

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

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting
October 17, 2017

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

Districts Represented: Kevin Kendro (District 1), Jeff Sullivan (District 2), Earl Hawkins (District 3), Andrew Roper (District 4), John Davis (District 5), Michael Sye (District 6), Debbie Basler – by phone (District 7), Stosh Schtierman (for David Byrd District 8), Tiffany Byrd (District 9)

Also Present: Kevin Hook – by phone, President, MPSSAA
Kim Dolch, Past President, MPSSAA
Dana Johnson, President Elect, MPSSAA
Patrick Saunderson, Principal's Representative
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA
Jason Bursick, Assistant Director, MPSSAA
Lynette Mitzel, Supervisor, Baltimore County (secretary)
Kathy Green – by phone, Specialist, Montgomery County

Materials Distributed:

1. Minutes from the August 2017 Executive Council Meeting
2. Historical Information on Fall Athletics Calendar
3. Fall Start Date Adjustment Proposal
4. Non-Game/Forfeit Language

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:10p.m. by President Kevin Hook.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Sye, with a second by Mr. Kendro, to approve the minutes from the August 2017 meeting. That motion passed 12-0-1.
3. Mr. Warner referenced item 21 on the August minutes, which addressed a proposal put forth by Montgomery County to adjust the start date for fall athletics. After discussion at the August meeting, it was requested for the supervisors and superintendents to be polled in regards to their opinions as it pertains to their LEAs. The majority of the LEAs are in favor of keeping the calendar as it stands. With that said, nothing will change for the 2018-2019 year. LEAs and the Executive Council will continue to monitor the start of the athletics calendar and address the subject again if necessary.
4. Mr. Warner provided the council with information regarding a slight change in the soccer state championships. Due to activities at the athletic complex on the campus of Loyola University, the MPSSAA will now hold boys and girls state soccer finals on Wednesday, November 15th, Friday, November 17th, and Saturday, November 18th. If there are any schools which have volleyball and soccer teams playing at that time, the MPSSAA will avoid scheduling that school for both events on the same night.

5. Mr. Sye distributed literature discussing revised forfeit versus non-game language. He feels the current language stating a team must have played at least one regular season game in order for an opponent to be awarded a forfeit isn't solving the problem as the council thought it would when the new language was implemented. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not to change the language or propose a COMAR change as it relates to having a schedule set by the first play date. Mr. Sye made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hawkins: if a team disbands either temporarily or permanently on or after the first play date, the opponent shall be awarded a forfeit. The decision was made to poll local jurisdictions prior to the February 2018 Executive Council retreat and discuss further at that time. Mr. Sye withdrew his motion.
6. Mr. Warner distributed LRG money for the districts whose schools were involved in the program. The NFHS has certification with vendors to authenticate apparel. A portion of the profit goes to the school and a portion goes to the state association, which the MPSSAA distributes to the appropriate districts.
7. Ms. Byrd made a motion at 2:37pm to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Davis seconded the motion and all approved.