



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Wallkill High School
Tuesday, October 2, 2012

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All Athletic Council Members were present:
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried. Bob Thabet reviewed the summary report from Nugent & Haeussler.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. Financial Report
 - B. Modified Wrestling – Weight Class Variance
 - C. Eligibility Report – Fred Ahart
 - D. Section IX Wrestling Duals Tournament
5. Approval of September 11, 2012 Minutes
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. NYSPHSAA: Robert J. Zayas, Executive Director of NYSPHSAA.
Bob Thabet introduced Robert Zayas, who stated he was excited to be in New York. He believes great things are being done in New York State. Robert is currently asking questions and reviewing what NYSPHSAA is doing well and what they can do better. His first priority is to work on the NYSPHSAA website. He believes in highlighting and promoting the student-athletes of New York. If Section IX needs any help from NYSPHSAA please ask.
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Jim Wolfe stated NYSPHSAA Executive Committee will be meeting in October. Report to follow. Bob Thabet stated Section IX has great representatives to NYSPHSAA.
8. Exceptional Senior Football Contest – David Coates
Speaking to the Athletic Council regarding this topic was Dave Coates, Bernie Connolly, and Charles Chatham. The contest will be on November 18, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Newburgh Free Academy. The players participating will wear either their school's home or away uniform. The Committee is looking for sponsors and will be selling journal ads. The Committee will be charging admission for all spectators. The teams will be

practicing November 13-16, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and November 17, 2012 from 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. The Committee will be providing details on player selection. The criteria will be outlined on the Section IX Football website page.

9. Regina Coeli Application for Friend & Neighbor
Motion to approve Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco
No report.

 - b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
No report.

 - c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson
No report.

 - d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser
No report.

 - e. Field Hockey – C.J. Bull-Knuth
No report.

 - f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan
The OCIAA Championship has a start time change. Coaches have been notified and the website updated.

 - g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco
Report emailed to athletic directors and posted on the website.

 - h. Volleyball – Toni Woody
Report is on the website.

11. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Steve Bouchard & Helenanne Gillinder
Modified Wrestling Program – Wrestling Weight Class Variances
Motion to approve Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

 - a. Safety – Janet Carey
Survey has been placed on the website.

 - b. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report.

 - c. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
Dennis reported on the negotiated agreement with the Officials Federation. The four-year contract 2012-2016 is a \$ 1.00 raise, no raise, \$ 1.00 raise, and \$ 1.00

raise over the 4 years. The sectional fees for 2012 have been adjusted. By the end of the contract Softball will have parity with Baseball and Girls Lacrosse will have parity with Boys Lacrosse.

Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried. Bob Thabet thanked Dennis for his hard work in getting the contract issues resolved.

d. Eligibility – Fred Ahart

Motion by Fred Ahart, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to approve the athletic participation of Dylan Peterson, a student attending Rondout Valley Central School District. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch

Coaches Code of Conduct

Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Dave Bernsley. All in favor. Motion carried. Bob Thabet requested all Sports Chairpersons to incorporate the Code of Conduct into the Sports Handbook. Jim Osborne will forward the Coaches Code of Conduct to all Sports Chairpersons.

12. Section IX Athletics Sports Chairpersons and Support Personnel Recognition

Bob Thabet sent letters to Superintendents, Athletic Directors and Sports Chairpersons. The next Section IX Meeting will be held November 27, 2012 at Kuhl's Highland House starting at 8:30 a.m. The Section IX Athletic Council Meeting will follow the Breakfast Recognition.

13. New Business

Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro, to move forward with the nomination of Greg Ransom to the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. All in favor. Motion carried.

Harmony Christian School has requested to be approved as a Friend & Neighbor status in Section IX and NYSPHSAA. – Back to the Leagues.

Wrestling – Jeff Culty, Section IX Chairperson has requested approval of the 2012-13 Section IX Wrestling Duals. Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Announcements:

1. Minutes of the NYS Wrestling Committee has been sent to all athletic directors and coaches via email.
2. Regional weight assessment procedures, dates and times will be emailed soon.
3. Wrestling Handbook for 2012-2013 will be available soon. The topics of Sectional uniforms and a possible change to the D1 – D2 wrestling cut off numbers were discussed.

Jolene Porter, Section IX Chairperson for NYSAAA, reported that athletic directors interested in nominating an organization for the Community Service Award or someone

for the Distinguished Service Award should contact her before October 30, 2012 at porterj@eldred.k12.ny.us

All Section IX awards for 2012-2013 patches, plaques and medals have been distributed to the sports chairpersons. Please review your order and call the Athletic Coordinator's Office with any questions.

14. Old Business

Fred Ahart wants to meet with the Basketball Committee regarding setting up a meeting.

Bob Thabet asked Todd Nelson about the letter that was sent to NYSPHSAA regarding Section IX request to waive the 2012 NFH Soccer Rule 4-1 about the "NOCSAE seal". Robert Zayas reported that NYSPHSAA could not waive the rule. Diane Wanser discussed the impact that the rule was having with the schools and athletes.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Dave Bernsley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at Kuhl's Highland House, 512 Highland Ave. Extension, Middletown, New York 10940 – Breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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