

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

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Conference Call  
July 20, 2016

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

Districts Represented: Kevin Kendro (District 1), William Beattie (District 2), Earl Hawkins (District 3), Andrew Roper (District 4), John Davis (District 5), Michael Sye (District 6), Joe Harbert (District 7), David Byrd (District 8), Tiffany Byrd (District 9)

Also Present: Kevin Hook, President, MPSSAA  
Patrick Saunderson, Principal's Representative  
Lynette Mitzel, Supervisor, Baltimore County (secretary)  
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA

Excused: Kim Dolch, Past President, MPSSAA  
Dana Johnson, President Elect, MPSSAA

Materials Distributed:

1. Minutes from Classification Committee Conference Call/Webinar
2. MPSSAA Enrollment Numbers 2016-2017
3. MPSSAA Region and Section Alignments 2016-2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.
2. Mr. Warner informed the group of numerous changes that occurred during the 2015-2016 academic year, which consisted of two schools closing and six schools consolidating into three. These changes led to the 1A classification being significantly altered.
3. The Classification Committee made changes per COMAR, which resulted in Manchester Valley being moved to 3A West, Lake Clifton to 2A North, Northwestern to 2A North, International High School Largo to 1A North, and International High School Langley Park to 1A North.
4. Mr. Warner informed the committee two sections have been consolidated into one regional tournament in the past when a sectional has dropped to two or less schools. This affected 1A West field hockey, 1A North girls' soccer, and 1A South boys' soccer. For the other sports, the schools were placed into regions consistent with the school alignment.
5. Mr. Warner reviewed the football scenario as it stands with schools closing and consolidating. 1A North is now left with just four schools. Mike Calhoun, Football Committee Chair, on behalf of the football committee requested the Executive Council to review the region based on concerns that those four schools automatically make the playoffs without playing a game.
6. Discussion was had over the football committee's concerns of the 1A North football region. Mr. Sye proposed to move Havre de Grace, Joppatowne, and Patterson Mill to 1A North keeping Harford County Public Schools together. Mr. Hawkins second the motion. The motion passed 10-1-0.

7. Mr. Hawkins informed the committee of the discrepancy in 4A South girls' soccer, which is not the same as the boys. Discussion ensued over the regions and previous decision of the Classification Committee and the Board of Control regarding the current region alignments. The changes that were made to other alignments were due to school closures and consolidations.
8. Mr. Hawkins made a motion to move North Point and Leonardtown from 4A South section two to 4A East section two. Mr. Sye second the motion. The proposal failed to pass with a 2-8-1 vote.
9. Dr. Roper made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Classification Committee, except for the changes discussed, which were to correct the 1A North football alignment. Mr. Davis second the motion and it passed 11-0-0.
10. The conference call ended at 10:43am.