



**II. REPORTS****A. Executive Board**

The Executive Board met on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 4:00 pm, at the Section XI Office. In attendance: President J. Polansky, D. Ferry, J. Valente, J. Thode, T. Mullins, L. Lally, P. Sullivan-Kriss, P. Casciano, M. Radday, K. Seaman, L. Light, N. DeCillis, D. Lunetta and D. Hoffman (Item 2); K. McCarthy and D. Webster. (Absent: J. Dolan).

1. President – Jim Polansky called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.
2. Cullen & Danowski, LLP – Don Hoffman, Deirdre Lunetta
  - a) Mr. Hoffman reviewed the draft of the management letter and the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 for the period ending June 30, 2014.
  - b) Mr. Hoffman informed the Board that Section XI is in good financial standing.
3. Internal Claims Auditor
  - a) The Executive Board reviewed the Annual Report dated September 29, 2014 submitted by Lynn Schwartz, along with the claims reports for May, June, July, August and September, 2014.
  - b) Discussion took place regarding the compensation that the Internal Claims Auditor receives. A \$2 per hour increase was approved for the 2014-15 school year.
  - c) The Executive Board approved Alan Van Cott as a replacement for Lynn Schwartz while he is absent for the months of January, February and March, 2015.
4. Media Contracts
  - a) The Executive Board approved the contract extension agreements received from Verizon FiOS and MSG Varsity for broadcast rights during the 2014-15 school year.
  - b) The chart indicating an equitable distribution schedule for broadcast rights between MSG Varsity and Verizon FiOS was distributed to the Board.
5. Counsel – Kevin Seaman
  - a) Mr. Seaman updated the Board regarding the Connetquot pole vaulter litigation.
  - b) Mr. Seaman discussed the recent tragedy involving the Shoreham-Wading River football player.
6. Corporate Sponsorship/Marketing – Nick DeCillis
  - a) Mr. DeCillis reviewed two proposals for corporate sponsorships – “Sportsmanship Awards” and “Scholar-Athlete Awards”.
  - b) Mr. DeCillis provided an update of current and potential sponsors.
7. Treasurer - Larry Light
  - a) Mr. Light reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
  - b) Mr. Light reviewed the tri-party collateral agreement with the Board.
  - c) Mr. Webster provided an update on the transference of accounts to Signature Bank.
  - d) Mr. Webster informed the Executive Board of a meeting with Gold Coast Bank to discuss considerations for doing some banking with them.

## 8. Finances

- a) The Executive Board approved the following:
  - Contractual items as follows:
    - 1) Kevin Seaman – Approved as Section XI Counsel at the rate of \$28,000 for the 2014-15 school year (plus litigation);
    - 2) Lynn Schwartz – Approved as Section XI Internal Claims Auditor at the rate of \$45 per hour for the 2014-15 school year;
    - 3) Athletic Event Management Services – Approved to provide event supervision during 2014-15 with a rate increase;
    - 4) Frank Segreto – Approved as Wrestling Weight Assessor for the 2014-15 school year at the same rate as in the 2013-14 school year.
    - 5) Just In Time – Approved to provide service for track events during the 2014-15 school year with a rate increase for winter track events to equal the rate for spring track events.
    - 6) North Fork Express/Coastal Charter – Approved to provide transportation services to NYSPHSAA Championships during the 2014-15 school year at the same rate as in the 2013-14 school year.
  - Leasing/service agreement continuations (including leasing of new color printer);
  - Reinstatement of credit card policy with the spending limit of \$5,000 per purchase and a credit line not to exceed \$10,000.
- b) The Executive Director provided the Section XI Meal and Refreshment Quarterly Report for the period between May 12, 2014 and October 5, 2014.
- c) The Executive Director provided a report of Section XI Petty Cash Fund expenditures for the period between October 5, 2013 and October 3, 2014.
- d) The Executive Director reviewed the approved DASA stipend of \$50 per hour to continue for the 2014-15 school year.

## 9. Appointments

- a) The Executive Board noted the appointment by President Jim Polansky of the Sport Chairs for the 2014-15 school year, and approved stipends to be paid to the chairs and personnel used during wrestling weight assessment.
- b) The Executive Board approved the Committee Chairs for the 2014-15 school year.
- c) The Executive Board provided conference attendance authorization for the 2014-15 school year.

## 10. NYSPHSAA – Lisa Lally, Tim Mullins, Patricia Sullivan-Kriss, and N. DeCillis (proxy for John Dolan)

- a) Central Committee - Tim Mullins and Lisa Lally provided information regarding the July 29-30, 2014 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.
- b) NYS Education Department Update – A copy of the NYSED Physical Education, Health Education and Athletic Update for July 2014 was distributed.
- c) NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame – The Section is very pleased that Carl Yastrzemski was inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame this past July. Section XI has had 15 inductees into the Hall of Fame since the program's inception in 2003.
- d) NYSPHSAA Office Reports – The Executive Director provided copies of the September, 2014, edition of the NYSPHSAA News to the Executive Board.
- e) NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Schools of Distinction – The Executive Director provided correspondence from the NYSPHSAA naming Half Hollow Hills East High School, Port Jefferson High School and Commack High School as recipients of the 2013-14 Scholar/Athlete Team Schools of Distinction. This honor is bestowed on

- schools by virtue of the fact that each of their varsity interscholastic athletic teams qualified in the NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program, earning a 90% GPA or better during the past school year. These high schools will be honored at the October 15, 2014, Athletic Council meeting.
- f) Liability Carrier – The Executive Director reported that Loomis & LaPann, Inc. is now providing liability coverage for the Section.
11. Outside Agency Cross Country Meets – The Executive Board approved the following Outside Agency cross country meets:
- Suffolk Coaches Invitational – September 27, 2014
  - Suffolk Officials Invitational – October 11, 2014
- The Executive Board requested to have the opportunity to review any Outside Agency applications prior to the events being held. If necessary, a "TBD" date should be indicated.
12. Assistant Director – Kevin McCarthy
- a) Team Total Update – Kevin McCarthy informed the Board that a total of 389 Early Winter Modified teams have been requested for 2014-15 (4 more than in 2013-14).
- b) Dropped Team Report – Kevin McCarthy provided informed the Board that 16 teams have dropped their schedules as of October 6, 2014.
13. Executive Director – Don Webster
- a) Goals and Objectives – The Executive Director provided the Board with his goals and objectives for the 2014-15 school year. A mid-year report will be provided at the January, 2015, Executive Board meeting.
- b) Executive Director Report – October, 2014
- Protest
  - Eligibility
  - Rule Violation
- c) New Athletic Directors/Sport Chairs – The Executive Director provided the Board with a chart of new Athletic Directors and Sport Chairs for the 2014-15 school year.
- d) DASA Training – A summary sheet indicating the revenue, expenses and number of participants was provided to the Board.
- e) Section XI Staff Meeting Agenda – The Executive Director provided the Board with a copy of the agenda for the Section XI staff meeting held on September 2, 2014, along with an update on new staff members.
- f) Section XI Staff Life Insurance Coverage – The Executive Director provided the Board with information regarding a change of carriers for the Section XI staff life insurance coverage.
- g) Section XI "Media & Marketing Event Supervisor" – The Executive Director provided the Board with a job description for a possible Media & Marketing Event Supervisor position. The Board approved the position for the Fall 2014 season; it will be reviewed again at the January, 2015, Executive Board meeting.
- h) NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites – The Executive Director provided the Board with information regarding the 2014-15 state championship dates and sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

**B. NYSPHSAA Central Committee**

At its annual meeting held July 29-30, 2014, held in Lake Placid, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee effected the following:

1. Unified Sports - Approved Unified Sports as an official program of NYSPHSAA.
2. Mixed Competition – Approved mixed competition guidelines to assist schools, superintendents and Sections when determining a “significant adverse effect”.
3. Modified Tryout Rule – Approved to revise the modified tryout rule to include only transfer students, medical condition and overlapping seasons.
4. Appointments – Approved Paul Harrica (Sec X) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position.
5. Maximum Number of Contests – Approved increasing the number of Varsity (only) basketball games to include 19 varsity contests for the 2014-15 season with Section approval.
6. Indoor Track and Field – Approved to add a weight throw to the Indoor Track & Field Championships.
7. Wrestling – Approved to amend the penalty for a wrestler who exceeds the 20 allotted points or 6 allotted tournaments to include an additional minimum penalty on the coach that they must be suspended for the next regularly scheduled contest.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS – OCTOBER MEETING**

1. Educational Waiver
2. Athletic Shopping
3. Legal Separation

**III. NYSPHSAA Assistant Director - Todd Nelson**

- A. Emergency Extension of Eligibility – No undue hardship action will be taken.
- B. Battle of the Bands
- C. NYPHSAA mobile app
- D. Regional Cheerleading – February 28, 2015 at Bay Shore

**IV. COUNSEL – Kevin Seaman**

- A. Connetquot Pole Vault Lawsuit

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

- A. Educational Waiver

Motion: T. Mullins

Second: R. Panariello

To approve the following:

“Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval to eliminate the “Educational Waiver” as one of the waivers of the NYSPHSAA transfer rule beginning with the 2015-16 school year with the addition of ‘*educational waivers will not be considered as an undue hardship*’ to the “NOTE:” following the transfer exemptions within the NYSPHSAA Handbook.”

Motion DefeatedB. Corresponding Change of ResidencyMotion: M. MenschSecond: L. Lally

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval to add the following to Corresponding Change of Residency within the NYSPHSAA transfer rule to begin with the 2015-16 school year: *'For athletic eligibility a residency is changed when one is abandoned by the immediate family and another one established through action and intent. Residency requires one's physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely.'*"

Motion DefeatedC. Legal SeparationMotion: G. McCarthySecond: J. Pennacchio

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval to revise the 4<sup>th</sup> exemption of the Transfer Rule to read: *'4. A student from divorced or "legally" separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents. Such a transfer is allowed once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge.'*"

Motion DefeatedD. Jewelry RuleMotion: G. CurialeSecond: T. Combs

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval to permit jewelry in accordance with the NFHS Track and Field Rule Book."

Motion DefeatedE. Skin Infection FormMotion: R. PanarielloSecond: K. Masterson

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval of NYSPHSAA wrestling skin infection form."

Motion ApprovedF. Cheerleading Standardsa. Minimum Practice RequirementMotion: G. CurialeSecond: E. Blaney

To approve the following:

"Shall the minimum practice requirement be 10 per team and 8 per individual."

Motion Approved

b. RepresentationMotion: J. PennacchioSecond: M. Mensch

To approve the following:

"Shall there be a minimum number of 2 required competitions before post-season."

NOTE: The 2014-15 NYSPHSAA Invitational(s) will not be considered post-season.

Motion Approvedc. Maximum Number of ContestsMotion: M. MenschSecond: S. Reh

To approve the following:

"Shall the maximum number of contests be 12."

Motion Defeatedd. Number of Night's RestMotion: A. AgnesiniSecond: G. Curiale

To approve the following:

"Shall there be one night's rest per competition." NOTE: Cheering or performing during a sport event is not considered competition

Motion Approvede. Spirit StandardsMotion: A. AgnesiniSecond: G. McCarthy

To approve the following:

"Shall the NFHS Spirit Rule Book spirit standards be followed."

Motion Approvedf. Limitations Per DayMotion: J. PennacchioSecond: M. Mensch

To approve the following:

"Shall there be a limit of one competition per day."

Motion Approvedg. Competition StandardsMotion: M. MenschSecond: A. Agnesini

To approve the following:

"Shall routines consist of a time requirement of 2 minutes and 30 seconds and include Cheer and Dance."

Motion Approvedh. JudgesMotion: A. AgnesiniSecond: L. Lally

To approve the following:

"Shall there be a minimum of 3 judges and 1 safety judge per competition."

Motion ApprovedG. Cheerleading ChampionshipsMotion: E. BlaneySecond: M. Mensch

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval of NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships to begin in the winter season of 2016."

Motion DefeatedH. Promotion RuleMotion: L. LallySecond: M. Mensch

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval for the NYSPHSAA Executive Director to provide a waiver of the Promotion Rule if a team is dropped by a district."

Motion ApprovedI. Modified Basketball Sudden VictoryMotion: J. ThodeSecond: G. McCarthy

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval to eliminate 'sudden victory' in Modified Basketball with one 4-minute overtime period."

Motion ApprovedJ. Number of PracticesMotion: T. MullinsSecond: J. Thode

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval to reduce the required number of cross country practices (13 to 11) and Track & Field practices (15 to 13)."

Motion ApprovedK. Modified Basketball 3-Point ShotMotion: G. McCarthySecond: T. Mullins

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval to allow the 3-point shot in modified basketball with League and Section approval."

Motion ApprovedL. 50% Scrimmage RuleMotion: L. LallySecond: A. Agnesini

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval of 50% scrimmage rule for modified."

Motion Approved



M. Varsity Basketball Maximum Number of ContestsMotion: G. McCarthySecond: R. Panariello

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval of increasing the maximum number of contests in varsity basketball to 19 for 2014-15."

Motion ApprovedN. Dual Season Competition for Competitive CheerleadingMotion: R. PanarielloSecond: J. Pennacchio

To approve the following:

"Shall the NYSPHSAA consider approval of recognizing Fall Competitive Cheerleading and Winter Competitive Cheerleading as separate sport seasons." NOTE: This will allow student-athletes and teams to compete in both season.

Motion Defeated**VI. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS****A. Placement**Motion: T. MullinsSecond: R. Panariello

To approve the following:

1. Boys' Lacrosse - 2014/15

League 1 (A)		League 2 (A)	
Brentwood	4155	Walt Whitman	1415
Longwood	2607	Half Hollow Hills East	1402
William Floyd	1970	Smithtown East	1261
Patchogue-Medford	1883	Smithtown West	1255
Commack	1846	Copiague	1211
Ward Melville	1843	Riverhead	1180
Sachem East	1792	West Islip	1171
Middle Country	1759	North Babylon	1164
Sachem North	1664	Half Hollow Hills West	1075
Lindenhurst	1607	East Islip	1022
Connetquot	1525	West Babylon	1012
Northport	1469	Deer Park	1009
Bay Shore	1443	Bellport	1009



League III (AA)		League IV (A)	
Centereach	1127	Harborfields	862
Half Hollow Hills West	1075	Comsewogue	844
East Islip	1022	Islip	784
West Babylon	1012	Sayville	753
Bellport	1009	Bayport-Blue Point	603
Deer Park	1009	Elwood-J Glenn	603
Hauppauge	985		
Huntington	964		
Eastport-South Manor	936		
Kings Park	926		

League V (A)		League VI (B/C)	
Rocky Point	806	Hampton Bays (B)	458
Westhampton	752	Center Moriches (B)	447
Miller Place	723	Southampton (B)	422
East Hampton	626	Mattituck (B)	395
Mt. Sinai	611	Babylon (B)	375
Shoreham-WR	608	McGann-Mercy (B)	308
		Southold/Gpt (B)	288
		Port Jefferson (B)	287
		Pierson/BH (C)	225
		Stony Brook (C)	199

- Leagues 1, 2, 3, and 6 will play each league opponent twice.
- Leagues 4 and 5 will play each league opponent twice; and will play a mandatory crossover with each opponent in other opposite league once.
- For Leagues 1, 2 and 3, there is a rotation in the number of teams which will be utilized only if the AA's go to 32 or 31 in 2016. (2015=League 3; 2016=League 2; 2017=League )

## 2014-15 NYSPHSAA CLASSIFICATIONS:

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

3. Boys' Tennis - 2014/15

## DIVISION I

League I	League II
Half Hollow Hills East	Smithtown East
Half Hollow Hills West	Smithtown West
Commack	Kings Park
Huntington	Harborfields
Walt Whitman	Elwood-John Glenn
Northport	Hauppauge

## DIVISION II

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

## DIVISION III

League V		League VI
Ward Melville		Stony Brook
Bayport-Blue Point		Port Jefferson
Patchogue-Medford		Sachem North
Sachem East		Bellport
Miller Place		Comsewogue
Mount Sinai		Middle Country

## DIVISION IV

League VII		League VIII
Westhampton		William Floyd
Ross		E Hampton/BH/Pier
Mattituck		Hampton Bays
Shoreham-Wading River		Southold/Greenport
Southampton		Center Moriches
Longwood		Eastport-South Manor
Rocky Point		Riverhead

Format: Winner from Even League in prior season moves up to Odd League. Last place Odd League from prior season moves down to Even League. NOTE: Tie for League Champs in League 8 – both teams move up and two teams move down to League 8

**2014-15 Crossovers**

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> League 1 vs. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> League 3  
 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> League 5 vs. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> League 7

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> League 1 vs. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> League 5  
 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> League 7 vs. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> League 3

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> League 1 vs. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> League 7  
 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> League 3 vs. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> League 5

4. Baseball – 2014/15a. Number of League Contests

“Shall teams be scheduled for 20 league contests in 6-team leagues, with each team playing each league opponent once at the end of the season.”

b. Rotation of Leagues

"Shall there be a rotation in the number of teams within leagues if team numbers in the AA/A classifications remain the same in consecutive years."

	<b>League 1</b>	<b>League 2</b>	<b>League 3</b>	<b>League 4</b>	<b>League 5</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	6 teams	6 teams	6 teams	7 teams	7 teams
<b>2015-16</b>	6 teams	7 teams	7 teams	6 teams	6 teams

For Information Only:

- 1) League III and IV Placement – The 2014-15 Baseball placement originally approved by Athletic Council in May, 2014, had the incorrect league placement for Copiague and Newfield in Leagues III and IV based on enrollment; correct placement is noted below.

League III (AA)		League IV (AA)	
Bay Shore	1443	<b>Newfield*</b>	<b>1196</b>
Walt Whitman	1415	Riverhead	1180
Half Hollow Hills East	1402	West Islip	1171
Smithtown East	1261	North Babylon	1164
Smithtown West	1255	Centereach	1127
<b>Copiague*</b>	<b>1211</b>	Half Hollow Hills West	1075
		East Islip	1022

5. Combining 2014/15 – ADDITIONS

- Brentwood/Hauppauge – Varsity Boys' Fencing

Motion Approved

**B. Tournament**

Motion: G. McCarthy

Second: E. Blaney

To approve the following:

1. Boys' Lacrosse

"Shall all teams with a .500 won/lost record (or better) qualify for the Section XI tournament within their respective classification."

2. Section XI Handbook Revision

"Shall the wording in the Section XI Handbook, 'Tournaments', II., F.3. be revised as follows: 'A contest shall be moved to the visiting school during the Section XI playoffs if the home school does not have a site available to play **as per the recommendation of the Sports Chair and Executive Director**'."

Motion Approved

**VII. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. Sport Seasons – Shall the NYSPHSAA consider standardizing the sport seasons and maximum number of varsity contests across the state.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. NYSPHSAA Championship Bids – Discussion took place regarding this process .

Motion to Adjourn: T. Combs

Second: S. Reh

**Motion Approved**

Adjournment: 10:45 am

Respectfully submitted,

*Donald F. Webster*

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Executive Director

DFW/drn