



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Orange-Ulster BOCES – March 1, 2011

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All Athletic Council Members were present except:
Mr. Ray Castellani and Mr. Al Wojtaszek
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
Section IX Agenda
Section IX Financial Report
February and March 2011 NYSPHSAA Office Report
Report from Section IX Representatives Ms. Greene and Mr. Wolfe
Section IX Wrestling Format for 2011-2012
Cheerleading Report – Mrs. Cherie Ramsey
2011-2012 Start Dates – Doug Murphy
Baseball NFHS Rule Change
Application for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor Status
Rule Changes NFHS vs. NCAA or ASA
Executive Director December Calendar
Football – Exceptional Senior Game
5. Approval of January 11, 2011 Minutes
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Fred Ahart. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. NYSPHSAA Report – Ms. Nina Van Erk
The Legislature has introduced several different bills regarding Concussion Management. Any bill that is approved should have *Return to Play* and *Return to School Protocol*. The NYSPHSAA will support bills that include both protocols.

Sport teams traveling out of New York State should review the scrimmage rules. Ms. Van Erk has requested all Athletic Directors review the scrimmage rules with the spring coaches.

Championship Philosophy Committee Report – Information/details will be online by the end of the week. A possible May vote by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee on this issue.

Ms. Van Erk discussed the Participation Survey and the Classification of School Districts. The Participation Survey is linked to the Championship Philosophy Report. NYSPHSAA uses the participation survey when sports want to look at creating a variation for their sport. The survey is used to generate a list of schools as a starting off point and the sport coordinators assist the NYSPHSAA in determining combined, missing or no program schools. The participation survey is not used to determine the general five classification cut off numbers, just the BEDS numbers and the member school list.

7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Review the online report especially the Athletics vs. Physical Education Issue. Discussion took place regarding the recommendations of the Physical Education Profile and the value of Physical Education.
8. Section IX Budget Line
The Section IX Athletic Council recommends that Athletic Directors establish a budget line for expenses paid by Section IX Athletics as soon as possible. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Section IX Wrestling 2011-2012
Motion to approve new format by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Misidentified Player – Bob Thabet (Back from the Leagues)
MHAL – Dennis Burkett – No change to the current process and procedure.
OCIAA – Doug Murphy – Looking for a new process and procedure.
Bob Thabet will form a Committee to review.
11. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey
Refer to report and recommendations online for 2011-2012. Doug Murphy asked about SED Regulations if Cheerleading was voted to be a sport. Ms. Van Erk stated if Cheerleading was to become a sport meetings and discussion with SED would need to take place. Jim Wolfe asked about competitive cheer vs. sideline cheer teams. Ms. Van Erk stated they would have differences but that both would be regulated.
12. Section IX Start Dates for 2011-2012 – Doug Murphy
Refer to report online. Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Fiscal Concerns – Bob Thabet
Mr. Thabet asked Ms. Robbie Greene, Superintendent of Washingtonville Central School District, to outline topics for the Athletic Directors. Ms. Greene discussed “What else can We do to be part of the solution.” Athletic Directors should have a concern for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. In the Governor’s report he outlined the elimination of aid for

shared services. Ms. Greene stressed that Athletic Directors should be having conversations with their Superintendents and Business Administrators. The Athletic Directors should be doing business differently. Mr. Andrews discussed the differences in each community and how difficult it will be to resolve the issues.

14. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Girls Basketball – Ken Rubino

b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart

Mr. Ahart detailed the start of the Tournament on Thursday, March 3 through Saturday, March 12, 2012.

c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi

Monroe-Woodbury is the Division I Champion and Burke Catholic is the Division II Champion. Regional play begins on March 5, 2011.

d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White

The Class A & B Meets were successful. The weather caused a problem with the State Qualifier Meet that was cancelled on Friday, February 25th and rescheduled to Saturday, February 26, 2011. The NYSPHSAA Meet is scheduled for March 5, 2011.

e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner

Congratulations to Pine Bush the Section IX Champion for 2010. Refer to report online.

f. Wrestling – Jeff Cuiilty

Mike Kroemer thanked Oteora and Monroe-Woodbury for hosting the Division I and II Championships. The Athletic Directors of the host schools were especially helpful in conducting the Division Championships. Mr. Jeff Cuiilty and Mr. Don Blaine were inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame as well as Wrestling Official Wayne Carroll. They all should be congratulated for their hard work and dedication.

g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby

A written report was submitted and is online.

h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern

No report at this time.

i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey

No report at this time.

j. Girls Bowling – Erena O'Brien

k. Boys Bowling – Theresa Eckert

No report at this time.

15. Spring Chair Reports:

a. Softball – Bruce Guyette

The booklet is online. Please check the dates for the Section IX Tournament to avoid conflicts. The Softball Committee and coaches support following the ASA rule book.

b. Baseball – Dave Onusko

The booklet will be posted online.

c. Boys Golf – Dick O’Neill

No report at this time.

d. Girls Golf – Bill Earl

No report at this time.

e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall

Booklet is online.

f. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate

Booklet is online.

g. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and Luann McCarthy

No report.

h. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud

Handbook will be completed before the Rules Interpretations Meeting

Class A/D Meet May 25, 2011 at Middletown

Class B/C Meet May 26, 2011 at Dietz Stadium

State Qualifier

Day 1 – June 2, 2011 at Dietz Stadium

Day 2 – June 3, 2011 at Middletown

16. Chair Reports:

a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder

A report to the Athletic Council will be made after the Committee meets April 1, 2011.

b. Safety – Janet Carey

No report.

c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni

The Committee meets March 17, 2011.

d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett

Currently meeting with the Federation Representation.

e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
A brief meeting after the meeting.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
No current report.

17. New Business

Mrs. Toni Woody reported on the Section IX Athletic Council positions for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

Executive Director – Robert Thabet
Superintendent/Central committee Representative – Ray Castellani
High School Principal/Central Committee Representative – Dave Bernsley
Secretary/Treasurer – James Osborne
Assistant Treasurer – Chris Mayo

Motion to approve nominations by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor.
Motion approved.

Merger – Roscoe and Livingston Manor School Districts in the following spring sports:
Baseball – Modified, JV & Varsity
Softball – Modified, JV & Varsity
Track & Field – Boys and Girls – Modified & Varsity
Golf – Boys – Varsity
Golf – Girls - Varsity
Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

Application for Friend and Neighbor – Harmony Christian School (Back to the Leagues)

Executive Director Monthly Calendar
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Football Exceptional Senior Contest (Back to the Leagues)
The coaches of Section IX have presented a request to have an Exceptional Senior Game.

Dennis Burkett requested the Section IX Classification Committee to meet as soon as possible.

Bob Thabet asked Bob Siracuse to set up a meeting before the next Section IX Meeting.

Mike Bellarosa asked about the Section IX Weather Policy. Dennis Burkett stated the Athletic Council has an approved policy and procedure. Bob Thabet asked to have the policy stated in all Section IX Handbooks.

Bob Thabet congratulated Mr. Bob Siracuse – NYSAAA Award Winner, Mr. John Wright – Section IX recipient of the Community Service Award and Mr. Joseph Zanetti – Section IX recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the athletes of Section IX.

18. Old Business:

None reported.

19. Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at Wallkill High School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Section IX Athletics

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