

Minutes of Meeting
Board of Directors #731
WVSSAC-Parkersburg, West Virginia
Wednesday, September 16, 2026

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the WVSSAC Board of Directors was called to order on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 2026 at 6:08 p.m., by Steve Wamsley, Board President. The following additional members were present: David Viands, Troy Ravenscroft, Mike Collins, Meredith Dailer, and Jared Billings. Absent was: Jim Crawford, Jr., Bob Dunlevy, Matt Adkins, and Drew McClanahan. Representing the WVSSAC administrative staff was: Wayne Ryan, Dan Comer, Jaclyn Swayne, Chris Wells, and Jason Bankston. Steve Gandee, Legal Representative, was also in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Items to be added to Good of the Order:

Wayne Ryan proposed a discussion of football waivers.

Jason Bankston proposed a discussion of a Sunday Cheer practice for Tulsa High School and the situation happening at Brooke High School concerning transfers.

Dan Comer proposed a discussion of Girls Coach Advisory Committee meeting.

On a motion by Jared Billings and a second by Mike Collins, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the agenda for the September 16 and 17, 2026 Board of Directors meetings with the addition of the above items to be added to Good of the Order.

3. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mike Collins and a second by Meredith Dailer, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

4. Coach Appeal/School Appeal

A. Brad Napier - Chapmanville Regional High School Boys Basketball Coach

Also Present: Rob Kuenzel, Esquire, Legal Counsel

127-2-9 Undue Influence - Recruiting

127-4-3 Coad for Interscholastic Athletics

*** On a motion by Mike Collins and a second by Troy Ravenscroft, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to begin Executive Session.

*** On a motion by Jared Billings and a second by Mike Collins, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to conclude Executive Session.

Appeal of Brad Napier continued

On a motion by Meredith Dailer and a second by David Viands, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to modify the Executive Director's discipline by removing violation 127-2-9 and reducing the suspension of the coach to two scrimmages and two regular season games.

- B. Chapmanville Regional High School
 - Seeking waiver to the six game in class or above rule for football playoffs
 - George Barker - Athletic Director
 - Rob Dial - Principal

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Appeal of Chapmanville Regional High School continued

On a motion by David Viands and a second by Mike Collins, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 that the decision of the Executive Director be overturned and that Chapmanville Regional High School be granted a waiver for one year with the understanding that they file on time next year.

5. Executive Director Update - Wayne Ryan

WVSSAC will be hosting the Section 2 meeting September 28-30, 2026 in Summersville. Also an Administrative Workshop with 75 attendees was held. Wayne and Jason will be making a presentation at the West Virginia School Board Association meeting. Reimbursement to the schools was also discussed.

Chris Wells provided information on making a presentation to the School Business Officials Conference on October 15, 2026. Chris also gave an update on the Band meeting where a potential State Championship in Marching Band was discussed. Chris also gave an update on ARBITOR.

Jaclyn Swayne gave an update on the Chick-fil-A Leadership Summit and the Cheer Invitational.

Jason Bankston gave an overview of the Golf Championship and recognized a freshman girl from Wheeling Park High School for winning the Girls State Golf Championship. Jason also gave an update on Girls Flag Football.

Dan Comer gave an update on E-Book format for prospective coaches course.

6. Discipline Log

Necessary changes that were suggested will be implemented.

There was no presentation concerning a Legal Update or Review Board.

7. Executive Director Evaluation

The following statement will be released to the public regarding the Executive Director's evaluation:

At the June 17th meeting we discussed Executive Director's goals and the WVSSAC Board of Directors unanimously concurred that Executive Director Wayne Ryan met and/or exceeded his annual goals as well as the performance standards established by his position. The Board recognized Mr. Ryan's leadership and continued commitment to advancing the mission, operations and overall effectiveness of the WVSSAC. The Board further noted the organization continues to build progress under his leadership, particularly in supporting member schools, promoting opportunities for student athletes, and effectively navigating the evolving landscape of interscholastic athletics and activities.

The Board looks forward to continuing its work with Executive Director Ryan to strengthen the WVSSAC and advance its mission serving West Virginia's schools and students.

10. Moved to Item 10, Good of the Order, on the Agenda for Thursday, September 17, 2026

- A. Wayne Ryan asked for approval to send out letter stating that the Football Waiver Request is always in effect and due by May 1st.

On a motion by Jared Billings and a second by Troy Ravenscroft, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to approve sending out the Football Waiver Request letter stating that schools may now request a waiver from the Executive Director to be exempt from the 6-game in-class or above requirement for the football playoffs and they must be received by May 1st with the high school administrator to include details and an explanation supporting the reason for the waiver request.

- B. Jason Bankston presented Tulsa High School's request for permission to conduct a Sunday practice to be able to use an outside choreographer.

On a motion by Troy Ravenscroft and a second by David Viands, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the Sunday practice for Tulsa High School.

C. Troy Ravenscroft made a suggestion on Sunday Flex Day Waivers.

On a motion by Troy Ravenscroft and a second by Mike Collins, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to approve giving the Executive Director the authority to make determinations for Sunday Flex Day Waivers and will have the authority to decide what needs to come before the Board.

D. Jason Bankston discussed the situation with Brooke High School female athletes.

On a motion by Troy Ravenscroft and a second by David Viands, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to give the Executive Director the discretion to approve waivers for female athletes from Brooke High School as it relates potential transfers.

E. Dan Comer gave a presentation on the Girls Wrestling Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting. The following required Board approval:

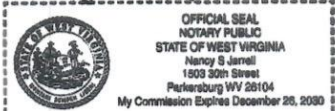
1. Allow exhibition matches to count toward season match totals
2. To be eligible for regional tournaments, a wrestler must compete in at least 50% of matches after their alpha date, at or below the weight class they intend to wrestle at regionals.
3. Use number of matches (including exhibition matches) instead of weigh-ins for '26, '27 season, not to exceed 54 matches.

On a motion by Meredith Dailer and a second by Jared Billings, the Board voted unanimously 5-0 to approve all three of the actions for Girls Wrestling.

*** On a motion by Troy Ravenscroft and a second by Jared Billings, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting until 8:45 a.m. on September 17, 2026.

(September 16, 2026 recessed at 8:01 p.m.)

Prepared by:

My commission expires December 26, 2030.