

MINUTES
Suffolk County Public High School Athletic Association
Section XI – Athletic Council

NYSPHSAA, Inc.

January 19, 2022

Section XI Office via zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

A. The meeting was called to order by President Schuster at 9:03 am. The following were in attendance:

B. EXECUTIVE BOARD

President:	S. Schuster	X	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	X
At Large:	P. Trombetta	X		T. Mullins	X
Supt Rep:	J. Quinn	X			
Supt Rep:	J. Polanski	Abs			
<u>Ex-Officio:</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	Abs
	M. Keltos	X		J. Klomp	Abs
	M. Dantuono	X		K. O'Reilly	X
	G. Beutel	X		T. Horan	X
	K. Mitchell	X		J. Kulesa	X
	A. Smith	X		L. Dolson	X
III.	S. Lipshie	X	IV.	S. Petretti	X
	F. Pugliese	X		S. Leister	X
	M. DeVincenzo	X		D. Phillips	X
	S. Reh	X		M. DeJoseph	X
	A. Shannon	X		M. Reggio	Abs
	A. Daleo	X		K. Daniels	Abs

Also in attendance: Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director Todd Nelson

C. Approval of Minutes

"to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: D. Ferry

Second: K. O'Reilly

Motion: **Approved**

II. REPORTS

The Executive Board met on Monday, January 10, 2022, via zoom. In attendance: President S. Schuster, K. Masterson, R. Maser, R. Haas, T. Gulluscio, J. Quinn, P. Trombetta, J. Polansky, N. DeCillis, L. Light, K. Seaman, T. Mullins, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. Also in attendance D. Hoffman. (abs R. Cox, D. Ferry and E. Thompson)

1. Welcome – President Scott Schuster called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Finance Committee – Don Hoffman
 - A. Don Hoffman presented the Annual Accounting Report to the Executive Board.
 - B. The Section XI Finance Committee Report from December 2, 2021 including the proposed 2022-23 budget was reviewed with the Executive Board.
Executive Board **Approved**
 - C. The Executive Board was informed that there will be an increase of less than 2% for the Section XI Dues and Service Charges for member schools in the proposed 2022-23 budget. Executive Board **Approved**.
3. Treasurer's Report – Larry Light
 - A. Larry Light reviewed the Section XI Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period July 1, 2021 through January 2022 and provided information regarding the income and expenses within that budget period.
4. Council – Kevin Seaman
 - A. Kevin Seaman gave an updated report to the Executive Board. **Approved**
5. President – Scott Schuster
 - A. Internal Auditor's Reports – Scott Schuster provided the Board with the Internal Auditor's reports for September through December, 2021.
6. NYSPSHAA – Deb Ferry/Todd Gulluscio
 - A. Executive Committee Report – Deb Ferry and Todd Gulluscio provided a synopsis of the October 20, 2021 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
 - B. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee – The NYSPHSAA Voting items were reviewed with the Executive Board.
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. Communications Coordinator – The Executive Board reviewed the website Metrix thru January 2022.
9. Executive Director Report – Tom Combs provided the Executive Board with an Executive Director report for January 2022.
10. Section XI Quarterly Expenses – Tom Combs provided the Executive Board with the Meals and Refreshment expenses for the period September 20, 2021 through January 3, 2022. **Approved**
11. Athletic Event Management Services – Tom Combs reviewed the Fall Supervision/Security Cost Report with the Executive Board.

12. Fall Championship Costs – Tom Combs reviewed the Fall Championship Costs with the Executive Board.
13. Outside Agency Approval – The Executive Board **Approved** the following outside agencies to conduct tournaments within Section XI:
 - Section XI Boys and Girls Basketball – 3/26/22-3/27/22.
14. Computer Services – The Executive Board **Approved** the contract for the Independent/Consultant Contractor.
15. Meeting Adjournment –The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

III. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Budget/Audit Committee – Auditor’s report

2. Championship Philosophy Committee

(A) Consider approval of establishing criteria for the creation of a sixth classification for sports with 501 or more teams competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championships.

Motion: S. Lipshie

Second: D. Phillips

Motion: **Approved**

3. Classification Ad Hoc Committee

(A) Consider approval to establish a timeline, process, and criteria for the classification cut off numbers for non-variation five, four, and three classification sports and two division sports pending the approval of Championship Philosophy Committee proposal.

Motion: T. Horan

Second: K. O’Reilly

Motion: **Approved**

4. Modified Committee – Jim Rose

(A) Consider approval of Kurt Ehrensbeck as the Modified Girls Basketball Coordinator.

Motion: A. Smith

Second: M. Keltos

Motion: **Approved**

5. (A) Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections.

Motion: S. Reh

Second: J. Kulesa

Motion: **Approved**

III. SECTION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**A. Tournament****Action Items:**

1. Boys and Girls tennis county team champions – large and small school top 50% make playoffs

Motion: D. Ferry

Second: M. DeJosephMotion: **Approved****B. Modified****Discussion Items:**

1. Strong/Weak
2. 7th and 8th grade
 - a. 3. spilt - equal

C. Safety**Discussion Items:****Fall Wrap up**

1. George Mumford and Mental Health Presentation
2. Weather Protocols
3. Sideline Concussion Management Protocols
4. Use of Energy Drinks prior to competition – Current Issues
5. Other Items for Discussion

Winter Wrap up

1. Mask Mandates
2. New Wrestling Certification
3. County Championship Medical Concerns
 - a. 4. State Championship Medical Concerns
 - b. 5. What happens to athletic contest when school goes virtual?
 - c. Spring Wrap up
 1. Athletic Training Promotion and Recruitment
- EATA as recruiting tool?
 - d. -Changes in Education not reflected in salaries
-Opportunities to promote the profession
- e. 2. Spring Sport Challenges?

D. Finance

To approve the following:

1. 2022-23 Budget

Motion: R. HaasSecond: K. O'ReillyMotion: **Approved**

E. Geography

1. All 5 classification sports will either follow the geographic breakdown or go to power ranking.

Motion: J. Murphy

Second: K. O'Reilly

Motion: **Approved**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: R. Cox

Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**

Adjournment: 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Combs

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Executive Director