

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 9, 2025

ACTION ITEMS

3.1 **CARRIED:** March 24, 2025 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes

6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's Report (Appendix A)

EXECUTIVE COMMITEE
MINUTES

Attendance (*indicates present)
*D. Lilleck, President
*B. Banker, President-Elect
*M. Donahue, Past President
*J. Sortisio, Superintendents' Representative
*C. Alvarez, Principals' Representative
M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative
*J. Roth, Male Representative
*M. DiFilippo, Executive Director
*K. Schon, Associate Executive Director

**Agenda item numbers mirror to Athletic Council agenda item numbers*

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** (B. Banker)

Commenced: 9:32am

3.0 **MINUTES** (B. Banker)

3.1 ***Motion to approve the March 24, 2025 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes***
CARRIED
Donahue/Sortisio

*D. Lilleck entered the meeting after agenda item 3.1.

4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (M. DiFilippo)

4.1 Girls Ice Hockey
There is concern across the state that there may not be enough sections with enough teams to conduct a regional competition moving forward.

M. DiFilippo suggested to R. Hopkins, Section VI Girls Ice Hockey Chairman, the option to extend their season, parallel with Boys Ice Hockey, providing the opportunity to conduct their championship at Keybank's arena.

M. DiFilippo will gather feedback from the involved schools' athletic directors.

4.2 Officials Recruitment Day Feedback (April 5, 2025)
This was a statewide initiative. Section VI covered Dicks' Sporting Goods 4 WNY locations (Walden Galleria, Boulevard Mall, Transit Road, and Orchard Park). Current officials worked tables distributing informational handouts and engaged with those interested, providing insight into the field of sports officiating. About 12-20 names and email addresses of interested parties were received.

4.3 Section VI Volleyball Boundaries
M. DiFilippo sent a formal request to Sally Wise, President NYSCVOA, to move Portville from being serviced by the WNY Chapter to the Southern Tier West Chapter. Both groups agree that it makes sense for travel purposes along with keeping schools within leagues under the same officials' organization.

4.4 Wrestling Concerns
M. DiFilippo will meet with I. Martinez, Boys Wrestling Co-Chair, to discuss wrestling concerns and his position as co-chair.

4.5 Indoor Track Travel Plans
This has been an ongoing discussion. In the past, Section VI traveled Thursday to Saturday for the one-day Meet (practice on Friday evening, competition on Saturday). This year, Section VI traveled Friday to Saturday for the one-day meet (practice on Friday evening, competition on Saturday). With the addition of

the Division 2 relays, competition unexpectedly went long this year. Thus, discussion at the state level regarding the format, which includes changing the competition to two days, was prompted. Updates will be provided as they become available.

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 Chautauqua Lake/Panama/Clymer Westfield Boys Wrestling
Determined Dominant at the team event, recommend to move to Division 1.

6.1.2 EA/Holland Boys and Girls Indoor Track
Determined Dominant - recommend to move to medium school classification.

M. DiFilippo has notified the involved schools of the Combining of Schools Committee's recommendations.

6.1.1 and 6.1.2 will be action items at the May 14, 2025 athletic council meeting.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.2.1 Boys Basketball Committee recommendation to move Health Sciences to AAA for 25-26.

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

6.3.1 ***Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report*** (Appendix A)
CARRIED
Banker/Roth

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.3.1 Sunsetting Pilots Update
a) Split Classifications
This pilot continues to be discussed. S/I committee members were asked to return the discussion back to their leagues and provide feedback.

b) 4, 5, 6 Point System
The S/I Committee and sport committees are in full agreement to recommend the 4,5,6 point system become policy. This item has been moved to the Policy Committee.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

b) Principal (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

c) Female Rep./Male Rep. (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty/J. Roth)

6.7c1 3-Region Concept Draft/Final Proposal Update
An updated 3-Region Concept proposal was distributed by the state office. M. DiFilippo asked R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, to address concerns within the document. R. Zayas agreed clarification was needed. This will be an item for discussion at the May 5, 2025 athletic council zoom meeting.

6.7c2 Revised Cheer Proposal

Section VI voted to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to oppose Cheerleading – standard practice for fall and winter at the March 24, 2025 athletic council meeting. Since that meeting NYSPHSAA has revised the proposal. This will be a discussion item at the May 5, 2025 athletic council zoom meeting.

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (B. Banker)

6.14.1 through 6.14.4 will be action items at the May 14, 2025 athletic council meeting

6.14.1 Male Representative Position, term expires June 2025 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029)

J. Roth shared his intent to renew his term. A challenger application was posted on the Section VI website - deadline was March 1, 2025. No challengers.

6.14.2 Girls Lacrosse Chairperson Challenger Interviews Update (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028 term)

6.14.3 Baseball Chairperson Interviews (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028 term)

6.14.4 Spring sport chair renewals for the July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028 term: Walt McLaughlin (Girls Outdoor Track & Field, Justin Craddock (Boys Outdoor Track & Field), Ed Greenway (Boys Lacrosse), Jacob Reimer (Boys Golf), Joe Biondo (Girls Golf), Marissa Dauria (Flag Football), Terry McMahon (Boys Tennis), Alex Chambers (Boys Tennis), Doug Ames (Unified Basketball), Jay Hall (Softball), **Rick Schmitt (Girls Lacrosse)

** *Challenger application received*

The Nominations Committee is circulating a date to meet at Erie 1 BOCES after the spring break. Four interviews will be conducted at that time regarding the girls lacrosse and baseball sport chair positions. Candidate recommendations will be action items at the May 14, 2025 athletic council meeting.

6.15 Corporate Partners (K. Schon)

League representatives have been helpful in disseminating information regarding the new Snap Raise corporate partnership.

The partnership was previously announced at the March 24, 2025 athletic council meeting. The contracted 3-year partnership includes a guaranteed $10,000 in quarterly payments to Section VI in the first year, a percentage revenue share of member school usage in each subsequent year, as well as sponsoring the mandatory athletic director meeting.

6.18 Policy Committee (B. Banker)

During the April 2025 league meetings, Section VI Policy Committee representatives or K. Schon, Section VI Assoc. Executive Director, will share the processes of review and governance regarding the Policy

Manual. After the Policy Committee meets at the end of April to finalize the draft of the Policy Manual, a summary page will be generated and presented at the May 2025 league meetings with the recommendation for approval to follow at the May 14, 2025 athletic council meeting.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

All athletic directors have the draft of the winter season. Edits for spelling, etc. are due today, April 9, 2025. Winners and honorable mentions will be published to the public soon.

7.2 Schools Without Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty)

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Doing Business at the Central Committee Meetings
Section VI is moving forward with formalizing a statement of concern regarding the current governance practices within the NYSPHSAA. Once finalized, M. DiFilippo will share the document with R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director and A. Stoltman, NYSPHSAA 1st Vice President. From there, Section VI will submit the document to K. Jadin, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director. J. Roth will be prepared to present at the May 2025 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

12.2 DEI
Section VI voted to direct M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to support Pathways to Promote Diversity on Committee at the March 24, 2025 athletic council meeting.

NYSPHSAA is now discussing revision of the proposal, changing the wording to include representation by the ex-officio of the Big 5. Therefore, the wording of the proposal is now unknown for the May 7, 2025 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

This item will be a discussion item at the May 5, 2025 Section VI Athletic Council zoom meeting.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

13.1 ***Motion to adjourn***
CARRIED
Banker/Roth

APPENIDX A

Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 3, 2025

	Apr 3, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1040.1 · Bank of America CD	26,612.86
1043.1 · Northwest CD	318,036.09
1050 · Arbiter Pay	8,709.54
1030 · Bank of America Checking	389,657.89
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	1.69
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	123,017.97
Total Checking/Savings	866,036.04
Total Current Assets	866,036.04
TOTAL ASSETS	**866,036.04**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Dedicated Funds

	Budgeted	Expenses	Current Assets
State Championships	$ 212,000.00	$ 88,000.00	$ 124,000.00

FUND BALANCE $ 742,036.04