

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

**NYSPHSAA, Inc.**

**May 2, 2022**

**Section XI Office**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Schuster at 9:06 am. The following were in attendance:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President:	S. Schuster	X	Central Comm.:	T. Gulluscio	X
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres:	K. Masterson	X		D. Ferry	Abs
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	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	abs

**CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES**

I.	J. Murphy	Abs	II.	J. Coady	X
	M. Keltos	X		J. Klomp	Abs
	M. Dantuono	X		J. Friesen	X
	G. Beutel	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	Abs		S. Leister	X
	M. DeVincenzo	X		D. Phillips	X
	R. Petrie	X		M. DeJoseph	X
	A. Shannon	X		M. Reggio	X
	A. Daleo	Abs		K. Daniels	Abs

**Approval of Minutes**

"to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 Athletic Council Meeting."

Motion: M. Reggio

Second: J. Kulesa

Motion: **Approved**

## **REPORTS**

The Executive Board met on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 4:00 pm, in the Section XI office. In attendance: President, S. Schuster, K. Masterson, , P. Trombetta, D. Ferry, T. Gulluscio, R. Masera, R. Haas, J. Polansky, T. Mullins, K. Seaman, T. Combs and P. Blieberg. (abs L. Light, R. Cox, J. Quinn N. DeCillis, E. Thompson)

### **I. PRESIDENT** – Scott Schuster

- A. Scott Schuster called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.
- B. Internal Claims Auditor
  - The March and April 2022 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 \$54 per hour to \$56. Approved
  - The tentative scheduled dates for 2022-23.

### **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, 2021 to April 8, 2021.

### **IV. FINANCES**

- A. The Executive Board approved the following:
  - Contractual Items:
    - a. Kevin Seaman – Approved as Section XI Counsel at the rate of \$34,000 for the 2022-23 school year (plus litigation)
    - b. Lyn Schwartz was Approved at a rate of \$56 per hr. for 2022-23 school year.
    - c. Peter White – Approved the Athletic Training Services Coordinator at a stipend of \$4,000 for the 2022-23 school year.
    - d. Cullen & Danowski, LLP – Approved as External Auditor at a rate of \$22,000 for 2022-23.
    - e. Dengal Computer services – Approved for 2022-23 at 4,000 per year monthly maintenance. \$250 per hr on demand services.
    - f. Frank Petrillo – Sofeware Consultant – Approved for \$2000 per month.
    - g. Athletic Event Management Services – Approved to provide event supervision for the 2022-23 school year.
    - h. Just in Time – Approved for XC, WTR, Tr at \$900 per event for 2022-23.
    - i. North Fork Express/Coastal Charter – Approved to provide transportation services to NYSPHSAA Championships during the 2022-23 at a rate of \$1650 per bus per day.
    - j. OMNI – Approved
    - k. Chris Vaccaro – Approved as Communication Coordinator at a rate of \$3,000 per month for 2022-23 school year.
    - l. Leasing/Service Agreements - Approved leasing/service agreement continuations, Town of Brookhaven, Optimum, Pitney-Bowes and Xerox.
- B. 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.

- C. Petty Cash Fund Report - The Executive Director provided a report of Section XI Petty Cash Fund expenditures for the period between July 1, 2021 and April 13, 2022. Approved

- V. COMMUNICATIONS COORIDATOR – The Executive Board reviewed the website Metrix thru April 2022.

- VI. COUNSEL – Kevin Seaman

VII. NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

- A. The Executive Board Approved the conference attendance authorization for the 2022-23 school year.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS – Tom Combs

- A. The Executive Board Approved Sport Chairs for the 2022-23 school year. (stipends to be approved at a later date)
- B. The Executive Board Approved Committee chairs for the 2022-23 school year.
- C. The Executive Board Approved Nick DeCillis as Administrative Assistant for Corporate Sponsorship at the current rate of 15% of all monies brought into the Section through the Corporate Sponsorship program.
- D. The Executive Board Approved DASA Instructors Jeremy Thode, Dan Butler and Kathy Masterson for 2022-23 school year at a rate of \$56 per hour.
- E. The Executive Board Approved Ed Cinelli to serve as the Interim Internal Claims Auditor for 2022-23.

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 Director provided the Board with the Meals and Refreshments expenses. Approved
- B. The Executive Board reviewed the tentative 2022-23 Section XI calendar
- C. The Executive Board approved the conference attendance authorization for the 2022-23 school year.
- D. The NYSPHSAA championship dates were shared with the Executive Board.

XI. EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESIDENT – Scott Schuster

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

**II. NYSPHSAA ITEMS**

**Standing Committees**

Handbook Committee

(A) Consider approval of no longer differentiating between 7-10 grade students and 11-12 grade students when determining the eligibility of non-corresponding transfer students.

Motion: M. Dantuono      Second: S. Leister

Motion: **Approved**

**General Action Items**

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

Motion: M. Dantuono      Second: M. DeJoseph

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of Friend & Neighbor and new member schools.

Motion: K. Mitchell      Second: D. Phillips

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of sections intent to participate in the 2022-2023 NYSPHSAA State Championships.

Motion: M. Dantuono      Second: L. Dolson

Motion:    **Approved**

**Sports Action/Discussion Items**

FALL

(A) Consider approval to establish a Regional Football Championship for 8-man football for a two-year period.

Motion: T. Horan      Second: A. Shannon

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval change the penalty for a football player who is disqualified for "targeting" (by a certified official) to not being permitted to participate in the next two full halves.

Motion: T. Horan      Second: D. Phillips

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for the 2023 season.

Motion: A. Smith      Second: J. Kulesa

Motion:    **Defeated**

(A) Consider approval of starting on Monday of Week #7 for Sections VIII and XI in the sport of football.

Motion: J. Coady      Second: M. Reggio

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of starting on Saturday of Week #7 for all sections that participate in NYSPSHAA Championships in the sport of football.

Motion: R. Petrie                      Second: J. Kulsea

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to remove the waiver of a fifth set and instead play to 15 points only for the varsity level for Girls Volleyball.

Motion: K. Mitchell                      Second: A. Smith

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to waive NYSPHSAA Rule #3 which does not allow any warmups behind or adjacent to the playing court (May 2005) and adopt the NCAA warmup rule which allows teams to warmup behind or adjacent to the competition court if there is 6'6" of space around the border of the warmup area.

Motion: A. Shannon                      Second: M. Keltos

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to adopt the 75-second NCAA timeout rule (remove the waiver for the current 60-second rule) for all levels.

Motion: M. DeJoseph                      Second: L. Dolson

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval of the Girls Volleyball Regional Rotations for 2022-2025.

Motion: M. Keltos                      Second: M. Dantuono

Motion:    **Approved**

(A) Consider approval to establish a format to play for 9th and 10th place in singles and doubles at both Girls and Boys Tennis Championships (Individual).

Motion: J. Coady                      Second: S. Leister

Motion:    **Defeated**

(A) Consider approval to implement a new championship format for Boys and Girls Tennis, which eliminates consolations and adds medal playoffs for the top 8 participants (only if the 9th and 10th place proposal is not approved).

Motion: M. Reggio                      Second: J. Friesen

Motion:    **Defeated**

(A) Consider approval to amend Field Hockey current regional rotation/assignments for 2022-2025 and include at-large berths to fill the byes.

Motion: M. Dantuono      Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

**V. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Tournament** - To approve the following:

1. Basketball – Neutral sites for semi-finals. Whenever possible, AA and A semi-finals should be held at a college venue. For B/C/D it was discussed to have at higher seed.

Motion: A. Smith      Second: L. Dolson

Motion: **Approved**

**B. Policy** – To approve the following:

1. 10-5 rule to end at midnight on Sunday of week 9

Motion: J. Coady      Second: A. Shannon

Motion: **Defeated**

2. Waiver to end 10-5 rule on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Motion: M. DeJoseph      Second: M. Reggio

Motion: **Approved**

**C. Placement** – to approve the following:

1. Boys Winter Track

League I		League II	
Brentwood	4580	Commack	1473
Longwood	2255	Sachem North	1440
Middle Country	2169	Ward Melville	1427
William Floyd	2132	Lindenhurst	1401
Central Islip	1760	Connetquot	1332
Patchogue-Medford	1679	Northport	1265
Riverhead	1571	Copiague	1193
Sachem East	1548	Huntington	1154
Walt Whitman	1545	Smithtown East	1101
Bay Shore	1524	Half Hollow Hills East	1068

League III (10)		League IV (11)	
North Babylon	1055	East Hampton	750
Bellport	1019	Half Hollow Hills West	746
West Islip	990	Westhampton Beach	723
Smithtown West	966	Rocky Point	710
West Babylon	902	Islip	707
Deer Park	882	Sayville	701
Comsewogue	837	Amityville	659
East Islip	837	Harborfields	656
Eastport-South Manor	825	Kings Park	647
Hauppauge	824	Miller Place	636

League V	
Hampton Bays	545
Shoreham-WR	537
Mt. Sinai	531
Elwood-J Glenn	527
Bayport-Blue Point	512
Center Moriches	408
Southampton	408
Babylon	341
Mattituck	299
Greenport/Southold	281
Port Jefferson	245
Pierson	222
Riverhead Charter	69
Shelter Island	47

Large schools - 1000 +  
small schools - 999 -

Motion: K. Mitchell

Second: D. Phillips

**Motion: Approved**

2. Girls Winter Track

League I		League II	
Brentwood	4580	Commack	1473
Longwood	2255	Sachem North	1440
Middle Country	2169	Ward Melville	1427
William Floyd	2132	Lindenhurst	1401
Central Islip	1760	Connetquot	1332
Patchogue-Medford	1679	Northport	1265
Riverhead	1571	Copiague	1193
Sachem East	1548	Huntington	1154
Walt Whitman	1545	Smithtown East	1101
Bay Shore	1524	Half Hollow Hills East	1068

League III (10)		League IV (11)	
North Babylon	1055	East Hampton	750
Bellport	1019	Half Hollow Hills West	746
West Islip	990	Westhampton Beach	723
Smithtown West	966	Rocky Point	710
West Babylon	902	Islip	707
Deer Park	882	Sayville	701
Comsewogue	837	Amityville	659
East Islip	837	Harborfields	656
Eastport-South Manor	825	Kings Park	647
Hauppauge	824	Miller Place	636

League V	
Hampton Bays	545
Shoreham-WR	537
Mt. Sinai	531
Elwood-J Glenn	527
Bayport-Blue Point	512
Center Moriches	408
Southampton	408
Babylon	341
Mattituck	299
Greenport/Southold	281
Port Jefferson	245
Pierson	222
Riverhead Charter	69
Shelter Island	47

Large schools - 1000 +  
small schools - 999 -

Motion: K. Mitchell

Second: D. Phillips

Motion: **Approved**

3. Boys and Girls Fencing

West (League 1)	East (League 2)
Commack	Brentwood
HH Hills	Centereach/Longwood
Huntington	Newfield/MP
Lindenhurst	Sayville/Bpt/Connetquot
Whitman/Elwood	Ward Melville

Motion: L. Dolson

Second: T. Horan

Motion: **Approved**4. Girls Basketball

League I West (AA)		League II East (AA)	
<b>Brentwood</b>	4580	<b>Longwood</b>	2255
<b>Central Islip</b>	1760	<b>William Floyd</b>	2132
<b>Walt Whitman</b>	1545	<b>Pat-Med</b>	1679
<b>Bay Shore</b>	1524	<b>Riverhead</b>	1571
<b>Commack</b>	1473	<b>Sachem East</b>	1548
<b>Lindenhurst</b>	1401	<b>Sachem North</b>	1440
<i>Northport</i>	<i>1265</i>	<i>Ward Melville</i>	<i>1427</i>
<i>Copiague</i>	<i>1193</i>	<i>Connetquot</i>	<i>1332</i>
<i>Huntington</i>	<i>1154</i>	<i>Newfield</i>	<i>1110</i>
<i>HH Hills East</i>	<i>1063</i>	<i>Smithtown East</i>	<i>1101</i>
<i>North Babylon</i>	<i>1055</i>	<i>Centereach</i>	<i>1059</i>
<i>West Islip</i>	<i>990</i>	<i>Bellport</i>	<i>1019</i>
<i>Smithtown West</i>	<i>966</i>		

League III (A) West		League IV (A) East	
<b>West Babylon</b>	902	<b>Comsewogue</b>	837
<b>Deer Park</b>	882	<b>ESM</b>	825
<b>East Islip</b>	837	<b>Westhampton</b>	723
<b>Hauppauge</b>	824	<b>Rocky Point</b>	710
<b>HH Hills West</b>	746	<b>Sayville</b>	701
<b>Wyandanch</b>	717	<i>Miller Place</i>	<i>636</i>
<i>Islip</i>	<i>707</i>	<i>Hampton Bays</i>	<i>545</i>
<i>Amityville</i>	<i>659</i>	<i>SWR</i>	<i>537</i>
<i>Harborfields</i>	<i>656</i>	<i>Mt Sinai</i>	<i>531</i>
<i>Kings Park</i>	<i>647</i>	<i>Bayport- BP</i>	<i>512</i>
<i>Elwood</i>	<i>527</i>		

League V (B/C/D)	
<b>Southampton B</b>	408
<b>Center Moriches B</b>	408
<b>Babylon B</b>	341
<b>Mattituck B</b>	299
<b>Southold/Gpt B</b>	281
<b>*Easthampton A (alt place)</b>	750
<i>Port Jefferson C</i>	<i>245</i>
<i>Pierson/BH C</i>	<i>242</i>
<i>Smithtown Chr D</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>Shelter Island D</i>	<i>47</i>

**Geography and Enrollment Based Leagues-** .500 or better Division record to qualify for playoffs.

All Divisional Games are played within Division

**Bold:** Play Bold teams 2x, *Italic* Teams 1x; All divisional games count for playoff qualification

*Italic:* Play *Italic* teams 2x, Bold Teams 1x; All divisional games count for playoff qualification

2022-23 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS: AA = 965+  
 A = 500-964  
 B = 270-499  
 C = 150-269  
 D = 149-below

Motion: R. Petrie

Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**5. Boys Basketball

<b>League I (AA) West</b>		<b>League II (AA) East</b>	
<b>Brentwood</b>	4580	<b>Longwood</b>	2255
<b>Central Islip</b>	1760	<b>William Floyd</b>	2132
<b>Walt Whitman</b>	1545	<b>Pat-Med</b>	1679
<b>Bay Shore</b>	1524	<b>Riverhead</b>	1571
<b>Commack</b>	1473	<b>Sachem East</b>	1548
<b>Lindenhurst</b>	1401	<b>Sachem North</b>	1440
<i>Northport</i>	1265	<i>Ward Melville</i>	1427
<i>Copiapue</i>	1193	<i>Connetquot</i>	1332
<i>Huntington</i>	1154	<i>Newfield</i>	1110
<i>HH Hills East</i>	1068	<i>Smithtown East</i>	1101
<i>North Babylon</i>	1055	<i>Centereach</i>	1059
<i>West Islip</i>	990	<i>Bellport</i>	1019
<i>Smithtown West</i>	966		
<b>League III (A) West</b>		<b>League IV (A) East</b>	
<b>West Babylon</b>	902	<b>Comsewogue</b>	837
<b>Deer Park</b>	882	<b>ESM</b>	825
<b>East Islip</b>	837	<b>East Hampton</b>	750
<b>Hauppauge</b>	824	<b>Westhampton</b>	723
<b>HH Hills West</b>	746	<b>Rocky Point</b>	710
<b>Wyandanch</b>	717	<b>Sayville</b>	701
<i>Islip</i>	707	<i>Miller Place</i>	636
<i>Amityville</i>	659	<i>Hampton Bays</i>	545
<i>Harborfields</i>	656	<i>SWR</i>	537
<i>Kings Park</i>	647	<i>Mt Sinai</i>	531
<i>Elwood</i>	527	<i>Bayport - BP</i>	512
<b>League V (B, C, D)</b>			
Southampton B	408		
Center Moriches B	408		
Babylon B	341		
Mattituck B	299		
Port Jefferson C	245		
Pierson C	222		
Southold C	222		
Greenport D	147		
Ross D	113		
Smithtown Chr D	59		
Bridgehampton D	51		
Shelter Island D	47		

**League 1- AA west- bold** plays each other twice, *italicized* plays each other twice, **bold** and *italicized* play each other once. **Bold**-17 league games/3nl *italicized*- 18 league games/2nl

**League 2- AA east- bold** plays each other twice, *italicized* plays each other twice, **bold** and *italicized* play each other once. **Bold** -16 league games/4nl *italicized*- 16 league games/4nl

**League 3- A west- bold** plays each other twice, *italicized* plays each other twice, **bold** and *italicized* play each other once. **Bold**-15 league games/5nl *italicized*- 14 league games/6nl

**League 4- A east- bold** plays each other twice, *italicized* plays each other twice, **bold** and *italicized* play each other once. **Bold**-15 league games/5nl *italicized* - 14 league games/6nl

**LEAGUE 5- Mixed Classification**

**B:** Play each other 2 times and C 2 times 12 League Games/8NL

**C:** Play each other 2 times, B 2 times and D 1 time 17 League Games/3NL

**D:** Play each other 3 times and C 1 time 15 League Games/5NL **Geography and Enrollment Based** Leagues-.500 or better league record make playoffs. Meets geography criteria, maximizes league contests and provides room for NL games. Although teams in league will have different amount of league games to qualify, that was the case in traditional leagues this year.

Motion: R. Petrie

Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

6. Boys Swimming

League I		League II	
Brentwood/Bay Shore	4580	HH Hills	1714
Huntington/Harborfields/WW	3355	Ward Melville	1427
Sachem	2988	Lindenhurst	1401
Smithtown/Hauppauge	2891	Northport	1265
Connetquot/East Islip	2169	Sayville/Bayport-BP	1213
Deer Park/North Babylon	1937	West Islip	990
Central Islip	1760	East Hampton/Pier/BH	854

Motion: L. Dolson

Second: M. Dantuono

Motion: **Approved**

7. Wrestling

DIVISION I			
League 1		League 2	
Brentwood	4580	Walt Whitman	1545
Longwood	2255	Bay Shore	1524
William Floyd	2132	Commack	1473
Central Islip	1760	Sachem North	1440
Patchogue-Medford	1679	Ward Melville	1427
Riverhead	1571	Lindenhurst	1401
Sachem East	1548	Connetquot	1332

League 3		League 4	
Northport	1265	North Babylon	1055
Copiague	1193	E Hampton/Pier/BH/Ross	1032
Huntington	1154	Bellport	1019
Newfield	1110	West Islip	990
Smithtown East	1101	Smithtown West	966
Half Hollow Hills East	1068	West Babylon	902
Centereach	1059	Deer Park	882

League 5		League 6	
Comsewogue	837	Islip	707
East Islip	837	Sayville	701
Eastport-South Manor	825	Amityville	659
Hauppauge	824	Harborfields	656
Half Hollow Hills West	746	Kings Park	647
Westhampton Beach	723	Miller Place	636
Rocky Point	710		

**DIVISION II**

League 7		League 8	
Hampton Bays	545	Matt/Gpt/Shld	432
Shoreham-Wading River	537	Southampton	408
Mount Sinai	531	Center Moriches	408
Elwood-J Glenn	527	Babylon	341
Bayport-Blue Point	512	Port Jefferson	245

2022-23 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

DIV I - 600+

DIV II - 599-below

Motion: M. DeVincenzo      Second: M. DeJoseph

**Motion: Approved**

**8. Boys Bowling**

League I	League II
Lindenhurst	Islip
Copiague	East Islip
West Babylon	Central Islip
West Islip	Huntington
Brentwood	Northport
North Babylon	Harborfields
Deer Park	Smithtown
HH Hills	Commack
Walt Whitman	Hauppauge

League III	League IV
Patchogue-Med	Southold
Bellport	Riverhead
William Floyd	Comsewogue/Ward Melville
East-S Manor	Rocky Point
Connetquot	Longwood
Bayport-BP	Sachem
Sayville	Middle Country
Bay Shore	East Hampton

Motion: T. Horan      Second: J. Coady

**Motion: Approved**

9. Girls Bowling

League I		League II	
Brentwood	4580	Pat-Med	1679
Sachem	2988	Bay Shore	1524
Longwood	2255	Commack	1473
Middle Country	2169	Northport	1265
Smithtown	2067	Copiague	1193
HH Hills	1814	North Babylon	1055
Central Islip	1760		

League III	
Bellport	1019
West Islip	990
West Babylon	902
Comsewogue	837
East Islip	837
Eastport-S Manor	825
Islip	707

Motion: J. Kulsea

Second: K. Mitchell

Motion: **Approved**

Adjournment  
"To adjourn"

Motion: D. Phillips

Second: M. DeVincenzo

Motion: **Approved**

Adjournment: 10:43 am

Respectfully submitted,  
*Thomas Combs*

Thomas Combs  
Executive Director