



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom

All members present except Mike Bellarosa, Ken Hauck, and Linda Trapani.

2. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne, Secretary

All materials were sent to the Athletic Council and posted on the Section IX website.

3. Approval of Minutes for January 4, 2022

*Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Robbie Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.*

4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani, Treasurer

In Linda's absence, Jim Osborne presented the report.

*Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Jim Osborne asked the Athletic Directors to please review the invoices sent to them and process them with their Business Office. Any questions, please let us know.

5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives - Robbie Greene and Jim Wolfe

- a. Information reviewed that was sent to the Athletic Directors. Items will be placed on the April Agenda for a vote.
- b. Ms. Greene also discussed Girls Flag Football and the why/how Section IX was not included in the Pilot Program.

6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Dr. Robert Zayas

- a. Dr. Zayas discussed the reversal of the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee regarding Cheerleading.
- b. Also reviewed was the NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan that will be presented to the Executive Committee in May. They are: Increasing Participation; Financial Stability; Official Recruitment; and Diversity.
- c. Questions were asked about the Six Classifications that were approved.

7. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Dominic Zarrella

Motion to approve Host and Combined Schools was presented and motioned by Tim Bult, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Winter Chair Reports

Greg Ransom sent information to the Athletic Council.

- a. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner  
Scott reviewed the preliminary events that were streamed by the NFHS. Great reviews were reported to Scott about the NFHS and Frank Woodward, who announced the events.
- b. Winter Track – Mike White  
Mike reported on the events of this season. He will be putting together a proposal to continue using the Armory and Ocean Breeze. Greg will be asking Linda Trapani about the financial impact of the sites proposal.

## 9. Chair Reports

- a. Sportsmanship – Adam Kless  
Adam reported that the Participation Survey is online for Athletic Directors to fill out.
- b. April 26-28 is Official Appreciation Week and May 17-19 is Coaches Appreciation Week.
- c. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein  
Rich reported the program begins on April 4, 2022.

## 10. Old Business

None to report.

## 11. New Business

- a. Section IX Classification Committee – Gerard Gass
  - i. The Classification Committee proposed that John S. Burke Catholic Football program move up from Class D to Class C for Football 2022-2023 school year.
  - ii. The Classification Committee proposed that Mount Academy Boys Soccer program move up from Class D to Class C for Boys Soccer 2022-2023 school year.  
*Motion to approve made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Marco Lanzoni. YES votes - 12; NO votes – 1; Absent – 4. Motion carried.*
- b. Football Championship Bid proposed by the Section IX Football Committee. David Coates outlined the Championship Site/Facility.  
*Motion to approve made by David Coates, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- c. Girls & Boys Golf requested the reduction of matches from six (6) to four (4) for 2022.  
*Motion was made by Robbie Greene, seconded by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- d. Girls and Boys Soccer presented to the Athletic Council and the Leagues feedback on items listed on the handout.
- e. Section IX Football, Girls and Boys Senior All-Star contests for 2022.  
*Motion to approve made by David Coates, seconded by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.*
- f. Section IX Spring 2022 Guidelines reviewed.
- g. Jim Osborne reviewed the success and positive reports regarding GoFan and the NFHS.
- h. Greg Ransom congratulated the NYSAAA Award winners for 2022.

## 12. Adjournment – Section IX

*Motion to adjourn by Tim Bult, seconded by Sue Lenzian. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Video conference at 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne

Section IX Athletics, Secretary