EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 15, 2025

ACTION ITEMS

3.1 **CARRIED:** September 17, 2025 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes

5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of schools applications, numbers (1) through (7)

5.3 **CARRIED**: Outside agency applications, letters (a) through (d)

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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 numbers coincide with the athletic council agenda*

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** (D. Lilleck)

Commenced 9:33am

3.0 **MINUTES** (D. Lilleck)

3.1 ***Motion to approval of the September 17, 2025 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes***
CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Sortisio

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

4.1 Officials Negotiations – identification of lead negotiators due 2/1/26, remaining team members due 3/1/26

J. Sortisio expressed interest in serving on the team.

M. DiFilippo was directed to email league heads, requesting 2 nominations (each) to serve on the Section VI negotiations team. Nominations will be shared with the Executive Committee in advance of the November Executive Committee meeting.

4.2 Update on appeals and eligibility issues

1. M. DiFilippo updated the committee on two transfers, one that was changed after further documentation was presented, and another one that was denied.

4.3 Flag Football Divisions
There has been miscommunication involving recommendations to move Flag Football from federated to league based scheduling. M DiFilippo and league representatives to clarify origin of request with leagues.

Concerns with moving to league based include number of teams within leagues, assigning and scheduling roles.

The Executive Committee recommends keeping Flag Football federated, where Section VI creates the schedule and conducts the assigning.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 ***Motion to approval of Combining of Schools Applications*** Section VI COS Status Chart
CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Sortisio

Winter Sports

1. Bowl B/G, New, **Frewsburg,** Southwestern, 365, D2, V,
2. Bowl Unified BG, New, **Medina,** Roy-Hart, 600, V,
3. Bowl Unified BG, New, **Frewsburg,** Southwestern, 365, V
4. Bowl Unified BG, New, **Cassadaga Valley,** Brocton, 299, V,
5. Wrestling B, Existing, **Franklinville,** Hinsdale, West Valley ADD Ellicottville, 375, D2, V, JV, 78,
6. Wrestling G, New, **Orchard Park,** Frontier, Hamburg & East Aurora, 3058, V/ JV, NEED BOE/ECIC approval
7. Alpine Skiing, Ellicottville, Allegany-Limestone, ADD Cattaraugus Little Valley

5.2 Demergers:
Wrestling G-, Existing, **East Aurora,** Holland- C, 573, D1, V, 7/9 (originally approved 9/17/25 AC, demerge notification sent to Section office 10/8/25)

5.3 ***Motion to approve of Outside Agency Applications*** Outside Agency Status chart
CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth

a) Cheer at UB Alumnae Arena, 10/12/25 Hosted by UB Cheer & Lockport City Schools
b) Girls Diving, Blue Devil 11 Dive Invitational at SUNY Fredonia 10/12/25 hosted by Fredonia HS
c) Boys Basketball, Cataract Basketball Classic at Niagara Falls HS 12/5-6/25 hosted by Niagara Fall Education Foundation
d) Basketball V & JV, Town of Hamburg Tip-Off 12/10- 13/25 at Frontier HS, hosted by Town of Hamburg Lions & Frontier HS

5.4 Senior All Star Status Chart

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

The Combining of Schools Committee met October 7, 2025.

At the November 2024 athletic council meeting, Lake Shore/Silver Creek Boys Lacrosse was approved to move from Class C to Class B for the 2025 season at the recommendation of the Combining of Schools Committee. The Committee recommends to keep Lake Shore/Silver Creek Boys Lacrosse at Class B for the 2026 season because they continue to show dominance. The Committee recommends moving Lake Shore/Silver Creek Girls Lacrosse from Class C to Class B for the 2026 season because they won 2 consecutive sectional titles. Both will be action items at the November 19, 2025 athletic council meeting. M. DiFilippo will notify D. Besant, Lake Shore Athletic Director, of the recommendations and impending action items.

The Committee was also charged with reviewing the deadlines for combining of schools' application submissions because the Section continues to receive requests after the deadline. The committee recommends moving the seasonal deadlines up by 30 days and allow a 60-day window following the deadline for new mergers. A concern discussed was the issue of not necessarily knowing the need to merge until athletes are on the field. To mitigate, the Committee recommends to not consider requests to merge once teams are eligible for contests.

J. Sortisio will generate a formal proposal and submit it to the Section office by October 22.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.3 Finance (B. Fadeley)

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

7.3.2 26-27 Proposed Budget Draft (November AC 2025)

To maintain the current program, the 26-27 proposed budget shows a significant estimated deficit. The Finance Committee is in discussions regarding expenses and coordination fees. A final draft of the 26-27 proposed budget will be presented for discussion at the November 19, 2025 athletic council meeting.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 At-Large Proposal

A first-run draft will be presented at the November 19, 2025 athletic council meeting. Action will be taken at the January 14, 2026 athletic council meeting.

6.4.2 Split Classification Pilot (expires June 2026)

The S/I Committee recommends to continue the split after the opt out date and set a standardized opt-out date one week prior to seeding. At that time, the participating schools in each bracket will be released. Teams will be held accountable from that opt-out time.

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)

Nothing to report

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (B. Banker)

6.14.1 Section VI Female Representative (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty) Term Expiration June 2026

- Incumbent wishes to renew term
- Challenger application posted on website, deadline March 1, 2026
- Action item May 13, 2026 athletic council meeting

6.14.2 Section VI President-Elect (Remaining term through June 2026)
1 application received. Approval of the candidate will be requested at the November 19, 2025 athletic council meeting. If approved, the candidate will be asked to attend Executive Committee meetings moving forward.

6.14.3 President-Elect Position, term July 2026 – June 2028
Discussion item for the November 19, 2025 athletic council meeting and action item May 13, 2026 athletic council meeting. The application will be posted on the Section VI website with a deadline of March 1, 2025.

6.15 Corporate Partners (K. Schon)

Last week, Section VI finalized an agreement with The University of Wyoming, a collaboration involving representation of their brand and supporting student-athletes. The contract includes sponsorship in the amount of $7,500 for the 25-26 year. Currently, this is a one-year contract. M. DiFilippo and K. Schon will investigate opportunities for a continued partnership.

6.17 Policy Committee (B. Banker)

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

In need of an ECIC representative.

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

Nothing to report

10.0 OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Office Staff Update

P. Turski is scheduled to retire summer 2026. Her position is being reviewed.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 **Combining of Schools**

M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, on behalf of West Seneca CSD, gave notice of a possible emergency combination involving a winter sport to be confirmed on or around the end of October.

12.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

12.1 ***Motion to adjourn***
CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth