



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017  
Coleman Catholic High School  
9:30 AM  
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom  
Greg welcomed all Athletic Directors to the first Section IX meeting of 2017. He asked Chris Mayo to introduce the OCIAA Athletic Directors and Steve Boucher introduced the new MHAL Athletic Directors.  
All members present except: Dennis Burkett and David Coates
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne  
NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Highlights and NYSPHSAA Items to be voted upon by the Athletic Council.
4. Approval of the June 20, 2017 Minutes  
Motion to approve was made by Rosario Agostaro, 2nd by Joe Phelan.  
All in favor. Motion Carried.
5. Financial Report - Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Michael.  
All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives- Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe. The Athletic Council needs to review action items for NYSPHSAA October vote.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report by Greg Ransom:  
Chris Watson reported that the NYSPHSAA Captain's Club was looking for possible candidates for presentations. Kristen Jadin reported that Athletic Directors should be looking at the NYSPHSAA Hazing Prevention Course. It would be better to have the school districts be proactive than reactive.
8. Combining of Teams- Tim Bult and Dennis Burkett:  
Tim Bult reviewed that the Roscoe School District has requested to merge with Downsville (Section IV) and Livingston Manor. The school districts meet the criteria.  
Motion to approve Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz.  
All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Sent to OCIAA/MHAL for review:
  - (a) Section IX to pay for a certified Athletic Trainer to attend the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Tournament. Total cost \$848.00. Section IX would receive a donation from the friends of Section IX wrestling of \$400.00
  - (b) Volleyball – request for a Senior All Star Contest

#### 10. Fall Chair Reports:

- (a) Cross Country – James Glover and Joe Cahill

No report

- (b) Football – David Coates

No report

- (c/d) Boys Soccer/Girls Soccer – Pete Ferguson, Tony Martelli and Diane Wanser

Diane Wanser reported that all dates are listed on the website. Diane requested that the Athletic Directors who had new coaches to please contact her regarding the Coaches name and e-mail address. Send the information to [wand9@hvc.rr.com](mailto:wand9@hvc.rr.com)

- (e) Field Hockey – Debra Beam

Debra Beam reported that she had hoped for a better turnout at the coaches meeting so everyone would receive the same information. Debra discussed the list of goggles that are approved for the athletes to wear. Please refer to the NYSPHSAA website for the complete list. The Handbook is online with the championships being held at Dietz Stadium on October 24-25, 2017.

The Class A Championship will be held October 23, 2017 at 4:15 pm at Vassar College. The Regional vs. Section IV will be held at Dietz Stadium on November 5, 2017.

- (f) Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco

No report

- (g) Volleyball – Stephen Boucher

The Handbook is online with the Committee Seed Meeting on October 25, 2017. Exceptional Senior Contest – Back to the Leagues.

- (h) Swimming – Pat Ryan

Coaches Meeting was not well attended. Pat made sure all coaches received the necessary information. Any updates will be sent to the coaches.

#### 11. Chair Reports:

- (a) Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Greg Warren and Michelle Henn

The Committee meets next week with information coming to the Athletic Council in October 2017.

- (b) Safety – Janet Carey

The Committee has a meeting next week. Athletic Directors should look into the Anyone Can Save a Life Program. Anyone who has a question regarding safety should contact Janet.

- (c) Chemical Health – Kermit Moyer

Kermit reported on committee discussions regarding Student Advisory Committee, National Summit and a New York State Summit with more details to follow.

- (d) Eligibility – Fred Ahart

Will be meeting after this meeting.

- (e) Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett

Greg Ransom reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement with the Officials and Section IX Athletics.

Motion to approve Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosario Agostaro.

All in favor, motion carried.

Greg thanked Dennis for all his hard work in getting the Officials to sign the contract.

- (f) Sportsmanship – Adam Kless

No Report

- (g) Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein

The NYSPHSAA Committee will be meeting next week. The Committee will be discussing Spring Basketball for 2018 and Bowling for the Fall season.

#### 12. New Business:

Greg Ransom reported that the Section IX Athletic Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting has been moved to Thursday, May 24, 2018 at the Monroe Woodbury Educational Center. Greg Ransom also reported on the Principal Central Committee Representative opening. He asked the Superintendent Representatives to serve on a Committee to review possible candidates with Robbie Greene serving as the Chairperson. All candidates interested should prepare a resume and submit it to the Section IX Secretary. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Section IX Athletic Council.

NYSPPHSAA Items to be voted upon at the October NYSPHSAA Meeting.

(#16) Girls and Boys Swimming – Limit Alternates for Relays. Pat Ryan – Section IX Chairperson asked the Athletic Council to give the Coaches and himself the opportunity to work on a solution to the problem.

Motion to approve made by Steve Boucher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robbie Greene.

0 yes votes and 13 no votes. The motion was defeated.

(#5) Limit the number of two day non-bracketed Tournaments in Wrestling.

Motion to approve by Mike Bellarosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Cassata.

All in favor, motion carried.

(#3) Revision to the time line for School Enrollment Numbers. At this point the Leagues have requested more information. Discussion on schedule planning and concerns regarding Teams on the bubble.

Motion to approve by Mike Bellarosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosario Agostaro.

6 yes votes and 7 no votes. The motion was defeated.

Motion by Stephen Boucher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro to approve The Leagues Action.

All in favor, motion carried.

(#1) Yes to the Uniformed Calendar for Variation Sports

(#2) Yes to consideration of approval of Oversight Committee.

(#4) No to eliminate 99lb Weight Class in League matches only

(#6) Yes to Girls Volleyball – Adopt Standard Operating Procedures Format for Regional and State Tournament

(#7) Yes 2017-2018 Cheer Rubrics and Progression Sheets

(#8) Yes require schools to provide proof of legally obtaining music before competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championship

(#9) No to allow the Sections to use Video replay at Section Cheer Championships

(#10) No to eliminate the International Tie Breaker for Regional Contests – Softball

(#12) Yes for All State and Regional Games shall be played to completion – Softball

(#13) Yes to eliminate Regional Certificates to be handed out at Regional Games. Certificates to be sent to the schools.

(#14) Yes 10 Run Rule – game ending procedure – Baseball

No to increase maximum number of games to 22.

(#15) No Baseball to adjust regional rotation when byes create a direct path to the State Final

Yes if Baseball follows Basketball and Softball model

Representation Rule – Extenuating Circumstances

Discussion regarding the language and extenuating circumstances.

Motion to approve Jim Wolfe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Cassata

All in favor, motion carried.

Fred Ahart commented and asked questions regarding Duration of Competition. Combining of Teams- 4 Team Mergers and Football Classification Numbers

Rosario Agostaro asked if school districts provided district wide email addresses to coaches who come from the community.

Robbie Greene reported that the Mid Hudson Study Council will be hosting a Workshop on Election Day November 7, 2017 at Monroe-Woodbury more details and registration information to follow.

Chris Mayo reported that Ovarian Cancer Awareness Workshop will be held at Monroe-Woodbury on September 20, 2017. A web link will be supplied for those not able to attend.

Chris also reported that a group called the 12<sup>th</sup> Rock is developing an Indoor Track Facility in the near future.

Mike Kroemer reported on the NYSAAA Conference in March 2018. Athletic Directors who have not registered for AAA Membership please go online as soon as possible.

Jim Osborne reported on the Section IX Directories and Admission Passes that are available to the Athletic Director and Sports Chairpersons. The Certificate of Insurance have been sent to the non-school district venues.

Anaconda Sports – LIDS – BSN Sports has reported to Section IX that they are reviewing the contract/agreement signed in 2015. More information to follow. If the contract is voided due to BSN Sports purchasing then Anaconda Sports – Lids the Athletic Council needs to decide if they will purchase Championship shirts for the Athletes.

Motion to adjourn by John Landro, 2nd by Tim Bult.  
All in favor, motion carried.

Mandated NYSPHSAA Athletic Director workshop:  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 9:30 am @ Wallkill High School

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 9:30 am at Orange Ulster Boces Conference Center

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

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Section IX Secretary/Treasurer