



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletics  
Minutes  
Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 20, 2009

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet at 9:30 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet  
Mr. Robert Thabet asked for a moment of silence out of respect for the recent passing of Mrs. Sandra Burkett.

All members present except: Robert Siracuse

3. Presentation of the William Moran Award  
Mr. Thabet presented Mr. Al Wojtaszek with a plaque for being honored as the 2009 William Moran Award recipient.
4. Approval of the September 15, 2009 Minutes – Bob Thabet  
Motion to approve by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne  
The Athletic Council was given handouts for review. All information can be found on-line at the Section IX website. The leagues can copy the documents as needed for discussion.
6. Regional Certification: Coaching and The TEACH System  
Mr. Thabet introduced the Orange-Ulster BOCES Regional Certification Officer Charlotte Zupetz and the Sullivan BOCES Regional Certification Officer Cindy Michelson. The following handouts were reviewed.
  - A. Frequently Asked Questions – Coaching Certification
  - B. Coaching Certification Process – Non/Teacher Coach
  - C. Guidelines for Coaching Requirements
  - D. Instructions – On-line Coaching Application
  - E. Check List for Temporary Coaching, Professional Coaching License and Certified Teacher Coach

The Athletic Council and Athletic Directors asked questions regarding problems the school districts were experiencing. Mr. Thabet thanked Ms. Zupetz and Ms. Michelson for taking the time to meet with the Athletic Directors. The Regional Officers stated they were available to assist the Athletic Directors and school districts with any questions or problems they may have.

7. Financial Report: Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.

Section IX Budget for 2010-2011 was reviewed by Jim Osborne, Treasurer  
The Leagues should discuss the budget with a vote to be taken at the December 1, 2009 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

8. NYSPHSAA Report – Ms. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director  
Ms. Van Erk introduced Ms. Eileen Troy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of NYSPHSAA. Ms. Troy thanked Bob Thabet and the Athletic Council for their hospitality in welcoming her to Section IX. Ms. Van Erk reviewed the October 2009 NYSPHSAA Office Report highlighting the NYSPHSAA Meeting summaries. All items can be found on-line at the Section IX website. Please note the October 30, 2009 Wrestling Clinic at RIT has been cancelled. Ms. Van Erk also reported on the Championship Philosophy Committee's first meeting with the following topics being discussed: Quantity vs. Quality participation, team sports and individual sports. The committee will be reviewing the number of participants in individual sports, the qualifying standards and selection of individuals. The committee is currently discussing and will begin collecting data from the Sport Coordinators. The committee has made No decisions nor have they taken any action. Mr. David Bernsley, Wallkill High School Principal, is the Section IX representative to the Championship Philosophy Committee.

9. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
No report. NYSPHSAA meets December 6 - 7, 2009

10. Softball – Criteria Qualifications – League Input  
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy.  
10 - Yes votes 3 - No votes 1 - Abstain. Motion carried. Mr. Robert Thabet asked Jim Osborne to put together by sport the criteria used by the Section IX Sport Committees.

11. Girls Golf – Criteria Qualifications – League Input  
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Section IX Boys Lacrosse Chairperson – League Input  
Motion by Pete Meoli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody to appoint Bob Slate, Saugerties, as the Section IX Boys Lacrosse Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Wrestling Section IX Duals – League Input  
The Section IX Duals will be a field of entry reduced to 12 teams – Division I. The Division II would have a final championship match between the top two teams to be held at the same time as the Division I Championship Match. Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. Motion carried.

The site of the Division II Sectionals was discussed with Toni Woody making a motion to have Highland School District host the Division II Sectional Wrestling Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. Motion carried.

14. NYSPHSAA Dues Increase – League Input

Motion by Roberta Greene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza, to increase NYSPHSAA dues by \$30.00 per school and .03 per student for the 2010-2011 school year. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Girls Basketball – 16 Minute Halves – League Input

Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.

16. Classification of Schools – BEDS Report

Jim Osborne asked Athletic Directors to please submit the BEDS information immediately.

17. Proposed Change to the Section IX Constitution – Bob Thabet

Mr. Thabet asked the Athletic Council to please fill out the ballot that is enclosed in the Athletic Council folder.

The vote: 5 for the motion 9 against. The proposal change to the Section IX Constitution is not approved.

18. Fall Chair Reports

a. Cross Country – Steve Loturco

On-line entries are due by Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Eric McLaud asked the Athletic Directors to remind their coaches to get the information on-line as soon as possible.

b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch

The Football Committee will be meeting Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The playoffs and sectional championship will be reviewed. Mr. Thabet discussed MSG request to televise the AA Regional Championship contest at Dietz Stadium. Ms. Van Erk noted that other Sections have been approached by MSG to televise their Sectional and Regional Championships. In reviewing the MSG contract the language of the contract is restrictive and they request exclusive rights. Mr. Thabet will review the request of MSG.

c. Boys Soccer - Pete Ferguson

The seed meeting will take place on Thursday, October 22, 2009. Mr. Ferguson asked the Athletic Directors to review seeding and selection criteria in the Section IX Handbook. He requested the MHAL and OCIAA assignors to please use officials trained in the 3 person officiating. Mr. Jeff Hartman asked who decided on the site for the Championship Sectional. Mr. Ferguson stated the Committee, Boys and Girls were asked about different possible venues to host the Championship. Mr. Pete Ferguson asked the Committee to let him know if anyone wanted to host the Tournament. Mr. Ferguson was told that Middletown was interested and a meeting was set up to review the facility. At that meeting Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Wanser, Mr. Martelli and Mr. Osborne met with Athletic Director, Mr. David Coates to review dates, times and cost involved. Mr. Ferguson discussed with Ms. Wanser the Middletown site and confirmed the details with Mr. Coates.

d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser

All seeding information needs to be received before noon on October 22, 2009. All nominees for All-State and NSCAA should be sent to Ms. Wanser. All school district

should check the website for seeding information and call Ms. Wanser with any questions.

- e. Field Hockey – Linda Krause  
No report given but all information is on-line.
  - f. Swimming – Pat Ryan  
The Section IX Championship Meet will be held at Valley Central on November 5, 6, 7, 2009. If anyone has questions regarding what swim suits are allowed please contact your school district coach.
  - g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco  
No report.
  - h. Volleyball – Ken Rubino  
Ms. Woody requested all Athletic Directors to send in their point cards for selection and seeding.
19. Chair Reports:
- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi and Helenanne Gillinder  
The State Modified Report for October is on-line at the Section IX website. Please use the on-line surveys so the Committee can gather the data necessary to evaluate the modified pilot programs.
  - b. Safety Committee – Janet Carey  
No report.
  - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
Minutes of the meeting are on the Section IX website. The highlights are:  
Approved Coach/Supervisor violation # 9 of the State Code of Conduct.  
DVD's for any of the 5 year programs are available from the NYSPHSAA.  
Issues and Concerns: Students ability to purchase supplements over the internet.
  - d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
No report.
  - e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
Brief meeting after the Section IX Meeting.
  - f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
Mr. Maisch reviewed the meeting held on October 15, 2009. Check the website for details and information.  
The Sportsmanship Promotion Program On-line submission is due April 15, 2010. The Leagues need to discuss the consequence for a coach not serving sportsmanship penalty.

20. New Business

Mr. Harold Fried reviewed the NYSAAA Conference which will be held March 16-19, 2010 in Saratoga, New York. Mr. Thabet reminded the Athletic Directors that Section IX is the host Section for this Conference.

Mr. Mike Kroemer, Rondout Valley, reported on the November 3, 2009 Physical Education Conference. Please contact Mike if you have any questions.

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21. Old Business

None.

22. Adjournment

Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at Wallkill High School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne, Secretary  
Section IX Athletics

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Items to be discussed by the Leagues for a possible vote at the December 1, 2009  
Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

1. 2010-2011 Section IX Budget
2. Reduction of Athletic Contests  
(Currently a Section IX and NYSPHSAA Policy)
3. Modified Sports
  - A. Section XI request for baseball re-entry rule
  - B. Baseball bats
  - C. Softball pilot program
4. Sportsmanship  
Consequence for a coach not serving sportsmanship penalty