

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

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting
October 6, 2021

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

Districts Represented: (District 1) Kevin Kendro, (District 2) Jeff Sullivan, (District 3), Shirley Diggs, (District 4) Steve Lee, (District 5) John Davis, (District 6) Jeff Markle, (District 7) Debbie Basler, (District 8) Bryan Ashby (on at 12:58), (District 9) Tiffany Byrd

Also Present: Michael Duffy, President, MPSSAA
Michael Sye, President Elect, MPSSAA
Patrick Saunderson, Principal's Representative
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA
Ken Kazmarek, Coordinator of Officials, MPSSAA
Lynette Mitzel, Supervisor of Athletics, Secretary
Jason Bursick, Assistant Director, MPSSAA

Excused: Dana Johnson, Past President, MPSSAA

1. The meeting was called to order on October 6, 2021, at 12:32pm.
2. Mr. Duffy requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 24th meeting. Mr. Saunderson made a motion to accept, followed by a second from Mr. Davis. The minutes were approved 11-0. (Mr. Ashby joined the meeting at 12:58 after the vote.)
3. Mr. Warner reviewed the NFHS guidance on hair adornments, which states such things as beads, flat barrettes, and bobby pins are prohibited. He informed the council there have been jurisdictions where situations have occurred in which student athletes have been told by officials they are not permitted to play with these adornments. Dr. Sullivan feels a statement needs to be made concerning permission to allow, should the council agree. Mr. Sye, Mr. Kendro, and several other members agree. Mr. Warner indicated there are local school systems asking for language as soon as possible. He asked if the council would be okay with the MPSSAA office and the Attorney General's office drafting language and disseminating. Mr. Lee made a motion for the MPSSAA and Attorney General to draft and distribute language about hair adornments. Dr. Sullivan's second the motion. The motion passed 12-0.
4. Mr. Duffy asked for council member input on the task force out of season COMAR language adjustments. After concerns were voiced from the council members, Mr. Warner also shared his concerns with some of the language. The task force will meet again to review Mr.

Warner's recommendations and provide the Executive Council with an updated version. Mr. Warner will send out his recommendations for the Executive Council and the task force to review. (Mr. Kazmarek went to another meeting at 1:59.)

5. Mr. Warner informed the group there is currently a contract proposal in the office to use Scorebook Live, which would provide tournament brackets, and can be integrated with Dragon Fly to assign and pay officials. The council agreed this would be an important asset to the MPSSAA tournaments. (Mr. Warner left at 2:01 for another meeting)
6. Mr. Duffy asked if there was other business. Mr. Kendro spoke on the upcoming Officials Appreciation week, which will run October 18-23. There will be a public address announcement for schools to read as well as information for schools to push out on Twitter. The week for winter officials is January 10-15 and the week for spring officials is April 4-9.
7. With no other new business, Mr. Sye made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lee second the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.