



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletics
Wednesday, April 22, 2009
Walkill High School at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet at 9:10 a.m.
All members were present except: Ms. Roberta Greene, Mr. Donald Andrews,
Mr. Al Wojtaszek
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report - Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion
carried.
4. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne
5. Approval of March 3, 2009 Minutes. Motion to approve by Pete Meoli, 2nd by Dennis
Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. NYSPHSAA April Office Report and Update
Jim Osborne reviewed the discussion items from NYSPHSAA
 - A. Football – Change to the practice regulation. Motion to approve for the high school level
(Varsity, JV, Freshmen) was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor.
Motion carried.
 - B. Permission for a 10th game (football). The discussion of the Athletic Council was not to
support this action. All other sports will be playing less contests for 2009-2010.
Motion Not to support giving permission for a 10th game was made by Frank Carrozza,
2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - C. Swimming – Request permission to continue the established procedure to determine
qualifying times for entry into the championship meet. Motion by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by
Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - D. Sportsmanship – With sectional approval, a school may appeal the penalty of the
NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule. This item needs to go back to the leagues for
discussion.
 - E. The Athletic Council discussed the recommendation that was sent to the Handbook
Committee regarding a language change. The language would be changed at all three
levels of the sportsmanship rule. The change for both coach and player would be
“ejected from one contest” to “receiving a disqualification penalty.” If the item comes up
for a vote Section IX would be in favor of the language change. Motion by Dennis
Burkett, 2nd by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.

- F. Modified Football – Request of a one year continuation of the Football Pilot Program permitting the use of two wide receivers. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.

NYSPPHSAA Update that was presented at the NYSAAA Conference March 20, 2009 (review handout).

- A. Women’s Sport Foundation
 - B. Participation Survey – The survey is in the mail to all school districts.
 - C. Athletic Directors Workshop – Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2009 after the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
 - D. Classification numbers - no change for 2009-2010
 - E. Scrimmages – Must adhere to the scrimmage rule
 - F. Coaching Clinics – Cheerleading May 15, 2009 in Syracuse
 - G. Classification of non public and charter schools
7. NYSPPHSAA Hall of Fame – Bob Thabet
Congratulations to former Athletic Director, Ron Montalto, Monroe-Woodbury Central School District. Mr. Montalto will be inducted into the NYSPPHSAA Hall of Fame in August 2009 in Lake Placid.
8. NYSPPHSAA Representatives Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Spring NYSPPHSAA Meeting will take place in Syracuse, New York on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd.
9. Admission Prices for Sectional Contests – Bob Thabet
Bob discussed with the Athletic Council that he believed each sport should establish a student admission that is less than an adult admission. The student admission price for sectional and regional contests will be at least 20 % less than the adult admission rounded to the nearest dollar. Motion by John Landro, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Lee Molyneaux Report to Section IX Athletic Council
Lee Molyneaux, Saugerties Athletic Director, reviewed his school district situation this winter season. The boys basketball team unknowingly used an ineligible player.
11. Resignation of Antonia Woody as Gymnastics Chairperson
Bob read Mrs. Woody’s resignation letter. He asked for a motion to approve with great regret. Motion to approve was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried. Bob thanked Mrs. Woody for all her hard work. The MHAL was asked to find a chairperson for this sport.
12. Review of Possible Additional Cost Savings – Jim Osborne
Looking for a balance the Athletic Council asked Jim Osborne for possible additional savings in Athletics (review handout).
In a motion by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Jim Wolfe, to send the list to each sport chairperson for a recommendation. The chairpeople should reply to Bob Thabet by June 1, 2009. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Section IX Application for Admission – Bob Thabet

A committee was formed to develop an application for admission (review handout). Bob reviewed the application with the Athletic Council. A motion was made by Dennis Burkett to approve the application, 2nd by Antonia Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. NYSAAA – Harold Fried

The President of thy NYSAAA discussed the 2010 Conference “Getting it Done – One Step at a Time.” Harold is looking for help in planning the Conference activities. Please contact him regarding workshops and getting involved.

15. Spring Chair Reports:

- a. Baseball - Dave Onusko No report.
- b. Boys Golf - Dick O’Neill No report.
- c. Girls Golf - Bill Earl No report.
- d. Boys Lacrosse - Bill Miller No report.
- e. Girls Lacrosse - Wendy Crandall No report.
- f. Boys Tennis - Bob Siracuse No report.
- g. Track & Field - Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud

All information is on the website. Please read and follow procedures. A reminder any performance from the last weekend of April obtained in any Invitational or Championship Meet of five or more schools with certified officials will be used for State Meet seeding purpose.

- h. Softball - Bruce Guyette No report.

16. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports - Brian Devincenzi and Helenanne Gillinder
All surveys and reports will be sent to the Section IX website. NYSPHSAA is looking for sport chairs.
- b. Safety - Janet Carey No report.
- c. Chemical Health - Marco Lanzoni
Life of an Athlete Workshop will be conducted after the meting.
- d. Officials Coordinator - Dennis Burkett No report.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart No meeting after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship - Glen Maisch
The assessments were due for the Promotion Program. Glen will be in touch with the school districts that participated.

17. New Business

- A. The Athletic Director Workshop directed by NYSPHSAA will be held Tuesday, September 15, 2009 following the Section IX Meeting.
- B. NCAA Forum (Refer to handout)
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009
Site: Harriman Learning Center Time: 10:00 a.m.
Topics: Rules – Regulations & Eligibility Center

- C. Scholar/Athlete Team Award – Winter 2008-2009
Results (Refer to handout)
- D. Antonia Woody distributed NYSAAA awards to the Athletic Directors.
Congratulations to Lorraine Barbarash 25 years and Fred Ahart 40 years.
- E. Merging – Motion by Pete Meoli, 2nd by Jeff Hartman to approve the mergers of FDR and Rhinebeck in Football, FDR and Highland in Boys Swimming and Marlboro and Highland in Girls Swimming. All in favor. Motion carried.
- F. Bob Thabet discussed the great workshops that NYSPHSAA provides for its member schools.

The next workshop *Citizenship through Athletics* will be held Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the NYSPHSAA office.

- G. Mr. Jeff Hartman was asked to set-up the Tuesday, June 16, 2009 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting site.
- H. Fred Ahart congratulated John Coleman High School and Newburgh Free Academy for winning the NYSPHSAA Championship in Girls and Boys Basketball. Chris Townsend, NFA Athletic Director, thanked Fred Ahart for his help during the Tournament.

18. Old Business

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at Mt. St. Mary College in the Hudson Hall Auditorium at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Athletics

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