



# **SECTION IX ATHLETICS**

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
Mt. St. Mary College – Hudson Hall Auditorium  
Wednesday, May 15, 2013

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet  
All members were present except: Ray Castellani
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
  - A. NYSPHSAA News for May 2013
  - B. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Highlights
  - C. 2013-2014 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
  - D. Todd Nelson Report – Non Public Schools and State Championships
  - E. Handbook Committee Minutes – Ms. Greene
  - F. Safety Committee Report – Todd Nelson
  - G. Modified Athletics Meeting Report
  - H. Champions of character 5-Star Leadership Program
  - I. Draft – NYSPHSAA Transgender Policy
  - J. Action Items
  - K. Highland Residential Center
  - L. Cheerleading
  - M. Girls Cross Country – Joe Cahill
  - N. 2013-2014 Section IX Sports Dues
  - O. Modified Information
  - P. NYSPHSAA Participation Survey
  - Q. Section IX Directory 2013-2014
5. Approval of April 16, 2013 Minutes  
Motion to approve by Toni Woody, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, with correction to page 4, letter b. Safety – Janet Carey, You can go to [savealife.com](http://savealife.com) corrected to read: [www.anyonecansavealife.org](http://www.anyonecansavealife.org) All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Gary Theodore – Nugent & Haeussler  
Mr. Theodore discussed and reviewed the work that Nugent & Haeussler has completed for Section IX Athletics since 2004. The following were questions asked of Mr. Theodore and his response.

1. Is Section IX in full compliance with all State and Federal requirements for registering and submitting annual returns?

*Section IX has filed and registered all necessary paperwork to be in compliance with all State and Federal requirements.*

2. Should Section IX Athletics do anything differently in presenting the tax information to Nugent & Haeussler?

*All the necessary documents and information have been provided to Nugent & Haeussler.*

3. Section IX has a fund balance. Is it O.K. to invest any or all of that balance each year?

*The Section IX Athletic Council should have an investment policy and whatever action taken should be prudent.*

4. Section IX has a few paid employees. Should Section IX pay those employees through the same organization i.e. BOCES or can they be paid by different organizations?

*The Section IX Athletic Council can pay their employees through whatever organization they approve.*

5. Section IX Athletics has been approached by different companies who want to sponsor our events.

*The Athletic Council should review all sponsors to make sure they comply with the Section IX Philosophy.*

7. Welcome Athletic Directors

Bob Thabet welcomed Dave Goddard, Athletic Director at Arlington Central School District and Eric Romanino, Athletic Director at Beacon School District, for attending today's Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

8. NYSPHSAA Representative – Joe Altieri and Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe

Joe Altieri reviewed the NYSPHSAA May News for 2013. Refer to copy in folder and online. Joe Altieri was asked about heat acclimatization and limiting the number of double sessions during early season football practice. Mr. Altieri reported that the Safety Committee and Football Committee will be discussing these items. If any change would take place it would not be before the 2014 season.

Bob Thabet did discuss the impact of the Federal Department of Education issued reminder about schools making accommodations to allow students with disabilities the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities as part of the 504 law. Ms. Greene reviewed the

action items that came out from the NYSPHSAA May Meeting. Ms. Greene alerted athletic directors that they should review all NYSPHSAA changes to the Handbook online. The website has the most up to date version of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

9. Baseball – Senior all Star Game - Back from the Leagues

Bob Thabet asked the league's position on the All Star Game. The OCIAA is in favor of the Section IX Baseball Committee looking into this project. The MHAL meets this week to discuss the issue. Dennis Burkett expressed concern about baseball doing a game and not softball. Doug Murphy stated that baseball should be allowed to discuss and review a contest and that Softball should also do the same. Dave Onusko was asked about the coaches' opinion. He stated the baseball coaches would be in favor of an All Star Game. The issue needs to go back to the leagues for review of softball.

10. Highland Residential Center – Application for Membership. No action taken at this time.

11. Cheerleading – Back from the Leagues

Bob Thabet asked the leagues about their discussion. Doug Murphy stated the OCIAA was in favor of cheerleading moving forward on all aspects. The MHAL needs to discuss the cheerleading actions.

NYSPHSAA has approved the request for cheerleading to become a sport starting in 2013-2014 school year. NYSPHSAA also approved to continue the East/West Cheer Regional Invitational.

12. Girls Cross Country Section IX Chairperson – Back from the Leagues

Motion by Doug Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett, to approve Joseph Cahill as the Section IX Girls Cross Country Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Mergers for 2013-2014

Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy, to approve the merger of Ellenville Central School District and Wawarsing Christian Academy for all sports and all levels. The Roscoe and Downsville School Districts for the sport of football for all levels for the fall of 2013. All in favor. Motion carried pending the school districts submitting the Section IX forms.

14. Dr. William Moran Award 2013 – Jolene Porter

Motion to approve Ron Montalto as Section IX recipient of this year's award was made by Don Andrews, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Bernsley. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Section IX 2013-2014 Dues

The form needs to be completed and returned by June 12, 2013.

16. Section IX Directory 2013-2014

The directory information has been sent to the athletic directors. Please revise and update to be returned by June 12, 2013.

17. Non-Public School Classification Committee

Tom Cassata reported on the committee recommendation to move Burke Catholic High School from boys' basketball Class A to AA, and to keep John Coleman Catholic High School girls basketball a Class B classification. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy, to accept the recommendation. All in favor. Motion carried. The recommendation by the committee is subject to review and the committee will meet in September to review any new information.

18. Coaching Workshop – Alan Baker – Back to the Leagues

Alan Baker discussed making sports better in Section IX each season by possibly bringing in a speaker. A motivational speaker could be brought into Section IX because due to budget constraints coaches are not able to attend clinics.

19. Spring Chair Reports:

a. Baseball – Dave Onusko

Seed Meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Section IX Tournament begins May 24<sup>th</sup> and with the finals completed by June 2, 2013. The Regional Tournament begins June 3 & 4, 2013.

b. Boys Golf – Tom Howe

Motion to approve range finders for the Section IX Tournament was made by Doug Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate

Seeding Meeting is Monday, May 20 in Saugerties with the quarterfinals on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, semifinals on May 24<sup>th</sup> and the finals at Middletown on May 28, 2013.

d. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and LuAnn McCarthy

No report at this time.

e. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud

Entries are to be submitted online and the correct order of events for the State Qualifier will be on the website.

f. Girls Golf – Bill Earl

No report at this time.

g. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall

No report at this time.

h. Softball – Bruce Guyette

Steve Boucher reported that the point cards are due May 20<sup>th</sup> with the Tournament beginning on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Section IX Finals will be Saturday, June 1, 2013.

20. Chair Reports

a. Boys and Girls Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber & Helenanne Gillinder

Motion to accept Steve Boucher's resignation from the Modified sports Committee with regret was made by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

The following need to be discussed at the June meeting.

1. Waiver of Promotion Rule for Track Meets
  2. Flexibility with Student Transfers After Normal Tryout Period
  3. Stick Checking Girls Lacrosse
  4. Track & Field Modified Rubber Soled Shoes
  5. 3-Point Shot Modified Basketball
- b. Safety – Janet Carey  
No report at this time.
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
No report at this time.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
An issue has been raised in Track & Field regarding the payment of the blanks that the starter’s use. Dennis Burkett was looking into the “E” pistol for the starters. If anyone has information on the “E” pistol contact Dennis.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
No meeting after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
No report at this time.

## 21. New Business

- A. Sports Participation Survey  
NYSPHSAA has contacted athletic directors to log onto the [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org) to complete the survey by Friday, June 6, 2013.
- B. Community Service Challenge Project  
Motion by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett, to approve James I. O’Neill as Section IX recipient of this year’s award and to pass that information along to NYSPHSAA.
- C. NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting and Section IX members attending Summer Conferences  
Bob Thabet reported that NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting will be held in Rochester, New York on July 30 & 31, 2013. He has talked to members of the Athletic Council about attending the meeting. Bob Thabet also reported that he and Jim Osborne will attend a Conference on Safety and Security in Orlando, Florida in July 2013.
- D. Coaching Courses  
Jim Osborne asked the Athletic Council if they were interested in the Athletic Coordinator’s Office looking into online courses for the coaches. The Athletic Council approved Jim Osborne to look into the process and procedure. A report will be made to the Athletic Council as soon as possible.

E. Girls Basketball -

The OCIAA is looking for further information regarding the change in the Regional Girls Basketball Class D format for 2013-2014. The OCIAA would like to see dates established when Sections I/VIII and XI would confirm they do not have a Girls Class D team.

22. Old Business

None reported.

23. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at Apple Greens Golf Course  
starting at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

James M. Osborne, Secretary  
Section IX Athletics

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