

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

Minutes of the MPSSAA Executive Council Meeting
November 30, 2020

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, (District 9) Tiffany Byrd

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

Excused: Patrick Saunderson, Principal's Representative
Dana Johnson, Past President

1. The meeting was called to order on November 30, 2020 at 10:06 a.m. by President Duffy.
2. Mr. Duffy asked the committee to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes, followed by a second from Mr. Lee. The minutes were approved 11-0.
3. Mr. Duffy opened the meeting asking for updates from MSDE or the MPSSAA office. Mr. Warner informed the council this week's MSDE transmittal memo for superintendents will include the Board of Control meeting announcement, the recommended classifications for 2021-2023, and the two COMAR bylaws that were tabled at last December's Board of Control meeting. A copy will be sent to all supervisors before the week is over. He also told the group following feedback from Dr. McCambridge and Ms. Nasuta, both members of the Medical Advisory Council, the winter bulletins have been vetted. The spring bulletin revisions are underway and after the spring sports committees review them, Mr. Warner will bring them to the Executive Council for approval.
4. Mr. Duffy requested updates from all districts as to the status of whether counties will begin winter sports on December 7, 2020. Presently, most counties are attempting to begin on December 7th, but most know that it is highly unlikely that will come to fruition. Most are hopeful their student athletes will be able to start participating in person in January 2021. Frederick and St. Mary's are moving forward with December 7th and Carroll is going to begin

- on December 14th. Dorchester is returning to school on December 1st and if metrics are positive for 7 days, they will begin athletics.
5. Mr. Duffy asked if there were any agenda items to add to the Board of Control meeting set for December 16th. Currently the agenda consists of classification information, COMAR bylaws from the December 2019 meeting, and financial update.
 6. Mr. Warner reminded the council there needs to be a formal approval of the winter 2020-2021 winter bulletins. Mr. Warner informed the group there were a few small changes to the bulletins after recommendations from the Medical Advisory Council. These changes included information about removing recommendation on gloves and clarifying language on cloth face coverings and providing hand washing stations. Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the bulletins with the small changes recommended by the medical advisory committee. Ms. Basler second the motion. Mr. Warner asked four sport committee chairs who were on the call to provide input if necessary. None of those individuals had further information to add. The motion passed 11-0.
 7. Mr. Warner asked if the council would like to meet next Monday or meet just prior to the Board of Control meeting. All agreed to meet on Monday, December 14th at 10:00am.
 8. Ms. Basler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Dr. Sullivan. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am with a 11-0 vote.