

MINUTES
Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI – Athletic Council
NYSPHSAA, Inc.

October 13, 2021

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:	S. Schuster	Abs	Central Comm.:	T. Gulluscio	X
1 st Vice Pres:	K. Masterson	X		D. Ferry	X
2 nd Vice Pres:	R. Cox	X		R. Masera	X
Past Pres:	J. Valente	Abs		R. Haas	abs
At Large:	P. Trombetta	Abs		T. Mullins	X
Supt Rep:	J. Quinn	X			
Supt Rep:	J. Polanski	X			
<u>Ex-Officio:</u>			Executive Director:	T. Combs	X
Treasurer:	L. Light	Abs	Assistant Director:	P. Blieberg	X
Counsel:	K. Seaman	x	Consultant:	N. DeCillis	X

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

I.	J. Murphy	Abs	II.	J. Coady	X
	M. Keltos	X		J. Klomp	Abs
	M. Dantuono	X		P. Smith	X
	P. Friel	X		T. Horan	X
	K. Mitchell	X		J. Kulesa	X
	A. Smith	X		L. Dolson	X
III.	S. Lipshie	Abs	IV.	S. Petretti	Abs
	F. Pugliese	X		S. Leister	Abs
	M. DeVincenzo	X		D. Phillips	X
	S. Reh	X		M. DeJoseph	X
	A. Shannon	X		M. Reggio	Abs
	A. Daleo	X		K. Daniels	Abs

Approval of Minutes

"to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021, Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: S. Reh

Second: M. Keltos

Motion: **Approved**

2. REPORTS

The Executive Board met on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 4:00 pm via zoom. In attendance: President, S. Schuster, K. Masterson, R. Cox, J. Valente D. Ferry, T. Gulluscio, M. Radday, P. Trombetta, T. Eagen, J. Polansky, E. Blaney, E. Thompson, T. Mullins, K. Seaman, N. DeCillis, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs L. Light)

I. PRESIDENT – Scott Schuster

- A. Scott Schuster called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.
- B. East Hampton – Presented the Executive Board with an option to place schools based on geography.
- C. Internal Claims Auditor
 - The March and April 2021 Internal Claims Auditor report was reviewed by the Executive Board.
 - The Board reviewed the Internal Claims Auditor Duties along his proposal for 2021-22 with an increase from \$52 per hour to \$54. **Approved**
 - The tentative scheduled dates for 2021-22

II. NYSPHSAA REPORTS – Deb Ferry/Todd Gulluscio

- A. Executive Committee Agenda – The Executive Board reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Executive Committee meeting
- B. The NYSPHSAA April news was shared with the Executive Board.
- C. Section XI High School coaches of the year was shared with the Executive Board.

III. TREASURER – Larry Light

- A. Tom Combs reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual report for the period of July 1, 2020 to April 17, 2021.

IV. 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 2021-22 school year (plus litigation)
 - b. Lyn Schwartz was **Approved** for 2021-22 school year.
 - c. Peter White – **Approved** the Athletic Training Services Coordinator at a stipend of \$4,000 for the 2021-22 school year.
 - d. Cullen & Danowski, LLP – **Approved** as External Auditor at a rate of \$21,500 for 2021-22.
 - e. Oaktree Systems – **Approved** for 2021-23 at 42,000 per annum from 7/1/21 – 6/30/23 (\$105 per hr.)
 - f. Athletic Event Management Services – **Approved** to provide event supervision for the 2021-22 school year.
 - g. Just in Time – **Approved** for XC, WTR, Tr at \$900 per event for 2021-22.
 - h. North Fork Express/Coastal Charter – **Approved** to provide transportation services to NYSPHSAA Championships during the 2021-22 at a rate of \$1650 per bus per day.
 - i. OMNI – **Approved**
 - j. Chris Vaccaro – **Approved** as Communication Coordinator at a rate of \$3,000 per month for 2021-22 school year.
 - k. Leasing/Service Agreements - **Approved** leasing/service agreement continuations, Town of Brookhaven, Pitney-Bowes and Xerox.
 - l. 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.
 - m. Petty Cash Fund Report - The Executive Director provided a report of Section XI Petty Cash Fund expenditures for the period between July 1, 2020 and April 26, 2021. **Approved**

- V. **COMMUNICATIONS COORIDATOR** – The Executive Board reviewed the website Metrix thru April 2021.

VI. COUNSEL – Kevin Seaman – no updates at this time

VII. NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

- A. The Executive Board **Approved** the conference attendance authorization for the 2021-22 school year.
- B. The Candidates that applied for the vacancies was shared with the Executive Board.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS – Tom Combs

- A. The Executive Board **Approved** Sport Chairs for the 2021-22 school year.
- B. The Executive Board **Approved** Committee chairs for the 2021-22 school year.
- C. The Executive Board **Approved** Nick DeCillis as Administrative Assistant for Corporate Sponsorship at the current rate of 15% of all monies and services brought into the Section through the Corporate Sponsorship program.
- D. The Executive Board **Approved** DASA Instructors Jeremy Thode, Dan Butler Kathy Masterson and Georgia McCarthy for 2021-22 school year at a rate of \$52 per hour.
- E. The Executive Board **Approved** Ed Cinelli to serve as the Interim Internal Claims Auditor for 2021-22 at a rate of \$54 per hour.

IX. CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP - Nick DeCillis

Mr. 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.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Tom Combs

- A. The Executive Board reviewed the tentative 2021-22 Section XI calendar
- B. The Executive Board **approved** the conference attendance authorization for the 2021-22 school year.
- C. The NYSPHSAA championship dates were shared with the Executive Board.

The Executive Board met on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 4 pm. In attendance: President S. Schuster, K. Masterson, R. Cox, D. Ferry, T. Mullins, R. Maser, R. Haas, T. Gulluscio, J. Quinn, P. Trombetta, N. DeCillis, J. Polansky and K. Seaman, P. Blieberg and T. Combs. (Abs J. Valente, E. Thompson, L. Light)

I. President – Scott Schuster called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

- A. Cullen & Danowski, LLP –
- B. The Executive Board reviewed and **approved** the Annual Report dated September 2021, submitted by Lynn Schwartz, along with the claim's reports for June and July 2021.

II. Council – Kevin Seaman
No updates at this time.

III. Corporate Sponsorship/Marketing Mr. DeCillis provided an update of current and potential sponsors.

IV. Finances

- B. Mr. Light reviewed Profits and Loss with the Board.
- C. The Executive Director provided a report indicating the Staff Summer work for 2020. **Approved**
- D. Tom Combs reviewed the expense report for the relocation of the new office.
- E. The Executive Board reviewed and **approved** the new computer program R School Today.

V. Communications Coordinator

- A. The Executive Director shared the Data and Metrics for September 2021 from Chris Vaccaro with the Executive Board.

VI. APPOINTMENTS – Tom Combs

- A. The Executive Board **approved** Todd Gulluscio and Eric Bramoff as co-chairs for boys’ basketball, Brianne Hyder for Cheerleading, Darin Philips for Girls Golf and Joe Mercado for Gymnastics, David Barth for G/B Fencing for the 2021-22 school year.

VII. NYSPHSAA

- A. Central Committee – T. Gulluscio and D. Ferry reviewed the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting. Report **approved**
- B. NYSPHSAA –Tim Mullins gave an update on the State Report to the Executive Board.
- C. NYSPHSAAA – Award Winners – Congratulations to Section XI’s NYSPHSAA Schools of Distinction and Excellence.

VIII. Executive Director – Tom Combs

- A. Executive Director Report
- B. New Athletic Directors
- C. Athletic Director Eligibility Workshop
- D. Meeting dates

3. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

FALL

- 1. (D) Consider approval of Girls Volleyball Regional Assignments for 2022-2025.
- 2. (D) Consider approval of Boys volleyball Regional Rotations for 2022-2025.
- 3. (D) Consider approval to allow schools to enter relay teams without individual athlete names in boys and girls swimming and diving.
- 4. (D) Consider approval of mandating all high school tennis players to claim their profile in the UTR system prior to the season and also require schools to submit their match results in a timely manner.
- 5. (D) Consider approval of Girls Tennis Team Regional Rotations for 2021-2026.

WINTER

- 1. (D) Consider approval to increase the minimum number of required contests from 2 to 3 Competitive Cheerleading.

SPRING

- 1. (D) Consider approval of Boys Tennis Team Regional Rotations for 2022-2027.

4. SECTION XI ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Placement:

To approve the following:

1. Boys Bowling -2021-22

League I	League II
Islip	Patchogue-Medford
East Islip	Bellport
Central Islip	William Floyd
Lindenhurst	Eastport-S Manor
Copogue	Bayport-Blue Pt.

West Babylon	Connetquot
Bay Shore	Sayville
West Islip	North Babylon
	Brentwood

League III	League IV
HH Hills	Southold/Gpt
Huntington	Riverhead
Deer Park	Comsewogue/WM
Northport	Rocky Point
Harborfields	Longwood
Walt Whitman	Sachem
Smithtown	Middle Country
Commack	East Hampton
Hauppauge	

Motion: A. Smith Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

2. Softball - 2021-22

League I (AA)		League II (AA)	
Brentwood	4605	Walt Whitman	1503
Longwood	2210	Ward Melville	1485
William Floyd	2012	Commack	1482
Patchogue-Medford	1751	Bay Shore	1473
Central Islip	1716	Lindenhurst	1409
Riverhead	1704	Northport	1364
Sachem East	1565	Connetquot	1301
Sachem North	1542	Newfield	1179

League III (AA)		League IV (A)	
Copiague	1176	West Babylon	929
Half Hollow Hills East	1175	Deer Park	876
Huntington	1164	Hauppauge	858
Smithtown East	1145	Eastport-South Manor	852
Centereach	1112	East Islip	842
North Babylon	1101	Comsewogue	813
Bellport	1028	Westhampton	788
Smithtown West	1011		
West Islip	1008		

League V (A)		League VI (A)	
Half Hollow Hills West	785	Amityville	663
Kings Park	746	Miller Place	648
Rocky Point	743	Mt. Sinai	626
Harborfields	734	Shoreham-WR	558
Sayville	707	Hampton Bays	548
Islip	702	Bayport-Blue Point	525

East Hampton	689	Elwood-J Glenn	525
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League VII (B,C,D)	
Southold/Gpt/Matt (B)	492
Southampton (B)	455
Center Moriches (B)	401
Babylon (B)	366
Port Jefferson (C)	243
Pierson/BH (C)	233
Shelter Island (D)	53

Leagues 1, 2 (AA): Play teams 2x each = 14 league contests

League 3 (AA): Play teams 2x each = 16 league contests

Leagues 4-6 (A): Play teams 2x each = 12 league contests

League 7 (B/C/D): Play teams 2x each = 12 league contests

League 1-3 (AA): Odd team in smaller league, will rotate up a league each year (1, 2, etc.)

Motion: A. Deleo Second: J. Kulesa

Motion: **Approved**

3. **Boys' Lacrosse – 2021-22**

Division I (A) (Power Ranked)		Division II (B, C & D) (Power Ranked)	
Brentwood	4605	Bellport - B	1028
Middle Country	2291	Smithtown West - B	1011
Longwood	2210	West Islip - B	1008
SH/EH/BH/Pier/Ross/HB	2091	West Babylon - B	929
William Floyd	2012	Deer Park - B	876
HH Hills	1960	Hauppauge - B	858
Pat-Med	1751	ESM - B	852
Riverhead	1704	East Islip - B	842
Sachem East	1565	Comsewogue - B	813
Sachem North	1542	Westhampton - B	788
Walt Whitman	1503	Kings Park - C	746
Ward Melville	1485	Rocky Point - C	743
Commack	1482	Harborfields - C	734
Bay Shore	1473	Sayville - C	707
Lindenhurst	1409	Islip - C	702
Northport	1364	Miller Place - C	648
Connetquot	1301	Mt. Sinai - C	626
Copiague	1176	SWR - C	558
Huntington	1164	Bayport-Blue Point -C	525
Smithtown East	1145	Mattituck/Shld/Gpt - C	449
North Babylon	1101	Elwood-J Glenn - C	525
		Center Moriches -D	401
		Babylon -D	366
		Port Jefferson -D	243

Motion: F. Pugliese Second: S. Reh

Motion: **Approved**

4. **Girls' Badminton – 2021-22**

League I (7 large school)		League II (6 small school)	
Brentwood	4605	Lindenhurst	1409
HH Hills	1960	Northport	1364
Pat-Med	1751	Connetquot	1301
Central Islip	1716	Smithtown East	1145
Walt Whitman	1503	Smithtown West	1011
Commack	1482	Miller Place	648
Ward Melville	1485		

Motion: D. Philips Second: A. Shannon

Motion: **Approved**

5. **Boys' Badminton – 2021-22**

League I (7 large school)		League II (6 small school)	
Brentwood	4605	Lindenhurst	1409
HH Hills	1960	Northport	1364
Pat-Med	1751	Connetquot	1301
Central Islip	1716	Smithtown East	1145
Walt Whitman	1503	Smithtown West	1011
Commack	1482	Miller Place	648
Ward Melville	1485		

Motion: M. Dantuono Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

6. **Girls' Golf – 2021-22**

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-Medford	Southampton/Pier
	Longwood

League placement by location of Golf Course

Motion: T. Horan Second: M. Keltos

Motion: **Approved**

7. Girls' Track – 2021-22

County AA		County A	
Brentwood	4605	Lindenhurst	1409
Middle Country	2291	Northport	1364
Longwood	2210	Connetquot	1301
William Floyd	2012	Copiague	1176
Patchogue-Medford	1751	HH Hills East	1175
Central Islip	1716	Huntington	1164
Riverhead	1704	Smithtown East	1145
Sachem East	1565	North Babylon	1101
Sachem North	1542	Bellport	1028
Walt Whitman	1503	Smithtown West	1011
Ward Melville	1485	West Islip	1008
Commack	1482	West Babylon	929
Bay Shore	1473	Deer Park	876
County B		County C	
Hauppauge	858	Miller Place	648
Eastport-South Manor	852	Mt Sinai	626
East Islip	842	Wyandanch	602
Comsewogue	813	Shoreham-Wading River	558
East Hampton/BH/Pier	791	Hampton Bays	548
Westhampton Beach	788	Bayport-Blue Point	525
HH Hills West	785	Elwood/John Glenn	525
Kings Park	746	Southampton	455
Rocky Point	743	Center Moriches	401
Harborfields	734	Babylon	366
Sayville	707	Mattituck	324
Islip	702	Southold/Greenport	303
Amityville	663	Port Jefferson	243

		Ross	144
		Shelter Island	53

8. Boys' Track – 2021-22

County AA		County A	
Brentwood	4605	Lindenhurst	1409
Middle Country	2291	Northport	1364
Longwood	2210	Connetquot	1301
William Floyd	2012	Copiague	1176
Patchogue-Medford	1751	HH Hills East	1175
Central Islip	1716	Huntington	1164
Riverhead	1704	Smithtown East	1145
Sachem East	1565	North Babylon	1101
Sachem North	1542	Bellport	1028
Walt Whitman	1503	Smithtown West	1011
Ward Melville	1485	West Islip	1008
Commack	1482	West Babylon	929
Bay Shore	1473	Deer Park	876
County B		County C	
Hauppauge	858	Miller Place	648
Eastport-South Manor	852	Mt Sinai	626
East Islip	842	Wyandanch	602
Comsewogue	813	Shoreham-Wading River	558
East Hampton/BH/Pier	791	Hampton Bays	548
Westhampton Beach	788	Bayport-Blue Point	525
HH Hills West	785	Elwood/John Glenn	525
Kings Park	746	Southampton	455
Rocky Point	743	Center Moriches	401
Harborfields	734	Babylon	366
Sayville	707	Mattituck	324
Islip	702	Southold/Greenport	303
Amityville	663	Port Jefferson	243
		Ross	144
		Shelter Island	53

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: J. Coady

Motion: **Approved**

9. Girls' Lacrosse – 2021-22

power ranked

Division I (A)		Division II (B, C & D)	
Brentwood	4605	Bellport – B	1028
Middle Country	2291	Smithtown West - B	1011
Longwood	2210	West Islip -B	1008
William Floyd	2021	West Babylon – B	929
HH Hills	1960	Deer Park – B	876

Pat-Med	1751	Hauppauge - B	858
Riverhead	1704	ESM - B	852
Sachem East	1565	East Islip - B	842
Sachem North	1542	Comsewogue - B	813
Walt Whitman	1503	Westhampton - B	788
Ward Melville	1485	EH/Pier/BH - C	764
Commack	1482	Kings Park - C	746
Bay Shore	1473	Rocky Point -C	743
Lindenhurst	1409	Harborfields - C	734
Northport	1364	Sayville - C	707
Connetquot	1301	Islip - C	702
Copiapue	1176	Miller Place - C	648
Huntington	1164	Mt. Sinai - C	626
Smithtown East	1145	Shoreham-WR - C	558
North Babylon	1101	Hampton Bays - C	548
		Bayport - C	525
		Elwood-J Glenn - C	525
		Southampton - D	455
		Mattituck/SH/GPT - D	449
		Center Moriches -D	401
		Babylon - D	366
		Port Jefferson -D	243

Division I (A) 20 teams – 10 make play-offs (power ranked)
 Division II 27 teams – (B) 5 make play-offs, (C) 6 teams make play-offs,
 (D) 3 teams make play-offs

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

10. **Boys' Tennis – 2021-22**

Large Division

West	East
Half Hollow Hills East	West Babylon
Commack	North Babylon
Harborfields	Connetquot
Smithtown East	Central Islip
Huntington	Ward Melville
Smithtown West	Longwood
Half Hollow Hills West	Miller Place
Hauppauge	Sachem
Northport	Comsewogue
Walt Whitman	Pat-Med
Kings Park	Mt. Sinai
Islip	Middle Country
East Islip	Bellport
West Islip	Rocky Point
Bay Shore	Westhampton
Sayville	William Floyd
Deer Park	East Hampton

Brentwood	ESM
Lindenhurst	Riverhead

Coaches power rank in division for relief, play 10 schools 2x, one home one away
top 10 from each division qualify for team tournament.

Tournament bracket is one west and one east.

Winner of west play winner of east for overall Section XI large school champion.

Small Division

Elwood/John Glenn
Babylon
Port Jefferson
Bayport-BP
SWR
Southampton
Southold
Center Moriches
Mattituck
Ross
Hampton Bays

Play everyone 2x, one home, one away with top 6 qualify for team tournament

Motion: F. Pugliese Second: A. Shannon

Motion: **Approved**

11. Baseball – 2021-22

League I (AA)		League II (AA)	
Brentwood	4605	Sachem North	1542
Longwood	2210	Walt Whitman	1503
William Floyd	2012	Ward Melville	1485
Patchogue-Medford	1751	Commack	1482
Central Islip	1716	Bay Shore	1473
Riverhead	1704	Lindenhurst	1409
Sachem East	1565	Northport	1364

League III (AA)		League IV (AA/A)	
Connetquot	1301	North Babylon	1101
Newfield	1179	Bellport	1028
Copiague	1176	Smithtown West	1011
HH Hills East	1175	West Islip	1008
Huntington	1164	West Babylon – A	929
Smithtown East	1145	Deer Park – A	876
Centereach	1112	Hauppauge - A	858

League V (A)		League VI (A)	
Eastport-S/Manor	852	Harborfields	734
East Islip	842	Sayville	707
Comsewogue	823	Islip	702
Westhampton	788	East Hampton	689

HH Hills West	785	Amityville	663
Kings Park	746	Miller Place	648
Rocky Point	743	Mt. Sinai	626

League VII (A/B)		League VIII (B/C/D)	
Shoreham-WR - A	558	Port Jefferson - B	243
Bayport-Blue Pt - A	525	Southold - C	225
Elwood-J/Glenn - A	525	Pierson - C	219
Southampton - B	455	Greenport -C	194
Center Moriches - B	401	Bridgehampton/Ross - C	155
Babylon - B	366	Shelter Island - D	53
Mattituck - B	324	**Hampton Bays	548
		(Alternate placement)	

Motion: A. Deleo Second: D. Phillips

Motion: **Approved**

B. Sportsmanship

Discussion Items:

1. Review Sportsmanship Policy
2. DEI
3. Programs & Best Practices
4. Sportsmanship Promotion Program
5. Section Concerns

C. Tournament

Action Items

1. Boys and Girls Spring Track –see attached

Motion: L. Dolson Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

2. Baseball – see attached

Motion: S. Reh Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

3. Boys and Girls Badminton
 - Tie Breaker
 - 1- Head-to-Head
 - 2-Highest common Opponent
 - 3-Overall Games Won in a Season
 - 4- Coin Toss

Motion: P. Smith Second: P. Friel

Motion: **Approved**

4. Wrestling
1- True Second Match

Motion: M. Dantuono Second: D. Phillips

Motion: **Approved**

D. **Policy** –
Action Items

1. Coaches Infractions re: seeding

For Track and Field coaches enter athletes in events with their best of season seed time. Currently coaches are not allowed to change their entries once submitted online. There have been several issues with this entry process as very often coaches try to say they have forgotten to add an athlete and change the even an athlete is entered in once they see the entries from other coaches. I am requesting that there be a penalty associated with this change as it can create unfair competition for athletes. I am requesting that a coach not be allowed to attend any track and field competition after an athlete seed or event is changed for the post season should they change their entry after the entries have been posted. We would allow the athlete to participate in the changed event as we would never want to penalize an athlete for a coach's error. This change would hold the coach accountable for their error.

Motion: J. Coady Second: A. Smith

Motion: **Approved**

2. Dual Participation

Schools with enrollment of 499 and below (High School only)

Motion: M. DeJoseph Second: J. Kulesa

Motion: **Approved**

Discussion items

1. Dual Participation

Schools with enrollment of 500 and above – 2-year pilot for 2022-2023

E. Modified

1. New Modified CO-Chairs – Deb Ferry and Kathy Masterson

Motion: P. Friel

Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

2. Modified Field Hockey – Section XI will be more restrictive and not play OT due to our 5th period format.

Motion: A. Smith

Second: A. Deleo

Motion: **Approved**

3. School based official

New Business

Adjournment 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Combs