



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Marlboro High School – 9:30 a.m.
January 14, 2014

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet

All Athletic Council Members were present except:
Jim Wolfe, Dave Bernsley and Toni Woody

Bob Thabet welcomed Rosario Agostaro, Rondout Valley Superintendent, to the Section IX Athletic Council.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet

3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne

Motion to approve by John Landro, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bob Thabet discussed his plan for the approved Section IX Investment Policy.

4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne

- A. Section IX Financial Report
- B. Section IX Constitution Amendments
- C. Section IX Constitution changes and revisions
- D. Modified Sports – Flexibility with student transfer after normal try-out period
- E. BEDS Classification 2014-15
- F. Section IX Proposed Budget 2014-2015
- G. Section IX Start Dates 2014-2015
- H. Section IX Wrestling Duals

5. Approval of November 26, 2013 Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor.
Motion carried.

6. Amendment to the Constitution – 1st Reading

Doug Murphy read the proposed Amendment. Bob Thabet discussed the plan for the addition of Superintendent Representation. Bob also reviewed schools coming into Section IX from Dutchess County – Poughkeepsie. The approval of the clerical work of the MHAL to be done by the Athletic Coordinator's Office. Dennis Burkett reported the vote was 17-0 in favor of the motion.

The Section IX Budget was presented by Bob Thabet and discussed by the Section IX Athletic Council.

Dennis Burkett asked Bob Thabet about reviewing the Constitution. Bob stated he planned to convene a committee to review the Constitution in 2014.

Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to move forward with the Section IX Amendment Procedure to have the Section IX Secretary notify all schools of the proposed amendment. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Section IX Secretary will prepare a ballot with each school getting one vote. The ballots must be signed by the Chief School Officer, High School Principal and Athletic Director and returned to the Section IX Secretary.

7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Ms. Greene stated NYSPHSAA has its winter meeting scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2013. Ms. Greene reported that one of the discussion items will be the number of contests. Rosario Agostaro asked about the process of restoring the contests. Ms. Greene stated she would request a vote and discussion by the full membership of the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. Ms. Greene also noted that Athletic directors should have a discussion with their business Administrator before voting on the issue.
8. Baseball Chairperson Position – Back from the Leagues
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Doug Murphy, to approve T.D. Mills as Section IX Baseball Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Modified Sports – Back from the Leagues
Dennis Burkett stated the MHAL is in favor of the “flexibility with student transfers after normal try-out period.”

Doug Murphy stated the OCIAA was also in favor and wanted the Modified Committee to add injury and illness to the try out period.
10. NFHS Rules – Back from the Leagues
The MHAL wants to stay the same. The OCIAA wants to stay the same for the sports of softball and volleyball but believes girls’ basketball should be moved to the NFHS rules. Ms. Greene asked for all information to be forward to her so that she could present their concerns to the NYSPHSAA. Steve Boucher stated the request to change seems to be coming from NYSPHSAA.
11. Fall Sports – Game Time – Back from the Leagues
Bob Thabet asked Pete Ferguson, Boys Soccer Chairperson, if this topic has been discussed. Pete Ferguson stated the Soccer Committee has discussed moving venues and changing times. The Committee will be reviewing the concerns that were presented to the Section IX Athletic Council. Mr. Ferguson stated that since the NYSPHSAA Tournament will be played at the Faller Field complex, the committee had chosen to use the facility.

12. BEDS Report – Jim Osborne
The classification of school districts has yet to be approved by NYSPHSAA. All school districts were asked to review their enrollment numbers. Steve Boucher asked about the Ad hoc Committee that was reviewing the 20% Classification. NYSPHSAA has had a conference call on the topic and the minutes will be sent to the Athletic Directors as soon as they are available.
13. Section IX Budget 2014-2015
Back to the Leagues for review and discussion. Bob Thabet presented to the Athletic Council the proposed budget for review. Section IX will continue to have the Athletic Coordinator's Office do its clerical work but will separate from Orange-Ulster BOCES regarding the expenditures of salaries. If the Section IX Budget is approved billing to the school districts will be done by Section IX. The dues for 2014-2015 will be 20% less than 2013-2014. The per varsity fee will be \$250.
14. Winter Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls Basketball – Steve Boucher
All league contests need to be completed by the February 20, 2014 Seed Meeting.
 - b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart
Fred Ahart asked Athletic Directors to play all rescheduled contests at the next available date.
 - c. Ice Hockey – Frank Alessandrino
No report.
 - d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White
No report.
 - e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner
OCIAA Championship at Washingtonville on January 31 and February 1, 2014.
Section IX Championship at Valley Central on February 13, 14 and 15, 2014.
NYSPHSAA Championship at Webster High School on February 28, 2014 and March 1, 2014.
 - f. Wrestling – Jeff Cuiilty
Section IX Duals Report was in the Section IX Athletic Council folder.
 - g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Pazoga
No report.
 - h. Nordic Ski – Jon Stern
Written report submitted.
 - i. Alpine Ski – Janet Carey
The weather has been terrible.

- j. Bowling – Girls – Erena O’Brien
Bowling – Boys Theresa Eckert
No report.
15. Chair Reports
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn
Jeremy discussed modified girls lacrosse U15 vs. U13.
 - b. Safety – Janet Carey
The committee will meet in March 2014.
 - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report at this time.
 - d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
No report at this time.
 - e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
No meeting after the meeting.
 - f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Mr. Maisch discussed the NYSPHSAA programs, Battle of the Fans and Stay in the Game. Mr. Maisch is preparing a survey for the Section IX Athletic Directors. The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee will be meeting in March.
 - g. Non Public Schools Classification Committee – Tom Cassata
The Committee will be meeting after the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.
16. New Business
- A. Merger of Kingston Central School District and The Mount Academy with all Interscholastic Athletic teams except Boys Varsity Cross Country and Boys Varsity Soccer for 2014-2015 pending the completion of the paperwork. Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Merger of the Highland Boys Lacrosse and Girls Golf teams with the Marlboro School district for the 2014 season, pending the completion of the paperwork.
- Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Section IX start dates for 2014-2015
Motion to approve the Section IX Fall, Winter and Spring 2014-2015 start dates and the Section IX meeting dates, sites and times with the revision of the Tuesday, March 3, 2015 date to Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

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

C. Doug Murphy, Athletic Director, Monticello High School, requested Section IX establish a Code of Conduct for spectators. Bob Thabet asked if Dennis Burkett and Doug Murphy would meet to develop a policy that Section IX could approve. Dennis and Doug will meet and report back to the Section IX Athletic Council.

D. Softball – Steve Boucher requested approval of the following dates to be used as Emergency Only Regional Dates: Monday, June 9, Tuesday, June 10 and Wednesday, June 11, 2014. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

17. Old Business:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Committee approved Middletown High School Faller Field for the 2015-2016-2017 NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Championship site. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee will approve the site and dates at the January 31, 2014 Meeting. Bob Thabet congratulated Pete Ferguson, Dave Coates and the Soccer Committee for the hard work in securing the Soccer State Championship.

18. Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B/C at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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Section IX Athletics

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