

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

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting
July 27, 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), Jeff Markle, (District VI), 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

1. The meeting was called to order on July 27, 2020 at 10:00 am by President Duffy.
2. Mr. Duffy asked the committee to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Ashley made a motion to accept the minutes, followed by a second from Ms. Basler. The minutes were approved 11-0. (Mr. Sye and Ms. Diggs were absent from the start of the meeting)
3. Mr. Duffy inquired as to how the survey was received by the superintendents. Mr. Warner informed the council the survey has been placed on hold and he is waiting further guidance from MSDE in the engagement of the local Superintendents. Several members of the council voiced frustration given the proximity to the start of fall sports.
4. Mr. Warner suggested the council articulate what they want to see for athletics during the 2020-2021 academic year. He believes this will assist in the decision making process with local and the state superintendent.
5. Mr. Sye recommended this group moves forward with developing a plan for the first semester of school while most counties are virtual and a plan for second semester when the hope is for all counties to be back in the school building. Dr. Sullivan shared a proposal being worked on in Montgomery County where there are two sport seasons during the second semester. Season one would consist of cross country, field hockey, football, soccer, swimming/diving, and volleyball. Second two would consist of baseball, basketball, golf, lacrosse, softball, tennis,

track, and wrestling. Mr. Kendro feels a three-sport season model would be better and would not pose as many difficulties for smaller schools, officials, or student athletes who play multiple sports. The majority of the council was in favor of a three-sport season model compared to a two-sport season model.

6. Mr. Lee made a motion to recommend to the state superintendent to postpone the fall and winter sport season and for a three sport season beginning in February. Mr. Kendro second the motion. Discussion ensued as Mr. Davis inquired about the status of the recommendation given to MSDE about postponing the start of fall sports until September 8, 2020. Mr. Warner recommended to let previous week's executive council recommendation of postponing to September 8 to play out before recommending to postpone the entire fall and winter seasons. After further deliberation, the council voted 7-2-3 to recommend postponing the fall and winter competition sport season.
7. Mr. Sye made a motion to adjourn at 12:27pm. Ms. Basler second the motion and it unanimously passed.