

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

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting  
July 13, 2020

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

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

Also Present: Michael Duffy, President, MPSSAA  
Michael Sye, President Elect, MPSSAA  
Dana Johnson, Past President, MPSSAA  
Patrick Saunderson, Principal's Representative (joined meeting at 12:50pm)  
R. Andrew Warner, Executive Director, MPSSAA  
Jason Bursick, Assistant Director, MPSSAA  
Ken Kazmarek, Coordinator of Officials, MPSSAA  
Lynette Mitzel, Secretary

Excused: Jeff Markle, District 6

1. The meeting was called to order on July 13, 2020 at 10:04 am by President Duffy.
2. Mr. Duffy welcomed the committee and inquired as to which districts have begun in person summer activities with student athletes. Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9 have not begun anything, while districts 1, 4, 7, and 8 have some counties within their district that have started back with in-person conditioning.
3. Mr. Warner informed the group of other states around the country on some of their current status on high school sports for the fall.
4. Mr. Duffy inquired as to what districts are planning for athletics if schools do not open for in person learning this fall. Most districts shared the same sentiment, which is if schools are not open as they normally are, athletics will not take place as they normally do. A couple districts stated if a hybrid model is used, there is a possibility of intramural activities taking place. Mr. Sye left the meeting at 11:30am.
5. The council discussed a timeline for when information would be disseminated from the MPSSAA regarding the start date for fall sports. Mr. Warner informed the group expectation deadlines for updates are listed on the MPSSAA website and as it stands now, the August 12<sup>th</sup> date is the first available play date unless the Maryland Department of Health or State Superintendent of Schools advises otherwise. Local school systems may enter into the first available play date at their discretion just like local school

systems have started in-person non-sport specific summer conditioning. Dr. Sullivan asked for clarification, wanting to know if the message he was taking back to his district is Montgomery County will be making their own decision as it relates to delaying the start of fall sports. Mr. Warner confirmed.

6. Mr. Warner asked the council if last week's goals document still needed more modifications or if it was good as it is. The council agreed the framework is present and good to publish.
7. The minutes from the July 7, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion by Steve Lee. Second by Patrick Saunderson. 11-0 approved.
8. Dr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lee second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. by a vote of 11-0.