



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
October 8, 2019  
Walkill High School – 9:30 am**

## Minutes

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom  
All members present except: Fred Ahart
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom  
Greg read the Highland Falls School District Resolution honoring Debra Crowe recognizing her long and outstanding service and commitment to education, to athletics in the school district and the school community.
3. Review of Meeting Materials: Athletic Council folders and online, Section IX website.
4. Approval of September 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve Hans Sebald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Phelan. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report: Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives: Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe. NYSPHSAA October Action Items will be voted upon by the Athletic Council.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report- Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director
  1. Coaching Certification
  2. Transfer Rule – Review – Interpretation of recent changes to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule
  3. NYSPHSAA Winter Start Date – November 11, 2019
8. Combining of Teams: Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer  
Motion to approve Liberty as the Host, in Varsity Wrestling with Eldred and Sullivan West was made by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Back from the Leagues:
  - a. NYSPHSAA October Action Items
    1. Section IX previously approved:  
Swimming & Diving – Number of Judges required to qualify for the State Championship in a 11 Dive Dual Meet.
    2. Boys Soccer – New 6 year Regional Rotation 2020-2025
    3. Back to the Leagues – Utilize the NFHS Weight Classes in all Dual Meets and Dual Meet Tournaments in the year 2020-2022
    4. Wrestling – Conduct one NYSPHSAA/Federation Wrestling Tournament. Motion to approve Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Boucher 5 yes – 11 No, Fred Ahart absent, Greg Ransom abstain. Motion failed.
    5. Wrestling – Waiver for five-bout NFHS Rule in Post season. Motion to approve Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bellarosa. All in favor. Motion carried.
    6. Wrestling – Use of Inbody Scale for the NYSPHSAA Weigh Certification Program. Motion to approve Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
    7. Softball – Elimination of the existing waiver banning cleats. Motion to approve Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
    8. Softball – Elimination of International Tiebreaker for Regional Contests. Motion to approve Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. Yes -12 votes. No – 5 votes. Fred Ahart absent. Motion carried.
    9. Baseball – Adopt Game Ending Procedure Run Rule. Motion to approve Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.
    10. Waiver of Representation Rule  
Motion to approve 6 contests to 3 contests for Indoor Track & Field, Gymnastics, and Nordic/Alpine Skiing was made by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
    11. Girls Basketball – Waiver for NCAA Rule 2-11.6 Motion to approve Steve Boucher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.
    12. School Enrollment Numbers for 2020-2021 Motion to approve by Dr. Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marco Lanzoni. All in favor. Motion carried.
    13. NYSPHSAA Position Statement on Overuse Inquiries and Specials. Back to Leagues

14. Membership Dues Increase Motion to approve Joe Phelan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. Motion carried. Yes – 15 votes. No – 1 vote. Fred Ahart absent, Greg Ransom – abstain.
  15. Boys Lacrosse – Allow Sections to determine Spring Start Date. Back to the Leagues
  16. Consideration of Virtual/Connected Events Back to the Leagues
  17. Wrestling NFHS Head Gear Logo Rule Waiver. Motion to approve Dr. Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
  18. Game Day Cheerleading – After much discussion. Motion by Dr. Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robbie Greene to send Back to the Leagues Section IX will host a Championship in 2021 if a minimum number of schools participate (6). All in favor sending this to the Leagues. Motion carried.
  19. Section IX Treasurer Position – Motion to approve Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Phelan. All in favor. Motion carried.
  20. Neutral Site Policy – Motion to approve Joe Phelan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried. Sports Chairperson should note. All sites and dates need to be reviewed by the Executive Director before publication.
10. Fall Chair Reports: Greg sent to the Athletic Council the reports that Sports Chairpersons have sent to him.
  11. Chair Reports: Reports were sent to the Athletic Council.
  12. New Business:
    - a. Motion by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Katz to approve Suzanne Lenzian as Section IX Modified Sports Representative. All in favor. Motion carried.
    - b. Michael Kroemer – NYSAAA report. Conference Registration & Hotel information will be distributed. To Athletic Directors.
    - c. Competitive Cheerleading: The Section IX Judges Association is looking for a scrimmage site possibly in early December 2019. The Association wants to thank Valley Central for hosting the scrimmage in 2018. Goshen High School will host Thursday, December 12, 2019 details to follow.
  13. Old Business: Girls Golf Team Championship  
League Girls Golf Bylaws were changed in language to state that teams with less than four members will play a non-league schedule and can still win a match but will not qualify as a Division winner or to play in Section IX NYSPHSAA Tournaments. Individual golfers will still qualify for the Section IX Tournament.
  14. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting:  
Motion to adjourn by Brian Monahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 9:30 am at Orange-Ulster BOCES

Respectfully submitted,  
*James M. Osborne*  
Section IX Secretary/Treasurer