



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
Marlboro Intermediate School  
Tuesday, January 8, 2013

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet  
All members present except: Mr. Tim Bult, Mr. Jim Wolfe, and Mr. Dave Bernsley
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Evaluation of Recognition Breakfast – Bob Thabet  
Bob did a review of the ceremony presentation. Doug Murphy stated that the Chairpeople were very appreciative of the recognition made by the Section IX Athletic Council. Bob asked the Leagues to please review a future Recognition Breakfast.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
  - a. Section IX Budget 2013-2014
  - b. Combining of Teams
  - c. DRAFT BEDS Numbers 2013-2014
  - d. Section IX Start Dates 2013-2014– Back to the Leagues
  - e. Application for Friends & Neighbor status– Back to the Leagues
  - f. Life of an Athlete Minutes
  - g. Wrestling Report – Mike Kroemer
  - h. NYSAAA Report – Mike Kroemer
6. Approval of November 27, 2012 Minutes  
Motion to approve by John Landro, 2nd by Roberta Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
Nothing to report to the Section IX Athletic Council. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 29, 2013.
8. Pawling Central School District – Application for Admission into Section IX  
Bob Thabet reported Pawling Central School District has withdrawn their application to Section IX Athletics. The application needs further review by the school district.

9. Section IX Budget for 2013-2014 - Back from the Leagues  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Combining of Teams – Back from the Leagues  
Bill Hecht, Superintendent of the Wallkill Central School District, reported to the Athletic Council that the Combining of Teams Committee had approved a proposal that is being presented to the Athletic Council today. The proposal was discussed extensively to the Athletic Council regarding the criteria of a “graduated scale.”

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee will vote on the Combining of Teams at the January 29, 2013 Meeting. Bill Hecht explained the Committee was looking to promote opportunities for kids.

Motion to approve the proposal changing only the criteria to be 50 % of the other schools classification. The school with the higher(est) classification number will have that percentage added to their classification numbers. Motion was made by Doug Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro.

Yes – 6          No – 5          Absent – 3          Abstain – 1

The MHAL will discuss the 50 % criteria and report back to Bob Thabet. Bob thanked Bill Hecht for his work on the Committee.

11. BEDS Information – Jim Osborne  
A draft was presented to the Athletic Council for review. If the BEDS numbers from the SIRS report are approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee, a final report will be sent to the Athletic Directors. The Athletic Directors should review the classification that is listed on the draft.

12. Winter Chair Reports:
- a. Girls Basketball – Steve Boucher and Tom Cassata
  - b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart
- The booklet and all information are online. Some school districts need to fill out the rosters online.

c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi – No report

d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White - No report

e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner  
Information is online.

f. Wrestling – Jeff Culty  
Mike Kroemer reported on the Eastern States and the Section IX Duals Tournament.  
Sectional Seed Meeting  
Division 2 – Saturday, February 3, 2013 at Warwick  
Division 1 – Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at Newburgh Free Academy

Wrestling Sectional Tournament

Division I - Friday, February 8 and Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Monroe-Woodbury

Division II - Sunday, February 9, 2013 at Liberty

g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby – No report

h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern – No report

i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey – No report

j. Girls Bowling - Erena O'Brien

Boys Bowling - Theresa Eckert

Section IX Tournament is February 12, 2013 at Marty Bob's in Poughkeepsie. The Chairpeople requested that Section IX pay the hotel bill and fees than bill back to the school districts the cost of NYSPHSAA Tournament. Motion to approve by Don Andrews, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.

k. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey – No report

13. Chair Reports

a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports –Helenanne Gillinder and Steve Boucher

1. Modified Football Start Date

Section IX Athletic Council is not interested in an early modified start date

2. Re-entry Rule for Baseball – OCIAA is still discussing/reviewing the request.

b. Safety – Janet Carey – No report

c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni

Minutes are online. Issues and concerns should be directed to Marco.

d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett

Dennis is meeting with Greg Tavano to review and discuss the Wrestling Officials request to use an hourly fee for Tournaments.

e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart

Meeting after the meeting.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch

Committee meeting in March of 2013. Glen will be bringing a survey for the school districts to fill out. The handout will be filled out at the beginning of the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

14. New Business

1. NYSAAA – Mike Kroemer reported on the following:

Conference is scheduled for March 12-15, 2013 in Saratoga Springs. A registration form will be sent to all Athletic Directors regarding the Event Safety Training course

being offered to all attending. If you are interested in attending a Leadership Breakfast on Friday, March 15, 2013. Please contact Mike Kroemer.

2. Friends & Neighbors

Section IX has received an application for Friend & Neighbor status – Back to the Leagues

3. Section IX Start dates for 2013-2014 were presented to the Athletic Council – Back to the Leagues.

4. Dave Onusko asked the Athletic Council if Section IX would approve a “Super Regional” for Baseball. Section IX is not interested in a “Super Regional.”

5. Weather Cancellation or Delay of a Section IX Meeting.

Please be advised if inclement weather causes the Section IX Meeting to be delayed the Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

15. Old Business

None was reported.

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

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