



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
John A. Coleman Catholic High School at 9:30 a.m.**

## Minutes

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom  
Greg Ransom led the Athletic Council in a moment of silence for Caval Haylett, a Poughkeepsie basketball player that was killed last week.  
  
All members present except: Joseph Phelan, Ron Montalto and Dave Bernsley
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
  - a. Section IX Financial Information
  - b. Section IX Budget Information – Approved from the January meeting, adding legal fee information
  - c. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Highlights
    1. General Action Items
    2. Darryl Daily Report
    3. Spring 2016 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
    4. Amendment to the Section 9 Combining of Teams application
    5. Legal Services – RFP
    6. Girls Golf Issues – Back to the Leagues
    7. 2016-2017 BEDS Numbers
    8. S.S. Seward request for 2016-17 for Boys and Girls Soccer
    9. Regional Track & Field Hall of Fame
    10. Section 9 Draft Dates – Sites – Times for 2016-17
4. Motion by Rosario Agostaro 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ivan Katz to approve the January 5, 2016 Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
Review of the NYSPHSAA Meeting Highlights and the areas that need to be reviewed by the Leagues.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Robert Zayas  
Reviewed items for discussion and voting for the May 6, 2016 NYSPHSAA Meeting.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Cheerleading Championship was conducted in Syracuse, New York. A review of the Tennis Proposal is being discussed. The Strategic Planning Committee driven by the Membership is being planned to meet in April 2016.

Section 5 Athletics has asked NYSPHSAA to review Private School participation in the NYSPHSAA Championships.

8. Combining of Teams – Greg Ransom  
Combining of Teams Amendment reviewed by Tim Bult. Motion by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody, to approve discussion by the Athletic Council regarding “Time Frame” and extending circumstances and hardship issues were discussed. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bellarosa. All in favor. Motion carried to approve the following Combining of Teams for 2016.

Roscoe/Downsville with Livingston Manor in Girls Golf.

Motion by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosario Agostaro, to approve the following Combining of Teams for the Fall of 2016. All in favor. Motion carried.

Roscoe/Downsville	Boys and Girls Soccer
Roscoe/Downsville – Livingston Manor	Football
Webutuck – Dover	Football
Kingston – Mount Academy	Girls Soccer
Kingston – Onteora	Football
Ellenville – Wawarsing	Boys & Girls Soccer, Volleyball, Girls Tennis
Fallsburg – Tri-Valley	Girls Tennis
Pine Plains – Rhinebeck	Football

Back to the Leagues for discussion and review:

Kingston – New Paltz	Girls Gymnastics
Kingston – Rondout	Girls Swimming and Diving
Fallsburg – Tri-Valley	Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing
Ellenville – Wawarsing	Boys Cross Country
Kingston – Mount Academy	Boys Indoor Track, Boys Basketball
Kingston – Rondout	Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing
Liberty – Eldred - Sullivan West	Wrestling
Kingston – Rondout	Boys Swimming
Roscoe /Downsville	Boys and Girls Cross Country
Marlboro – Highland	Girls Swimming
F.D.R. – Millbrook	Girls Swimming
F.D.R. – Marlboro	Boys Swimming

Tim Bult asked for all sports rosters.

9. NYSAAA – Mike Kroemer  
Conference begins this week.
10. Council of Administrators – Antonia Woody  
If you have any questions, please email to Toni Woody.
11. Section IX Legal Representation – Greg Ransom  
Greg thanked Renee James, NYSPHSAA, for her help in putting together the RFP that is in the Athletic Council folder. Back to the Leagues.

12. Winter Chair Reports:
- a. Basketball – Boys – Fred Ahart  
 Congratulations to the Section IX Champions. Our teams represented Section IX with honor and dignity.
  - b. Basketball – Girls – Steve Boucher  
 The Girls Committee has requested the following for the 2016-2017 season and will be discussed at the NYSPHSAA Spring Meeting – Back to the Leagues.
    1. Use of pink and white basketball at anytime.
    2. Time out changes (4 full and 2–30 seconds)
    3. Spalding balls and the use of them Sections and beyond. If the host school does not use them the Athletic Council could censure, place sanction or place the school on probation. NYSPHSAA could void the contract with the Section.
  - c. Ice Hockey – Frank Alessandrino  
 No report.
  - d. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey  
 Congratulations to the Section IX Champions that represented the Section at the NYSPHSAA Championship.
  - e. Nordic Skiing – Nick Mancuso  
 No report.
  - f. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner  
 Monroe-Woodbury was the OCIAA and Section IX Champion. The 2017 Championship will be held in Long Island.
  - g. Winter Track – Mike White
 

Girls Champions	Boys Champions
Monroe-Woodbury	Monroe-Woodbury
Rondout Valley	Marlboro

The 2017 Championship will be held in Staten Island.
  - h. Wrestling – Jeff Culty  
 Written report to be online.
  - i. Bowling – Theresa Eckert and Erena O’Brien  
 Section IX teams represented the Section in Buffalo, New York. The 2017 Championship will be held in Rochester, New York.
  - j. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Pazoga  
 Written report provided.
  - k. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey  
 Section IX Championship held at SCCC resulted in the following school districts representing Section IX at the first NYSPHSAA Championship in Syracuse, NY. Monroe-Woodbury, Pine Bush, Goshen, Minisink Valley, and S.S. Seward. The

Cheerleading Committee will be meeting in April to review recommendations for 2017.

13. Spring Chair Reports:

a. Baseball - Jeremy Weber and James Ryan  
The Spring Rules Interpretations Meeting has been held in both Leagues. The Coaches Handbook is online.

b. Boys Golf – Tom Howe  
Information online.

c. Girls Golf – Bill Earl  
Motion to approve the Coordinator to book hotel rooms for the school district teams participating and have the Section bill back to the school districts.  
Motion by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Back to the Leagues – Should Section IX consider how we would determine a Section IX Team Champion.

d. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate  
Middletown did not win the bid to host the NYSPHSAA Championship.

Boys Lacrosse will have 4 classes for 2017. Seed meeting is May 23, 2016  
Section IX Finals is June 1, 2016  
Regional championship is June 4, 2016  
NYSPHSAA Championship is June 11, 2016 at Middletown High School

Request for Section IX to have a Senior All-Star Contest on June 7, 2016. Motion to approve by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bellarosa. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall  
No report.

f. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta  
No report.

g. Track & Field – Matt Hemmer and Brian Halling  
Report is online. 2019 NYSPHSAA championship will be at Middletown High School. Sectional entries will be online. If coaches and Athletic Directors have problems or questions please email Matt Hemmer.

h. Softball – Tom Cassata and Steve Boucher  
Handbook will be online. A reminder that coaches need helmets. Non-approved bat lists have been distributed. Athletic Directors should have all students take SAT's in May. Regional dates and sites have been established.

14. Chair Reports:

a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber and Michelle Henn  
The Committee meets in April. No report at this time.

b. Safety – Janet Carey  
The Committee meets in April. No report at this time.

- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
The Committee will meet at the NYSAAA Conference.
- d. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
No meeting after the meeting.
- e. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
Negotiations are ongoing.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
Survey to be completed by Athletic Directors by April 1, 2016.

Robert Zayas – Code of Conduct  
A discussion by Executive Directors regarding if they are necessary.

15. New Business:

- 1. Tim Bult made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody, to approve Greg Ransom as Section IX Executive Director, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary for 2016-2017. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 2. Pete Ferguson
  - A. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame – Back to the Leagues. The nomination of Tony Martelli.
  - B. Motion by Rosario Agostaro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Michel, to approve the request for Middletown to host the 2017-18-19 NYSPHSAA Championship. A bid will be prepared. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - C. Boys and Girls Soccer All Star Contest previously approved by the Athletic Council with the date of Sunday, November 6, 2016 at Newburgh High School. The contests will be as follows:
 

10:00 a.m.	B/C/D Girls	East/West
12:00 Noon	B/C/D Boys	East/West
2:00 p.m.	A/AA Girls	North/South
4:00 p.m.	A/AA Boys	North/South
- 3. S.S. Seward requesting approval to play above its D classification for 2016-2017 in Boys and Girls Soccer. The request is to play in Class C. Motion to approve by Robbie Greene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 4. Regional Track & Field Hall of Fame. The Athletic Council would like more detail and more questions regarding the concept needs to be answered. Back to the Leagues
- 5. Greg Ransom discussed the merger question in Modified Football between Greenwood Lake, Warwick and Chester. NYSPHSAA noted it is not permitted for Greenwood Lake students to choose to play at either Chester or Warwick.

The Superintendent of Greenwood Lake, Dr. Christine Ackerman, requested that Section IX request a waiver of the NYSPHSAA rule. After discussion by the Athletic Council, Robbie Greene made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bellarosa to ask the NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee to review the rule pertaining to Modified Athletics.

6. Section IX Athletics – Start Dates, Meeting Dates and Sites – Back to the Leagues

Chris Mayo will check on the Orange-Ulster BOCES site, Dennis Burkett will check on the Coleman High School site. Jim Osborne will check on the Monroe-Woodbury and Wallkill sites.

7. Michelle Henn – Catskill Zone information will be sent to the Athletic Council and Athletic Directors.

8. Chris Mayo presented Robbie Greene with a plaque for her work on the OCIAA Executive Committee. Congratulations Ms. Greene on your retirement.

16. Old Business  
None reported.

17. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

18. Motion by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult, to move to Executive Session. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Orange-Ulster BOCES,  
Carl Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

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