



SECTION IX ATHLETIC

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2014
Wallkill High School Auditorium
Minutes of Meeting

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All Athletic Council Members were present except: Dave Bernsley
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Introduction of New Athletic Council Members:
Bob Thabet introduced the new Superintendents to the Athletic Council.
4. Dennis Burkett introduced the new Athletic Directors of the MHAL. Michael Bellarosa introduced the new Athletic Directors of the OCIAA. Bob Thabet congratulated Christopher Mayo as the new Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator and Greg Ransom as the new Assistant Treasurer/Secretary.

Bob Thabet read Doug Murphy's letter of resignation from the Athletic Council. Motion to accept with regret was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Antonia Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bob Thabet congratulated Cornwall High School as Scholar/Athlete Team School of Distinction.

5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. Section IX Athletics budget information for 2014-2015
 - B. NYSPHSAA, Section IX, MHAL and OCIAA Representation
 - C. NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting Highlights
 - D. NYSPHSAA Central Committee General Action Items
 - E. Handouts and Information regarding NYSPHSAA Meeting
 - F. Section IX Reserve Fund and Investment Policy
 - G. Minutes of Reserve Fund Meeting
 - H. Reserve Fund and Investment Committee Recommendations
 - I. Section IX Athletics "Partnership with a Winning Team"
 - J. 2014-2015 Corporate Sponsorship Information
 - K. Competitive Cheerleading – Full Implementation 2014-2015
 - L. Spectator Code of Conduct
 - M. Section IX Championships – Neutral Site
 - N. Section IX Combining of Teams Data
 - O. Items for the Fall 2014 Modified Meeting
 - P. Section IX Sites for 2014-2015

- Q. Wrestling items for approval
- R. Section IX Boys Lacrosse Exceptional Senior Game
- S. Section IX Track & Field – Classification Numbers

6. Approval of June 12, 2014 Minutes
Motion by Rosario Agostaro, 2nd by Amy McArdle. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Financial Report – Jim Osborne, Treasurer
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Bob Thabet thanked the representatives for their hard work and dedication.

A review of the handouts and highlights with the following to go Back to the Leagues. Academic Advantage, Athletic Shopping, and Legal Separation.

9. NYSPHSAA: Robert J. Zayas, Executive Director
Robert Zayas reviewed the following with the Athletic Council.
 - A. Coaching Certification – A meeting took place with Dr. King regarding reviewing changes to coaching certification. The goal is to streamline the process for the 2015-2016 school year. Michael Bellarosa asked to have the non-teacher process reviewed. Rosario Agostaro requested NYSPHSAA as part of their recommendation to SED that they waive the fees that are part of the coaching certification process.
 - B. The Transfer Committee voted to approve the elimination of the Academic Advantage waiver. The Handbook Committee will be reviewing the issue before it goes before the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.
 - C. ImPact Concussion Testing – Contact NYSPHSAA for more information.
 - D. Mixed Competition Guidelines have been outlined and sent to Athletic Directors.
 - E. The use of drones to film football games is restricted to the area outside of the 2 yard restricted line. Drones cannot fly over the field of play.
10. Section IX Reserve Fund/Investment Policy Committee Report
Jim Osborne reviewed the handouts in the Athletic Council folders. Bob Thabet asked the Athletic Council to approve Michael Bellarosa, OCIAA President, to the Reserve Fund and Investment Committee. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

The committee recommends Hudson Valley Investment Advisors as the Company to invest Section IX Athletics money. Motion to approve the committee's recommendation was made by Roberta Greene, 2nd by Joe Phelan. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Athletic Council reviewed the committee's information regarding sponsorships. The Athletic Council had several suggestions for the committee to review.

The Orange County Trust Company has offered to become the "Official Bank of Section IX" and form a partnership with Section IX Athletics. Motion by Roberta Greene, 2nd by Dennis Burkett for Section IX to accept a partnership with the Orange County Trust Company for one year.

11. Parental Workshop on College Application – Rosario Agostaro
Rosario Agostaro discussed the possibility of a live program or webcam workshop dealing with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Dennis Burkett discussed the local colleges possibly conducting a workshop for Section IX school districts. Bob Thabet will work with Rosario Agostaro on putting together information on a parental Workshop.
12. Meeting of Sports Coordinators – Bob Thabet
Motion by Jim Wolfe, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to purchase pullovers for the Sports Coordinators and Athletic Council. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey
In the Athletic Council folder is the Full Implementation Competitive Cheerleading information for 2014-2015 winter season. All Cheerleading coaches are invited to attend the OCIAA Cheerleading Rules Interpretations Meeting to be held Monday, November 17, 2014 at Goshen High School at 7:30 p.m.
14. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Code of Conduct for Spectators
Motion to approve by Antonia Woody, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried. The Code of Conduct needs to be distributed to the Athletic Directors and Sports Chairpersons. Sports Chairpersons should put the new approved Spectator Code of Conduct in their Handbooks.
 - b. Section IX Championship and Neutral Sites
Motion to approve by Michael Bellarosa, second by Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried. The neutral site information needs to be distributed to the Section IX Sports Chairpersons.
15. School Mergers – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve Kingston City School District and New Paltz Central School District for Varsity Girls Gymnastics for the 2014-2015 winter season pending application from their Boards of Education.

Friends and Neighbors – Motion to approve West Point Middle School and Faith Christian Academy was made by Michael Bellarosa, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco
Jim Glover reported the information regarding the Championship is online. The 2015 Cross Country Championship will be held at Monroe-Woodbury High School. Jim Glover requested support from the Section IX Athletic Council. Motion by Tom Cassata, 2nd by Antonia Woody, to financially support the committee up to \$1,000. All in favor. Motion carried. Jim Glover also asked the Athletic Council to support the Cross Country and Track & Field Coaches efforts

to end the Jewelry Rule. Robert Zayas reported that the Safety Committee is reviewing the Jewelry Rule. Michael Bellarosa discussed the harshness of the penalty if an athlete wore jewelry during competition. Robert Zayas stated that NYSPHSAA needs to carefully review the policy.

- b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
The Chairmen discussed their meeting with the modified coaches and the fact the Football Committee is reviewing the playoff structure for 2015.
- c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson
- d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser
The seed meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2014 with the opening round beginning October 28, 2014. Please note that Mount Academy is a Boys Class D school district. The New Paltz Central School District has requested a uniform waiver for Boys Soccer for the 2014 season. Motion to approve by Antonia Woody, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. Field Hockey – C.J. Bull-Knuth
No report.
- f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan
OCIAA Championship at Washingtonville is October 24-25, 2014. Section IX Championship is November 6, 7, 8, 2014 at Valley Central. NYSPHSAA Championship is November 20, 21, and 22, 2014 at Ithaca College.

Any team sending a student/athlete to the NYSPHSAA Championship will be billed by and will be sent an invoice from Section IX Athletics.

- g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco
Report was sent to the Section IX Athletic Directors. The Girls Tennis Championship is scheduled for October 21 and 22, 2014 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Student/Athletes participating in the NYSPHSAA Championship November 1-3, 2014 will be billed by and will be sent an invoice from Section IX Athletics for their lodging arrangements.

- h. Volleyball – Toni Woody
Information on the Tournament is online. Additional Tournament details will be emailed to Athletic Directors.

17. Chair Reports:

Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn

Items for the Fall 2014 Modified Meeting were discussed regarding:

- The reduction in the number of practices required prior to the first contest in Modified Cross Country and Track & Field.
- Waiver of Promotion Rule
- Sudden Victory in Modified Basketball
- Modified use of Girls Basketball 10 second rule

- a. Safety – Janet Carey
The Safety Committee meets September 30, 2014. If anyone has questions or concerns please contact Janet Carey.
- b. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report at this time.
- c. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
No report at this time.
- d. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
The Committee will meet after the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.
- e. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
No report at this time.

18. New Business

Bob Thabet reported Allynwood Academy (Family School) has officially closed and will not be part of Section IX for 2014-2015.

Boys Lacrosse – Back to the Leagues

Bob Slate asked the Athletic Council for permission to conduct an Exceptional Senior Game in 2014. The Athletic Council asked Bob Slate to contact the Girls Lacrosse Committee to see if they would be interested in a girls' contest.

Sean Michel, Athletic Council member, asked to have travel issues discussed by the Sports Committees. The Chester and Florida School Districts played each other in a Sectional Championship in Rhinebeck, when the two school districts are five minutes apart.

Track & Field – Back to the Leagues

Matt Hemmer asked the Athletic Council to review the Section IX Outdoor Track Classification Numbers. A handout was provided for the Leagues to review.

Section IX sites for 2014-2015

Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bowling Chairperson, Erena O'Brien reported that Mardi Bob Lanes has been sold therefore, the NYSPHSAA Championship has been moved to Syracuse, New York.

Wrestling – Jeff Culty, Chairperson, submitted for approval the following items:

1. Sectional Wrestling Tournament Dates and Sites
2. Section IX Duals – December 16 & 17, 2014
3. Regional Weight Certification
4. Date change for Rules Interpretation Meeting

The Athletic Council asked about snow dates for the Wrestling Championship, number of mats to be used at UCCC and what is the seating capacity at UCCC. Motion to approve by Ivan Katz, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried. The Athletic Council will send the information when submitted by the Wrestling Chairperson.

Information from Jeff Culty, Chairperson: Monday, February 16, 2015 is the Wrestling snow date. Ulster County Community College can fit three wrestling mats. Ulster County Community College spectator capacity is 1,368.

BEDS numbers for 2014-2015
Females on male teams need to be submitted.

19th Basketball contest
Motion by Michael Bellarosa, 2nd by Ivan Katz, for Section IX to support a 19th varsity boys and girls basketball contest, varsity only.
The Section IX Athletic Council voted: 5 Yes 12 No The motion did not pass.

The Athletic Council discussed all sports going back to the full sport standard chart for interschool competition.

Michael Kroemer reported on the NYSAAA meeting that will be held October 6, 2014.

19. Old Business
None reported

20. Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 21, 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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