



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
John A. Coleman High School - Auditorium
November 24, 2015
Minutes**

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
All members present except: Dave Bernsley, Ron Montalto, John Landro
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. NYSPHSAA October 22, 2015 Meeting Highlights
 - c. Application for combining of Teams
 - d. Section IX Athletics – Conflict of Interest Policy
 - e. Section IX Athletics 2016-2017 Proposed Budget
 - f. NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics
4. Approval of October 20, 2015 Minutes
Motion to approve made by Rosario Agostaro, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Joe Phalen, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Section IX Representatives reviewed the Highlights and Action Items that were voted upon by the NYSPHSAA. The following need action by the Leagues before the January Section IX Meeting.
 - a. Discussion regarding a fourth classification in the sport of Girls and Boys Lacrosse.
 - b. Discussion regarding a revision to revising Rule 22 “Practice Sessions.”
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report
Greg Ransom congratulated Jim Glover for Cross Country, Dave Coates for Boys Soccer and John Ford for Football. Each event was very well run with the athletes and spectators having a very positive experience.
8. Combining of Teams – Greg Ransom
Motion to approve the new application was made by Rosario Agostaro, 2nd by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried. Greg Ransom will be presenting a definition of Athletic Advantage to the Athletic Council at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the combining of teams for the Spring of 2016 in Boys Lacrosse with Millbrook as the host with Webutuck was made by Tim Bult, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Baseball Chairperson – Tabled
 - b. Modified Wrestling
 - i. With Sectional/League approval, a sudden victory overtime period. Motion to approve by Toni Woody, 2nd by Mike Bellarosa. After much discussion, motion by Toni Woody, 2nd by Mike Bellarosa, that until further notice the start for overtime will be the standing position. 14 Yes 1 Abstain. Executive Director, Greg Ransom will review with NYSPHSAA.
 - ii. With Sectional/League approval modified wrestlers have the option of wearing alternatives to the traditional singlet. Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - iii. Game Conditions
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2nd by Tim Bult, to revise Game Conditions in Modified Wrestling. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Section IX Athletics – Conflict of Interest Policy
Motion to approve by Joe Phalen, 2nd by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Section IX and the NYSPHSAA Bid Proposal
Jim Osborne requested the Athletic Council approve up to \$6,000.00 of the 2016-2017 budget be used to support the Middletown School District application to host the 2017 and 2019 NYSPHSAA Track and Field Championship. Motion by Rosario Agostaro, 2nd by Mike Bellarosa. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Section IX 2016-2017 Budget – Back to the Leagues
12. Fall Chair Reports
 - a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Joe Cahill
Section IX Team and Individuals were crowned at Bear Mountain State Park on Friday November 6, 2015. Congratulations to all who participated. The NYSPHSAA Championship was held at Monroe-Woodbury and Jim would like to thank the Monroe-Woodbury School District, staff and volunteers for the hard work and preparation in conducting the event.

The following need to be discussed by the Leagues and the Athletic Council, regarding Cross-Country:
 1. 5 Classes Quantity vs. Quality
 2. Bidding Process
 - b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
The 5 Championship classes were announced with Liberty advancing to the Regional Final. The Exceptional Senior All Star game was held at Newburgh Free Academy. Congratulations and thank you to the school districts, staff and site personnel at Kingston Dietz Stadium, Middletown and Newburgh.
 - c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson and Tony Martelli
 - d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser

Very successful tournaments were held and the Class Champions were announced. The Goshen and Monroe-Woodbury Girls teams participated in the NYSPHSAA Championship. The facilities at Middletown and Marlboro were great and added to the 1st class event. The 2016 Seed Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2016.

e. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan

Written report submitted and published online.

f. Field Hockey – Debbie Beam

The end of the season report highlighted the Section IX Champions. The 1st Exceptional Senior Game was held at Dietz Stadium. The Committee is looking for a site for 2016, please contact Debbie Beam dbeam@rhcsd.org if you are interested.

g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco

Written report was emailed.

h. Volleyball – Antonia Woody

Review of the Section IX Champions. Pine Bush and Millbrook advanced to the NYSPHSAA Championship. Toni would like to thank Deb Crowe, Mt. St. Mary College and all those who worked on the tournament. Toni reported the Committee would like the NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee to review regular game vs. tournament game and define for the Volleyball Committee. The Volleyball Committee will be requesting a change to the NYSPHSAA Calendar Weeks schedule.

13. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Basketball – Boys Fred Ahart

b. Basketball – Girls Steve Boucher

Booklet is online, please get your rosters submitted. There are many changes in the Girls Basketball rules, review online changes.

c. Ice Hockey – Frank Alessandrino

No report

d. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey

Please send your rosters to Janet. Review the new helmet requirement for this year.

e. Nordic Skiing – Nick Mancuso

Report and information is online.

f. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner

Section IX Championship to be held at Valley Central on February 18-19-20, 2016. Athletic Directors and coaches should check their schedules for possible 3 schools at one site.

g. Indoor Track – Mike White

Booklet is online.

h. Wrestling – Jeff Cuiilty

Handbook is online. Weight certification is going on. If you need a waiver please contact the Chairperson.

i. Bowling – No report.

j. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Pazoga
Handbook is online. Section IX championship is February 17, 2016.

k. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey
Back to the Leagues – How Section 9 will determine who will represent the Section.
Cheerleading would like to send the top 10% to represent the Section at the NYSPHSAA
Championship. Greg will ask Cherie to attend the League meeting. Greg will check with
NYSPHSAA Executive Directors to see what other Sections will be doing.

14. Chair Reports

a. Boys and Girls Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber and Michelle Henn
Review of the Fall 2015 Modified Committee Report. Items for the April 2016 Committee –
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1. Proposed changes in modified starting weeks
2. Proposed Field Hockey Rule Change – Aerial ball
3. Football Pilot Program – post season injury report
4. Use of 3 point shot in modified boys and girls basketball
5. Proposal to reduce required number of practice days

b. Safety – Janet Carey
NYSPHSAA looking at Accuweather and WeatherBug.

c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report at this time.

d. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
There will be a meeting after the Section IX Meeting.

e. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
Negotiations are ongoing.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Glen talked about Sportsmanship Promotion. The committee will be reviewing noisemakers at
contests and Social Media. Athletic Directors need to do the online survey. Regarding
NYSPHSAA extended ineligibility the OCIAA and MHAL are against the change.

15. New Business

1. Greg congratulated Toni Woody for being selected Catskill Zone Physical Education
Director of the Year.
2. Michelle Henn reviewed the APHERD Conference.
3. Outside Agency Approval
S.S. Seward has submitted an application for 2016. Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2nd
by Fred Ahart. All in favor. Motion carried.

Spackenkill, Marco Lanzoni, Athletic Director, requested approval pending submission of the paperwork for Spackenkill to be the host of an Outside Agency Application. Motion to approve by Toni Woody, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Chris Mayo received an email from John Leigh, Orange County Girls Basketball Rules Interpreter, that the “concussion headband” needs approval by NYSPHSAA.
5. Mike Bellarosa reported the hands-on CPR has an amendment that deals with special needs students.
6. Tom Cassata reported from the Softball Committee Meeting – Back to the Leagues.
 1. NYSPHSAA schools will follow the ASA non-approved certification stamped bat, using the most current list on the asa.com website, for all levels of play beginning with the 2016 season.
 2. “The penalty for using an ASA non-approved certification stamped bat listed on the most current asa.com website will be the same as the penalty for using an altered bat.” (Player is called out and ejected from the game resulting in a one game unsportsmanlike penalty.)
16. Old Business
None reported.
17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Tim Bult, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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