SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
December 18, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Via Conference Call

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3 Approved the agenda of the December 18, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.
2. P3 Approved the site location for the 2017 NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships be Union-Endicott High School (4) and the site location for the 2019 NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships be Middletown High School (9).
3. P5 Approved the Floyd L. Maines Memorial Arena in Binghamton as the site location for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Championships.
4. P6 Approved adjournment.
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Via Teleconference
December 18, 2015

The special meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by President Steve Broadwell at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 18, 2015. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed a roll call to ascertain a quorum.

Officers
President Stephen Broadwell
First Vice President James Osborne
Second Vice President Paul Harrica
Past President Eileen Troy

Staff
Executive Director Robert Zayas
Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Assistant Director Joe Altieri
Director of Communications Joe Agostinelli
Director of Sales & Marketing Chris Joyce
Special Programs Coordinator Kristen Jadin
Treasurer Lisa Arnold
Counselor Renee James
Secretary Sandra Schanck (Absent with Notification)

Section Representatives
Section 1: James Mackin, Karen Peterson
Section 2: Ed Dopp, Kathy Ryan
Section 3: Michael Carboine, Monica Tooley
Section 4: Terry Heller (proxy for Chris Durdon), Julie Bergman
Section 5: Craig Veley, Kim Henshaw
Section 6: James Graczyk, Marissa Fallacaro
Section 7: C. Joseph Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry
Section 8: John Piropato, Neil Connolly (proxy for Chris Ceruti)
Section 9: James Wolfe, Robbie Greene
Section 10: James Cruikshank, Lori Brewer
Section 11: Timothy Mullins, Debra Ferry
**Section Executive Directors**
Jennifer Simmons, Executive Director (I)
Wayne Bertrand, Executive Director (2)
John Rathbun, Executive Director (III)
Ben Nelson, Executive Director (IV)
Timm Slade, Executive Director (VI)
Karen Lopez, Executive Director (VII)
Nina Van Erk, Executive Director (VIII)
Greg Ransom, Executive Director (IX)
Carl Normandin, Executive Director (X)
Don Webster, Executive Director (XI)

**Sport Coordinators**
Bill Higgins, Boys Basketball State Coordinator
Dan Doherty, Girls Track & Field State Coordinator

A motion to approve the agenda of the December 18, 2015 Executive Committee meeting carried. Bergman/Carboine

President Broadwell explained the protocol for making motions and voting during a conference call.

**General Action Items**

**Site location of the 2017 and 2019 NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Outdoor Track & Field State Championships**
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri reviewed the bid opening process that occurred on December 8th.
- The Boys and Girls Outdoor Track & Field Committees and the NYSPHSAA staff reviewed the bids received from Union-Endicott High School, Middletown High School, Caledonia-Mumford High School and St. John Fisher College. Both committees and the staff made the same recommendation; going to Union Endicott High School in 2017 and Middletown High School in 2019.
- The actual bids were posted on the website following the bid meeting.
- The Championship Advisory Committee met on December 11 to review the bids and provide feedback as per the bid process.
- Bid comparison documents outlining the details of each bid were included in the meeting packets.
- Dan Doherty, Girls Outdoor Track & Field State Coordinator, spoke on behalf of both Boys and Girls Track & Field Committees. He stated after discussion at the December 8 meeting, both committees and the NYSPHSAA staff recommended going to Union Endicott High School in 2017 and Middletown High School in 2019.

A motion to approve the site location for the 2017 NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships be Union-Endicott High School (4) and the site location for the 2019 NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships be Middletown High School (9) carried. Tooley/Greene
(The votes by Section were:  Section 1:  2 yes; Section 2:  2 yes; Section 3:  2 yes; Section 4:  2 yes; Section 5:  2 yes; Section 6:  1 yes; Section 7:  2 yes; Section 8:  2 yes; Section 9:  2 yes; Section 10:  2 yes; Section 11:  2 yes. 21 Yes/0 No.)

Site Location of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Championships

- Assistant Director Joe Altieri reviewed the bid opening process that occurred on December 7th.
- The Boys Basketball Committee and the NYSPHSAA staff reviewed the bids received from the Oncenter, Syracuse, Glens Falls Civic Center and the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, Binghamton. The Boys Basketball Committee recommended Glens Falls Civic Center by a vote of 7 to 4. The NYSPHSAA staff recommended the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton.
- The actual bids were posted on the website following the bid meeting.
- The Championship Advisory Committee met on December 11 to review the bids and provide input as per the bid process.
- Bid comparison documents outlining the details of each bid were included in the meeting packets.
- Bill Higgins, Boys Basketball State Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the Boys Basketball Committee. The committee had 7 votes in support of Glens Falls, 4 in support of Binghamton and 0 for Syracuse. He stated the overall feeling of the committee was Glens Falls Civic Center has done a great job since 1981 and should be given the opportunity to continue and that they had turned thousands of dollars over to the Association. He also stated the volunteers in Glens Falls are exceptional.
- A motion to approve the Floyd L. Maines Memorial Arena in Binghamton as the site location for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Championships was made by J. Bergman and seconded by M. Carboine.

Discussion

Ed Dopp: asked if a motion could be made for a roll call vote on the two locations?
Steve Broadwell: asked Renee if this was procedurally possible?
Renee James: stated it was best to vote on the motion as proposed.
Joe Staves: concerned - committee came back with a strong 7 to 4 vote. In the past, we have supported other sport committees’ recommendations with rule books, why not site selection?
Kathy Ryan: Binghamton was the better bid – look at whole picture – net profit better at Glens Falls – risky to mess with from a financial standpoint.
Terry Heller: it is known that Binghamton had the lower bid – to say only one facility has the ability to make money and has the best volunteers - taking nothing away from Glens Falls – Binghamton has success with the Stop DWI tournament and the Empire State Games - Binghamton twice had the best bid – the NCAA /final 4 rotates.
Kathy Ryan: look at the end result, the profit is well documented – local teams draw crowds - factor all this in, Glens Falls is way ahead.
Ed Dopp: Everyone understands impact – sport committee weighed heavily – this sport helped put Association in a good position financially. He was involved in a baseball site change that was part of a tough move. The ultimate decision was not based on finances; it was based on what’s best for all.

Terry Heller: facility location benefits 7 of 11 Sections – hotels are within walking distance – amenities are better.

Joe Staves: asked how the Baseball Committee voted on the move from Utica to Binghamton?

Joe Altieri: Utica vs. Binghamton – indicated distance of facilities was the #1 factor.

Ed Dopp: Baseball bid was defeated first time. The committee supported the second time due to improved facilities and distance between facilities.

Mike Carboine: Had this similar situation with Ice Hockey. Should look at what swayed committee.

Bill Higgins: Why have a sports committee if their vote is disregarded?

Terry Heller: Staff visited the arena – request for RFP – it clearly boils down to what’s best for kids.

Binghamton facility had major upgrades done – savings to Association over 3 years.

Patricia Ryan-Curry: in regards to staff recommendations, staff is very young – 2 have less than 6 months experience; only one staff member has athletic administration experience – does not have a lot of credence to staff recommendation due to lack of experience.

Robert Zayas: respected Patricia’s opinion but no one questioned the staff’s recommendation or work regarding Time Warner Cable contract, Spalding agreement, Coaches Certification revisions, lobbying NYS Assembly in opposition of homeschool legislation, work with NYSED, Ice Hockey bid – do what is in the best interest of everyone.

Patricia Ryan-Curry: majority of those items were based on marketing; not student based decisions – staff shouldn’t make recommendations on site locations.

Paul Harrica: Received memo in October regarding re-bid process – staff and officers should have say – Eileen Troy valuable asset in recommendations and input – felt this meeting should have been a face to face meeting due to controversial issue – character assassination; collusion – last two Executive Committee meetings have been conference calls – only 12 people participated on the last one regarding the hiring of Chris Joyce.

Timm Slade: the Ice Hockey bid was a very challenging bid to put together. The big issue is the venue.

Section 6 travels by far the farthest. Change is difficult – doesn’t mean we can’t consider something different.

John Rathbun: As a Section who hosted the Ice Hockey Championships for close to 30 years and had the support of the committee, they were very disappointed about the move. All understand we agreed upon the competitive bid process. Section 3 supports the bid process and state office.

Don Webster: Echoed what John Rathbun stated. Without the bid process, Section 11 would not have had the opportunity to host Boys Volleyball – did a great job. Kudos to Robert and staff.

Eileen Troy: bid process put in place was a top down decision – membership voted on it – should have reconvened the Site Selection Committee.

A motion to approve the Floyd L. Maines Memorial Arena in Binghamton as the site location for the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Championships carried. Bergman/Carboine
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 14 Yes/8 No.)

**Section Concerns**
Section 2: Ed Dopp wanted to be clear on Section 2’s behalf; they support the RFP process. Just because a championship been at one location doesn’t mean it’s going to stay there. They feel the Site Selection Committee should reconvene to study and make future recommendations as to the process. He stated to keep the sport committees involved. They should visit/tour any new sites submitting a bid. He stated to be careful of not making this just a low bid process.

Robert Zayas stated we don’t want a decision or recommendation by the staff to be perceived as any form of disrespect to the sport committees because we realize the committees are extremely important to the Association and need to continue to be. He stated the sport committee’s recommendation is considered as shown in the Outdoor Track & Field bid process. The staff came in with a different recommendation from the Track Committee but after listening to the concerns of the committee, the staff revised their recommendation. He also stated the decision and recommendation by the staff pertaining to the Boys Basketball Championship is of no disrespect to the Boys Basketball Committee or to the wonderful job the Glens Falls Civic Center has done for the past 35 years.

**Good of the Order**
Karen Lopez (7) inquired as to where we are with the Football classification numbers and when will it be decided. Robert responded the Championship Philosophy Committee met on December 3rd and they affirmed the current philosophy with a maximum of 5 classifications. The Football Committee has decided to stay with the current classification numbers for the 2016 and 2017 seasons. This will be voted on at the next Executive Committee meeting on January 29, 2016.

A motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting at 10:51 AM carried. Bergman/Brewer

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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