**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

I.	J. Murphy	X	II.	J. Coady	X
	M. Keltos	X		J. Klomp	Abs
	R. Cox	X		R. McIntyre	X
	K. O'Reilly	X		T. Horan	X
	G. Curiale	X		G. McCarthy	X
	S. McEntee	X		L. Dolson	X
III.	S. Lipshie	Abs	IV.	S. Petretti	Abs
	R. Tymann	Abs		S. Leister	X
	B. Denniston	X		T. Gulluscio	X
	D. Maloney	X		M. DeJoseph	X
	J. Kulesa	X		M. Reggio	Abs
	D. Richert	Abs		K. Daniels	X

**Approval of Minutes**

“to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019, Athletic Council Meeting.”

Motion: R. Cox      Second: B. Denniston

Motion: **Approved**

## 2. REPORTS

The Executive Board met on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 4 pm, at the Section XI Office. In attendance: President: J. Valente, S. Schuster, K. Masterson, D. Ferry, E. Blaney, E. Thompson, T. Mullins, P. Trombetta, T. Eagen, J. Polansky, N. DeCillis, L. Light, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (Abs: K. Seaman and M. Radday).

- I. **President** – John Valente called the meeting to order at 4 pm.
  - A. The May 2019 Internal Claims Auditor report was reviewed by the Executive Board.
  - B. The Board reviewed the Internal Claims Auditor Duties along with the tentative scheduled dates for 2019-20.
- II. **Counsel** – Update on the Ketcham Case (Tom Combs provided update due to Kevin Seaman's absence).
- III. **Corporate Sponsorship/Marketing** – Nick DeCillis updated the Board on the current status of the corporate sponsorship program.
- IV. **Communication Coordinator** – Chris Vaccaro  
Tom Combs updated the Executive Board on the Social Media Metrix Statistics.
- V. **Treasurer** - Larry Light reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period July 1, 2018 through June 10, 2019.
- VI. **Finances**
  - A. The Executive Board **approved** the following:
    - **Contractual Items:**
      - a. Kevin Seaman – **Approved** as Section XI Counsel at the rate of \$32,000 for the 2019-20 school year (plus litigation)
      - b. Peter White – **Approved** the Athletic Training Services Coordinator at a stipend of \$4,000 for the 2019-20 school year.
      - c. Cullen & Danowski, LLP – **Approved** as External Auditor at a rate of \$21,500 for 2019-20.
      - d. Oaktree Systems – **Approved** for 2018-19 at 39,600 per annum from 7/1/18 – 6/30/20 (\$105 per hr.)
      - e. Athletic Event Management Services – **Approved** to provide event supervision for the 2019-20 school year at the same rate as in the 2018-19 school year.
      - f. Just in Time – **Approved** for XC, WTR, Tr at \$900 per event for 2019-20 (no increase)
      - g. North Fork Express/Coastal Charter – **Approved** to provide transportation services to NYSPHSAA Championships during the 2019-20 school year at the same rate as in the 2017-18 school year.
      - h. OMNI – **Approved**
      - i. Chris Vaccaro – **Approved** as Communication Coordinator at a rate of \$3,000 per month for 2019-20 school year at the same rate as in 2018-19.
    - **Leasing/Service Agreements** - **Approved** leasing/service agreement continuations, Damianos Realty, TMT, Pitney-Bowes and Xerox.
    - **Service Agreements** – **Approved** service agreements, XCL and First Aid Maintenance.
    - **Credit Card Policy** - **Approved** reinstatement of credit card policy with the spending limit of \$5,000 per purchase and a credit line not to exceed \$10,000.

- B. Petty Cash Fund Report - The Executive Director provided a report of Section XI Petty Cash Fund expenditures for the period between July 1, 2018 and June 10, 2019.
- C. Meal and Refreshment Report - The Executive Director provided the Section XI Meal and Refreshment Quarterly Report for the period of April 30, 2019 thru May 16, 2019.

VII. **Outside Agency Cross Country Meets** – The Executive Board **Approved** the following Outside Agency cross country meets:

- Suffolk Coaches Invitational
- Suffolk Officials Invitational

VIII. **Executive Director** – Tom Combs reviewed the following with the Executive Board.

- 2019-20 Meeting Dates
- Spring Gate Receipts
- **Approved** 10-5 rule from August 31<sup>st</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>
- New Computers and New Server

IX. **New Business** – The Executive Board Unanimously **Approved** the contract extension for the Assistant Executive Director as recommended by the Executive Board negotiating committee.

**Meeting Adjournment** – Following a break for dinner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The Executive Board met on Monday, September 26, 2019, at 4:00 pm, at the Section XI Office. In attendance: President J. Valente, S. Schuster, K. Masterson, D. Ferry, T. Mullins, P. Trombetta, N. DeCillis, t. Eagen, J. Polansky, L. Light, P. Blieberg and T. Combs. (Abs E. Thompson, M. Radday E. Blaney and K. Seaman)

**I. President** – John Valente called the meeting to order at 4 pm.  
Introduction of Executive Board Members

- A. Cullen & Danowski, LLP - Mr. Hoffman reviewed the draft of the management letter and the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2019.  
Mr. Hoffman informed the Board that Section XI is in good financial standing, but recommends implementing some cost reduction measures.
- B. The Executive Board reviewed and **approved** the Annual Report dated September 17, 2019, submitted by Lynn Schwartz, along with the claim's reports for June, July and August 2019.

**II. Corporate Sponsorship/Marketing** – Nick DeCillis  
A. Mr. DeCillis provided an update of current and potential sponsors.

**III. Finances – Larry Light**

- D. Mr. Light reviewed Profits and Loss with the Board.
- E. The Executive Board **approved** the Section XI Meal and Refreshment Report for the period ending September 18, 2019.
- F. The Executive Director provided a report indicating the Staff Summer work for 2019.

**IV. Communications Coordinator** – Chris Vaccaro

- A. The Executive Director shared the report from Chris Vaccaro.

**V. APPOINTMENTS** – Tom Combs

- A. The Executive Board **approved** Mark Mensch to be the Athletics for All and Unified Basketball chairperson and Melissa Edwards to be the Softball Chairperson for the 2019-20 school year.

**VII. NYSPHSAA** – Debra Ferry, Tim Mullins and Tom Combs

- A. Central Committee – T. Mullins and D. Ferry reviewed the July 30-31, 2019 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting. Report **approved**
- B. NYSPHSAA Coaches of the Year 2018 – Congratulations Alex Schiccalone, Steve Borbet and Carol Rose on being named NYS Coach of the Year.
- C. NYSPHSAA – State Sport Committee Meeting – Schedule **approved** for dates, times and locations of the State Sport Committee Meetings by the Executive Board.
- D. NYSPHSAAA – Award Winners – Congratulations to Section XI’s NYSPHSAA Schools of Distinction and Excellence.

**VIII. Outside Agency Requests** – The Executive Board **approved** the following Outside Agency requests: Eastern Suffolk Officials Boys’ Basketball Tournament

**XI. Assistant Director** – Pete Blieberg

- A. The Assistant Director reviewed adjustments to the modified scheduling with the Executive Board.

**X. Executive Director** – Tom Combs

- A. Executive Director Report
- B. New Athletic Directors
- C. Athletic Director Eligibility Workshop
- D. Unified Sports
- E. State Softball tournament – 3 years
- F. Waiver of start dates
- G. Modified rule changes
- H. Football – 40 second clock
- I. Girls Lacrosse – shot clock

**Meeting Adjournment** – Following a break for dinner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**3. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

1. (A) Boys/Girls Swimming and Diving – Number of Judges required to qualify for the State Championship in a 11-Dive Dual Meet

Motion: S. McEntee      Second: B. McIntyre

Motion: **Approved**

2. (A) Boys Soccer – New 6-year Regional rotation 2020-2025

Motion: D. Maloney      Second: T. Gulluscio

Motion: **Approved**

3. (A) Girls Volleyball – Regional rotation for 2019 and 2020

Motion: G. McCarthy      Second: M. DeJoseph

Motion: **Approved**

4. (A) Wrestling – Eliminate 99lb weight class in Dual Meets, Tournaments and State Championships

Motion: G. Curiale      Second: K. O'Reilly

Motion: **Defeated**

5. (A) Wrestling – Conduct one NYPHSAA/Federation Wrestling Tournament

Motion: J. Coady      Second: J. Kulesa

Motion: **Approved**

6. (A) Wrestling – Waiver for Five-Bout NFHS Rule in Postseason

Motion: M. DeJoseph      Second: R. Cox

Motion: **Approved**

7. (A) Wrestling – Use of Inbody Scale for the NYSPHSAA Weight Certification Program

Motion: G. McCarthy      Second: D. Maloney

Motion: **Approved**

8. (A) Softball – Elimination of the Existing Waiver Banning Metal Cleats

Motion: K. Daniels      Second: J. Coady

Motion: **Approved**

9. (A) Softball – Elimination of International Tie Breaker Rule for Regional Contests

Motion: K.O'Reilly      Second: J. Kulesa

Motion: **Approved**

10. (A) Baseball – Adopt Game Ending Procedure Run Rule

Motion: G. Curiale      Second: R. Cox

Motion: **Defeated**

**4. SECTION XI ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Waiver to start dates – Fall/Spring

Motion: G. McCarthy      Second: B. Denniston

Motion: **Approved**

2. Modified Soccer Rule changes – Two 40-minute halves

Motion: T. Horan      Second: R. Cox

Motion: **Defeated**

- 3. News 12/Newsday
- 4. Transfer Paperwork
- 5. Eligibility
- 6. Girls Lacrosse Shot Clock – 90 second

Motion: T. Mullins      Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

**5. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Placement:**

To approve the following:

- 1. **Softball – 2019-20**

League I (AA)		League II (AA)	
Brentwood	4485	Commack	1627
Longwood	2232	Riverhead	1612
William Floyd	1971	Sachem North	1573
Pat-Med	1792	Bayshore	1570
Central Islip	1704	Walt Whitman	1542
Sachem East	1666	Connetquot	1440
Ward Melville	1656	Lindenhurst	1414

League III (AA)		League IV (AA)	
Northport	1410	Smithtown East	1134
Copiague	1272	North Babylon	1095
Huntington	1240	West Islip	1039
HHH East	1210	Bellport	1009
Smithtown West	1176	Deer Park	988
Newfield	1141	East Islip	987
Centereach	1138	Comsewogue	971

League V (A)		League VI (A)	
ESM	952	Sayville	732
HHH West	940	Westhampton	700
West Babylon	912	Amityville	696
Hauppauge	888	Miller Place	667
Rocky Point	792	Shoreham-Wading River	594
Harborfields	784	Mt. Sinai	564

Islip	771	Bayport-Bluepoint	558
Kings Park	768	Elwood-John Glenn	510
Easthampton	754		

League VI/VII (B & C)	
Hampton Bays - B	478
Southampton - B	460
Center Moriches - B	411
Babylon - B	361
Port Jefferson - B	294
Mattituck - B	294
Southold/Greenport - B	281
Pierson/BH/SI - C	269

**Leagues I-IV** plays each team in league one time. Crossover games between League I and League II, and League III and League IV. 19 game schedule. All games count toward overall record. 1 NL contest available

**League V & VI** plays each team in league twice. 18/16 game schedule. 2/4 NL contests available.

**League VII** plays each team in league two times. 14 game season. 6 NL's Available

Playoff Criteria: .500 or better school must show competitive attributes for automatic State tournament placement.

2019-20 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

AA = 965+  
A = 500-964  
B = 270-499  
C = 150-269  
D = 149-below

Motion: G. Curiale

Second: M. DeJoseph

Motion: **Approved**

## 2. **Boys' Lacrosse – 2019-20**

Division I (A) (Power Ranked)		Division II (B, C & D) (Power Ranked)	
Brentwood	4485	West Islip – B	1039
Middle Country	2279	Bellport – B	1009
Longwood	2232	Deer Park – B	988
Pat-Med	1792	East Islip – B	987
William Floyd	1971	Comsewogue – B	971
Sachem East	1666	ESM – B	852
Ward Melville	1656	HH Hills West – B	940
SH/EH/BH/Pier/Ross	1637	West Babylon – B	912
Commack	1627	Hauppauge – B	888
Riverhead	1612	Rocky Point – B	792
Sachem North	1573	Harborfields – B	784
Bay Shore	1570	Islip - B	771
Walt Whitman	1542	Kings Park – B	768
Connetquot	1440	Sayville - C	732
Lindenhurst	1414	Westhampton - C	700
Northport	1410	Miller Place - C	667

Copiasque	1272	SWR - C	594
Huntington	1240	Mt. Sinai - C	564
HH Hills East	1210	Bayport-Blue Point -C	558
Smithtown West	1176	Elwood-J Glenn - C	510
Smithtown East	1134	Mattituck/Shld/Gpt - D	412
North Babylon	1095	Center Moriches -D	411
		Babylon -D	361
		Port Jefferson -D	294

2019-20 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

A = 1060 +  
 B = 1059-765  
 C = 764-430  
 D = 429 - below

Motion: K. Daniels      Second: L. Dolson

Motion: **Approved**

3. **Girls' Badminton – 2019-20**

League I (6 large school)		League II (6 small school)	
HH Hills	2150	Connetquot	1440
Pat-Med	1792	Lindenhurst	1414
Central Islip	1704	Northport	1410
Ward Melville	1656	Smithtown West	1176
Commack	1627	Smithtown East	1134
Walt Whitman	1542	Miller Place	667

Motion: S. McEntee      Second: T. Gulluscio

Motion: **Approved**

4. **Boys' Badminton – 2019-20**

League I (6 large school)		League II (6 small school)	
HH Hills	2150	Connetquot	1440
Pat-Med	1792	Lindenhurst	1414
Central Islip	1704	Northport	1410
Ward Melville	1656	Smithtown West	1176
Commack	1627	Smithtown East	1134
Walt Whitman	1542	Miller Place	667

Motion: T. Horan      Second: K. O'Reilly

Motion: **Approved**

5. **Girls' Golf – 2019-20**

League I		League II	
HH Hills East		Northport	
HH Hills West		Commack	
West Babylon		Smithtown East	
West Islip		Smithtown West	
Deer Park		Hauppauge	
Bay Shore		Connetquot	

League III		League IV	
Islip		Sachem	
East Islip		Ward Melville	
Bayport		Riverhead	
Sayville		Mt. Sinai	
Bellport		Shoreham-WR	
Patchogue		Southampton/Pier	
		Longwood	

League placement by location of Golf Course

Motion: D. Maloney      Second: G. McCarthy

Motion: **Approved**

6. **Girls' Track – 2019-20**

League I		League II	
Brentwood	4485	Ward Melville	1656
Middle Country	2279	Commack	1627
Longwood	2232	Riverhead	1612
William Floyd	1971	Sachem North	1573
Pat-Med	1792	Bay Shore	1570
Central Islip	1704	Walt Whitman	1542
Sachem East	1666	Connetquot	1440

League III		League IV	
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Northport	1410	West Islip	1039
Copiague	1272	Bellport	1009
Huntington	1240	Deer Park	988
HH Hills East	1210	East Islip	987
Smithtown West	1176	Comsewogue	971
Smithtown East	1134	ESM	952

League V		League VI	
HH Hills West	940	Kings Park	768
West Babylon	912	Sayville	732
Hauppauge	888	Westhampton	700
East Hampton/BH/Pier	862	Amityville	696
Rocky Point	792	Miller Place	667
Harborfields	784	SWR	594





DIVISION II

League III	League IV
Bay Shore	Brentwood
Connetquot	Sayville
East Islip	Deer Park
West Islip	Babylon
Lindenhurst	West Babylon
Islip	North Babylon
	Central Islip

DIVISION III

League V	League VI
Ward Melville	Comsewogue
Miller Place	Pat Med
Mt Sinai	Rocky Point
Port Jeff	Middle Country
Bayport-Blue Point	Longwood
Sachem	Bellport

DIVISION IV

League VII	League VIII
Westhampton	William Floyd
East Hampton/Pier/BH	Mattituck
Ross	Center Moriches
Southold/Gpt	Hampton Bays
Southampton	Eastport-South Manor
Shoreham-Wading River	Riverhead

Motion: L. Dolson      Second: G. McCarthy

Motion: **Approved**

**10. Baseball – 2019-20**

League I (AA)		League II (AA)	
Brentwood	4485	Commack	1627
Longwood	2232	Riverhead	1612
William Floyd	1971	Sachem North	1573
Patchogue-Medford	1792	Bay Shore	1570
Central Islip	1704	Walt Whitman	1542
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Rocky Point	792	Amityville	696
Harborfields	784	Miller Place	667
Islip	771	Shoreham-WR	594

League VII (A/B)		League VIII (B/C/D)	
Mt. Sinai	564	Mattituck – B	294
Bayport-Blue Pt	558	Port Jefferson – B	294
Elwood-J/Glenn	510	Pierson/BH – C	249
Hampton Bays – B	478	Southold – C	205
Southampton – B	460	Greenport -D	189
Center Moriches – B	411	Smithtown Christian - D	102
Babylon – B	361	Shelter Island - D	66

-7 team leagues (18 league games, 2 NL games) 20 total  
 -mixed classification leagues in 7 and 8

Motion: D. Maloney      Second: T. Gulluscio

Motion: **Approved (3-1)**

11. **Boys Basketball – 2019-20** (leagues 6 & 7)

League VI (A)	
Sayville	732
Westhampton	700
Amityville	696
Miller Place	667
Shoreham-WR	594
Mt. Sinai	564
Bayport-Blue Point	558
Wyandanch	546
Elwood-J Glenn (A)	510

League VII (B)	
Hampton Bays (B)	478
Southampton (B)	460
Center Moriches (B)	411
Babylon (B)	361
Mattituck (B)	294
Port Jefferson (B)	294

Motion: K. O'Reilly      Second: B. Denniston

Motion: **Approved**

## B. Policy

To approve the following:

1. Dual Participation - Shall the Dual Participation policy be revised for schools with enrollment of 499 and below

Motion: T. Gulluscio      Second: M. DeJoseph

Motion: **Approved**

2. Football – 40 second play clock waiver

Motion: G. McCarthy      Second: M. DeJoseph

Motion: **Approved**

Discussion Items:

3. Transfers – Making it mandatory for transfers to supply documentation that they officially vacated their previous residence as part of the transfer process. It would make us more restrictive.

4. APP Testing at central locations

## C. Tournament

To approve the following:

1. Baseball and Softball - Double elimination format

Motion: K. O'Reilly      Second: B. McIntyre

Motion: **Approved**

2. Boys Golf – Individual Tournament

Motion: R. Cox      Second: T. Gulluscio

Motion: **Approved**

## D. Modified

For Discussion/Information Only:

1. Review of State Meeting from 9/20/19
2. Boys and girls Soccer
3. NYSPHSAA Modified rule changes – see attached
4. Early/Late winter devices
5. North/South folk devices
6. Overview of spring devices

**E. New Business**

**Adjournment 10:15 am**

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas Combs*