



# **SECTION IX ATHLETICS**

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.  
March 4, 2014

1. Call to Order – Bob Thabet  
All Athletic Council Members were present except: Mr. 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. Mr. Bob Thabet discussed the Investment Policy that Section IX would look into for 2014-2015. The Committee to review investments will be Mr. Rosario Agostaro, Mr. Dennis Burkett, Mr. Doug Murphy and the Section IX Treasurer.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
  - A. Section IX Balance Information
  - B. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Highlights
    1. 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
    2. General Action Items
    3. SED Update
    4. Volleyball Sanctions Individual and Team
    5. 2014-2015 School Enrollment Numbers
    6. Proposed Budget Details
    7. Letters to Pine Bush and Rondout Valley Athletic Directors
5. Approval of January 14, 2014 Minutes  
Motion to approve was made by Doug Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Amendment to the Constitution – Ballots – Bob Thabet  
The ballots having been returned and counted, the school districts are unanimous in support. Motion by Dave Bernsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy, to accept the results. Bob Thabet will send letters to the BOCES Superintendents on the selection of each County Superintendent Representative.
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
Refer to Highlights.
  - A. Future Ball Adoption – **Back to the Leagues**
  - B. Regional Runner-Up Plaques – Section IX is not in favor.
  - C. Track & Field Coach Free Entry: Structure needs to be defined.

- D. Modified Sports – Should Rules be for all Leagues in the Section if approved by the Section. Dennis Burkett stated the rules should apply across the Board if they (Leagues) compete against each other.
8. Mergers for 2014-2015 – Jim Osborne  
 Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy, to approve the following. All in favor. Motion carried.  
 Spring 2014:  
 – Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery with Garrison for Boys Modified Lacrosse  
 – Family School with Hancock for Varsity Baseball  
 – Ellenville with Rondout Valley for Varsity Boys Tennis pending Board of Education approval.  
 2014-2015:  
 – Fallsburg with Tri-Valley Boys and Girls Tennis and Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing
9. Ad-hoc Committee on Classification – Greg Sirico  
 Mr. Sirico discussed the problems and issues with the 20% Rule. Schools competing with a student population of 2,600 vs. 960. A discussion of what is a competitive number took place. Dennis Burkett asked if a 6<sup>th</sup> Class has been discussed. Greg stated he was told not at this time but individual sports could ask for a waiver.
10. Non-Public School Classification Committee – Tom Cassata  
 The Committee recommends to reclassify the Boys Cross Country program at the Mount Academy from Class D program to a Class C program. Motion to approve by Tom Cassata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Code of Conduct for Spectators: Dennis Burkett and Doug Murphy  
 Currently they are looking into what other Sections do and how they handle issues. As soon as they finish their review they will make a presentation to the Athletic Council.
12. BEDS Report – Jim Osborne  
 Athletic Directors should review their current Classification for 2014-2015 especially their NYSPHSAA Enrollment and their Sport Classification.
13. Section IX Budget 2014-2015 – Bob Thabet  
 Motion to approve by Rosario Agostaro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult. The Athletic Directors will be sent invoices for sport team participation and for the NYSPHSAA Championship. Ms. Greene stated meetings should be set-up with County Business Officials to review and discuss the new procedures.
14. Winter Chair Reports:  
 a. Girls Basketball – Steve Boucher  
 AA – Kingston  
 A – Wallkill  
 B – Highland  
 C – Tri-Valley  
 D – Eldred

- b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart – Report on the Champions  
AA – NFA  
A - Red Hook  
B – Spackenkill  
C – Seward  
D - Coleman

The Girls & Boys Regional games are being played Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

- c. Ice Hockey – Frank Alessandrino  
Written report submitted.
- d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White  
The report is online.
- e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner  
Due to the weather Plan A went to B & C. Section IX Champion was New Paltz.  
Information regarding the Sections is online. Record times were set at the NYSPHSAA Meet.
- f. Wrestling – Report given by Mike Kroemer  
Division Champions – Monroe-Woodbury, Minisink Valley, Cornwall, Red Hook, Tuxedo  
Section IX Division I Champion – Monroe-Woodbury  
Section IX Division II Champion – Highland  
Discussion regarding the ejection of a wrestler and the conflicting rule. Ms. Greene reported NYSPHSAA will not lower the standard regarding the ejection of an athlete.
- g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Pazoga  
Written report submitted.
- h. Nordic Ski – Jon Stern  
Written report submitted.
- i. Alpine Ski – Janet Carey  
The Section IX schools had a great venue to host the Section IX championship. The Section had 9 schools participating in the NYSPHSAA Championship.
- j. Bowling – Girls – Erena O’Brien  
Bowling – Boys Theresa Eckert  
Kingston represented Section IX on the All Section Team that participated on Saturday, March 1, 2014. The NYSPHSAA Bowling Committee has requested Section IX host the 2015 Bowling Championship. Motion by Doug Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roberta Greene, to approve Section IX support to host the 2015 NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship. All in favor. Motion carried.

## 15. Spring Chair Reports

### a. Baseball – T.D. Mills

Section IX Tournament will begin May 27 and run to June 3, 2014. Section IX will be hosting the Regional A & D contests. The NYSPHSAA Championship will be held June 14, 2014 in Binghamton.

### b. Boys Golf – Tom Howe

No report.

### c. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate

The Handbook is online. There has been an increase in the number of programs started. The tournament will run from May 19-23<sup>rd</sup>. The NYSPHSAA Championship will be held at Hofstra University. All balls need to have NOCSAE approved standard stamped on the ball. If you are ordering new uniforms please review the regulations.

### d. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta & Luann McCarthy

The OCIAA Championship is May 14-15-16<sup>th</sup> and the Section IX Championship is May 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Both to be held at Matchpoint Tennis Center. The NYSPHSAA Championship will be held May 29<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> in New York City.

### e. Track & Field – Matt Hemmer and Natasha Kennedy

The Handbook will be online. The Class B/C Championship will be held May 21, 2014 in Kingston. The Class A/D Championship will be held May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Middletown. Ms. Kennedy reported on the Pole Vault Pad that is recommended for 2014 and required for 2015. Please review with your coaches.

### f. Girls Golf – Bill Earl

Mr. Scott Warner reported that the Section IX Tournament will be held at Apple Greens on May 19 & 21, 2014. The coaches were asked to bring their schedules to the meeting. Fred Ahart asked that any requested changes or additions be scheduled through the Athletic Directors.

### g. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall

The lacrosse ball for girls also needs the NOCSAE approved stamp. The Section IX Championship will be held at Dietz Stadium.

### h. Softball – Bruce Guyette

Steve Boucher reported the booklet is online. The point cards are due May 19, 2014. The Section IX Finals are Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Back to the Leagues – If the home team field is not available the contest will be switched to the visiting team field.

## 16. Chair Reports

### a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn

A report will be made to the Athletic Council after the next committee meeting.

- b. Safety – Janet Carey  
The Committee will be meeting April 10, 2014. If anyone has concerns please email the Chairperson.
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
The Committee has a March 13, 2014 Meeting.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
No report.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
The Committee has a meeting after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
No report.

17. New Business

- 1. Ms. Michelle Henn discussed Professional Development. Refer to handout that was sent to everyone regarding the meeting on March 13, 2014 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Taft Elementary School.
- 2. Bob Thabet asked for the support of the Athletic Council to instruct all Sports Chairpersons to put alternate weather/emergency plans in their Handbooks. Motion by Doug Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Franskevicz. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 3. Bob Thabet reviewed his letters to the Pine Bush and Rondout Valley School Districts. Mr. Thabet asked the Athletic Council to approve his letters. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bob Thabet read a letter sent by Mark Koski, Director of Sports, Events and Development for the NFHS, regarding the NYSPHSAA boys Soccer championship held at Middletown High School.

Motion to adjourn by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at Marlboro High School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

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Section IX Athletics

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