

Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association  
(MPSSAA)  
Baltimore, MD

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting  
April 29, 2020

Refer Questions: R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, 410-767-0376

Districts Represented: Kevin Kendro (District 1), Jeff Sullivan (District 2), Earl Hawkins (District 3), Steve Lee (District 4), John Davis (District 5), Michael Sye (District 6), Debbie Basler (District 7), Bryan Ashby (District 8), Tiffany Byrd (District 9)

Also Present: Dana Johnson, President, MPSSAA  
Michael Duffy, President Elect, MPSSAA  
Kevin Hook, Past President, MPSSAA  
Patrick Saunderson, Principal's Representative  
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA  
Jason Bursick, Assistant Director, MPSSAA  
Jill Masterman, Program Specialist, MPSSAA  
Ken Kazmarek, Coordinator of Officials, MPSSAA  
Lynette Mitzel, Supervisor, Baltimore County (secretary)

1. The meeting was called to order on April 29, 2020 at 10:08 am by President Dana Johnson.
2. Mr. Warner provided the council with updates as it relates to cancellation of the 2020 basketball state semifinals, finals, and the spring state championships as was announced by State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Salmon on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
3. Discussion was had as to whether recognition should be given to the final four teams in each classification of the state basketball tournament. The initial consensus of the group is to provide medals and trophies for all 32 teams (16 boys and 16 girls). Mr. Kendro made a motion to award individual medals and a team trophy to the schools that qualified for the basketball state semifinals, and to seek guidance about referencing COVID 19 on the trophies. Mr. Hawkins second the motion. 10-2-1 was the vote.  
Discussion ensued over how the reference should be noted on the trophy. Mr. Kendro made a motion to have the MPSSAA office look into the COVID 19 reference and make the decision. Mr. Hawkins second the motion. Mr. Sye strongly recommended the council make the decision, as they are the group charged with speaking for the member schools. Mr. Kendro's motion fails 2-9. (Ms. Johnson did not vote, Mr. Saunderson left the meeting just prior to the vote). Mr. Duffy made a motion the trophy to be given to the state semifinalist teams will be the same as the trophy normally given to the state finalist teams. Mr. Sye second the motion. The vote passed 9-2-1. Mr. Warner will draft a statement and communicate it to member schools.
4. Mr. Warner informed the council with the cancellation of all events for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year, the MPSSAA will be turning its focus and resources to aligning the return of interscholastic athletics with the "Maryland Strong: Roadmap for Recovery". Mr. Warner reviewed the guidance regarding Maryland's recovery plan from the lens of interscholastic athletics. Mr. Warner

also provided the council a working document regarding COMAR, state tournament policies, health and safety issues, and initial findings regarding roadblocks that need to be addressed as the stages in the recovery plan unfold. Mr. Warner informed the council the MPSSAA office will begin a series of statewide meetings and workgroups to identify all challenges associated with the return of interscholastic athletics and with the assistance of the council formulate a roadmap for the return.

5. Members of the Executive Council agreed to schedule a workgroup session on April 30, 2020 to further review the challenges. Mr. Warner is also calling a regular meeting for May 7, 2020 to review the 2020-2021 budget, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo contest finalists, and an update on statewide meetings.
6. Mr. Warner proposed the spring Board of Control meeting get postponed until further notice. Mr. Sye made a motion to postpone until a later time. Mr. Duffy second the motion. All were in favor.
7. Mr. Duffy motioned for the meeting to be adjourned with a second from Mr. Hawkins. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.